

Southsea Motor Club
12 Car Navigational Rally General Regulations 2026

1. Jurisdiction.

- 1.1 The events will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK, incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA, these General Regulations, any Supplementary Regulations and any other written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event. The MSUK General Regulations can be read in the Competitors' and Officials' yearbook / National Competition Rules by visiting: [Resource Centre - Motorsport UK](#)

2. Authorisation.

- 2.1 Event Organisers will prepare a route for approval by the Route Liaison officer, and draft event Supplementary Regulations.
- 2.2 Southsea Motor Club will then apply for a MSUK Permit / Certificate of Exemption and will be issued with a permit number. This number will be included in the SR's and will be available for inspection at the event.

3. Eligibility.

- 3.1 Southsea Motor Club 12 Car Navigational Rallies are open to; all fully elected Southsea Motor Club Members, temporary Southsea Motor Club members on a taster event, and members of other MSUK motor clubs, including; Farnborough & District MC, Basingstoke MC, Isle of Wight CC, Bournemouth & District CC, Cranleigh MC, Craven MC, Dolphin MC, Oxford MC, Bognor Regis MC, Boundless by CSMA, Devises & District MC, RN RM MSA, Tavern MC, Southern CC. etc. Up to a maximum of 14 clubs can be invited.

- 3.2 Participants must also hold a valid MSUK Competition Licence, as minimum RS Clubman.

- 3.3 Club Membership and MSUK Licences must be available for inspection at signing on.

- 3.4 Vehicles used to participate must be legal for use on the public highway and comply with;
MSUK National Competition Rules Chapter 13 Rally – Appendix 15 – Technical Regulations – Road, Endurance Road and Historic Road Rally Cars.

- 3.4.1 Specific Items from *MSUK NCR Ch.13 App.15* that New participants should be mindful of, and all participants must comply with:

Ch13.App15 – 2.5 – All major internal trim must be retained.

Ch13.App15 – 3.7 – Engines must comply with Noise limit levels.

Ch13.App15 -5.1, 5.2, 5.5 – Vehicles may have 2 Auxiliary lights added, but Light Pods, Light Bars, LED, Gas Discharge lights are not permitted.

- 3.5 Participant who are new to the sport are advised to check any vehicle modifications with the club competition secretary, one of our scrutineers or with the event organiser before the event.

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4. Start, Finish & Route

- 4.1 Event Start & Finish locations will be notified in the event supplementary regulations, and the event organisers should try to start & finish at the same location, to allow for navigators /marshals travelling separately to leave their vehicles and return to them later without any additional travel.
- 4.2 Organisers should aim to start the events close to public convenience facilities and include a short non-competitive section if necessary to get to the start of the route.
- 4.3 The events will use OS Landranger 1:50k scale maps, typically 185, 186, 196, 197, or any combination of these maps. The exact maps required will be notified in the event supplementary regulations.
- 4.4 The route will use roads that are suitable for a normal road car and will look to avoid any damaging terrain as far as reasonably practicable. White / unsurfaced roads should only be used when specifically told to do so in the route instructions.
- 4.5 The route will be defined using a route card navigational handouts/ navigational instructions:

4.5.1 **Novice & Semi Expert Navigators**, the following information will be given:

- Grid Reference for the start of that section,
- Grid Reference for the end of that section,
- Direction of approach for the next Control (if navigation could take you in either direction or if the organiser decides it is required for safety),
- Distance to the next control,
- Type of roads to be used/considered in plotting,
- **A full written instruction of what to do with the route information, (i.e. Cross the following grid lines in order/ pass through the following spot heights in order/ visit the following grid references taking the shortest route etc.)**
- The route info (Clue) and any special instructions.

These might include:

Grid References / Grid Squares to visit in order,
Grid lines to cross in order,
Tulip Diagrams of junctions to follow in order
Spot Heights or Map Features to pass,
Herringbone with arrow,
Map Sections,
Direction of departure from grid squares T/B/L/R or N/S/W/E
Directions at junctions: TL (Turn Left) TR (Turn Right) SO (Straight on)

Novice Navigators – Will be issued full route information at signing on / MTC0

Semi Expert Navigators – Will be issued a series of sealed envelopes which will be checked and opened at the start of each section.

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4.5.2 **Expert Navigators**, the following information will be given on each route card:

- Grid Reference for the start of that section,
- Distance to the next control,
- Type of roads to be used/considered in plotting,
- The route info (Clue) and any special instructions.

4.5.3 **Beginner Navigators**, will receive additional help to get started, which may include pre event briefings, pre marked OS Maps, Pre Marked map sections issued at the start of the event.

4.5.4 **Finish** – On completing the route, or retiring from the event all crews must complete and return the damage declaration to the organiser (within 72hrs if retiring without visiting the finish venue)

5. Classes:

5.1 Crews will be classed on the ability/experience of the Navigator. There are four classes of navigator:

5.1.1 **Expert** – for navigators who are proficient in ‘plot & bash’ navigation &

Have won 2 or more SMC 12 cars in the last 3 years, **or**

Have won the SMC Expert Navigators Championship in the past 5 years, **or**

Have won 4 or more 1st Semi-Expert awards, **or**

Have achieved a finish on any interclub navigational rally with plot & bash sections in the last 5 years.

5.1.2 **Semi-Expert** - for navigators who are competent in ‘plot & bash’ navigation &

Have won 1 SMC 12 car in the last 3 years, **or**

Have previously won the SMC Novice Navigators Championship, **or**

Have won 4 or more 1st in class awards on any navigational rally as a navigator, **or**

Have achieved a finish on any interclub navigational rally in the last 5 years,

That do not qualify as experts.

5.1.3 **Novice** – Navigators who have achieved a finish on 3 or more Navigational Rallies, who are competent using the navigation methods detailed in paragraph 4.5.1 above in a pre-plot format.

5.1.4 **Beginner (Marked map)** – New crews who have not yet completed 3 rallies. Beginners/Marked map crews will be classified behind the last crew using navigational handouts, and will only be eligible for class honours.

5.2 In the event of a competitor's class being the subject of dispute, the competition secretary will determine the most appropriate class for the crew, for the purpose of determining classes, 1st in class awards assume a minimum class size of 4.

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6. Entries:

- 6.1 Entries will be allocated on a “first come first served” basis although priority may be given to competitors who have previously marshalled or organised an event.
- 6.2 Entry instructions and entry forms will be available on the club website and detailed in the supplementary regulations.

7. Final Instructions:

- 7.1 Final instructions will be emailed to competitors prior to the event or issued at signing on.

8. Officials

- 8.1 The event officials will be named in the supplementary regulations, or on the official notice board at signing on.

9. Event Awards:

- 9.1 The event organiser may present awards as follows:
 - 9.1.1 First overall Driver and Navigator.
 - 9.1.2 First Driver and Navigator in each class.
 - 9.1.3 Marshals Prize draw.

10. Club Championship Awards:

- 10.1 There are Six Club 12 Car Championship awards available:

- 10.1.1 Best Expert 12 Car Driver – Kirkman Trophy
- 10.1.2 Best Expert 12 Car Navigator – Hot Seat Trophy
- 10.1.3 Best Semi Expert Driver – TBC
- 10.1.4 Best Semi Expert Navigator - TBC
- 10.1.5 Best Novice 12 Car Driver – Trotterdown Trophy
- 10.1.6 Best Novice 12 Car Navigator – Lawmon Trophy

- 10.2 Championship points are available for each 12 Car Rally.

- 10.2.1 Points scoring rules are available on the club website.

- 10.3 Event organisers will receive 12 championship points (in the 12 Car Championship) for each event they organise, (This is in addition to the 25/20 points received in the marshal's championship) The 12 Car Championship is open to all fully elected Southsea Motor Club Members that have scored at least 16 points in the Marshalls Championship by the end of the season. (See website for 12 car Championship scoring and Marshals point scoring rules.)

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11. Results:

- 11.1 Provisional results will be announced as soon as they are available. Any protests must be made within 15 mins of Provisional results. Final results will be provided to all competitors within 3 days, published in the club magazine, Website & social media.
- 11.2 Performance will be measured by adherence to the correct route first, then the ability to maintain the time schedule.

12. Penalties:

- 12.1 Penalties will be applied as follows:

Failure to report to a secret control, not recording a code board or an incorrectly recorded code board.	1 Fail
Opening an envelope before instructed to do so	1 Fail
Not reporting to a time control or providing proof of visiting it	1 Fail
Approaching a time control from the wrong direction	1 Fail
Lateness to a time control (TC)	1 Minute per minute late
Booking in at a time control early (except make up time)	2 Minutes per minute early
Not reporting to an MTC within maximum lateness (OTL)	Disqualified
Failure to stop at a Give way - 1 Fail for first offence	Disqualified for 2nd
Breaking quiet zone regulations 1 Fail for first offence	Disqualified for 2nd
Passing through a black spot	Disqualified
Breach of any statutory requirement concerning the use of a motor vehicle	Disqualified
Exceeding ¾ Rule regarding making up time	Disqualified
Excessive speed or driving likely to bring motor sport into disrepute	Disqualified
Excessive sound	Disqualified
Receiving outside assistance	Disqualified
Use of Intercom or voice amplification (without medical exemption certificate) This does not include the use of medically prescribed hearing aids.	Disqualified
Use of GPS or any electronic navigation systems	Disqualified
Failing to provide completed damage declaration	Reported to Motorsport UK
Using maps or other images beside 1:50K OS maps or any map or image issued by the organisers	Disqualified
Adding information to OS maps other than highlighting or information given by organiser	Disqualified

13. Noise Test and Scrutineering

- 13.1 Noise Test and Scrutineering Exhaust noise should not exceed 98dBA at 0.5m @ 2/3rds maximum RPM. Eligibility of vehicles is as per navigational rally rules. All vehicles are liable to be scrutinised for adherence to Road legalisation in relation to tyres, lights, wipers/washers and current MOT (if required). Any vehicle deemed to be outside the spirit of the event will not be allowed to start. Cars will be allowed to start subject to compliance with noise and lighting regulations and with no sponsorship decals.

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14. Controls & Route Checks

- 14.1 Code boards consisting of black letters and/or numbers on a white background will be placed along the route and act as a route check; you must find all the code boards in the correct order. Penalties will be awarded for failing to record code boards on the time card. Code boards must be recorded in ink on the time card. All manned controls where competitors are required to stop will have a board approximately 50m ahead of the control in the direction of approach, which will denote the start of the control area. They must be visited in the order indicated on the route card. Any controls visited out of order will be deemed not to have been visited. Any control that is unmanned (with the exception of secret checks) will be replaced by a code board. All 'Secret checks' where competitors are required to stop will have a 'passage check' board approximately 50m ahead of the control. Controls will open 10 minutes before the due time of the first car and close at the scheduled time of the last car plus the maximum permitted lateness for that control, which will usually be 30 minutes. A driver may enter a control at any time and await their due time.

15. Timing

- 15.1 Timing is measured to the last whole minute i.e. 23:56:01 and 23:56:59 will both be recorded as 23:56. Competitors will know their start time, and the time allowed for each section will be specified in the time card/road book. A competitor's due time at each control can be determined from the individual time schedule. A competitor who is running late can only make up time in the sections specified on the time card. Competitors will be timed as they present their time card. Competitors late at one control may be an equivalent amount of time late at succeeding controls without incurring further time penalties, providing they do not exceed their maximum lateness allowance.

16. Insurance

- 16.1 Vehicles must have insurance in place which provides Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act. This can be either, by extending an existing motor policy to cover the event, or, by purchasing additional cover as an adjunct to an existing motor policy. If a competitor uses an extension to an existing policy, they will be required to sign a declaration that the cover complies with the requirements of the road traffic act. Any responsibility for a fraudulent or misleading declaration about existing cover lies solely with the competitor. If a competitor wishes to purchase additional cover via the organisers, then they can do so prior to the event, details will be included in the supplementary regulations.

17. Driving Standards Observer (DSO)

- 17.1 Driving standards will be monitored. All marshals, named officials or the Driving Standards Observer have the power to disqualify any competitor generating excessive engine or tyre noise or inconsiderate driving. Observers may be situated in quiet zones/sensitive areas and Give Way/Stop junctions.

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18. Judges of Fact

- 18.1 All officials who have signed on will be deemed Judges of Fact.

19. Public Relations

- 19.1 The General Regulations do not currently require organisers to notify residents / landowners along the route that an event will be passing. It is therefore reasonable to expect that members of the public along the route will not be aware of the event and may be alerted by an abnormal amount of traffic passing nearby.
- 19.2 The organiser should provide crews with a 'To whom it may concern' letter, that can be issued to members of the public if required. It is important that crews understand their rights to traverse the public highway and understand the Law relating to the same.

19.2.1 Example PR Letter:

To whom it may concern,
The bearer of this letter is participating in a navigation event organised by Southsea Motor Club in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations and the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club, Motorsports UK Ltd.
*Motor rallies and trials are permitted through the provisions contained in **Section 1, of the Road Traffic Act 1988** and detailed in the **Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations**.*
The relevant Police Authorities are aware of the event.
Please allow the bearer to proceed without let or hindrance.
If you have any concerns, I'll be grateful if you get in touch with me to discuss them, my contact details are below.

Yours faithfully
O.R.Ganiser *Email@email.com*

- 19.3 Crews must at all times avoid bringing the sport or club into disrepute, by maintaining high standards of rally driving, observing speed limits, obeying quiet/ Dip zones, and avoiding confrontation with members of the public.