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Chapter 19 AUTOTEST

Specific Regulations for Autotest and AutoSOLO (including Evening Autotests and AutoSOLOS)

1. This Chapter must be read in conjunction as applicable with the following Chapters and which form the Autotest ‘Yearbook’:
   1: General Governance
   2: Judicial
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   6: Competitor Licencing
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2. The format of this Chapter is identical to all Chapters. Each Chapter is supported by numbered Appendices with all elements variously separated and or grouped to provide a logical flow to the texts.

3. In the published texts there will be hyperlinks in blue font to other Chapters but not initially to Appendices (pending upgraded ASN IT).

4. All Chapters and all Appendices (to all Chapters) are numbered commencing at 1. Where applicable a numbered paragraph may be / is further divided by either alphabet sub-paras (i.e: a, b etc) or sub-numbered (i.e: i ,ii, etc).

This Chapter comprises:

5. The following Autotest-specific Appendices apply:
   App. 1 Organisers’ Regulations
   App. 2 Clerk of the Course duties
   App. 3 Technical Regulations applying to all Events
   App. 4 Autotests – specific regulations
   App. 5 Production Car Autotests – specific regulations
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Provisions applying to all Events

6. In all cases the reference to a Chapter of the NCR or to an Appendix in this or any applicable Chapter is a reference to the current published Chapter and / or Appendix at the date of the Event.

7. All Events shall be Organised in conformity with this Chapter including App. 1 and the relevant provisions and the applicable responsibilities within NCR Chapters 1 - 6.
8. The Clerk of the Course specific duties at App. 2 are in addition to the relevant provisions and the applicable responsibilities within NCR Chapters 1 – 3 and 5.

9. Competitors must comply with App. 3 and 7 of this Chapter and the sub-discipline specific Appendix (4, 5 or 6) as well as all applicable elements of NCR Chapters 1, 2 and 6.

10. The Technical Regulations at App. 3 apply as current at the date of the Event.

11. A summary of key requirements appears at App.8.
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Appendix 1

Organisers Regulations

1. Permits for the organisation of Autotests, Production Car Autotests and AutoSOLOs are issued at the sole discretion of the ASN.

2. A Club can only organise an Autotest or AutoSOLO Event up to and including Clubman status unless and until all necessary upgrading criteria for a higher status have been complied with. Permits for Production Car Autotests will only be issued at Clubman status.

3. For an Autotest or AutoSOLO to be considered for upgrading to Interclub status it must first be observed in the same format as a Clubman Event and have a minimum entry of 15 starters.

4. The Supplementary Regulations must in addition to any all other relevant requirement of the NCR specify:
   a. Details of the tests (see examples at Diagrams 1 and 2) or when these details will be notified to Competitors.
   b. The number of runs per Driver and how these count towards the results.
   c. The method of identifying Vehicles.
   d. The method of timing and whether or not the timing apparatus is started by the Vehicle or by the starting Signal.
   e. The starting Signal.
   f. Whether carrying a Passenger will be allowed or not or will be compulsory.
   g. The marking of the Tests.
   h. The method of calculation of results with reference to App.10.
   i. Any specific provisions regarding discounting of worst scores in the calculation of results.
   j. The method of resolving any tied scores.
   k. If any car may be entered to compete for the same award more than twice but in any event in all cases must be driven by different Drivers.

5. Before the start of the Competition Event all Vehicles and Competitors including any permitted Passengers must be checked for eligibility to compete.

Test Layouts

6. The route must be made available to all Drivers before any test.

7. There must be no optional direction of travel except as specified in Art.23 below.

8. Clarification of where and how a change of direction or spin turn may be made without incurring a penalty must be available on request to all Competitors before the start of any test.

9. Practising for tests is not permitted.

10. The start and finish of all tests must be in a forward direction.

11. All Drivers should have the opportunity to walk the course before competing. If not the tests must be arranged such that the whole of the course is visible to the Driver from the start line.

12. Markers should be not less than 1m in height unless otherwise specified in the Official Documents.
13. ‘All forwards’ tests:
   a. Where there are no stop astride penalty lines (other than the Start and Stop lines) Competitors must not be allowed or required to travel more than 50m without changing direction by:
      i. Executing a turn of over 180° around a single marker; or
      ii. Changing direction through a three-marker line either in slalom fashion or by completing a turn of between 90° and 180°; or
      iii. Changing direction through a three-marker triangle whose base is at right angles to the original line of travel requiring Competitors to turn through 90° from the line of entry.
   b. Whichever of the above methods is used to change direction this will not preclude the inclusion of less severe slalom manoeuvre which produce turns of less than 90° being incorporated between the mandatory directional changes every 50m.
   c. All lines or pairs of adjacent markers forming part of any all-forward test must be a minimum of 3.5m and a maximum of 5m long or apart.
   d. See Appendix 9 Diagram 1 Example of a test showing all of the above elements in use.

Test Procedures
14. Drivers will be considered under Starter’s orders when instructed by an Official to proceed to the Start line.
15. Drivers then failing to proceed may forfeit their run or may be penalised in accordance with Appendix 9 Penalty Table.
16. A start will only be valid if made under the Vehicle’s own power.
17. Timing will start when the leading wheel of the front axle crosses the Start line.
18. When a Vehicle is required to stop astride a line the line must be between its front and back axles and all the area of the tyres in contact with the ground must be seen to have crossed the full width of the line.
19. Similarly if a car is required to cross a line with all four wheels all tyre contact area must be seen to be clear of the line.
20. Timing at completion of a test must be based on the leading wheel (on the front axle) crossing the Finish line.
21. Penalties will be applied for failure to cross the line with both front wheels or alternatively if timed to a flying finish for crossing the baulk line.
22. In the event of Competitors performing a test incorrectly their times must still be recorded together with the appropriate penalties.
23. In any diagram illustrating a test the dimensions should be approximate and for guidance only. Indications of the direction of travel of the competing Vehicles when crossing a line or passing between markers must be shown unless specified otherwise (ignoring ‘shunts’ to avoid markers).
24. A maximum penalty (see Appendix 9 Penalty Table) shall be applied if a Competitor fails to follow the prescribed test route by passing the wrong side of one or more markers crosses with both leading wheels a marked test line in the wrong direction out of the prescribed sequence or too many/few times without correcting the mistakes by returning to the point where they deviated from the test diagram before crossing the test finish line unless otherwise specified in the Official Documents. In changes of direction and spin turns either lock can be used (unless the test diagram specifically states otherwise). It is recommended for safety reasons that Drivers are on the ‘inside’ during spin turns.
25. Clerks of the Course wishing to define direction of travel between markers should include any necessary
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marked line(s).

26. In the event of a re-run caused by a timing failure the greater number of penalties incurred in either run will be added to the time taken in assessing the performance on that test.

27. Each test layout must be attempted at least twice or more if specified in the Official Documents with the exception of Events organised for cars of Periods A – D.

Marking

28. Judges of Fact must be appointed to each test to adjudicate on:
   a. False starts;
   b. Crossing/failing to cross marker lines;
   c. Touching markers and not following the correct route.

29. Competitors will be provided with a score card for the Organisers to record times and penalties at the completion of each test run.

30. Marks will be lost for time taken (if applicable) and for any infringements of the test instructions such as striking a marker or crossing a boundary line.

31. Each Competitor's worst score on any test layout may be discarded in arriving at the total penalties for the Event if specified in the Official Documents.

Results

32. Competitors will start with zero marks.

33. Performance will be assessed as in Appendix 9 Penalty Table unless otherwise specified in the Official Documents.

34. All Class awards must be calculated on the basis of penalty marks lost with the Competitor incurring the least penalty points being judged the winner.

35. To be classified as a finisher Competitors must complete not less than half of the tests and must hand in their score card to Officials within 15 minutes of all other Competitors completing the final test.

36. In the event of a tie the Competitor who was first to have the lesser penalty from the start will be adjudged the winner unless otherwise specified in the Official Documents.
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APPENDIX 2

Clerk of the Course Duties and Responsibilities

1. The duties and responsibilities of the Clerk of the Course at Autotest, Production Car Autotest and AutoSOLO Events includes ensuring the following:
   a. The maximum size for any timed Test site is 200m by 200m. The 200m applies to the overall length and width of the area on which the Test is conducted and not the actual distance covered by a Vehicle performing the Test;
   b. At all timed Tests, all spectators and non-essential Marshals not protected by a solid barrier capable of stopping a car must be separated by rope or fencing at least 10m from the edge of the course and at least 20m from the Finish Line. Any space at the edge of the Course allowed for braking and changes of direction must not impinge on the above distances.

2. Every Test must have at least one person responsible for:
   a. The general running of the Test;
   b. Observing and recording penalties;
   c. Recording the times taken;
   d. Completing the score card with the addition of penalties;
   e. Returning displaced markers to their original position.

3. Judges of Fact must be appointed to each Test site to adjudicate on excessive sound.

4. Warning Notices as required by Chapter 3 App.3 must be displayed.

5. Fire extinguishers (minimum 5kg total capacity in units of not less than 2kg) must be available at each Test site.

6. The Organisers must provide a First Aid Kit.

7. A Medium Sized Spill Kit must be available at each test site.
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APPENDIX 3

Technical Regulations applying to all Events

General

1. **Classes** are free but the **Class** structure must be stated in the **Official Documents**.

2. Any entered **Vehicle** must be a Car for vehicle tax purposes and currently registered and taxed unless otherwise specified in the **Official Documents**.

3. Whilst on the **Public Highway Vehicles** must comply with all Statutory Regulations as to Construction and Use.

4. Hybrid, Electric and Battery-powered and Light Goods Vehicles may compete in appropriate **Classes** subject to the **Official Documents**.

5. Production cars whose original wheelbase is less than that specified in **Chapter 7 App.2 Art.76** are permitted.

6. Every **Production Car Autotest Vehicle** must have been in series production and on general catalogued sale and available from stock through normal retail dealer outlets in the UK. It is the **Competitor’s** responsibility to demonstrate this conformity.

7. A summary of Key Requirements is at **App. 8**.

8. **Competing Vehicles** must comply with the following:
   a. Body (including Aerodynamics):
      i. Body shape must conform to the original silhouette of the production **Vehicle** and retain the original layout of engine and transmission;
      ii. Bumpers can be removed and wheel arch extensions added;
      iii. An effective windscreen or Aero-type screen must be fitted;
      iv. Any areas of window opening or transparent material originally specified as part of the vehicle to provide **Driver** visibility must remain consistent with the original specified dimensions and position. No additional areas may be added. If a **Vehicle** is equipped with any such additional areas they must be rendered opaque before the vehicle is allowed to compete;
      v. **Vehicles** not complying with the above will be classified as **Specials**.
   b. Engine must comply with **Chapter 7 App. 2 Arts.31 – 34**.
   c. Silencing must comply with silencing levels in **Chapter 7 App.8**.
   d. Safety: all open **Vehicles** and **Specials** are recommended to fit safety roll-over bars to at least **Chapter 7 App.3**.
   e. The following parts of **Chapter 7** remain unmodified by this section: Chassis; Seating; Suspension; Brakes; Steering; Tyres; Cooling; Oil Systems; Fuel Systems; Electrical Systems; Weight/Ballast; Exhausts; Silencing.
   f. All **Vehicles** should carry a **Small Spill Kit** complying with **Chapter 7 App.2 Art.85**.
   g. Tyres from **Chapter 8 Lists 1B or 1C** are not permitted.
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APPENDIX 4

Autotests Specific Regulations

Passengers
1. Passengers are not allowed on Autotests on any Timed Tests.

Unlicensed Drivers and Minimum Ages
2. Entries may be accepted from Drivers who are aged 16 years and over who do not have a valid, full RTA Licence subject to the following:
   a. The Vehicle must by definition be a 'Touring Car' (see Chapter 1 App.1)
   b. Engine capacity must not exceed 1400cc
   c. Forced induction is not permitted.

Test Layouts
3. Vehicles must not be allowed to travel more than 100m (between maneuvers) without having to stop astride a penalty line and reverse or drive clear of the line or maneuver in a garage or box.
4. Competitors must either stop astride a penalty line or make a change of direction of at least 90° at a distance of not more than 25m before the finish line.
5. Any 'garage' used in an Autotest must have a minimum length of 6m and a minimum width of 3.5m.
6. When Competitors are required to perform a 180° turn in a box, the size of the box should be sufficient to contain a circle of 16m diameter.
7. All lines or pairs of adjacent markers forming part of any test must be a minimum of 3.5m long or apart.
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APPENDIX 5

Production Car Autotests

General
1. The Official Documents for an Event will state whether cabriolet / Sports Cars will compete with the hood erected or a hardtop fitted, or not.
2. Every Production Car Autotest (PCA) Vehicle must have been in series production and on general catalogued sale and available from stock through retail dealer outlets in the UK.

Passengers
3. A Passenger must be carried in all Timed Tests.
4. The Passenger must occupy the seat alongside the Driver and, except where competing in a Period Defined Vehicle (Non-Rally) (both historic and non-historic Vehicles) Categories A-F, wear a properly fastened and approved seat belt at all times during the test.
5. No other Passenger is allowed.
6. The Passenger in a Touring Car, or a cabriolet/Sports Car with the hood erected or a hardtop fitted, must be aged 12 years or over and be at least 135cm in height (subject to any medical or disability exemption)
7. The Passenger in a cabriolet/Sports Car without the hood erected or hardtop fitted must be aged 16 years or over and be at least 135cm in height (subject to any medical or disability exemption)

Unlicensed Drivers and Minimum Ages
8. Entries may be accepted from Drivers who are aged 14 years and over who do not have a valid, full RTA Licence, subject to:
   a. The Vehicle must by definition be a “Touring Car” (Chapter 1 App.1)
   b. The Vehicle engine capacity must not exceed 2000cc including forced induction
   c. A Passenger must be carried who holds a valid, full RTA licence and be experienced in Autotests or AutoSOLOs.

Test Layouts
9. All lines, and pairs of adjacent markers, forming part of any test must be a minimum of 3.5m long or apart.
10. Any ‘garage’ must have a minimum length of 6m and a minimum width of 3.5m.
11. When Competitors are required to perform a 180° turn in a box, the size of the box must be sufficient to contain a circle of 16m diameter.
12. Each test must be designed so that a Competitor is not expected to engage reverse gear more than four times (ignoring manoeuvres to correct mistakes).
13. ‘All forwards’ tests: Appendix 1 Art.13 applies.
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APPENDIX 6

AutoSOLO Specific Regulations

General
1. The Official Documents for an Event will state whether cabriolet/Sports Cars will compete with the hood erected or hardtop fitted or not.

Technical Regulations
2. Every AutoSOLO car must have been driven to the Event must be currently registered (no trade plates) taxed insured and where appropriate in possession of a valid MOT

Passengers
3. A Passenger may be carried on any Timed Tests.
4. The Official Documents for an Event will specify whether the Driver can elect to carry a Passenger or not. If carried the Passenger must occupy the seat alongside the Driver.
5. One Passenger may be carried in each competing car to assist in giving directions to the Driver. Once the Event has started the number of occupants of the car must not be varied.
6. The Driver and where carried the Passenger must wear a properly fastened and approved seat belt at all times during the test except where competing in a Period Defined Vehicle (Non-Rally) (both historic and non-historic) Categories A-F.
7. No other Passenger is allowed.
8. The Passenger in a Touring Car or a cabriolet/Sports Car with the hood erected or a hardtop fitted must be aged 12 years or over and be at least 135cm in height (subject to any medical or disability exemption).
9. The Passenger in a cabriolet/Sports Car without the hood erected or hardtop fitted must be aged 16 years or over and be at least 135cm in height (subject to any medical or disability exemption).

Unlicensed Drivers and Minimum Ages
10. Entries may be accepted from Drivers who are aged 14 years and over who do not have a valid full RTA Licence subject to:
   a. The Vehicle must by definition be a ‘Touring Car’
   b. The Vehicle engine capacity must not exceed 2000cc including forced induction
   c. A Passenger must be carried who holds a valid full RTA licence and be experienced in AutoSOLOs.

Test Layouts
11. Only sealed surfaces can be used for AutoSOLO tests which must be run in an all-forwards direction.
12. The course must consist of a series of gates slaloms and turns of at least 90° every 60m.
13. The maximum spacing of cones in a slalom along the line of the test is 20m.
14. Turns of over 90° must be on a minimum radius of 5m.
15. All lines or pairs of adjacent markers forming part of any test must be a minimum of 3.5m and a maximum of
5m long or apart.

16. A typical test is illustrated in Appendix 9 Drawing 2.
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APPENDIX 7

Competitor Regulations including Licensing

Licences
1. Drivers and where applicable Passengers must produce a valid Club membership card and Competition Licence (see Chapter 6 App. 1).
2. Competitors must declare on their entry form if they hold a valid full RTA Licence.
3. Competitors holding a valid full RTA licence may use any Vehicle allowed by the Official Documents including Technical Regulations.
4. Passengers under 18 years old will not be considered as Competitors for the purpose of Club membership.

Instructions to Competitors
5. Before the start cars and Competitors (including any Passengers) must be checked for eligibility.
6. Any Competitor not reporting as instructed may be fined penalised disqualified or forfeit their starting position.
7. Except where competing in Period Defined Vehicles (Non-Rally) (both historic and non-historic) Categories A-F it is recommended that drivers wear as a minimum a lap belt on any timed test.
8. A Vehicle may not be Entered to compete for the same award more than twice unless otherwise specified in the Official Documents and in all circumstances it must be driven by different Drivers.
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### APPENDIX 8

**Summary of Requirements**

### A Summary of Key Requirements

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**Note:** Chapter 7 Technical Regulations applies in addition to App 3 of this Chapter.

* Unlimited when Driver holds a Full RTA Licence.
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APPENDIX 9

Drawings

**Penalty Table**

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*Plus the lowest by any Competitor in the class making an attempt correctly on that run. The maximum penalty (including time) for any test cannot exceed penalty (b) or (c) above. All unless otherwise specified in the Official Documents.*