

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

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Chapter 17 - Trials

Appendix 1 – General Organisers Regulations

2. Classic Reliability Trials

- 2.23. Observed sections may not be more than a quarter of a mile long and no special time schedule may be applied from start to finish of a section more than ~~100yds~~ **200m** long (an Observed Test).

Date of Implementation: 01 January 2026

Reason: Due to the large overlap in both competitors and organisers, between Classic and Car Trials to maintain a difference in regulations on units of measurement was likely to cause continued confusion. Given it is a max distance it doesn't have any impact on existing Observed Tests

Appendix 3 – Technical Regulations – Classic Reliability Trial Vehicles

7. Wheels and Tyres

- 7.6. ~~No tyre may be smaller than that recommended by the car manufacturer.~~ Deleted

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Reason: Following review at Committee, it was identified that there is no clear definition of "smaller" with respect to the tyre and the intention of the regulation was unclear as there are separate regulations referring to diameter and width. It was decided to remove this regulation to avoid confusion or misinterpretation.

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Appendix 1 – Organisers Regulations

1. General Regulations

1.6 Special attention should be paid to the following:

- a. Every practicable precaution must be taken to avoid depositing mud or soil on the Public Highway when leaving private property.
- b. Warning notices as required by **Chapter 3 App 3** must be displayed.
- c. The beginning and end of observed sections must be marked by signs.
- d. The starts of sections should be reasonably flat and wide so that all **Competitors** can at least enter the section.
- e. The layout of sections should ensure that areas can be marshalled by the minimum possible number of **Officials**.
- f. Sections should be of a winding nature so as to place a premium on driving skill, although the radius of all corners must be adequate for all cars entered.
- g. If possible alternative routes should be planned in case of a change of weather conditions and to provide varied routes within sections for different classes.
- h. Metal rod markers should not be used.
- i. Markers should be placed to avoid the likelihood of **Competitors** putting four wheels out between markers and where they are unlikely to be moved by bushes or branches.
- j. Clearly visible sub-section numbers should have a minimum figure height of 50mm.
- k. Sub-section markers should be closely grouped in areas of expected failure.
- l. **Organisers** should be aware of the nearest hospital and the best route to get to it in case of incident.
- m. When **Competitors** under 17 years of age are allowed to compete **Organisers** should note the information in **Appendix 2 'Crew'** and **Chapter 6**: regarding Minimum Ages.

- n. No person under the age of 14 can act as a marshal or assistant marshal unless under the constant supervision of a marshal over 18 years old.
- o. At single site **Events** a **Medium sized Spill Kit** must be available at each section or group of adjacent sections.
- p. At **Events** which utilize the public highway each **Vehicle** must carry a **Small Spill Kit** as defined in **Chapter 1 App 1**.
- q. At single site **Events, Organisers** must provide at each section fire extinguishant of a minimum total capacity of 6kg, each unit being not less than 6kg, suitable for extinguishing **Vehicle** fires. Where sections are closely grouped one extinguisher located at a clearly visible central point is permitted.

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Reason: Following a recent event, it has been highlighted that there are currently no requirements for fire extinguishant to be provided at single site Events. The Committee feel it is more appropriate and practical for the Event Organiser to provide such fire extinguishant. Due to the nature of Trials Events one extinguisher can often cover multiple sections.

Appendix 4 – Technical Regulations – Car Trials Formula

3. Safety

3.1 Vehicles must comply with Construction and Use Regulations and be fitted with safety belts if appropriate. The following are recommended:

- a. Safety roll-over bar to safety criteria **Chapter 7 App.3 Art.22**.
- b. The wearing of seat belts is optional when fitted to the vehicle.

€ **3.2** At single site **Events** handheld fire extinguishers to a level of safety ~~criteria specified in Chapter 7 Appendix 6 Article 3~~ are recommended and which are accessible to the crew (note a 1.75ltr minimum for AFFF or 2x1ltr AFFF or 2x1kg Powder is permitted).

3.3 At **Events** which utilise the public highway handheld fire extinguishers to a level of safety specified in **Chapter 7 Appendix 6 Article 3** are mandatory and which are accessible to the crew (note a 1.75ltr minimum for AFFF or 2x1ltr AFFF or 2x1kg Powder is permitted).

Date of Implementation: 01 January 2026

Reason: There are currently no requirements for fire extinguishant to be provided at multi venue events within Car Trials. The Committee feel it is more appropriate and practical for the Competitor to provide such fire extinguishant. This proposal mirrors the current requirement for Classic Reliability Trials Events.