

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

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Chapter 17 - Trials

Appendix 2 – Competitor Regulations

2. The Crew

- 2.2 ~~'Bouncing' will be permitted only within the confines of the seating compartment and then only so long as no portion of either the **Driver's** or **Passenger's** body other than arms and hands is placed outside the sides of the car or behind the seat they are occupying.~~

5. Results

- 5.4.h **Driver** and/or **Passengers** not seated in accordance with ~~Art. 2.2 above~~ **s.7, 11 or 15 below**

7. Classic Trials - The Crew

- 7.1. **Passengers** must be properly seated i.e. both the **Passenger** and the seat back must be upright and facing forward.
- 7.2. ~~'Bouncing' will be permitted only within the confines of the seating compartment and then only so long as no portion of either the **Driver's** or **Passenger's** body other than arms and hands is placed outside the sides of the **Vehicle** or behind the seat they are occupying.~~
- 7.23. Where the **Driver** is over 17 years old and holds a full RTA **Licence** the **Passenger** must fulfil the minimum age requirement below.
Open or Convertible **Vehicles** 14
Saloons or hardtop **Vehicles** 12
- 7.34. If **Art 2.1** is varied entries may be accepted from **Drivers** aged 16 or from Drivers of 17 or over who do not hold a full RTA **Licence**. In such cases the **Driver** must be accompanied by a **Passenger** who holds a full RTA **Licence** and is experienced as a **Driver** of **Classic Trials** to the satisfaction of the **Clerk of Course**. Any such **Driver** may only attempt sections wholly on private land.
- 7.45. Additionally the rear seats of saloon cars can be occupied by the number of people for whom they were designed. **Passengers** who occupy the rear seats of the **Vehicle** must not be less than 2 years of age any child under 12 years of age or 135cm in height must be seated using an approved 'child restraint'.

7.56. **Passengers** aged between 2 and 12 years old will be signed on by their parent or guardian.

7.67. **Passengers** are not required to occupy the front seat where suitable rear seats are available unless the **Official Documents** state otherwise. All **Passengers** in a vehicle with a soft-top or no roof must be at least 14 years of age. However in Class 8 only one **Passenger** is allowed who must occupy the seat alongside the Driver.

7.78. Members of the crew at the **Start** cannot be varied during an **Event** except with **Official** approval.

11. Car Trials - The Crew

11.1. *During all **Observed Sections** and tests the seat alongside the Driver must be occupied.*

11.2. If a **Passenger** is carried they must be properly seated i.e. both the **Passenger** and the seat back must be upright and facing forward and:

a. Where the **Driver** is over 17 years old and holds a full RTA **Licence** the **Passenger** must be of at least 12 years of age.

b. Entries may be accepted from **Drivers** aged 14 15 or 16 or from **Drivers** of 17 or over who do not hold a full RTA **Licence**. In such cases the **Driver** must be accompanied by a **Passenger** who holds a full RTA **Licence** and is experienced as a **Driver** of **Car Trials** or **Sporting Trials** to the satisfaction of the **Clerk of Course**.

11.3. 'Bouncing' will be permitted only within the confines of the seating compartment and then only so long as no portion of either the **Driver's** or **Passenger's** body other than arms and hands is placed outside the sides of the **Vehicle** or behind the seat they are occupying.

11.2a4. Where the **Driver** is over 17 years old and holds a full RTA **Licence** the **Passenger** must be of at least 12 years of age.

11.2b5. Entries may be accepted from **Drivers** aged 14 15 or 16 or from **Drivers** of 17 or over who do not hold a full RTA **Licence**. In such cases the **Driver** must be accompanied by a **Passenger** who holds a full RTA **Licence** and is experienced as a **Driver** of **Car Trials** or **Sporting Trials** to the satisfaction of the **Clerk of Course**.

11.36. Additionally the rear seats of saloon cars can be occupied by the number of people for whom they were designed. **Passengers** who occupy the rear seats of the **Vehicle** must not be less than 2 years of age any child under 12 years of age or 135cm in height must be seated using an approved 'child restraint'.

11.47. **Passengers** aged between 2 and 12 years old will be signed on by their parent or guardian.

11.58. Members of the crew at the **Start** cannot be varied during an **Event** except with **Official** approval.

15. Sporting Trials and Historic Sporting Trials – The Crew

- 15.1. During all **Observed Sections** and tests the seat alongside the **Driver** must be occupied by a **Passenger** who must be properly seated i.e. both the **Passenger** and the seat back must be upright and facing forward. The **Passenger's** hips must be located within the cockpit and on or in front of the rear axle line (Penalty as per **Art 5.4.h**).
- 15.2. Sitting on the rear of the seat or on the area behind the seat is not permitted. The passenger should have a firm grip on at least one handle (Location of which is defined in **App.5 Art.4** and **App.6 Art.5** accordingly). No part of a **Competitor's** body shall be behind the spare wheel.
- 15.2.3. Where the **Driver** is over 17 years old and holds a full RTA **Licence** the **Passenger** must be of at least 14 years of age.
- 15.3.4. Entries may be accepted from **Drivers** aged 16 or from **Drivers** of 17 or over who do not hold a full RTA **Licence**. These **Drivers** must be accompanied by a **Passenger** who holds a full RTA **Licence** and is experienced as a **Driver** in **Sporting Trials** and who must produce a valid **Club Membership Card**.
- 15.4.5. Members of the crew at the **Start** cannot be varied during an **Event** except with **Official** approval.

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Reason: 'Bouncing' regulation has been removed from the Competitors Regulations (all events) as it was not deemed by the Committee to be a blanket regulation that covers all disciplines.

It has therefore moved to sub-discipline specific regulations for Classic & Car Trials. The existing wording was not deemed to be appropriate for Sporting Trials & Historic Sporting Trials however, so this has been amended in 15.2 for these disciplines.

In addition, For Sporting Trials & Historic Sporting Trials we propose to remove "properly seated" from 15.1 as it is not appropriate for these event types and the new wording reflects current practice which is deemed to be acceptable.