

Rallying Newsletter – 17th December 2025

Hello,

Welcome to your first update from the Motorsport UK Rallies Team, shared with you as a valued member of our rallying community. Whether you volunteer your time as an official or compete on the stages, you play a vital role in bringing rallying to life across the UK. This newsletter has been introduced to help us stay connected with you – sharing timely updates, helpful reminders and insights that support, you, the people at the heart of our sport.

In this edition we cover:

- Safety Delegate scores
- NCR updates for rallying
- Application of Class Structure
- Edition 8 of the Stage Rally Safety Requirements
- Road Rallying update
- Radio and Safety Car equipment
- Sustainable Rally Charter

This year, we have seen a **marked improvement** in the reports received from our Motorsport UK Safety Delegates. Of the 42 events that required a Safety Delegate, 29 have scored full marks; where we have seen any 'Below' marks, these have largely been singular issues usually outside the control of the Organisers. This is a **great reflection** of the commitment of our Event Organisers, working together with our Safety Delegates as one team, to achieve such **brilliant scores**.

The target for 2026 must be to **increase the number of events with full marks** even further. Please continue to share best practice, lessons learnt and the excellent work in collaboration with your appointed Safety Delegate. Motorsport UK is here to help, please reach out to us.

We're pleased to share the new 2026 edition of the National Competition Rules (NCR), please familiarise yourself with the latest version by [clicking here](#). For Rallying, the highlights are:

- The rules requiring Rally2/R5 to run in homologated specification come into force, having been passed in September 2024 with a year's grace period given. **Please note that this also includes the requirement to run a 32mm restrictor and**



a homologated Pop-off Valve in accordance with FIA Technical List No. 43 (which is available to view by [clicking here](#)). For confirmation, the only modification from Homologated specification permitted for this vehicle type is a RHD conversion. Please familiarise yourself with Ch. 13 App. 16 Art. 4.2.a and Ch. 13 App. 24 Chart 50.

- Updated seeding rules for multi-venue forestry stage rallies, prioritising anticipated performance while managing risk to less experienced crews
- Road Rally requirements for Clerk of the Course licencing, Control Boards and better definition of Quiet Zones
- Revised notional time rules
- Clarification in Classes 1, 2 and H8

Amongst others, please take the time to read through the latest version ahead of the new season.

There have been several reminders in Clerks and Stewards Bulletins over the course of the last year regarding the application of the Class Structure. **All** Stage Rallies must utilise the Class Structure as written (1, 2, H1a, H1 etc) and **must not prefix the Classes with their own identifiers** (such as A1, S1 etc).

Any event which is found to be prefixing the Classes in any other way will have their permit withheld until the required amendments are made.

We are pleased to inform you that Edition 8 of the Stage Rally Safety Requirements are now available on the website by [clicking here](#)

The changes for Edition 8 are listed below:

Overview of revisions to Stage Rally Safety Requirements - Edition 8	
2.10.9	Introduction to the licensing of Stage Commanders
2.11.2 / 2.11.3	Reversal of the positioning of the Stage Safety Officer following the change introduced for 2025
10.10.1 / 10.10.3	Alteration of the Competitor Seeding/Running order to mirror the change made in the NCR
11.12.2 – 11.12.4	Clarification of the requirements for Road Closing/Road Opening Cars
Annex I	Clarification of which members of the Safety Convoy must complete the entire route in Annex I



These are effective from the 1st March 2026. Any event that runs prior to this date may continue their plans using Edition 7.

At the end of October, we launched the Road Rally Clerk of the Course and Road Rally Clerk of the Course (Assistant) licenses, and we are delighted at the uptake so far. As a reminder, this applies specifically to organisers of Road and Navigational Road Rallies and does not apply to those running 12 Car Events, Targa Rallies, Historic Road Rallies or other forms of Road Rallying.

Eligible organisers were included in the initial invitation but if you wish to nominate potential Clerks for consideration, or need help with your application please contact officials@motorsportuk.org

At the same time, we launched the new Road Rally Guidance Document designed to help clubs plan and deliver Timed to the Second and Navigational Road Rallies with confidence. Please [click here to view](#).

Finally, an update on our current position with regards to insurance in road rallying was published and is still available by [clicking here](#)

Where events are utilising the Motorsport UK Radio and Safety Car equipment managed so brilliantly by Dom Saunders and Phil Wallbank, don't forget you are able to visit the Motorsport UK van at events to have your radio kit and ancillaries tested and repaired (where parts and equipment are available).

This service is available free of charge with just a nominal fee payable for any required parts.

Additional volunteer support is sought to assist Dom and Phil in managing this valuable resource to events, if interested please email rally@motorsportuk.org

All clubs organising Stage Rallies in 2026 (apart from Single Venues) will need to comply with the Sustainable Rally Charter in order for a Permit to be issued.

In order to help you prepare, here's a reminder of the three steps required for compliance:

- Agree to the [Sustainable Rally Charter](#) – simply email club.development@motorsportuk.org to confirm your agreement.
- Use the [Carbon Calculator](#) tool at one of your events – this doesn't need to be a stage rally; you can use it at an Autotest or 12 Car event if that's easier. Our Environmental Volunteers are available across the country who can attend events and help support. Contact sustainability@motorsportuk.org for more details.



- Achieve the Motionsport UK Sustainability Accreditation – full details on how to apply can be found [here](#), or if you need any help getting started, please contact club.development@motionsportuk.org

Regulation Changes

To help you stay informed about consultations relevant to your area of interest, we encourage you to reconfirm your notification preferences. Please [visit our website](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to update your email preferences.

Did You Know?

You can now sign up for WhatsApp Regulation Alerts from Motionsport UK. These short updates notify you of regulatory changes as they happen, helping you stay informed and prepared when planning and running your events.

To join, simply click [here](#) or scan the QR code.

This first communication has covered a lot of ground, all of which I hope is useful as we head very quickly towards the new season.

All it leaves me to say is a big thank you for your contribution to our sport this year and to wish you all the very best for the festive break.

Motionsport UK Rallies Team