

THE BTRDA CLUBMAN'S RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

“The Seriously Fun Championship”

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Rallycross:

Officially, Rallycross is a speed event taking place on a permanent track consisting of both sealed and unsealed surfaces.

Unofficially, Rallycross is the wild child of motor sport. The off spring of a liaison between circuit racing and rallying. A place where it's kosher to use the kerbs and grass, where sideways is good, and where fun is top of the agenda. A typical Rallycross meeting will have around 60 races across 9 categories.

The only Clubman's Rallycross Championship within the UK is the BTRDA Championship which was established in 1977 and continues to be extremely successful, providing both newcomers and 'budget' racers with a strong series of events at the best UK circuits. Since 2014 the BTRDA Championship has between 6 to 8 Championship rounds run by some of the best organising clubs in the UK.

What do I need to get started?

The best advice that we can give is to come to an event and talk to the drivers; We are all approachable and happy to help.

Competition Licence requirements:

The great thing about Rallycross is it is classed as a speed/off road sport therefore you do not need to do an Association of Racing Drivers Schools (ARDS) test. The minimum requirement is to have an 'RS Inter Club' licence (£78 in 2024), which can be obtained from the Motorsport UK via forms on their website; <https://www.motorsportuk.org>. This RS Inter Club licence will then allow you to compete in all British Rallycross Classes with the exception of Supercar, you need a RS National licence for this class. RS National licences can be obtained by competing in at least 6 Inter Club rallycross events, gaining Clerk of the Course signatures from your finals results in order to show that you are a competent driver. You can then apply for an upgrade to your licence.

Car Preparation and safety wear;

Competition cars must have a full roll cage fitted. The windscreen must be laminated glass or rigid plastic type. Two extra high mounted brake lights, towing eyes for breakdown, a dual circuit brake system, integrated seat and headrest, electric cut off switch, mud-flaps on all driven wheels, fire extinguisher and a full safety harness (In date) are all required. Competitors are required to wear a crash helmet (open or closed face type allowed) and fire proof overalls. It is recommended that you also wear fire proof underwear, flame resistant boots and gloves. If you have an open faced helmet and a glass screen you will need to wear safety glasses. The race seat must be on Motorsport UK compliant mounts, the seat doesn't need to be in date but must be previously homologated. An FHR (Frontal head restraint device) is also mandatory.

BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship Category Structure:

- Clubman 4*4
- Modified 4*4
- Modified
- Super Modified (Up to 1600cc, 1601cc-2100cc and 2101 +)
- BMW Mini
- Production (Up to 1600cc 16v and 1601cc to 2000cc)
- Pre 1995 2wd Classic Rallycross including Classic Mini
- Junior Rallycross Up to 1400cc (Saxo, 106, 205, Suzuki Swift, Ford KA)
- Cross Car

Production:

Within the BTRDA Clubman's Championship the Production class contains 2 classes: Up to 1600 16v and 1601cc to 2000cc class, all race within the BTRDA championship. The cars have very limited modifications but permitted modifications include suspension, air intake & the removal of lights. Fitting of a brake bias valve is also permitted. Drivers who want to race a more modified car and have the budget to do so, would look to race in one of the other categories.

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Tyres

Within the BTRDA Rallycross Championship the following categories MUST use the Championship regulated MRF tyre: Modified 4x4, Production, Modified, BMW Mini, Cross Car and Juniors. Tyres remain free in all other BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross categories providing they comply with the Motorsport UK blue book regulations. For clarity, see the category regulations.

Where does Rallycross take place?

A typical BTRDA rallycross championship season will run between March and October. Rallycross events in the UK take place at:

Pembrey (South Wales)
Blyton Park (Lincolnshire)
Knockhill (Scotland)
Lydden Hill (Kent)

There is also an annual Rallycross test day which takes place at the Blyton Park Circuit (Lincolnshire) towards the end of February each year. This is open pit lane for all types of Rallycross car and is organised and run by the MDA.

A typical meeting:

Our Championship is a mixture of single day events with some double headers thrown in. They generally start around 7/8am with signing on and scrutineering. This is then followed by practice, qualifying heats and the finals.

Most events run no later than 5/6pm with a prize giving taking place 30 minutes after racing ends. Whether it's a one or two day event most of the drivers get to the circuit the day before to set up & familiarise themselves with the circuit, so having somewhere to sleep at the circuit is handy. Tents, vans, trucks and motor homes are very popular.

It is a regulation at most circuits that no one is allowed to stay on the night after the event (or 2nd event if it is a double header).

Entry Fees/Registration Fees:

Entry fees for the Clubman's Championship events are £300 on average for a single day event and around £450 for a double header event.

You will also need to be a member of the BTRDA at a cost of £30 per year, and register for the Championship at a cost of £75 (prices correct for 2024). Register at www.btrdamembership.com

Driver Mentor:

As part of the Clubman's championship we understand how scary your first Rallycross event can be. To help combat this, prior to your first event we will team you up with a mentor who will often be a competing driver, who can offer advice and support as required.

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