

Blackpalfrey MC of Kent



BPMCK 2025-26 Series Regularity Runs

INTRODUCTION

Navigational Road Rallying has taken place for many years, mostly at night, and was at its strongest in the 1970's. However, as roads became more crowded and cars more powerful, they became less viable. Other forms of events have taken their place such as treasure hunts, but they did not contain a time element.

So a more sedate form of rallying which has become known as Regularity Rallying has taken its place where standard cars can be used, at affordable costs. These events tend to take place during daytime and the object is to travel a set route through the countryside at varying speeds set by the organisers, usually set at an average of between 15 and 30 mph, set over differing distances. There has been an increase in demand for this type of event and nowadays various levels of Regularity Rallies exist. They start at club level with our Sunday half-day clubman's type event which usually finishes at a pub. Once teams are more experienced, they move on to whole day rallies and then onto full-on events over several days and covering many hundreds of miles over challenging terrain.

The key skills for the navigators are to navigate the correct route and maintain the pre-set average speed over each section. At our club level, we publish the navigation a few days before the event, so that navigators have time to plot the route well in advance and concentrate on map reading and timekeeping on the day. Drivers need to adopt a smooth driving technique, to achieve that average speed. Timing is to the second, so accuracy of navigation and timekeeping are of the essence. Competitors are penalised for arriving at the undisclosed controls early or late, as well as missing Controls. Teamwork between driver and navigator is required to achieve this, and this comes with practice. Blackpalfrey Motor Club of Kent run its half-day series as well as The Hughes Historic Rally - a round of the HRCR National Championship.

Below are the Regulations for the half-day Series, which is aimed at developing competitors' skills, with particular emphasis on encouraging newcomers into this underrated sport. To this end, we keep the navigation simple as the aim of Regularity Rallying is to arrive at the time control at the ideal time, and not use complex navigational 'teasers'. The emphasis will be for them to develop their in-car navigational skills. Beginners receive the navigation several days before the event and on their first two events they have a copy of the route issued well before the day. This enables them to check they have plotted the route correctly. Similarly, the first regularity has speed changes only at time controls to enable them to develop their skills in this area.

Insurance cover for regularity road rallying will be required. Competitors are advised to obtain rally cover as an additional item on their motor policy. This can be very cost effective over the course of a year. If newcomers have any queries on this, please speak to our Competition Secretary.

If you have any queries, please contact the Series organiser on phil.blackpalfrey@gmail.com

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. Blackpalfrey Motor Club Kent will organise a Clubman's 12 car Regularity Rally Series.
2. Events in the Series shall be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (MSUK) and these Supplementary Regulations.
3. There will be up to 12 events, running from 1st September 2025 until 31st August 2026. Events traditionally run on Sunday mornings.
4. Each Event will be allocated a MSUK Permit, and the Route will be Authorised by the Rally Liaison Officer for the Region in which the event takes place.
5. Any age of car can enter. HRCR, ASEMC clubs (which includes Weald MC), members are invited to enter. The events are suitable for both 'older' and 'newer' cars, and are designed to be good fun and good navigation/regularity practice.
6. Both Driver and Navigator will require to be members of an MSUK affiliated Motor Club and hold a MSUK licence. At a minimum this is a RS Clubman's licence which is free and can be applied for on line at <https://www.motorsportuk.org/competitors/rs-clubman-licence/>
7. Smart phones or similar instruments which display tripmeter readings are permitted subject to the approval of the Series Co-ordinator.
8. Any built-in displays on any type of tripmeter showing average speed must be covered throughout the event. Simple hand held non-programmable calculators and digital stopwatches are permitted.
9. Beginners are encouraged to enter.
 - a. Beginners are defined as the navigator having not entered any form of navigational road rally before.
 - b. For the first 2 events they enter they will have the navigation issued to them on the Monday before the event. Three days later they be provided with an A4 copy of the route to enable them to check their plotting, but will incur a penalty of 400 marks for doing so. This will enable them to ensure they have the correct route on their map.
 - c. For the 3rd & 4th events they will be treated the same as all other competitors, but have the navigation issued to them on the Monday before the event. They are welcome to raise queries with the organisers, who will then guide them to the appropriate method of plotting the route.
10. Maximum entry is strictly 12 cars. Entries will be allocated places on receipt of a completed entry form **and** the payment of the entry fee, after which a reserve list will be started. Start numbers will be allocated as entries are received. Entries may be seeded in order of skill.
11. The entry fee will be notified when the entry list opens - entry can only be made on-line at the Blackpalfrey website www.blackpalfrey.co.uk. and will be provisional until entry fee payment is received. Entry fees will be refunded for entries withdrawn more than 1 week before the event.
12. Final instructions and the navigation will be emailed to competitors on the Wednesday before the event. The route will need to be plotted on OS 1:50,000 scale maps.
13. Organisers will not discuss any route queries in the 12 hour period before the event.
14. Programme: The start location will be notified in the final instructions. Signing on will be done on-line. The first car will start at 10:01 am. The start location will usually be a transport café type of establishment, where cooked breakfasts may be available. Everybody is advised to check in advance with the venue if they require cooked breakfast before the start. Health

and Safety issues at the start, intermediate halt and finish will not be part of the Club's liability.

15. The route should be about 50-60 miles, normally as two separate regularity sections either side of a coffee break at a suitable venue. The finish will normally be at a country pub where lunch will be available. Bookings for lunch must be made by the competitors direct with the venue.
16. Timing will be to the second at Regularity section Intermediate Time Controls. Competitors will need a stopwatch and some average speed tables (available on the club web site), and also a watch to accurately synchronise with rally time.
17. The Club's usual Liege timing system will be used whenever possible to give competitors and marshals ample opportunity to become familiar with the system, which is used on most of the larger events. Under certain circumstances it may not always be used in the traditional way of chipping Competitors' clip board. Marshals will still use the Liege clocks and record the arrival time of each competitor on their own check sheet. If this system is used, they will then verbally inform the competitor of the time recorded and show the clock to enable the competitors to check the time stated is correct and note it onto their own Time Card. Competitors may query the times at the end of the event, in which case, the organisers decision will be final.
18. A measured distance will be provided for tripmeter calibration prior to the start.
19. Final documentation will be issued one hour before the due start time of car 0 on the day of the event.
20. Regularity sections will be timed at average speeds suitable for the roads used, up to a maximum of 30 mph.
21. The first Regularity will have speed changes at each time control. This is to give newcomers an introduction to speed changes. The second Regularity will have speed changes at various points throughout the route.
22. Regularity Start Controls may be manned or may be Self-Starts. If unmanned you may be given your start time in the Final Instructions or at the previous MTC or TC. You may have to fill in your start time on the timecard yourself. On arrival at the self-start control board you should wait there and start yourself when your allotted time arrives. Please ensure you are at the Start Point in advance of your due start time. If you fail to write your start time on the timecard, your scheduled time for the Regularity Start will be taken as your start time. If the car in front wants to start on the minute you want, do not leave at the same time, but wait until the next minute.
23. If an Intermediate Time Control is unmanned a Time Control board will be placed there by the Organisers. Competitors are required to enter their "ideal" time at that Control. (If you are not sure what that ideal time is, put the actual time you arrived at the Control). If you do not do this, you will be deemed NOT to have visited the Control.
24. Route Checks may be manned, but if not, they will be in the form of Code Boards which should be recorded in the next free space on your timecard.
25. The penalty for missing a Route Check is 100 marks. You must show your Time Card to the marshal at the next Main Time Control, who will check for any missing Route Checks.
26. The Organisers and all Marshals will be deemed to be "Judges of Fact".
27. Penalties
 - a. Arriving at an Intermediate Regularity Time Control (IRTC) - early or late - 1 mark per

- second for the first 60 seconds, then 1 mark per additional 6 seconds up to a maximum of 100 marks (5 minutes early or late).
- b. Not visiting an IRTC - 200 marks. If a missed IRTC is not the last on the regularity section, no penalty will be applied at the next visited IRTC.
 - c. Wrong Approach at an IRTC - 100 marks.
 - d. Not recording a Code Board or Passage Check – 100 marks.
28. IRTCs will close 15 minutes after the scheduled time of the last car. Maximum lateness at the final MTC is 30 minutes. Competitors must visit the final MTC before maximum lateness to qualify as a finisher. The Final MTC is usually at the finish venue where the Timecards are handed in.
29. Winners' awards will be presented to the first placed driver and navigator at a suitable time after each event.
30. The events will be run as a championship series for Blackpalfrey members. Only competitors who are Blackpalfrey members at the time of the event will be eligible to score points for the series awards. Points awarded will be 12 (first place), 11 (second place), 10, etc. for each event and 12 points for each organiser. The best points total less two lowest scores (or all events if less than six events run) will count towards the series awards which will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed drivers and navigators. If 7 or more events are run the best 8 scores will count. If 6 events are run, 5 will count. If 5 events or less are run all scores will count. Other series awards may be presented at the discretion of the club committee.
31. Insurance
- Recently, the insurance industry has been forced to make substantial increases in the premiums for covering competing cars who do not have competition cover.
- We have discussed this with REIS/Kingfisher who have covered competitors through our scheme in the past. There has been very little take-up by competitors through the club cover system, and it has meant they have lost money. They advise that, if we continue with the current system of offering cover through the club's link, the cost will be £65 per vehicle plus the club's admin charge. They also said that for those individuals who used them for the main insurance cover could have competition cover added for £73 per annum. We understand that other insurers are likely to offer similar rates.
- The club has therefore decided that it will no longer offer this facility, not only on cost ground, but also it will save organisers a considerable amount of that has been required to administer it. From now on competitors must insure their own cars for competition purpose and sign to confirm they have the appropriate competition cover in place when making their entry. Competitors are advised to contact their current insurers and arrange competition cover as appropriate for Regularity Rallies if it is not already included in the policy.

Blackpalfrey MCK 12 Car Regularity Rallies

Using MTC1 – For Competitors

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MTC1 is accessed through Blackpalfrey's website at www.blackpalfrey.club

To enter for a 12 Car Regularity Rally

Select 'Regularity Runs' from the top tabs.

Select the appropriate event from the drop downs (i.e. February Regularity Run).

Select the red 'Enter Here' tab.

Choose a Password and complete the form.

REMEMBER YOUR PASSWORD!– You will need it for any amendments, uploading your licences and for Signing-On.

Under the 'Insurance' section:

- 1) Select Own or REIS Insurance.
- 2) To the question "If using the event REIS insurance, do you comply with the Declaration?"
 - a. Select Yes or No to the Declaration if you require REIS Insurance.
 - b. Select Own Insurance if you **DO NOT** require REIS Insurance.
- 3) For Own Insurance - Enter your Insurance Company details.

Submit your Entry.

Pay for your Entry.

To amend or update your Entry

Select the red 'Entry List' tab.

Select 'Update Entry' on the right-hand side.

Use your Car Number from the Entry List and enter your Password.

Update/Edit your Entry.

To Upload your MSUK Licence and Club Card – THIS IS MANDATORY

You will receive an automated email acknowledging receipt of your Entry.

This email will contain a link for you to upload your MSUK Licence and Club Card.

N.B. This link is specific to the event and must be repeated for each event you enter (MTC1 is clever, but not that clever!).

To Sign-On – THIS IS MANDATORY

Select the red 'Entry List' tab

Select 'Competitor Signing-On' on the right-hand side.

Use your Car Number from the Entry List and enter your Password.

Select whether you are the Driver or the Navigator.

Select 'View Signing-On Form' to complete, sign and submit the MSUK Declaration.