



**MINICROSS DRIVERS  
ASSOCIATION**

**2008  
M.D.A. Clubmans  
Rallycross Championship**

# 2008 MDA CLUBMANS RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

## 1. **SPORTING REGULATIONS - GENERAL**

### 1.1. **Title & Jurisdiction**

The 2008 MDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship is organised and administered by the Minicross Drivers Association in accordance with the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Championship Regulations.

MSA Championship Permit Number:  
MSA Championship Grade: D

Status: National B

Individual Event Permit Numbers will be notified in the Final Instructions for each event.

### 1.2. **Officials**

#### 1.2.1. **Championship Co-ordinator**

David Hobbs, 12 Woodlands Way, Billingshurst, RH14 9TB. Tel: 01403 782317

#### 1.2.2. **Eligibility Scrutineer**

Tom Watson

#### 1.2.3. **Championship Stewards**

Rod Birley  
Terry Wright  
Peter Watkin

### 1.3. **Eligibility**

1.3.1. Entrants must be fully paid up valid membership card holding members of the Minicross Drivers Association and in possession of a valid 2008 MSA Entrants Licence.

1.3.2. Drivers and Entrant/Drivers must be fully paid up valid membership card holding members of the Minicross Drivers Association, be registered for the Championship and be in possession of a valid MSA Non-Race National B Competition licence or higher.

1.3.3. All necessary documentation must be presented for checking at all rounds when signing-on. Minors must be accompanied by a Parent, Legal Guardian or their Representative who must sign-on as his/her Entrant. When a Representative of a Parent/Legal Guardian attends an event and signs-on as the Minors' Entrant, the Representative must produce written and signed authorisation of the Parent/ Legal Guardian to so act.

1.3.4. The Championship will be open to cars in the following classes

- 1) Minicross: Cars complying to 2008 MDA Minicross Vehicle Regulations (attached)
- 2) Procar 1600: Cars complying to 2008 BRDA Stock Hatch Regulations (available on-line at [www.rallycrossuk.com](http://www.rallycrossuk.com))

The Championship Organisers reserve the right to equalise performance of cars. The Championship Organisers will, no more than 3 times per season, review the minimum weights of individual cars and adjust accordingly. Competitors will be given a minimum of 14 days notice prior to an event of any such adjustment. Any weight shall be fitted in accordance with C(b) 21.

### 1.4. **Registration**

All Championship contenders must register with the Minicross Drivers Association using the Competitors Registration Form. The appropriate registration fee must be received by the Membership Secretary at least 8 days prior to the first competitive event in order to gain Championship Points. Failure to comply will result in Championship Points being disallowed. Cheques etc. should be crossed and made payable to the Minicross Drivers Association.

### 1.5. **Championship Rounds**

Qualifying Rounds will take place as below.

Date	Organising Club	Venue	Status
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	DDMC	Croft	National B
13 <sup>th</sup> April	DDMC	Blyton	National B
26 <sup>th</sup> May	MDA	Blyton	National B
8 <sup>th</sup> June	MDA	Pembrey	National B

6<sup>th</sup> July  
13<sup>th</sup> Sept  
14<sup>th</sup> Sept  
28<sup>th</sup> Sept  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct  
26<sup>th</sup> Oct

DDMC  
DDMC  
DDMC  
BRDA  
DDMC  
DDMC

Croft  
Blyton  
Blyton  
Pembrey  
Croft  
Croft

National B  
National B  
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National B

The Entry Secretary for individual rounds will be notified on Entry Forms and Supplementary Regulations issued for the event.

The above list of rounds is subject to change (A.29c). Registered Competitors, Championship Stewards, Eligibility Scrutineer, Clubs organising rounds of the Championship and the MSA will be notified of any changes to the list of Qualifying Rounds.

## 1.6. Organisation – Heats & Finals

### 1.6.1. Qualifying Rounds

At each event there will be a maximum of 3 timed qualifying heats. Competitors must complete a minimum of two Qualifying Heats. Competitors will start in maximum groups of 10 cars, at the discretion of the organisers.

Points will be allocated in each set of heats of each Qualifying round with 1 point for the competitor with the fastest time to finish, 2 points for the second fastest competitor to finish and so on to the slowest Competitor to finish.

Qualification for Finals will be calculated by the addition of the Qualifying Points for the fastest two heats for each competitor. Finals grid positions will be allocated as follows:

Qualify for the 'A' Final	1 <sup>st</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> lowest point scorers
Qualify for the 'B' Final	8 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> lowest point scorers
Qualify for the 'C' Final	15 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> lowest point scorers

The last place on the grid in each Final will be taken by the winner of the next Final down

### 1.6.2. Ties

In the event of a tie for a grid position in the Finals, the lowest single Qualifying Points score will count and then the next lowest, and so on. If this fails to resolve the tie, the decision will go to the competitor who obtained the lowest score first.

### 1.6.3. Non Finishers

Where a car fails to finish a Heat or Final, it will be awarded last place in that Heat or Final. When there is more than one Non Finisher, positions will be awarded based on the number of laps completed.

### 1.6.4. Exclusions in heats

Where a competitor is excluded from a heat they will be awarded points equal to the number of starters for that set of heats plus an additional 5 points. This score must count towards the total scored for that competitor when calculating positions for Finals grids.

### 1.6.5. Championship Points

Points will be scored in each class at each event as follows :-

1 <sup>st</sup> =100	9=55	17=25
2=90	10=50	18=22
3=85	11=45	19=19
4=80	12=40	20=16
5=75	13=37	21=13
6=70	14=34	22=10
7=65	15=31	23=7
8=60	16=28	24=4
		25=1

5 Bonus points will be awarded to the driver with the fastest time of the day in the Heats for each class

5 bonus points will be awarded to the driver obtaining pole position in each class in the 'A' Final.

The Overall 2008 MDA Clubmans Rallycross Champion will be the Competitor scoring the highest number of Championship Points. Dropped scores will be as below.

Nine Rounds or more run  
Eight Rounds run  
Seven Rounds run  
Six Rounds run

Best seven results to count  
Best six results to count  
Best six results to count.  
All results to count.

**1.6.6. Championship Ties**

In the event of two or more Competitors tying for a position in the Championship, each tying Competitor will be awarded equal Championship Points; therefore, the next position after tying Competitors will be deleted.

Overall Championship Points ties will be decided in favour of the Competitor who has gained the highest score at any one round. If still unresolved, the second highest score, and so on.

**1.6.7. Championship Points Appeal**

In accordance with Section C(d).65 of the 2008 MSA Yearbook.

**1.7. Awards**

Trophies will be presented at each event. The minimum will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each class in the 'A' Final. Awards may be increased at the organisers discretion.

The Championship Awards are :-

Overall MDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship 1st - 10<sup>th</sup> Trophies  
Class Championship 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Trophies

Awards may be increased at the organisers discretion.

**2. SPORTING REGULATIONS - JUDICIAL PROCEDURES**

**2.1. Rounds**

In accordance with Section C(d) of the 2008 MSA Yearbook and these Championship Regulations.

**2.2. Championship**

In accordance with Section C(d) of the 2008 MSA Yearbook and these Championship Regulations.

**3. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

**3.1. Eligible Vehicles**

1275cc Mini Saloons complying with the 2008 Minicross Vehicle Regulations and Procar 1600 cars complying with 2008 BRDA Stock Hatch Regulations and Sections C(b), C(c) & E as appropriate of the 2008 MSA Yearbook. An Eligibility Officer may be appointed to resolve any dispute concerning the Eligibility of a car and may at his discretion advise the MSA to seal and check any competing car for conformity to respective Technical Regulations.

**3.1.1 Tyres**

Cars competing in Procar 1600 category must use Silverstone Tyres Type RR control tyres  
Cars competing in Minicross category must use Yokohama A008 control tyres

**3.2. Sponsorship Decals**

To be eligible for Championship points all cars must run the decals of the M.D.A and sponsors of the M.D.A championships. Other decals as prescribed in the 2008 MDA Technical Regulations.

The Minicross Drivers Association retains the right to refuse to accept any entry where a car does not run the prescribed decals.

**4. GENERAL**

**4.1. Circuit Conditions**

With the approval of the organising club, in the event of visibility being reduced (usually as a result of dust) to a level which is considered by the MSA Steward or the Clerk of the Course, to be dangerous then provision shall be made to reduce grids to a maximum of which is safe to compete and each competitor will be individually timed so as to arrive at a final finishing order. This provisionally may be used for ALL races during the course of the meeting and points awarded for race times.

#### **4.2. Entries**

Entries must be sent to the Entry Secretary of each event and cheques etc. must be made payable to the club organising the event unless noted otherwise. Each Entry Form will show details of the organising club and entry secretary. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FIRST CLASS STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

In the event of a meeting being oversubscribed entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organisers.

#### **4.2.1. Entry Fees**

The entry fee for each event will be notified on the Entry Form for that particular event. (Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances unless accompanied by the appropriate fee.) Post dated cheques will not be accepted. Late entries will only be accepted up to mid-day on the Wednesday prior to the event and will incur an additional fee of £10.00 due to the late entry. The official closing date will be the Friday eight days prior to each event. Refunds may be allowed for all cancellations made 24 hours before any event but may be subject to a £5.00 administration fee.

#### **4.3. Start Procedure**

**Practice:** Cars will start individually in groups of up to 10. All competitors must complete 3 laps of practice.

**Heats and finals:** Competitors will be allocated grid positions for the qualifying heats. Heats and finals will start by coloured light signals. On indication by the Start Marshal, the red lights will be displayed for between 2 – 7 seconds. The lights going out will be the start of the heat or final. Alternatively the start will be by the Union Flag.

#### **4.4 Jump Starts**

Jump starts will be indicated by the use of jump start beams or Judges of Fact, who will be named. Any driver causing a jump start will be re-gridded one grid row behind the main grid. Any driver jump starting twice in the same heat or final, will be excluded from that heat or final.

#### **4.5 Number of Laps**

Practice	Minimum of three laps.
Heats	Minimum of three laps.
Finals	Finals will be a minimum of one lap more than the Heats.

These figures may be amended at the organisers discretion.

#### **4.6. Finish**

The finish line will be clearly indicated and the completion of the race will be signalled by the waving of a chequered flag. In the event of the race being stopped by the Red Flag, the Competition Regulations Section E.38 will apply.

#### **4.7. Grids**

Grid formation will be as permitted by the Track Licence. The grid layouts will be posted at Race Control. The organising clubs decision on the formation of a grid layout will be final. Maximum grids for heats and Finals is 8 cars.

Grid positions for Finals will be determined as 1.6.1 with the lowest Qualifying competitor starting in pole position.

Any novice driver will at his / her first race meeting be started off the back of the grid for heats. In the Finals the starting position may be altered at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course. Any driver can be placed on the back of the grid at any meeting but only on the Clerk of the Course's authority.

#### **4.8. Timing**

A transponder based timing / results will be operated by MSA licenced Timekeepers. Competitors not having a suitable transponder must either hire or purchase a unit. Drivers must ensure that they have registered their transponder with the timekeepers at the same as signing on in the administration office. Drivers who do not have a transponder will be required to hire one from SMART timing.

Timing at all events requires every competing car to be fitted with an AMB TranX 260, or in approved cases, an AMB TranX 160 Transponder. Cars fitted with other makes or types of transponder will not be included in any practice or race results.

#### **4.9. Results**

Provisional results will be posted at Race Control shortly after each race. Results will be announced and displayed at the end of the meetings. Protests should be made in accordance with Section C(d).45 -59.

#### **4.10 Gradings**

The first ten competitors in the previous season's championship have the right to apply for their championship position number when registering for the next season's championship. If a competitor does not avail him/herself of the above, no other competitor may apply.

#### **5.0 Driver Contact & Behaviour**

##### **5.1 Contact:**

Experienced Judges of Fact, who will be named, will be appointed at each round and will report to the Clerk of the Course all instances of contact between competing cars. If the Clerk of the Course, after consulting his observers and Judges of Fact, rules that any competitor(s) obtained an advantage from the contact the competitor(s) may be considered to have retired from the heat/Final at the point at which the contact occurred, or may incur a penalty score, or be excluded from the results of that heat or Final.

##### **5.2 Driving Standards:**

Manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers such as premature direction changes on the straight, crowding of cars towards the inside or outside of the curve or any other abnormal change of direction, are strictly prohibited and will be subject to penalties ranging from a penalty score, exclusion from the heat or Final or Black Flag. A diagonally split black/white flag displayed with a drivers number will be shown to any driver whose behaviour is suspect.

##### **5.3 Four wheels off:**

Any competitor who goes four wheels off must stop and rejoin the track at the same point at which he/she left it. Failure to do will result exclusion from the heat or Final. Competitors who fail to follow the correct course or touch course markers may incur a penalty score equivalent to one finish position further back, or be excluded from the results of that heat or Final.

##### **5.4 Penalties**

Any penalty must be posted or announced as soon as possible after the incident. If the Clerk of the Course is of the opinion that the competitor(s) may have been careless, reckless or dangerous he/she may consider whether an additional penalty is appropriate.

Any competitor who is penalised in accordance with 4.8.1 and/or 4.8.2 and have their competition licence endorsed, or are excluded from the meeting must count the result of that/those event(s) among those contributing to his/her Championship score.

Should a competitor be penalised in accordance with 4.8.1 and/or 4.8.2 more than once during the Championship he/she will lose any Championship Points scored at the second, and any subsequent, event(s) at which penalties are applied.

These events must be counted among those contributing to his/her Championship score.

##### **5.5 Technical Infringement**

Should an engine be found by an MSA Scrutineer and / or MSA Technical Representative to be in contravention of any regulation contained in the 2008 Minicross Drivers Association Junior Vehicle Regulations, the driver of the car in which the contravention is discovered will be penalised in accordance with Section C(d).41. of the 2008 MSA Yearbook.

#### **6.0 REGULATION AMENDMENTS**

The Championship Regulations may only be amended in accordance with Section A29(c).