



**RIX ENGINEERING  
AEMC / ASEMC  
2023 STAGE RALLY  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Promoted by the Associations of Eastern  
and South Eastern Motor Clubs**

**Championship Regulations**

## **Welcome to the Rix Engineering AEMC / ASEMC 2023 Stage Rally Championship.**

Once again, we are promoting a single pan-regional championship covering the Eastern and South-Eastern regions which is promoted by the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs and the Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs.

New for this year, and very welcome is sponsorship from Rix Engineering, a family engineering company based in Harleston, Norfolk, which specialises in tooling and components for the motorsport industry. Many of you will be familiar with Ian, Claire and Aaron Rix as regular competitors, marshals and officials in the East Anglian rally scene. Anyone who needs some parts for rally car can call the team on [01379 854387](tel:01379854387)

In 2022 for the second year running we had a father and son crew winning the championship, this time Wayne and Archie Larbalestier in their rapid EVO. Archie is in his first year as a co-driver and I remember back to Brands Hatch in January when he turned up at the stage arrival control looking very nervous and had managed to temporarily lose his timecard; a great performance through the year. Second overall was Corbeau Seats Rally stage sponsor Shaun Weston, co-driven by Jack Nottingham by just one point with Darrell Taylor third driver for the second year running, this time bringing Steve McNulty with him into third co-driver spot.

For 2023, we are hoping that there will be **nine** rounds in the championship, with **six** to count, placing a premium on consistency throughout the year but giving more flexibility for crews based across the wider geography of the championship.

Competitors are reminded of Motorsport UK's Race with Respect programme – see back cover for details – and the regional associations' Better Together initiative – which has produced the attached video: <https://fb.watch/8ZgzuuNXfY/>

Registration must be done online at the AEMC website – <https://aemc.org.uk/StageRally>

Good luck to all stage rally competitors in 2023!

Stanley Graham – Championship Coordinator

Paul Barrett – Championship Secretary

## 1. SPORTING REGULATIONS – GENERAL

The AEMC / ASEMC 2023 Stage Rally Championship is organised by the Associations of Eastern and South Eastern Motor Clubs in accordance with the general Championship prescriptions of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association Limited (Motorsport UK) 2023 Yearbook Section W and these Championship Regulations. Motorsport UK Championship Registration No: CH2023/RALLY065 has been issued - Championship Category 3 (Regional)  
The championship will run from 1st January to 31st December 2023.

### 1.2.1 Championship Coordinator & Secretary:

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## 1.3 Competitor Eligibility

1.3.1 The championship is open to Drivers & Co-drivers who must be fully paid-up members of a member club of the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs or Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs and must hold a current membership card. They must be registered for the championship and also be in possession of a valid Motorsport UK Stage Rally Competition Licence. All necessary documentation must be presented at all championship rounds when signing on, in line with prevailing Motorsport UK requirements.

## 1.4 Registration

1.4.1 All drivers and co-drivers must register as competitors for the championship by completing an online or paper registration form along with the full registration fee to the championship coordinator.

1.4.2 The registration fee is £10.00. Registration entitles a competitor to enter as either a driver or a co-driver but not both. Should a competitor wish to register as both a driver and a co-driver he/she must register for EACH category separately on separate registration forms enclosing a registration fee of £10.00 with each form.

1.4.3 The closing date for registrations for the championship will be July 1st 2023.

1.4.4 Competitors MUST nominate on their Registration Form one AEMC and / or ASEMC member club(s) of which they are a full member for each qualifying round that they compete on.

1.4.5 Contenders will be issued with championship decals which MUST be displayed on either side of the car. They must be displayed “as issued” and not be altered, cut, trimmed or modified.

1.4.6 Any results scored in a qualifying round of the championship PRIOR to registration will not count towards competitors' final championship points scores.

1.4.7 By registering for the Championship all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK's Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (Appendix 1).

1.4.8. Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or report the matter to the Championship Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or race bans through to Championship Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.

1.4.9. It is imperative that we promote the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk. In addition to this all participants must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and abusive language and harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any such incidents must be reported to the Championship Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available at [www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre](http://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre) by selecting Policies and Guidelines.

## 1.5 Championship Rounds

1.5.1 The 2023 AEMC / ASEMC Stage Rally Championship is expected to be contested over **ten** rounds, with **six** scores to count as follows:

21st January – MGJ Engineering Brands Hatch Stages (Kent) – Chelmsford Motor Club  
<https://brandshatchstages.co.uk>

11th February – Rix Engineering Snetterton Stages (Norfolk) – Anglia Motor Sports Club  
<https://snettertonstagerally.co.uk>

12<sup>th</sup> March – Dukeries Rally (Leicestershire) – Dukeries Motor Club <https://www.dukeries-rally.co.uk>

22/23rd April – Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring and Clacton (Essex) – Chelmsford Motor Club  
<http://corbeauseatsrally.co.uk>

11th June - Abingdon Carnival Stages (Oxfordshire) Sutton & Cheam Motor Club  
<http://www.abingdoncarnival.com>

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Twyford Wood Stages – Mid Derbyshire Motor Club (Lincolnshire)  
<https://www.mid-derbyshire-mc.co.uk/twyford-stages>

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August - New date** – Bovington Stages (Dorset) – Bournemouth & District Car Club  
<http://www.bdcc.org.uk>

22<sup>nd</sup> October - Challenger Stages (Dorset) – Bournemouth & District Car Club  
<http://www.bdcc.org.uk>

2<sup>nd</sup> December - South Downs Stages (Sussex) – Southsea & Bognor Regis Motor Clubs  
[www.southdownsstages.co.uk](http://www.southdownsstages.co.uk)

Should fewer than four rounds run, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the championship and refund all fees.

## **1.6 Scoring**

1.6.1 Points will be awarded according to the AEMC & ASEMC class structure (see 4.2) and will only be awarded to competitors listed as classified finishers in the Final Results for each round as follows:

1st in class = 20 points

2nd in class = 18 points

3rd in class = 16 points

4th in class = 14 points

5th in class = 12 points

6th in class = 10 points and then reducing by one point per place pro-rata down to 6 points

Three (3) points will be awarded for starting but then retiring from the event.

1.6.2 A competitor's best six scores from any of the qualifying rounds will be used to determine their final championship position. Should fewer than ten rounds run then three less than the total rounds actually run will count, down to seven rounds after which four shall count. The winner of the championship shall be the contender who has gained the highest possible number of points from qualifying events applying at the conclusion of the championship year.

1.6.3 Ties shall be resolved initially in favour of the competitor who has entered the fewest rounds in the championship. If this fails to reach a conclusion then the greater number of 1st places, 2nd places, then 3rd places etc. will be used to finalise the championship positions.

1.6.4 Competitors changing "crew places" (Driver to co-driver and vice-versa) may not "carry-over" points scored.

1.6.5 Entrants changing class will be permitted to "carry-over" any points scored in any class towards their final championship score.

1.6.6 If a competitor is excluded from an event or fails to start the rally then no points will be awarded for that round.

1.6.7 Bulletins will be published regularly throughout the year. Provisional final championship results will be published shortly after the final round of the year and will be final 7 days later.

## **1.7 Awards**

### **1.7.1 Overall Awards**

1st overall driver & co-driver

2nd overall driver & co-driver

3rd overall driver & co-driver

Any competitor winning one of the overall championship awards will not be eligible to win any of the class awards.

### **1.7.2 Class Awards**

1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3rd driver & co-driver in each class

2nd place class awards are subject to a minimum of four entries per class.

3rd place class awards are subject to a minimum of six entries per class.

1.7.4 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the championship co-ordinator, the championship sponsors, the ASEMC and the AEMC. These will be notified to championship contenders in Competitors' Bulletins.

1.7.5 The awards are expected to be presented early in 2024. Details of the time and location of the end of season award presentation will be made to Championship contenders in a Competitors' Bulletin. Any competitor failing to attend the Championship Awards Presentation, fails to appoint a representative on his or her behalf or make other arrangements with the championship coordinator, may forfeit their award. Any such award may be re-allocated to the next placed championship contender.

## **2 Sporting Regulations – Judicial Procedures**

2.1 Rounds: In accordance with Section C Judicial of the 2023 Motorsport UK Yearbook.

2.2 Championship: In accordance with Section W 1.1 & 1.4 of the 2023 Motorsport UK Yearbook.

2.3 Competitors whose car on a qualifying event is declared ineligible in accordance with these championship regulations will score zero points for that round and the round will count towards their tally of scores for the year (C 3.5.3).

## **3 Sporting Regulations – Championship & Event Procedures**

3.1 Regulations for Event Organisers

3.1.1 The Championship title **MUST** be entered in **FULL** on event regulations, final instructions, results and any other bulletins as the “AEMC / ASEMC 2023 Stage Rally Championship”

3.1.2 Each member club of the Associations shall be entitled to nominate any Interclub permit status stage rally promoted by themselves or in conjunction with another club(s) for championship status. The championship coordinator may accept nominated events provided the criteria specified in these regulations are adhered to.

3.1.3 Clubs seeking event nomination shall provide full details of the event to championship co-ordinator by the 1<sup>st</sup> December in the year preceding the event.

3.1.4 Final acceptance of a date in the Association Championships' calendar is conditional upon the following:

- The Club has paid its subscription to the Association of Eastern Motor Clubs or Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs for 2023 and the event is nominated by the championship coordinator following discussions with the organisers.
- The event is not listed to run on the same day/night/weekend as another championship qualifying round, unless agreed in advance with the championship coordinator and both organising teams. Should a clash of event dates occur then the championship coordinator will refer to previous years, to ascertain historical usage of that date.
- That the event has not been refused championship status due to non-compliance with championship Regulations in the previous year(s).
- Any date changes are communicated to the championship coordinator, with inclusion in the championship of the new date subject firstly to agreement with the championship coordinator and secondly there being no objections to the change from registered contenders.

3.1.5 Regulations must be adhered to at all times. Failure to do so may render the event liable to immediate deletion from the Championship:

- The event is a qualifying round of the Championship.

- That the Championship contenders and/or member clubs and/or their members are invited to the event.
- The event is held on the notified day or night.
- The championship coordinator has been advised when a Motorsport UK permit has been issued.
- All entry lists must include the first name of EACH competitor, club, car, capacity, class & championship eligibility wherever possible

3.1.6 To have a new event recognised for Championship status a member club must have organised events of similar category and type and/or have had the event observed by competitors and/or other personnel appointed by the Association(s) in the Championship calendar.

#### **4 Technical Regulations**

4.1 All competing vehicles in any championship round must comply with Section J(b) and Section R Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies of the 2023 Motorsport UK Yearbook.

4.2 The Championship class structure will be split into classes 1-4 for two wheel-drive and 5-6 for four wheel-drive cars:

- Class 1 All cars up to 1400cc.
- Class 2 Cars over 1400cc up to 1600cc.
- Class 3 Cars over 1600cc up to 2000cc or with forced induction engines up to 1300cc.
- Class 4 Two-wheel drive cars over 2000cc.
- Class 5 All four-wheel drive cars not included in Class 6.
- Class 6 All current or former WRC, S2000, R5 and FIA Rally2 specification cars and any derivatives thereof.

All forced induction engines over 1300cc are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7:1.



A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

[Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect)  
[#RaceWithRespect](https://twitter.com/RaceWithRespect)

### The Values

- Respect
- Fair play
- Integrity
- Good Manners
- Self-Control

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.