



# THE BMW MINI RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

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## SR.1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

### SR.1.1. TITLE AND JURISDICTIONS

**1.1.1. The BMW MINI Rallycross Championship** (The Championship) is organised and administered by Lydden Hill Motorsport Club (**LHMC**) and The British Automobile Racing Club (**BARC**) jointly under the name of British Rallycross (**BR-X**), in accordance with the General Regulations of The Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association (MSA) (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Championship Regulations.

**1.1.2. The Championship** is a one make championship for new Mini R50, R53, Mini One or Mini Cooper Saloon and Mini Cooper S Saloon (2000-2006 models only).

**1.1.3.** The Championship is registered with the MSA and have been given a Championship Permit Number: TBA

**1.1.4.** Qualifying rounds will be run at National B – With the exception of round 5 in Belgium, which will run at National A.

**1.1.5.** The Organisers reserve the right to carry out necessary or required changes to these regulations which are due to “force majeure”, or for safety reasons, or if requested by the authorities, by means of Official Bulletins. (Subject to D11.1)

### SR.1.2. OFFICIALS

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**1.2.3.** The Championship Stewards will be comprised of a panel of any three of the following:  
**Dennis Carter**, Rod Parkin, David Walton and Ed Muldoon

Any three of the Stewards may make a decision. Replacement Stewards may be co-opted to cover force majeure situations.

### SR.1.3. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

**1.3.1.** Drivers or Entrant/Drivers must be fully paid

up valid membership card holding members of either LHMC or BARC, must be registered for the championship (as 1.4.1) and must be in possession of the minimum of a valid Competition National 'B' License (except as noted in 1.1.4), or be a professional driver in possession of a valid License (featuring an E.U. flag) and medical, issued by the ASN of a member country of the European Union.

**1.3.1.1.** Entrants must be fully paid up, valid membership card holding members of either LHMC or BARC and in possession of a valid 2016 MSA Entrants Licenses.

**1.3.2.** Acceptance of registration is entirely at the discretion of the Championship Organisers.

**1.3.3.** A competitor shall not take time off school to participate in motor sport without the prior written approval of their school. If participation in the Championship requires absence from school, drivers in full time school education are required to have the approval of their head teacher and a letter stating such approval from their school in order to fulfil registration for the Championship.

**1.3.4.** Allocation of racing numbers will be as issued by LHMC/BARC, but it is the responsibility of the competitor to provide their own number decals to the correct specification (SR.5.5).

**1.3.5.** All necessary documentation must be presented for checking at all rounds when signing-on.

### SR.1.4. REGISTRATION

**1.4.1.** The Registration fee to enter one or more rounds of **The Championship** will be charged at either £100 (not including LHMC/BARC club membership) if paid in full, OR at £25 if paid on a round by round basis and will be requested on the LHMC registration form. It should be clearly understood that by signature of the LHMC registration form all competitors and entrants acknowledge their agreement to be bound by the rules and regulations contained in the Championship regulations and those stipulated by the organisers, promoters and the MSA.

**1.4.2.** Where a car is entered for **The Championship**, by someone other than the Driver, it will be necessary for that Entrant (who must be in possession of a valid 2016 MSA Entrants Licence) to complete the Registration Form along with, and nominating, their Driver.

**1.4.3.** Applications for registrations open immediately on publication of these Regulations and close prior to the penultimate event in **The Championship**.

**SR.1.5. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

**1.5.1. The Championship** will consist of the qualifying rounds as set out in the calendar below:

Round	Date	Venue
1	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Croft
2	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Lydden Hill
3	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2016	Pembrey
4	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2016	Pembrey
5	16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Maasmechelen, Belgium*
6	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	Lydden Hill
7	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Pembrey
8	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2016	Croft**

\*Please Note: National A licence required for round 5 in Belgium.

\*\*The 2016 MSA British Grand Prix will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Croft circuit. This will be covered under separate regulations.

**1.5.2.** The Organisers reserve the right to cancel, postpone, change or substitute events if necessary due to exceptional unforeseeable conditions, and are not liable for any damages so incurred as a result.

**SR.1.6. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS SCORING**

**1.6.1. The Championship**, will consist of 8 point scoring events as above and is a Drivers' championship.

**1.6.1.a** Each event will consist of practice, a minimum of 3 qualifying heats, semi finals and final.

(Note: semi finals will only be run if there are a minimum of 10 qualifiers)

**1.6.2.** Points will be awarded to classified finishers as follows:

**1.6.2.a** To be classified as a finisher, and qualify for the finals a competitor must have completed at least 1 heat.

**1.6.2.b** ALL heats will count towards places in the semi finals

**1.6.2.1. Points**

The allocation of Championship points will be determined as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> positions will be the finishing order of the Final. 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> positions will be the Semi-Finalists who did not start in the Final

ranked by their finishing place in their Semi-Final, with the faster of the two drivers finishing in the same position ranked ahead of the slower. 17<sup>th</sup> position onwards will be as per the Intermediate Classification. (as per SR 9)

1st	- 30pts	13th	- 12pts
2nd	- 27pts	14th	- 11pts
3rd	- 25pts	15th	- 10pts
4th	- 23pts	16th	- 9pts
5th	- 21pts	17th	- 8pts
6th	- 19pts	18th	- 7pts
7th	- 18pts	19th	- 6pts
8th	- 17pts	20th	- 5pts
9th	- 16pts	21th	- 4pts
10th	- 15pts	22th	- 3pts
11th	- 14pts	23th	- 2pts
12th	- 13pts	24th	- 1pt

If a dead heat is declared, all the Drivers concerned will score full points for that place. Should any final not be run, competitors will score full championship points based on their qualifying positions.

**1.6.2.2. Bonus Points**

a) ~~Five bonus points will be awarded to all competitors whose entries are PLACED AND PAID BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE for each event. The closing date will always be 2 weeks before the date of the event. Anyone not able to attend after they have paid will be able to carry it over to the next event.~~

b) ~~One bonus point will be awarded at each qualifying round to the competitor recording the fastest single lap in practice. (Whether or not a timed practice session is run).~~

c) **Two Bonus Points** will be awarded at each qualifying round to the competitor setting the fastest lap in any of the heats.

In the event of two or more drivers tying on the same time under either a) or b) above they will all receive 1 Bonus Point.

**1.6.2.3.** In **The Championship** a competitor will count their best 7 Championship results from all of the Championship events run.

**1.6.3.** In the event of a tie between two or more Competitors, the greater number of first place finishes achieved by the Competitors involved in the tie will be used to determine the overall final standing.

Should a tie still exist, it will be resolved:

- By taking into account the greater number of second places achieved; then third places etc. etc.
- By taking into account the number of competitors (i.e. event finishers) beaten during the season by each Competitor.

**1.6.4.** All Championship events will score maximum points regardless of distance.

**1.6.5.** Competitors must practice in the car to be raced.

**1.6.6.** No 'spare' or reserve cars are permitted at any events.

**1.6.7.** In order to score points, collect trophies and awards, all cars and Drivers competing in the Championship will be required to display and wear Championship Sponsors' decals and badges in the nominated position on clothing and vehicle. The positions for these decals will be advised by Championship Bulletins. Failure to do so will be referred to the Championship Stewards who may impose any penalty they deem fit. See appendix 1 for the locations reserved on competitor's vehicles for decals and other commercial undertakings.

**1.6.8.** The Championship Organisers reserve the right to enter a guest car(s) into any Championship event. Such entries will be registered for the Championship and score points.

**1.6.9.** Where events run combined with other Championships, only those registered in **The Championship** will be awarded points. (e.g. where the event is combined with other countries National Championships).

#### **SR. 1.7. AWARDS**

All Championship awards are to be provided by the **BARC** and associated sponsors.

**1.7.1.** All trophies will be presented to the Driver(s).

**1.7.2.** Trophies will be presented at each event to drivers as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd: A trophy

**1.7.3.(a)** To receive event trophies, the driver (or a representative) must attend the prize giving.

**1.7.4.** End of season awards are Trophies and will be presented as follows:

a) **The BMW Mini Rallycross Champion**– A trophy

a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall a trophy

b) 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall a trophy

**1.7.5.** The Championship organising club will endeavour to obtain sponsored awards or bonuses during the series and reserves the right to introduce same at any time without any obligation to distribute such awards retrospectively.

**1.7.6.** In the event of any Provisional Results or Championship Points Tables being revised after any provisional awards presentations and such revisions affecting the distribution of any awards, the Competitors concerned must return such awards to LHMC in good condition within 7 days.

#### **1.7.7. Entertainment Tax liability**

In accordance with current government legislation, the organiser is legally obliged to withhold tax at the basic rate on all payments to non-UK resident sportsmen/women and account to HMRC using form FEU1, the quarterly return of payments made to non-resident entertainers and sportsmen/women.

That is, those persons who do not have a normal permanent residence in the UK. The UK does not include the Isle of Man, Channel Islands or Eire. This means that, as the organiser, LHMC is required

to deduct tax at the current rate applicable from any such payments they may make to non-UK residents.

Under certain circumstances, it may be possible for competitors to enter into an agreement with HMRC to limit the tax withheld. Any application for such an arrangement must be made in writing and not later than 30 days before the payment is due.

For further information contact:

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Foreign Entertainers Unit, SO708  
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## **SR.2. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES**

**2(a) Rounds:** In accordance with Section C of the current MSA Yearbook.

**2(b) Championship:** In accordance with Section C of the current MSA Yearbook.

### **SR.2.1. SPORTING DISPUTES**

**2.1.1.** Appeals on the Sporting Regulations and their application by the Championship Coordinator that arise during the season will be settled by the Championship Stewards in accordance with MSA Regulations (C6.5 refers).

**2.1.2.** Any Regulation clarifications necessary during the year will be notified in writing to all registered Competitors in an Official Bulletin.

**2.1.3.** Any competitor who is excluded from an event for any driving offence will lose all championship points for that event and must count the result of that/those events, among those contributing to his/her championship score.

### **SR.2.2. TECHNICAL DISPUTES**

**2.2.1.** The Organisers and the Championship Eligibility Scrutineer reserve the right to check, seal and/or remove any suspect part for more detailed examination.

**2.3** The Organisers and the Championship Eligibility Scrutineer also reserve the right to impound individual parts or the whole car without prior notification.

If any irregularity is found, all costs will be borne by the Competitor.

## **SR.3. EVENTS & PROCEDURES**

### **SR.3.1. ENTRIES**

**3.1.1.** LHMC/BARC, or officially recognised partner motor club, will make available Supplementary Regulations/Entry Forms to all registered Competitors in sufficient time for entries to be made prior to the published selection of entry dates for each Championship round.

## SR.4. PENALTIES

### SR.4.1. INFRINGEMENTS

**4.1.1.** Technical infringements arising from post-practice Scrutineering or Judicial Action: Minimum Penalty; The provisions of MSA Regulations: C3.3.

**4.1.2.** Arising from post event Scrutineering or Judicial Action: Minimum Penalty; The provisions of MSA Regulations: C3.5.1. (a) and (b).

For infringements deemed to be of a more serious nature the Clerk of the Course and/or Stewards of the Meeting are to invoke the provisions of Regulation C3.5.1. (c).

**4.1.3.** Deliberate or repeated Technical Infringements will be referred to the Championship Stewards for consideration of exclusion from the Championship of the Car, Driver or Entrant.

**4.2.** Infringements of non-technical MSA Regulations and the Sporting Regulations issued for the Championship in accordance with the 2016 MSA Judicial Procedure Regulations; any such penalties may affect a competitor's eligibility for Championship points and awards.

If it appears from any evidence that there may have been actions by a competitor or a member of his team considered to have bought the championship into disrepute the Championship Co-Ordinator will be entitled to request that the championship Stewards consider the inception of an inquiry into the matter. Penalties may include individual event bans loss of event awards and or end of season awards, loss of championship points or exclusion from the championship. The Championship stewards' judgement will be subject only to the right of appeal to the MSA.

## SR.5. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

### SR5.1. General Description:

The BMW MINI Rallycross Championship is a one make championship for new MINI R50, Mini One or Mini Cooper Saloon (2000-2006 models only).

### SR5.2 Category Description

#### 5.2.1. The BMW Mini Rallycross

**Championship** is open to drivers of BMW Mini vehicles as defined in the Technical Regulations as published and as appendix 3

### SR.5.3. Telemetry/Voice Communications

**5.3.1. Any** form of wireless data transmission between the vehicle and any person and/or equipment is prohibited while the car is on the track. Data transmission through a temporary physical connection is allowed in the paddock only.

**5.3.2.** Radio is not authorised (FIA Art 279, Appendix J 1.5.2)

### SR.5.4. In Car Cameras

**5.4.1.** All cars must carry a forward facing camera, positioned to show the drivers feet, hands and the view through the front windscreen. Cameras need to be of a standard similar to the Go Pro range of cameras and must have a removable SD memory card.

**5.4.2.** It is the drivers responsibility to ensure that that camera is recording during practice, heats and finals.

**5.4.3.** It is the drivers responsibility to ensure that the battery life and SD card memory space is adequate for all recording requirements.

**5.4.4.** Footage must be made available to the clerk of the course on demand in the event of an inquiry whether your car was involved in the incident or not. ~~Failure to provide the required footage could carry a fine of up to £200 at the discretion of the CoC payable to the Championship organisers. The penalty for non-compliance will be at the discretion of the clerk of the course.~~

**5.4.5.** Drivers must record the serial numbers of their SD cards(s) to avoid any confusion when the cards are returned.

**Please Note:** For anyone that doesn't have a suitable camera, they will be available for hire or purchase at each event from RX Racing. If hired, RX Racing can carry out all necessary fitting and attendance, battery charging, SD card space...etc. BUT it remains the responsibility of the driver to switch on & off.

### SR.5.5. Numbers & Championship Identification

**5.5.1.** Both car and Driver must meet the following requirements of livery during all practice, qualifying and finals in **The Championship**.

**5.5.2.** To ensure conformity Competition Numbers must conform to MSA Q11.4. In addition, a number will be applied to the top passenger side of the front screen, measuring 100mm

**5.5.2.1.** All competition numbers will be only two digits.

**5.5.2.2.** No number decals will be provided by the organisers. It is the competitors responsibility to ensure they have the correct numbers applied.

**5.5.3.** Drivers' Name decals must be applied to the rear windows in positions to be advised in an Official Bulletin; competitors are required to provide these.

**5.5.4.** Championship Sponsors' decals must also be carried on each car. The following locations are reserved for the use of the championship and specific event organisers:

- An area 300mm x 300mm on the leading edge of each front door.
- The whole of the front windscreen.
- An area 300mm x 300mm on the



rear tailgate/bumper

**5.5.5.** Two sets of Championship sponsors decals will be provided for the season. Any additional decals required will need to be purchased.

**5.5.6.** The organisers reserve the right to refuse the start of any competitor not carrying the correctly positioned decals.

#### **SR.5.6. Paddock Regulations**

~~5.6.1. Each circuit will provide a dedicated re-fuelling zone with a fire marshal. NO refuelling will be allowed outside of these zones. It is the competitors responsibility to ensure their support team adhere to this. Failure to comply with this regulation could carry a fine of up to £200 at the discretion of the CoC payable to the Championship organisers.~~

A refuel area is to be provided and ALL competitors must purchase their fuel from and be refuelled in this area. Race and super unleaded fuel will be available at all rounds. The fuel supplier will operate the refuelling zone and will also carry out fuel checks. The penalty for non-compliance will be at the discretion of the clerk of the course.

**5.6.2.** Each competitor is required to carry at least one fire extinguisher and have it available for use at their service area/garage.

**5.6.2.** Each team shall provide a ground sheet which the competition vehicle must be parked on throughout servicing. The organisers will apply a £50 fine for the first non-compliance and then £100 for each subsequent time.

**5.6.3.** Waste oil, tyres and other consumables must only be disposed of in the specifically provided waste receptacles at the venues (NOT general waste bins), or if not provided be taken home.

**5.6.4.** Any failure to adhere to the paddock regulations listed above may be referred to the Championship Stewards, who may impose any sanction they deem fit.

#### **SR.6. APPENDIX 1**

##### **SR.6.1. COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKINGS**

The following commercial undertakings are not subject to the judicial procedures of either the championship stewards and/or the MSA/MSR

**6.1.1.** Enquiries concerning the commercial aspects of the championship should be addressed to LHMC/BARC in writing.

**6.1.2.** The championship title and associated logo styles may only be used with the prior written approval of LHMC/BARC.

**6.1.3.** Competitors are advised that, unless requested otherwise, their information will be stored in a computer retrieval system and may be used for publicity purposes.

**6.1.4.** Entry into the championship is conditional upon each competitor:

**6.1.4.1.** Providing free of charge to the

Championship Organisers advertising places on their cars and clothing as specified.

**6.1.4.2.** Accepting without reservation or recourse the surrender of his/her rights (if any) for TV filming and broadcast of footage collated during the series, which may be used at the Championship Organisers' and Sponsors' discretion.

**6.1.4.3.** Competitors are requested to ensure that any video footage taken at an event is NOT put onto social media, YouTube...etc, until AFTER the first showing of the official TV programme. Competitors are reminded that any filming during events remains at the discretion of the organisers (with the exception of the requirement in **SR.5.4.**)

**6.1.4.4.** Complying with the Championship Organisers and Sponsors requirements on podium procedures, including a requirement to wear Championship Sponsors publicity material and clothing in preference to the competitor's own sponsor.

**6.1.4.5.** Co-operating with requests for publicity sessions throughout the season.

**6.1.5.** All cars must carry the Championship Sponsors' decals and panels in the correct locations, without alteration and without interference, as defined in Championship bulletins. Failure to do so will be reported to the Championship Stewards who will impose any penalty they see fit, including forfeit Championship points for that event.

**6.1.6.** At the start of each round in **The Championship** cars must be clean and in good order. The Championship Organisers reserve the right to forbid cars not meeting this requirement from taking part.

**6.1.6.1.** Presentation of all race and support vehicles in the paddock is by direction of the Championship **Manager** or the circuit organisers. The space allocated is only to be used for race car preparation and team catering. Guest hospitality catering is at the discretion of the organisers. No private vehicle parking is allowed.

**6.1.7.** No commercial on-board cameras will be permitted except under the control of the LHMC or the Championship Organisers' nominated TV production company in respect of material to be transmitted on television.

**6.1.8. The Championship** has exclusive broadcast, cable, satellite, video, internet and mobile phone picture and data rights and rights to all other mediums to film and record the participation of the Driver, Entrant, Sponsor, and any other team members in the events and activities throughout the championship and to license, assign or otherwise deal with such rights and/or film and recording and distribution.

**6.1.9.** Any Competitor advised by the Championship Organisers that they are to carry official on-board television cameras, must have the approved championship logo on the dashboard,

visible to the official on-board camera. The decision for the positioning of this Logo rests solely with the Championship Organisers and Promoters.

No other publicity material visible to an on-board camera, on the car will be allowed.

**6.1.10.** Competitors are reminded that no tobacco (or associated product) advertising, either on the cars or Driver overalls is permitted. Additionally any products that are not permitted to be advertised on UK terrestrial television are also prohibited. any design or display, which may conflict with the aims and aspirations of **The Championship**, will be rejected.

**6.1.11.** No advertising or statement on the car or on Drivers' race clothing is allowed which may be considered offensive to the Championship Organisers or their Sponsors and individual Event Organisers.

**6.1.12.** All drivers, entrants, registered competitors and teams by virtue of entering the Championship hereby authorise the Championship to use and license the use of images and representations of the teams' vehicles competing in the Championship including (in so far as the same appears on vehicles participating in the Championship) and, subject to specific agreement, the team's logo for the purpose of producing merchandise and electronic media exploiting the reputation of the Championship

**6.1.13.** All Drivers required for Podium Presentations at each meeting, should attend, wearing race overalls, without delay. Failure to do so may mean forfeiture of any championship awards/points at that round.

**6.1.14.** No commercial displays or sales are permitted at any circuit without the express written permission of the circuit Owner and/or LHMC/BARC.

## **SR.7 APPENDIX 2**

### **SR.7.1. CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACTS**

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#### **Championship Web Site**

[www.rallycrossbrx.co.uk](http://www.rallycrossbrx.co.uk)