

OBSERVED TRIAL ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

These Regulations must be read in conjunction with the Supplementary Regulations for each event, and form the Rules under which an OST is to be run and scored.

1 Vehicles Eligible

As determined under the listing "Classes" in the MG Car Club Victoria current Club Competition Rules.

2. The Course

The course shall consist of a number of Observed Sections, separated by varying amounts of road and/or track.

Where necessary, maps and /or directions will be provided, but the onus remains on the competitors to report on time to the Observed Section start in their correct order.

Observed Sections must be traversed non-stop from a standing start and within the "Observed Start" and "Finish" and, where necessary, by direction signs, flags, tape, rope and pegs. Each competitor will have a clear run and may inspect the course on foot prior to the start of the competition on that section before attempting it.

A car shall be deemed to have "failed" if the un-driven wheels cease to revolve in a forward direction in relation to the ground, when the car is deemed to have left the section, or when any part of the car comes into contact with any flag, sign, tape, rope, stake or other course marker. A car departs from the intended course when the entire vehicle crosses the intended line joining successive flags, pegs or other markers.

Cars may not receive outside assistance whilst attempting a section unless they have already failed.

3. Running Details

- (a) Each driver and car must report to the start in the correct running order as determined in Clause 5.
- (b) Each section will close when the last available competitor has completed the section. Any car which has not reported ready to run at that start will be deemed to have omitted the section. A competitor may request the Director to keep a section open so that he may complete that section. The Director may grant this request if in his opinion, the competitor has good reason to make this request, and that it will not seriously interrupt the running of the event or other competitors. If the Director grants a competitor's request to keep a section open, then the competitor must report ready to run the section no later than 5 minutes after the last competitor has finished that section.
- (c) Competitors will be permitted five minutes to inspect a section prior to the section test beginning and must be ready to proceed to the "Observed Start" in the correct running order when called to do so by an official. Contravention of this rule will result in a penalty of 5 points.

3. Scoring

- (a) Scoring will be as judged by the appointed officials only.
- (b) Except for the penalties specified in section 3, which will be judged by the Directors, all scoring shall take place at Observed Sections, and shall be points gained.

- (c) Each section shall have a score of between 10 and 21 points and will be divided into increments. Numbered marker pegs will be used and the score gained shall be the number of the highest numbered pegs passed before failing.
- (d) If any part of the car passes through the intersecting line between the pair of marker pegs designating a scoring point, then that scoring point is deemed to be gained, even if the car subsequently “fails” the section by hitting the same marker with another part of the bodywork.
- (e) To gain maximum points in each section, the whole car must pass between and beyond the final finishing markers. Placing in the event will be determined on the aggregate of points scored in all sections, less any penalties as specified.

4. Drivers and Passengers

The minimum age for a driver or passenger shall be 12 years. All drivers and passengers must be members of the MG Car Club of Victoria

Drivers must use, throughout the event, the car in which they start. They must hold a CAMS level 2NSJ or higher license, which will be inspected.

The one passenger must normally be seated whilst attempting a section. Bouncing is permitted only within the confines of the car’s seating compartment During bouncing, the weight distribution of the body must be transmitted to the seat cushion by the bouncer's posterior. Standing is forbidden.

5. Starting

The order of starting the first section will be as per the listing “Classes” in the MG Car Club Victoria Club Competition Rules. The Event Director will determine alterations in the running order during the event, and these will be announced during the day.

6. Deletion of Sections

Any section or sections may be deleted from the course at the discretion of the Director, or CAMS Stewards.

7. Officials

The Director, Secretary and all nominated Officials shall be Judges of Fact and shall judge competitors’ compliance with these regulations.

8 Briefing

The Director will conduct a briefing prior to the commencement of the event. Attendance by all drivers, passengers and officials is compulsory.

9. Protests

Any protest must be made in accordance with the MG Car Club Victoria Club Competition Rules Clause 12 (a)

10. Notes for Directors and Competitors

It is confirmed that the car has failed the test when the un-driven wheels cease to revolve, or when some part of the car or driven wheels are overcoming an obstacle. However, rolling back must always be regarded as "failing". It is confirmed that the competing car "fails" when any part of the car comes into contact with (touches in any part/way) any course marker.

It is strongly recommended that an adequate number of officials be appointed, to judge performance over an entire section. These officials should be briefed in the presence of the competitors, and they should be particularly instructed that a marker displaced by flung mud or by the yielding of soft ground must not be judged as being hit.

It is most important that the judge notes carefully the position of the leading front part of the car at the point of failure, as cars often roll back somewhat after failing. The score must be calculated from the furthestmost point reached, not necessarily where it finally comes to rest.