

CLUB COMPETITION RULES 2023

PURPOSE

In conformity with the sporting and competition heritage of the MG marque, the MG Car Club Victoria conducts a club competition program that promotes the improvement of driving skills, encourages new and junior drivers, and provides an atmosphere of social camaraderie. The events contested shall be of a nature that befits the M.G. heritage, and challenges a wide range of personal skills and abilities.

BACKGROUND TO THESE RULES

Competition is very important to our Club; it is one of the reasons we were founded. It is part of our heritage and a very important part of our present and future.

Following a competitor review in 2019 a system of Groups was instituted where the combination of car and driver, based on historical data, is the selection criteria.

This means a competitor is grouped against others who achieve similar results, this therefore creates competition. It can occur that a competitor, in say a MGTC, could be in a group that includes several MGs from TCs to MGTFs, a Mini Cooper S and a V8 Mustang. While these cars are vastly different, their results over the competition will be similar because the slower cars are driven by better drivers than the fast cars in the hands of novices. As driver/ car combinations improve they will be advanced to faster groups to retain groups of similarly competitive combinations.

It is important to remember that this is an MG competition and most cars will be MGs, and the same models will generally be in the same groups. Highly modified versions will be in higher groups. This should result in closer and more enjoyable competition. Also remember that only an MG can win our Club championships as detailed later in these rules. This means the driver of the TC is not actually competing against the Mustang, because the Mustang cannot win the group or the Club championship. Non-marque cars can only win the non-marque group.

NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

It is recommended that all competitors be familiar with the National Competition Rules of the event authorising bodies of both MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA and AASA.

Particular attention will be paid to the following, which must conform to the requirements of MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA NCRs' and the specific event Supplementary Regulations:

- Competition Licence
- Helmets (as applicable)
- Seat Belts
- Fire Extinguisher
- Clothing

General Club Competition Regulations

INTRODUCTION

These rules, regulations and conditions have been developed after significant consultation with club members and have been ratified by the MG Car Club Victoria Board of Directors.

CLUB COMPETITION DIRECTOR

The MG Car Club Victoria Board will appoint a club member as Competition Director. The Competition Director may be supported by a committee chosen from the membership of the Car Club.

LICENCE

To be eligible to enter any MG Car Club Victoria competition event, whether it is a speed event or not, members must have a minimum of a MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA Speed or Junior licence, as appropriate. These licences are available from MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA to financial members of the MG Car Club Victoria in accordance with MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA National Competition Rules Section 2.15A. This licence is valid for 12 months and is renewable direct through MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA. For AASA licensed events, a MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA or AASA licence is required as appropriate.

1. PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE

- (a) All financial members of the MG Car Club Victoria who hold a current appropriate licence, as above, or any superior MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA licence. For events held on public roads, a full civil driving licence is also required. "L" permit drivers are eligible for such events.
- (b) All financial members of clubs that are invited to compete in events organized by the MG Car Club Victoria subject to meeting the licence requirements as in (a) above.
- (c) The minimum age eligibility for non-speed events is twelve (12) years, subject to observation of their driving ability by the Competition Director or nominee, and compliance with the licence requirements in (a) above, (see Junior Class Rules for more detail).
- (d) The minimum age for speed events is fourteen (14) years, subject to observation of their driving ability by the Competition Director or nominee, and compliance with the licence requirements in (a) above, (see Youth Class Rules for more detail).

2. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships that will be competed for are:

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| (a) Outright Championship | must be an MG driver |
| (b) Speed Championship | must be an MG driver |
| (c) Non Speed Championship | must be an MG driver |
| (d) Group Championships | must be an MG driver |
| (e) Ladies Class | must drive an MG |
| (f) Youth Class | can drive any vehicle |
| (g) Junior Class | can drive any vehicle |
| (h) T and Y Type Class | must drive a Pre War, T or Y Type MG |
| (i) Non Marque Class | can drive any vehicle other than an MG |

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3. AWARDS

- (a) Awards, in the form of trophies and certificates will be presented. A trophy will be awarded to the Outright **MG** of the day for each event. Certificates will normally be presented at the next MGC.C. Victoria Monthly Meeting following the event.
- (b) Aggregate points, for **MG** drivers, will be awarded towards the Group Championship and, as applicable, to the relevant Club Championship.
- (c) An outright MG Car Club Victoria Club Champion trophy will be awarded annually to an **MG** driver. The outright driver will also be eligible to receive a group championship award. Second and Third Outright Trophies will also be awarded. These Outright trophies will be awarded at the MG Car Club Victoria Annual Dinner. (Check the calendar for the date).
- (d) Additionally, there will be MG Car Club Victoria Club Championship Awards for Speed Events and Non-Speed Events for **MG** drivers. Second and Third Trophies will also be awarded. These awards will be presented at the MG Car Club Victoria Annual Dinner. (Check the calendar for the date).
- (e) An MG Car Club Victoria Group Champion trophy as well as Second and Third in Group will be awarded annually for each of the groups listed in Section 4 below. **Ladies, Youth, Junior and Non Marque entrants are not eligible to receive any applicable awards in their allocated group.** These awards will be presented at the MG Car Club Victoria Annual Dinner. (Check the calendar for the date).
- (f) Results for Ladies, Youth, Junior and Non Marque competitors will be separated from the competition Groups and collated in their individual classes.
- (g) To be eligible for an annual Outright or Group championship trophy, participation is required in a minimum of five events.
- (h) The number of events that will be conducted during the year, and those that will count towards the Championships, will be announced when the calendar is finalized and published on the Club website.
- (i) There will not be any count back, multiple winners are allowed if applicable.

4. DEFINITIONS

4.1 An MG

An MG is defined as having an MG chassis and/or body and having an MG (or silhouette or BMC licenced or similar design substitute) engine.

Substitute engines can be any engine from the model range (e.g. V8 from MGBGTV8 in an MGB roadster) or be of similar vintage and the same number of cylinders and induction method of the original engine (eg. B series 1800 in MGA).

Other engines of similar vintage and capacity to the original may be allowed at the discretion of the Competition Director.

4.2 Groups

The competition groups are determined by the performance of the car and driver combination.

4.3 Classes

The classes are for special interest competitors, Ladies, Youth, Junior Pre War, T and Y Type and Non Marque.

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5. GROUPS

All drivers and cars, whether MG or Non Marque or Youth/Junior, will be allocated to a group that is determined by the performance of the car and driver, the vehicle modifications having no bearing on the group allocation.

The Group allocation will be reviewed yearly after the completion of the Club Competition Program. Group F (Brown) is reserved for MG3, MG6, MGZS, MGHS models.

There will be 7 Groups:

- (a) Group A (Red)
- (b) Group B (Blue)
- (c) Group C (Green)
- (d) Group D (Black)
- (e) Group E (Yellow)
- (f) Group F (Brown) Pre War, T and Y Types
- (g) Group G (Purple) SUV Style MG

Group Allocation Criteria:

The Group allocations will be based on outright results recorded over the past 2 years. Each group will be arranged in similar result positions and shall consist of approximately 10 members.

Ladies, Youth and Non Marque will compete in their appropriate group based on their times recorded.

New competitors will be allocated to a group at the discretion of the Competition Director.

Group grading will be reviewed at the start of each competition year by the Competition Committee using the collected data.

Car performance will be monitored during the year and any significant change compared to that group may result in a group reallocation.

5.1 MG Ladies

Ladies must drive an MG to accumulate points within the Ladies Class. Ladies may compete in their respective Group and their results will be extracted and collated to produce a Ladies Class Champion. Ladies driving non marque cars will be eligible for awards within the Non Marque Class.

5.2 Youth

The Youth Class is for participants over the age of 14 and under 18 (as at 1st January each year) who hold either a L2NSJ or L2SJ licence and do not wish to compete in the appropriate vehicle/person group. Non-MGs may be used but the same car must be used throughout the year to accumulate points for the Class Championship when the car is owned by the Youth or his/her family. Those entrants who do not own a vehicle but are reliant on using a Club MG or another borrowed car are exempt from this rule. Youth class entrants driving an MG are also eligible to score Outright points. The winner of the Youth class will also receive the Bill Fleming Youth Championship Trophy.

When a Youth driver is being accompanied by an instructor, they are to travel at non-competitive speeds (as judged by the Competition Director in comparison to other Youth drivers).

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5.3 Juniors

An additional class for YOW members will be the Junior Class, a competition for the Junior Champion Trophy which will be conducted on the same basis as the Youth class. This competition will be restricted to those YOW competitors who are over the age of 12 and under 14 years of age (as at 1st January each year), and who only hold a MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA Junior licence. It will be scored on all non-speed events run as part of the normal Club Competition calendar. Junior class entrants driving an MG are also eligible to score Outright Championship points. However, they are automatically entered in the Youth Class as well as the Junior Class.

These entrants will also be eligible for awards within their group.

Non-MG's may be used for this class, but the same car must be used throughout the year to accumulate points for the Class Championship when the car is owned by the Youth or his/her family. Those entrants who do not own a vehicle but are reliant on using a Club MG or another borrowed car are exempt from this rule. Participants in this competition would normally be under driving instruction and may be accompanied by their parent or guardian during the competition. When they are being accompanied by an instructor, they are to travel at non-competitive speeds (as judged by the Competition Director in comparison to other Junior Class drivers

5.4 Non-Marque Cars

Non-Marque entries may be restricted to cars of a sporting character and will be accepted solely at the discretion of the Competition Director. These entrants are not eligible for outright MG championship points but may be "grouped" as above and their results extracted and collated to produce a Non Marque Champion.

5.5 Pre-War, T and Y Type Cars

Pre War and T and Y type cars will compete together in Group F exclusively.

6. SCRUTINY OF VEHICLES

All competing vehicles will be subject to scrutiny for safety and compliance with MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA NCR and AASA Rules and the Event Supplementary Regulations at any time during the event. Safety compliance will be under the control of the Chief Scrutineer for the event and the Competition Committee. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that their vehicle is safe and complies with all relevant NCR's and Supplementary Regulations.

7. REGULARITY AND ECONOMY RUNS

7.1 Economy Runs

Results for economy runs are determined using a formula involving vehicle gross mass and the volume of fuel used over a pre-set route. The formula calculates the ton-miles per gallon and the greatest figure is the best result. As the volume of fuel used is the only measure that is practicable to ascertain, no alteration to fuel volume is allowed and no device or method that affects the capacity of the fuel tank or artificially reduces the volume used is allowed. Because this event is held on public roads, drivers must be aware of not creating a road hazard to other motorists.

To prevent discrepancies with the filling of tanks at the start and the finish of the event, cars must accept a minimum of 5 litres of fuel at the start, in one straight fill, after arriving at the service station. Multiple fills are not permitted. Cars that do not accept 5 litres will be given a 10 tmpg penalty.

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Where possible the vehicle including occupants and luggage will be measured at a weighbridge en-route. If a weighbridge is not available, the gross vehicle mass will be obtained from the manufacturers data and the occupants and luggage will be weighed at the start and the measured mass added to the published gross vehicle mass for result calculation purposes.

Due to the difficulty in establishing an equitable fuel-injected equivalency factor the Economy Run will no longer attract Outright Championship points. Speed, Non Speed and Group points will be awarded as applicable. Vehicles may not be modified to reduce wind resistance or to alter them in any way different to how they compete in other Club Competition events.

7.2 Regularity

The regularity results will be calculated on the difference between a base time and the next three recorded times at an event. The total of these 3 variances will be the regularity result and the least total variance will be the winning result. The number of variances may be altered depending on circumstances on the day and will be advised as soon as possible after consideration of the circumstances that prevail on the day.

8. TYRES and FUEL

The intent of these regulations is to promote the use of road registrable tyres and commercial fuels in club competition.

8.1 Tyres

- (a) The type, size and profile of tyres shall not change throughout the competition year and are to be used in every event entered, except during road events such as an economy run or a navigation trial, and static events such as the Concours, where the type of tyre will have no bearing on the results.
- (b) Tyres may be replaced during the year if circumstances demand a change, e.g. excessively worn, or damaged tyres. The replacement tyre(s) must be of equivalent performance standard. The decision of the Competition Director as to the equivalency shall be final.
- (c) If the replacement tyres are not equivalent, any points gained either class or outright, will not accumulate with previous point scores.
- (d) The use of slicks, hand-grooved or other forms of racing tyres are banned.
- (e) All tyres marked "M&S", "off road use only" or of a bar or unduly aggressive tread pattern are banned.

8.2 Fuel

Only fuel meeting the definition of "Commercial Fuel" under MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA Schedule G is permitted. No additives are permitted, other than MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA approved "Lead Replacement Additives" as listed under Schedule G7.

Note: AvGas is not a recognised "Commercial Fuel".

Cars that have been issued with a Historic logbook are exempt from this rule.

8.3 Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers must comply with schedule H of the MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA manual. Special attention is given at all our events as to their 'mounting'. – i.e. Only steel brackets are to be used which must be bolted in position, and the extinguisher must be within reach of the driver when seated normally in their seat.

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Extinguishers must be serviced in accordance with AS1851, which means, for hand held ones, every 3 years, and must bear evidence of such service. In reality, it is suggested that you buy a new one every 3 years, and make sure that the one you buy has an up-to-date stamp on it.

9. VEHICLE CHANGE

9.1 Should a competitor wish to use a replacement vehicle during the year to score cumulative competition points, because their usual vehicle is unable to be used due to mechanical or accident problems, or in the case of an event held on public roads where the car normally used is unregistered, substitution will be allowed for a maximum of one competition day per year subject to the following conditions:

- The replacement vehicle is of equivalent or lesser specification and performance as the original vehicle.
- The replacement vehicle has not been previously used by the competitor and had Championship points allocated to that vehicle/driver combination.
- Permission for the substitution must be given by the Competition Director or their nominee prior to the start of the event competition (i.e. at the latest before document check/entry).
- Points scored by the replacement vehicle will be added to the score of the original vehicle/driver combination. Should a vehicle suffer a breakdown during a competition, a substitution as per condition 1 above will be allowed at the Event Directors' discretion but will not necessarily attract any championship points. Any points achieved by the competitor prior to such breakdown will stand and be recorded against their name.

9.2 Should a competitor sell or replace the vehicle that has been used in competition during the year with another vehicle which is eligible to compete in the same group, they may, upon written application to the Competition Director, continue to accrue Championship points with the replacement vehicle together with those of the original vehicle. This approval will only be given in a genuine case, and "car swapping" for advantage will not be permitted.

10. ENTRIES

- (a) A driver may only compete in one car per group.
- (b) A driver may only compete in two cars per event. (Two entry fees are payable).
- (c) A vehicle may only ordinarily be entered twice per event. (**NB:** This rule may be varied at the discretion of the Competition Director in special circumstances, e.g. a family car.)
- (d) Entry Fees will be as per the event Supplementary Regulations. The Youth entry fees will be generally 50% of the full entry fee and will be applicable up to the age of 25 or until they commence work.

11. COMPETITION POINTS

- a) Group and Outright Championships will be based on the aggregate points for all competition events as nominated when the competition program for the year is announced in accordance with Section 2(f) above.
- b) Points are awarded in each class for all events listed on the yearly Competition calendar, save that the Youth and Junior classes are not eligible for points in the Economy Run, the Mini Monte and the Concours. Instead, they may score class points in the special event "Youth Mini Triathlon"

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- c) Outright points are awarded for all events listed on the yearly Competition Calendar except for the Economy Run, the Concours and the “Youth Mini Triathlon”.
- d) The number of events that will be counted towards the various Championship results will be advised each year when the calendar is finalised and announced.
- e) For the Youth and Junior classes, the Economy Run and the Concours will not be counted for Group Championship, but the Youth Mini Triathlon will be counted (in other words, the Youth and Junior can drop their worst 3 events in which they are eligible to compete). The Economy Run and the Concours events will not be counted as eligible events for Youth and Junior in the Outright Championship.
- f) Any entrant vying for Group and/or Outright points shall compete in the same vehicle throughout the year, unless mechanical breakdown or the sale of their previous vehicle has caused an allowable substitution at the Competition Director’s discretion. (See Regulation 8.)
- g) Where a competitor enters two cars in different groups, group and outright points will only be awarded to one of these entries. The competitor is to nominate which entry is to accumulate these points as applicable. Refer Regulation 9 above
- h) Points will be awarded for navigators in an event, such as a navigation trial, (but not an Economy Run), where the Competition Director decides that the navigator contributed equally to the driver to the result in that event. In such an event, where the vehicle performance has no bearing on the results in that event, and the navigator is competing out of their normal group, points will be awarded for the navigator in their normal group and Outright relative to the other competitors in those results.
- i) In the situation where two competitors normally share one car for competition events and are now competing together as driver and navigator in any event, both competitors will be credited with the result achieved by that car/driver/navigator combination for group and outright points. Both competitors will receive equal points but will not displace subsequent competitors. If one of those competitors normally competes in the Ladies or Youth group, then they will score points in one of those groups in a position relative to other competitors in that class based on their resultant score.
- j) In the event of equal placings in either Group or Outright Events, all drivers tying for that place will receive the point score for that place. All subsequent place winners will receive the score for the next lower position. Eg: 2 equal 2nd class positions each will score 6 points, the next position (4th) will score 3 points.
- k) The Competition Results secretary is to compile and publish all results and points listings on the Club web site.

12. POINTS SCORING

12.1 Group Championship Points

Points shall be awarded in each group towards a Group Championship.

Points scoring for each group shall be:

1st 9, 6, 4, 3, and so on down to the 5th, who will receive 2 points, all others will receive 1 point.

12.2 All Club Championships Points

- (a) Points will be allocated to the twenty (20) best MG scores/fastest times of the day regardless of Group.
- (b) The driver with the best MG score/fastest time of the day will receive twenty (20) points, and so on down to the 20th, who will receive 1 point.

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13. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) All events will be run in accordance with, and subject to, the National Competition Rules of the event authorising body.
- (b) All events organized by the MG Car Club Victoria will have Supplementary Regulations issued. Copies will be available to competitors prior to entries being accepted.
- (c) For all events, the Director of the event or the Clerk of Course will have the authority to decide the manner in which the event is conducted.
- (d) Any protests must be made in accordance with the National Competition Rules of the event authorising body.
- (e) The MG Car Club Victoria will provide public liability risk insurance through the event authorising body. Personal accident insurance is available via the MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA insurance system.
- (f) The Club reserves the right to pass on to a competitor any charges levied by circuit owners, management or property owners for damage or repair/restoration costs caused by the driver or entrant of a vehicle competing in any event run by the MGCCV.
- (g) For a new/unknown driver/car combination the Competition Director will decide in which group they will be allocated.