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HSCC **Guards Trophy Championship** for Sports Racing & GT cars Regulations 2024

1. SPORTING REGULATIONS – GENERAL

1.1 Title and Jurisdiction:

The HSCC **Guards Trophy Championship** (the “Championship”) is organised and administered by The Historic Sports Car Club [HSCC] in accordance with the General Regulations of the Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association [Motorsport UK Association Ltd] (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Championship regulations.

Motorsport UK Championship Permit No. CH2023/R070

Race Status: Interclub

Motorsport UK Championship Grade: D

1.2 Officials:

- 1.2.1 Co-ordinator: Donna Skipworth-Michell, c/o HSCC Ltd, Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone Nr Towcester, Northants, NN12 8TN. Tel. 01327 858400
- 1.2.2 Licensed Eligibility Scrutineer: Sue Bateman, c/o HSCC Ltd, Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone Nr Towcester, Northants, NN12 8TN. Tel. 01327 858400
- 1.2.3 Championship Stewards: TBC c/o HSCC Ltd, Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone, Towcester, Northants, NN12 8TN

1.3 Competitor Eligibility:

1.3.1 Entrants must:

- I Be fully paid-up members of the HSCC and,
- II Be registered for the Championship and,
- III Be in possession of a valid Motorsport UK Entrants Licence.

1.3.2 Drivers and Entrant/Drivers must:

- I Be current Members of the HSCC and,
- II Be Registered for the Championship and,
- III Be in possession of valid Motorsport UK Competition (Racing) Clubman status Licence, as a minimum*.

*Or be in possession of the highest grade of national Race licence or valid FIA International Licence, together with their ASN’s written consent.

- IV If participation in the Championship requires absence from education a driver, in full time



school education is 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. A driver shall not take time out of their education to participate in motor sport without the prior written approval of their education establishment.

1.4 Registration:

- 1.4.1 All competitors must register for the Championship via the online membership registration process at www.hsc.org.uk prior to the Final Closing date for the first event being entered.
- 1.4.2 The membership year runs from 1st January to 31st December. Registrations will be accepted from 1st January in the membership year.
- 1.4.3 Registration numbers will be the permanent competition numbers for the Championship for that year.

1.5 Championship Events:

The Championship will be contested over six events as follows:

Date	Circuit	Status	Org. Club
20-21 April	Snetterton	Interclub	HSCC
8-9 June	Donington Park	Interclub	HSCC
22-23 June	Thruxton	Interclub	BARC
13-14 July	Brands Hatch GP	Interclub	HSCC
10-11 August	Mondello Park*	Interclub	MPSC
12-13 October	Silverstone Circuit	Interclub	HSCC

* Two races are planned, but only first race will count towards the Championship.

1.6 Scoring:

- 1.6.1 Points will be awarded to competitors listed as classified finishers in the Final Results, except those competing in the Invitational classes as follows:

Position in Class	Number of race starters in Class					
	Six or more	Five	Four	Three	Two	One
1 st	6	5	4	3	2	1
2 nd	5	4	3	2	1	-
3 rd	4	3	2	1	-	-
4 th	3	2	1	-	-	-
5 th	2	1	-	-	-	-
6 th	1	-	-	-	-	-

Points will be based on the official published results of the race. If there is more than one race at an event, each will count for championship points unless stated otherwise.

- 1.6.2 Starting driver to be notified to organisers before the race. This to appear in the Final Instructions.
- 1.6.3 Full points will be awarded to each driver in a car, drivers may only drive one car in any race.
- 1.6.4 The totals from all qualifying races will determine final championship points and positions.
- 1.6.5 Ties shall be resolved using the formula in Section W1.3.4 of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook.
- 1.6.6 Where the race distance has been reduced (2.6) it shall still count as a full points-scoring race.
- 1.6.7 Competitors not registered for the Championship may be permitted on an individual event basis and



will:

- I be deemed “guest competitors”.
- II not score points and for the purpose of points scoring will be ignored.
- III not qualify for event awards.
- IV comply with the eligibility criteria as prescribed in Article 1.3 above with the exception of 1.3.1 (II) and 1.3.2. (II), as appropriate.

1.7 Awards:

1.7.1 All awards are to be provided by the race organisers.

1.7.2 **Per race:** Awards will be given to the first three sports racing cars and also to the first three GT cars to finish a race. An award will also be given to first driver(s) in each class, subject to a minimum of three starters in that class.

1.7.3 **Championship:** The overall Championship winner(s), as well as second and third overall for each of the Sports Racers and GT cars will receive a trophy (i.e. there will be separate Championship winners for the Sports Racing cars and the GT cars). The top three placed finishers in each class will also receive an award. However, to qualify for a position in the championship results a competitor must have competed in at least two races. Other awards may be given at the Championship Organisers’ discretion.

1.7.4 **Presentations:** Awards are to be provided for presentation at the end of each race or at the end of the meeting presentation ceremony. Class awards will be available either from the paddock office or at a Championship coordinated presentation to be held as soon as practicable after the official results have been published. Any awards not collected on the day will be forfeit.

1.7.5 **Title to all trophies / awards:**

If any provisional results or Championship tables are revised after any presentations and these revisions affect the distribution of awards, the competitor(s) concerned must return such awards to the HSCC in good condition within 7 days.



2. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT MEETINGS & RACE PROCEDURES

2.1 Entries:

- 2.1.1 Competitors are responsible for registering correct and complete entries with the correct entry fee prior to the closing date before each event.
- 2.1.2 Competitors are encouraged to enter all applicable races as early as possible to assist the HSCC with event planning.
- 2.1.3 Incorrect or incomplete entries (including driver-to-be-nominated entries) are to be held in abeyance until they are complete and correct and the date of receipt for acceptance of entry purposes shall be the date on which the Secretary of the Meeting receives the missing or corrected information or fee.
- 2.1.4 Any withdrawal of entry or driver/car changes made after acceptance of any entry must be notified to the Meeting Organisers in writing (an email is an acceptable form of notification).
- 2.1.5 The entry fee for each event shall be specified in the SRs and on the entry form.
- 2.1.6 Reserves will be listed in the final list of entries published with the final instructions or in a Bulletin.

2.2 Briefings:

Organisers should notify competitors of the times and locations for all briefings in the final instructions for the meetings. Competitors must attend all briefings (including dual drivers).

2.3 Qualification Practice:

- 2.3.1 Should any practice session be disrupted, the Clerk of the Course shall not be obliged to resume or re-run the session; the decision of the Clerk of the Course shall be final.
- 2.3.2 Any driver who has not raced on the course in its current layout within the preceding twelve months must complete a minimum of three laps in the car to be raced, and in the correct session, in order to qualify.
- 2.3.3 If there is more than one race at a race meeting, the grid position for race two shall be determined by the finishing order of Race one irrespective of any driver change.

2.4 Races:

Should any race be disrupted the Clerk of the Course shall not be obliged to resume or rerun the race Q12.15 (1.6.4. above applies). All races are mandatory pit stop races with the option of having two drivers.

2.5 Starts:

- 2.5.1 All cars will be released to form up on the grid prior to the start in formation as specified on the grid sheet.
- 2.5.2 The start will be via a standing start or a rolling start. There is a preference for rolling starts.

Standing start:

The minimum countdown procedures/audible warning sequence shall be:

- I One minute to start of green flag/pace lap – start engines and clear grid.
- II Thirty seconds – visible and audible warning for start of green flag/pace lap.
- III A five second board will be used to indicate that the grid is complete.
- IV The red lights will be switched on five seconds after the board is withdrawn.



Rolling start:

The minimum countdown procedures /audible warning sequence shall be:

- V One minute to start of green flag/Pace Lap – start engines/clear grid.
- VI Thirty seconds – visible and audible warning for start of green flag/pace lap.
- VII The cars will be led around the circuit by a pace car for one lap (or more if specified in the final instructions) in a two-by-two formation.
- VIII If the Clerk of the Course is satisfied that the cars are in a correct formation the lights on the pace car will be extinguished and the red lights at the startline will be turned on.
- IX Competing cars must then hold their position and speed until the red lights at the startline are extinguished denoting the start of the race. No overtaking or changing direction of any cars is allowed prior to crossing the startline.

- 2.5.3 Any cars removed from the grid after the one-minute signal or driven into the pits on the green flag lap shall be held in the pit lane and may start the race after the last car has passed the startline or pit lane exit, whichever is the later.
- 2.5.4 Any driver unable to start the green flag/pace lap (or start at all) is required to indicate their situation as per Motorsport UK Regulation Q12.11.2. In addition, any driver unable to maintain their grid position on the green flag lap, to the extent that ALL other cars are ahead of them, may complete the green flag lap but MUST remain at the rear of the last row of the grid (but ahead of any cars to be started with a time delay).
- 2.5.5 In the event of any starting lights failure the starter will revert to use of the National Flag.
- 2.5.6 Where a standing start is planned and should circumstances at the event change such as, but not restricted to, track conditions or weather, the Clerk of the Course may change a Standing Start to a rolling start. When this decision is made all affected competitors will be notified at the earliest opportunity along with being advised of the number of pace laps.

2.6 Session Red Flag

Should the need arise to stop any race or practice, RED LIGHTS will be switched on at the startline and RED FLAGS will be displayed at the startline and at all marshals' signalling points around the circuit.

This is the signal for all drivers to cease circulating at racing speeds, to slow to a safe and reasonable pace and to return to the pit lane during practice, or to the starting grid area during a race, unless otherwise directed by officials.

Cars may not enter the pits unless directed to do so. Work on cars already in the pits must cease when a race is stopped. All cars in the pitlane during a red flag period must take any restart from the pit exit.

2.7 Pits, Paddock & Pit Lane Safety:

- 2.7.1 **Pits & Paddock:** Competitors must ensure that the Motorsport UK, Circuit Management and Organising Club Safety regulations are complied with at all times.
- 2.7.2 **Pit Lane:** The outer lane or lanes are to be kept unobstructed to allow safe passage of cars, the onus shall be on all drivers to take all due care and respect the pit lane speed limits.
- 2.7.3 **Refuelling:** May only be carried out in accordance with the Motorsport UK Q12.25.1 – Q12.25.4 Regulations, Circuit Management Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations or Final Instructions issued for each Circuit/Meeting.
- 2.7.4 **Speed Limit:** Pit lane speed limit will be 60 km/h (37.2mph). You are classed as being in the pitlane once the front wheels of the car have crossed the pit entry line and you must not exceed the pitlane speed limit until the front wheels have crossed the pit exit line. Pitlane speed limiters are permitted.



Failure to comply with the speed limit may result in the imposition of the following penalties **for each km/h over the pitlane speed limit:**

Races: A minimum fine of £10 and/or a one-second race time penalty.

2.8 Race Finishes:

To be classified as a finisher, a car must either cross the finishing line or take the chequered flag in the pit lane in the interests of safety, or where a backmarker has been overtaken on the winner's slowing down lap and subsequently flagged off by marshals. At circuits where such use of the pit lane represents an advantage, in terms of circuit length or speed, an appropriate time penalty will be added to the driver's race time.

After taking the chequered flag drivers are required to:

- I Progressively and safely slow down.
- II Remain behind any competitors ahead of them.
- III Return to the pit lane entrance/paddock entrance as instructed.
- IV Comply with any directions given by Marshals or Officials.
- V Keep helmets on and harnesses done up while on the circuits or in the pit lane.

2.9 Results:

All practice timesheets, grids, race results are to be deemed PROVISIONAL until all vehicles are released by the scrutineers after post practice/race scrutineering and/or after completion of any judicial or technical procedures (Motorsport UK regulation D26.3).

2.10 Timing Modules:

All cars must be fitted with a working Motorsport UK approved transponder. Failure may result in competitors not being accredited with a qualifying time or being disqualified from the result as per Motorsport UK regulation Q12.8.1. No electronic equipment may be placed within five metres of any official timing line and any breach of this may result in the confiscation of the equipment concerned.

2.11 Qualification Races:

If any event is oversubscribed the Organising Club may at their discretion run qualification races.

2.12 Operation of Safety Car:

The safety car will be brought into operation and run in accordance with Section Q, Appendix 3 of the Motorsport UK General Regulations.

2.13 Onboard Cameras:

The use of onboard cameras is permitted, but they must be fitted and declared at scrutineering for examination. Upon request any onboard footage must be made available to Clerk of the Course and or Stewards in the event of an incident, during the event.

2.14 Data Logging:

The use of data loggers that record data for post-race analysis is accepted. The use of linked data performance loggers that supply real time information in cockpit are not permitted.



3. SPECIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

- 3.1 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).
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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 by selecting Policies and Guidelines.



4. SPECIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP PENALTIES:

In accordance with Section C of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook.

4.1 Additional specific championship penalties as set out in the Supplementary Regulations:

- 4.1.1 The Clerk of the Course (s) has the right to impose a 'stop go' or 'drive through' penalty, in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulation Q12.26. There is no right to appeal any such penalty.
- 4.1.2 Any competitor who is penalised under the Motorsport UK Sporting Regulations at any stage of an event may at the Clerk of the Course's discretion incur the following Championship penalty:
 - I The event will be counted as one of the events contributing to their Championship score and they will be disqualified from the event. Additionally, the competitor will forfeit a total of points equal to those obtained for a class win even if this results in a minus total of points.
- 4.1.3 Any Competitor who is penalised under the Championship Sporting Regulations at any stage of a Championship event and receives an allocation of penalty points on their race licence in accordance with Motorsport UK Regulations, will receive a Championship points deduction equal to the number of penalty points which were allocated. Should the same competitor receive penalty points at another Championship event then the number of Championship points deducted will be double the number of penalty points applied. If penalty points are applied at a third event, then the Championship points deducted will be triple this number, and quadrupled at the fourth occurrence of such a penalty etc. This may result in a driver receiving a negative score.



5. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS:

5.1 INTRODUCTION:

The following technical regulations are set out in accordance with the Motorsport UK specified format and it should be clearly understood that if the following texts do not clearly specify that you can do something, then you should work on the principle that you cannot.

If you are in any doubt check with the Eligibility Scrutineer.

5.2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The HSCC Guards Trophy Championship is open to Sports Racing, Sports Prototype, Standard Grand Touring (GT), Competition Grand Touring (GTS) and Grand Touring Prototypes (GTP) complying in full with the provisions of FIA Appendix K in respect of open & closed two seat cars from FIA Periods E1, F1 and G1, and built prior to the dates specified below under Class Structure, which have, as a model, International competition history in period.

Regulations are as FIA Appendix K, namely full period racing specification in accordance with manufacturers' homologation forms.

There are also Invitation Classes, not eligible for the Championship points, for unlimited capacity Standard GT, Competition GT and GT Prototype cars built prior to 31/12/72 and for unlimited capacity Sports Racing and Sports Prototype cars built prior to 31/12/66.

Final authority in regard to the acceptance and classification of all cars will rest with the Championship Organisers, which, upon referral to it of any case by the Championship Eligibility Scrutineer or the Club Chief Registrar, shall:

- accept, reject or reclassify any car and,
- determine the extent to which such acceptance, rejection or reclassification shall take effect retrospectively.

All vehicles must have an FIA HTP Historic Technical Passport or a valid Vehicle Identity Form (VIF) to be eligible for Championship points. Cars entered with a VIF must comply with the equivalent technical requirements of the appropriate FIA Appendix K requirements and may be subject to further scrutiny prior to any race entered.

Class Structure of the HSCC Guards Trophy Championship

Classes cover the following FIA periods:

- Period E1 1947-1961
- Period F1 1962 - 1965
- Period G1 1966 - 1971

Class Structure:

- **GTA** All Standard, Competition GT & GT Prototype cars up to 1,650 cc built to FIA Period E1, F1 and G1 from 01/01/1960 - 31/12/1969. *
- **GTB** All Standard, Competition GT & GT Prototype cars 1,651 - 2,500 cc built to FIA Period E1, F1 and G1 from 01/01/1960 - 31/12/1969. *
- **GTC** All Standard, Competition GT & GT Prototype cars 2,501 - 5,500 cc built to FIA Period E1, F1 and G1 from 01/01/1960 - 31/12/1969. *
- **GTI** All Standard, Competition GT & GT Prototype cars, unlimited capacity, built to FIA Period G1 specification 01/01/1970 - 31/12/71.
- **SRA** Sports Racing and Sports Prototype cars under 1,600 cc built to FIA Period E1 and F1 specification from 01/01/1960 - 31/12/1965. *
- **SRB** Sports Racing and Sports Prototype cars up to 2,000 cc built to FIA Period G1 specification from 01/01/1966 - 31/12/1968. *



- **SRC** Sports Racing and Sports Prototype (closed-coupe) cars up to 2,000 cc built to FIA Period G1 specification from 01/01/1969 - 31/12/1969. *
 - **SRI** Sports Racing and Sports Prototype cars, unlimited capacity, built to FIA Period E1, F1 & G1 specification from 01/01/1960 - 31/12/1966.
- * In all classes marked with an asterisk, cars built after the cut-off date but manufactured to pre-cut off dates will be allowed, subject to the approval of the Championship Organisers.

5.3 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Vehicles must meet the higher of the minimum safety standards specified in FIA Appendix K/VIF or Motorsport UK Yearbook Section K (except K4; K6; K7 and K12 which are not mandatory).

5.4 GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS & EXCEPTIONS:

5.4.1 Historic Technical Passport/Vehicle Identity Form

All vehicles must comply with their FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF and with the technical requirements of FIA Appendix K except in respect of any specific provisions listed in these regulations.

5.5 CHASSIS:

As the car's FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF.

5.6 BODYWORK:

Ground clearance for all GT cars Periods E1 – F1 will be 100mm as per FIA Appendix K Reg.

Ground clearance for two seat racing cars periods E1 –F1 60mm as per FIA Appendix K Reg.

Ground clearance for any cars in Periods G1 as per their homologation listed on the FIA Technical Passport/VIF.

5.7 ENGINE:

As per the car's FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF. The engine number should be visible, together with the original manufacturer's casting numbers on both block and head(s).

5.8 Ignition Systems

Ignition Systems must be to period specification, or in the interests of reliability an electronic ignition system may be used providing the car is fitted with an original make and type of distributor and the mechanical parts within that distributor are the sole means of determining the timing of the ignition.

5.9 SUSPENSION:

As per the car's FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF.

5.10 TRANSMISSION:

As per the car's FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF.

5.11 ELECTRICS:

As per the car's FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF.

5.12 BRAKES:

As per the car's FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF.



5.13 WHEELS/STEERING:

As per the car's FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF.

5.14 TYRES:

All Championship Classes:

For 2024, tyres will be Dunlop L or M 204 compound for all GT Classes and Dunlop CR65/82 Post Historic 484 compound (additional hand cut grooves are permitted) for all Sports Racing/Sports Prototype classes. Where appropriate sized tyres are not available for a specific car then the driver is responsible for agreeing the choice of tyres with the Championship Organiser before the start of the Championship.

Buffing or shaving of new or used tyres is strictly prohibited.

5.15 WEIGHTS:

As per the car's homologated weight as stated in FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF document.

5.16 FUEL TANK/FUEL

- 5.16.1 Fuel Tank - as the car's FIA Historic Technical Passport/VIF and/or in accordance with FIA Appendix K.
- 5.16.2 Fuel must be in accordance with Motorsport UK regulations Section B Nomenclature & Definitions Pump Fuel parts (a) or (b).

5.17 SILENCING:

All vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK Regulation (J5.17) i.e. for GT cars 105db and for Sports Racers 108db and are also subject to individual circuit requirements if specified in Supplementary Regulations. Cars in Class SRI may be permitted to run unsilenced at certain race circuits but drivers must check the specific requirements with the Championship Organiser in advance of any race meeting where a driver plans to compete.

5.18 NUMBERS AND CHAMPIONSHIP DECALS:

- 5.18.1 Numbers must be displayed as per Section J4 and Appendix 1 Drawing 4 of the *Motorsport UK General Regulations*. It is a competitor's responsibility for the competing vehicle to be easily identified by all course officials.
- 5.18.2 Individual sponsors' decals are limited to two per vehicle, dimensions and limitations as per sections H27 and H28 of the *Motorsport UK General Regulations*.
- 5.18.3 All competing cars must display at least two HSCC badges one on each side of the car, together with the championship or race sponsor stickers as required. Failure to display the required stickers by an individual competitor may result in the withholding of championship points and corresponding awards.



6. APPENDICES

The following Commercial Undertakings are not subject to the judicial procedures of either the Championship Stewards and/or the Motorsport UK /MSC.

6.1 Race Organising Clubs and Contacts:

HISTORIC SPORTS CAR CLUB: Silverstone Circuit, Silverstone, Towcester, Northants, NN12 8TN
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6.2 RACE WITH RESPECT

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)

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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.