

**REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2020 ARC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
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These regulations are to be read in conjunction with the General Competition Rules (GCR's) and Standing Supplementary Regulations (SSR's) of Motorsport South Africa (MSA) and the event Supplementary Regulations (SR's) issued by the promoters / organisers and any applicable Circulars of MSA. These regulations must be read and understood by all competitors.

**1. CONTROLLERS**

The Algoa Rally Club (ARC) committee will be responsible to organise and promote the sport of special stage rallying in the Eastern Cape region for its members.

**2. AMENDMENTS**

ANY Proposed / desired changes to these Championship Regulations must be submitted in writing to the Controllers for consideration at their next Committee Meeting.

The Controllers reserve the right to introduce new regulations and or amend the existing regulations.

Any such amendment / addition to the regulations shall, however, only come into effect once it has been published in an official MSA Circular / Bulletin. Such changes to these Regulations shall be issued at least SEVEN (7) days prior to the next event being held. All additions / amendments will also be published on the official notice board at the next event. Any technical changes will be notified at least three (3) weeks before the next event.

**3. VALIDITY OF THE REGULATIONS**

For the calendar year 2020.

**4. AIM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

4.1 To declare an *Overall Algoa Rally Club Champion Driver and Co-Driver*. Crews competing in all Classes as described in Paragraph 10 will be eligible for the Overall Championship.

4.2 To declare a *Class Winner Driver and Co-Driver* in each of the following classes: S1, S2, S3, S5.

4.3 To declare the *ARC 50K Challenge winner* based on the Overall Driver Champion.

4.4 To declare the *ARC Retro Rally Challenge* winning Driver and Co-Driver

**5. DECLARATION OF CHAMPIONS**

The Controllers at its sole discretion shall declare the winners of the Championship. It is entitled to withhold such declaration from any competitor.

**6. REGULATIONS**

All qualifying rallies shall be held under the General Competition Rules (GCR's) and the Standing Supplementary Regulations (SSR's) of Motorsport South Africa (MSA) including these Club Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations (SR's) issued for the events as well as any other regulations and or amendments which the Controllers reserve the right to issue with due notice. Any additional requirements will only come into force and effect once a bulletin has been issued.

## 7. ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1 The Championship shall be available to all paid-up (full) members of the ARC.
- 7.2 An entry from a competitor who is not a paid-up member of the ARC, may be accepted and the competitor will not score championship points nor affect the points scoring of the event. The participating member's stage times will be published in the results of the event.
- 7.3 Competitors must be in possession of a valid MSA competition licence for Rally. Refer GCR 227.

## 8. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- 8.1 All 7 nominated events.
- 8.2 The last 2 events will run in 2 consecutive days as a Night event followed by a Day event.
- 8.3 The National event will be run over 2 days. Event regulations to stipulate qualifying distance.

## 9. NUMBER OF EVENTS TO COUNT

- 9.1 6 events to count towards determining the final positions.
- 9.2 Competitors who participate in all 7 events, must nominate to the Controllers the event they wish to exclude. Should this not be nominated, the Controllers will exclude the lowest event score from their points.
- 9.3 If only 6 events are held, all 6 will count.
- 9.4 The Controllers reserve the right not to declare a Champion if less than 5 events are held.

## 10. CLASSES

- 10.1 Class S1 for normally aspirated, 2WD vehicles not exceeding 1460cc capacity;
- 10.2 Class S2 for normally aspirated, 2WD vehicles not exceeding 1660cc capacity;
- 10.3 Class S3 for normally aspirated, 2WD vehicles not exceeding 2060cc capacity;
- 10.4 Class S4 for any invitational competitor, and of any capacity as a non-points scoring class;
- 10.5 Class S5 for Forced Induction, 2WD vehicles not exceeding 1240cc capacity and according to fixed specifications approved by the committee per manufacturer and series.

A minimum number of 3 starters per class who must start the event under their own power is required for the class to be eligible for full championship points. Should there be less than three starters in the class, the finishers will score as though the shortfall in the number of starters have finished ahead of the finishers.

Competitors may nominate to enter a higher class in this case. (see 12.)

- 10.6 An Additional Challenge will run within the Championship for vehicles eligible to compete in the ARC Retro Rally Challenge.
  - 10.6.1 Class S1R for normally aspirated, 2WD vehicles not exceeding 1460cc capacity;
  - 10.6.2 Class S2R for normally aspirated, 2WD vehicles not exceeding 1660cc capacity;
  - 10.6.3 Class S3R for normally aspirated, 2WD vehicles not exceeding 2060cc capacity;
  - 10.6.4 To be eligible for the ARC Retro Rally Challenge (Class R) the following applies:
    - a) Entrants must be participating within the regulations of the ARC Club Championship;
    - b) Entrants must complete the "Retro Passport" document available from the club secretary and in such register for Retro Class. Participation in this category will not be automatic.
    - c) Rally car body profile must have been manufactured 30 years or before from date of current championship year. For example; in year 2020, cars manufactured / released in 1990 and older will be eligible like Ford Escort, VW Golf 1 and 2, Alfetta, Toyota Conquest (Tazz), Datsun, Ford Anglia, and other;

## 10.7 Class Decals:

All cars will have a class decal(s) displayed on their door as per SSR193.9.2

- 10.7.1 Class S1; Blue background with white lettering;
- 10.7.2 Class S2; Green background with white lettering;
- 10.7.3 Class S3; Red background with white lettering;
- 10.7.4 Class S4; Purple background with white lettering;
- 10.7.5 Class S5; Black background with white lettering;
- 10.7.6 Retro; Black background with white lettering;

Class decals have to be the same colour and font as supplied by the Controllers. Failure to comply will be a fine of R1-000.00.

More than one (1) class decal will be allowed, example S3 and Retro, OR NRC2 and S2.

## 11. **SCRUTINEERING**

- 11.1 All vehicles must pass pre-start scrutiny, present a valid vehicle licence and be in a roadworthy condition. Competitors will complete a self-scrutiny check in accordance with a form issued by the event organizers and to be submitted to the scrutineers for verification.
- 11.2 The following details and safety requirements will apply to all competitors and competing vehicles and will be checked during scrutineering:
  - 11.2.1 The make and model of the vehicle:
  - 11.2.2 Safety harnesses, Race suits and crash helmets (see GCR 239)
  - 11.2.3 Roll over cages (see GCR 239)
  - 11.2.4 Warning triangles, life hammers with blade and Medical Assistance Board
  - 11.2.5 Fire extinguishers to be within expiry date (see GCR 257)
  - 11.2.6 Competition numbers (see SSR 167 AND 193)
  - 11.2.7 Compulsory advertising decals (see 10.7 and 20)
  - 11.2.8 Medical aid kits
  - 11.2.9 Provincial driver's licences will be checked at documentation.

## 12. **POINTS SCORING ON THE RESULTS OF THE EVENT**

- 12.1 Points will be awarded for Overall and Class positions.
- 12.2 The combined total of Class and Overall points will count towards the Overall Championship.
- 12.3 The number of Overall points is determined by the number of finishers; eg 10 points for 10 finishers, with the maximum points awarded to the first finisher overall, and points reduced by one point per finishing place until the last finisher receives 1 point.  
Invitational entries (or vehicles classified as S4 class) will be completely disregarded for the purpose of points scoring only, however their finish order on the event will be recognised and scored on the results of the day.
- 12.4 The order of the classes for points scoring from highest to lowest will be S3, then S5 / S2 on the same level, and then S1.
- 12.5 Class points will be awarded from 15 points for 1st place decreasing by 1 point per place from 1<sup>st</sup> place to 15th.
- 12.6 Competitors finishing behind another competitor in a lower class, will score class points as if the lower-class competitor was in the same class.
- 12.7 A minimum of 3 entries per class will be required or in the case of single entry, then points shall be awarded from 3rd place; example
  - 13 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place if only 1 car started the event under their own power;
  - 15 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place if 3 or more cars started the event under their own power;
- 12.8 No organizers points will be allowed.
- 12.9 The **ARC Retro Rally challenge** will be scored separately by the Retro class representative.
- 12.10 No overall position points will be allocated in the RETRO CHALLENGE.

- 12.11 The order of the classes for points scoring from highest to lowest will be S3R, S2R and then S1R.
- 12.12 Class points will be awarded from 15 points for 1st place decreasing by 1 point per place from 1<sup>st</sup> place to 15th.
- 12.13 Competitors finishing behind another competitor in a lower class, will score class points as if the lower-class competitor was in the same class.
- 12.14 A minimum of 3 entries per class will be required or in the case of single entry, then points shall be awarded from 3rd place; example
- 13 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place if only 1 car started the event under their own power;
  - 15 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place if 3 or more cars started the event under their own power;
- 12.15 The sum total of all retro class points for all rallies per year will be accumulated and competitors will share in the money pool at the year end, on condition that such funds have been secured. The Retro class representative shall communicate with the respective competitors to inform them of such.

### **13. SEPARATION OF TIES**

- 13.1 Any ties in the Final Results of an Event will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of fastest stage times, eg number of 1st, 2nd, and so forth.
- 13.2 Any ties in the Final Championship will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest combined number of 1sts for both Overall and Class.
- Example:
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| Competitor A has two Overall wins and 3 class wins.   | That's a combined number of 1st as (5). |
| Competitor B has Zero Overall wins, but 4 class wins. | That's a combined number of 1st as (4). |
- Competitor A wins.
- 13.3 If this does not resolve the tie, the competitor with highest total of overall wins will be favoured.
- 13.4 If a tie still remains, performance in all the Championship events will be taken into consideration and if this is ineffective, the Controllers will declare the winner on any basis it may deem fit, and this decision will be final.
- 13.5 Retro Class Challenge, a Tie will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of 1sts for Class, 2nds, and so forth.

### **14. QUALIFYING DISTANCE OF EVENTS**

- 14.1 Minimum of 60km special stage distance.
- 14.2 Maximum distance will be reviewed by the controllers per each event on merit, including the National events.
- 14.3 It will be highly recommended to have 90km stage distance.

### **15. SUPER RALLY RULES**

- 15.1 Super Rally rules shall apply to all ARC Club Championship events.
- 15.2 Each rally shall be divided into a minimum of 2 sections by the organizers and be clearly shown on the rally itinerary. Sections will be determined by the Controllers at their discretion.
- 15.3 Should a competitor be unable to continue in the first section of a rally as a result of being time barred or through mechanical or other failure, they may request permission from the Clerk of the Course in writing to restart the rally from the start of Section 2 (or the next section available).
- 15.4 The competitor will be required to present their vehicle for re-scrutiny (normally at a Service Park to the Scrutineers).
- 15.5 Should a competitor be excluded, he/she may NOT continue under Super Rally.
- 15.6 The COC will allocate a new start time or start position.

- 15.7 A competitor qualifies for a Super Rally scoring if:
- 15.7.1 A minimum of 1 Section is completed in full, and 2nd Section started (If only 2 Sections).
  - 15.7.2 A minimum of 2 Sections is completed in full, and 3rd Section started (If only 3 Sections).
- 15.8 If a competitor retires in both Sections, he/she will be declared a Non finisher.  
A competitor that is declared a non-finisher, will not have any stage times for the stages missed.
- 15.9 A competitor not completing a stage, will be allocated a time for that stage of the fastest competitor in their class plus a 5-minute penalty if Super Rally applies (see 15.7). For clarity, Retro class do not score individually; example – the fastest S3 stage time will be used, not the fastest S3R if the super rally competitor is in Retro class S3R.
- 15.10 Should there be no other competitor in the relevant class then the time of the fastest competitor in a lesser class shall be allocated.
- 15.11 A competitor not completing the last stage of each section, will receive an additional 5-minute penalty (total 10 minutes extra).
- 15.12 Failure to complete the final road section, i.e. after completion of the final stage of that section. The competitor will be scored as if the competitor did not complete the final special stage as per 15.11. i.e. the competitor's last stage time will be scrapped and replaced with a time as per 15.9.
- 15.13 In terms of the final results for an event, No Super Rally finisher may be classified higher than another competitor who has completed the full race distance (see SSR 193.24).
- 15.14 Competitors allowed by the Organizers to compete under the above rules, will be awarded half of the points for which they would have been scored in the overall result for the specific event.

## **16. ACCESS TO RALLY STAGES**

All competitors are denied access to the gravel rally stages of the next event from the day that the relevant event SR's are available under pain of exclusion. With much expertise and enthusiasm available, this will still allow competitors to assist in identifying and preparing of routes during planning of an event. Competitors required to be part of the organizing team during the final 3 weeks must be stated in the Event Supplementary Regulations or by a Bulletin for the event. They may not traverse any of the stages in a competition vehicle, nor be present in any other circumstance or capacity than stated under pain of exclusion.

## **17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF POINTS AWARDED**

Scoring for each qualifying event will be available from the Club Secretary on the second Monday following the event. Any queries or objections thereto must be lodged in writing to the Chairperson within 1 week of the points being available. The Controllers reserves the right to correct any administrative errors at any time including errors in the event results before the final declaration.

## **18. TYRES**

The choice of tyres and wheels are free within limitations of reasonable safety.

## **19. FUEL**

The choice of fuel is free within limitations of reasonable safety.

## **20. COMPETITION NUMBERS AND DECALS**

The organizers reserve the right to award the top ten 2019 Championship contenders with new competition numbers in their order of results from 501 through to 510. New number decals may be provided by the Controllers.

The Controllers of the Championship reserves the right of advertising on all competing cars on pre-selected areas on the vehicles, example windscreen top, front doors, rear window, etc. A diagram will be issued for clarity. These decals are for Championship series sponsors and event sponsors. Failure to comply will be a fine of R1000.00 per event.

## **21. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

The 2020 Club Championship Overall and Class awards to be finalized and Circulated at a later date.

The ARC 50k Challenge prize(s) to be finalized and Circulated at a later date.

A Retro Rally Representative as voted for by the club members is to secure all funds needed to host the Retro Rally Challenge prize.

## **22. SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The Controllers reserve the right to introduce new regulations and or amend the existing regulations as per SSR's.

## **23. SOCIAL MEDIA**

Social media, including, but not restricted to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp etc. is a powerful and wide-reaching medium for the expression of views and opinions, and the sharing of photographs and videos. As such, competitors should be aware that their conduct on social media regarding MSA, the Championship, the Club, its drivers and sponsors should reflect the impact social media has.

If a competitor is considered to have brought the Championship and/or MSA into disrepute in the opinion of the Championship Controllers, they may be subject to a penalty or disqualification from the championship. Additionally, competitors are reminded that MSA monitor social media and any remarks that are deemed to bring the sport into disrepute can lead to penalties. For clarity, it is accepted that crashes are an inevitable feature of motor-racing and the posting on social media of imagery containing a crash does not bring motorsport into disrepute, but competitors are reminded that careless associated comments may do.

Refer to MSA Code of Conduct on [www.motorsport.co.za](http://www.motorsport.co.za)

## **24. DISCLAIMER**

Competitors entering an event in the 2020 ARC Club Championship will constitute an agreement by the Competitor to accept and adhere to the governing rules of MSA and the controllers of ARC.

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