

# Clubmans Rallycross Championship

"The Seriously Fun, Rallycross Championship"

## Rallycross;

Officially speaking Rallycross is a speed event taking place on a permanent track consisting of both sealed and unsealed surfaces.

Unofficially, Rallycross is the wildchild of motor sport. The off spring of a liaison between circuit racing and rallying. A place where it's kosher to use the kerbs and grass! Where sideways is good, and where fun is top of the agenda. A typical Rallycross meeting will have around 60 top class races in a mixture of classes.

The only Clubmans Rallycross Championship within the UK is the BTRDA Championship which was established in 1977 and continues to be extremely successful, providing both newcomers and 'budget' racers with a strong series of events at the best UK circuits. Since 2014 the BTRDA Championship has 7 Championship rounds run by some of the best organising clubs in the UK.

## What do I need to get started?

The best advice that we can give is to come to an event and talk to the drivers; The nature of rallycross means that everyone is very approachable and are happy to assist you with any questions. If you are ready to get out racing you will need the following before taking part in events.

## Competition Licence requirements:

The great thing about Rallycross is it is classed as a speed/off road sport therefore you do not need to do an Association of Racing Drivers Schools (ARDS) test. The minimum requirement is to have a Non Race Nat B licence, which can be obtained from the MSA via forms on their website. <http://www.msauk.org>. This Nat B Licence will then allow you to compete in all British Rallycross Classes with the exception of Supercar, you need a National A licence for this class. National A licences can be obtained by competing in at least 6 Nat B rallycross events, gaining 6 Clerk of the Course signatures from your finals results in order to show that you are a competent driver. You can then apply for an upgrade to your licence.

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## Car Preparation and safety wear;

Competition cars must have a full roll cage fitted. The windscreen must be laminated glass or rigid plastic type. Two extra high mounted brake lights, towing eyes for breakdown, a dual circuit brake system, integrated seat and headrest, electric cut off switch, mud-flaps on all driven wheels, fire extinguisher and a full safety harness (In date) are all required. Competitors are required to wear a crash helmet (open or closed face type allowed) and fire proof overalls. It is recommended that you also wear fire proof underwear, flame resistant boots and gloves. If you have an open faced helmet and a glass screen you will need to wear safety glasses. The race seat must be on MSA compliant mounts, the seat doesn't need to be in date but must be previously homologated.

## BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship Category Structure:

- Clubman 4\*4 including Production 4\*4
- Super Modified (Up to 1600cc, 1601cc-2100cc and 2101+, and BMW Mini)
- Production (Up to 1600cc 8v, Up to 1600cc 16v and 1601cc to 2000cc)
- Pre 1995 2wd Historic Rallycross including Classic Mini
- Junior Rallycross Up to 1400cc (Mini, Suzuki Swift, Ford KA)

Entry Level into the sport is generally the Production class, however if you have some previous motorsport experience you could go straight into Supermodified category (As seen on Top Gear) or the Production 4\*4 class.

## Production:

Within the BTRDA Clubman's Championship the Production class contains 3 classes: Up to 1600 16v, Up to 1600 8v and 1601cc to 2000cc class, all race within the BTRDA championship.. The cars have very limited modifications but permitted modifications include suspension, air intake & the removal of lights. Fitting of a brake bias valve is also permitted and different tyres can be run. Drivers who want to race a more modified car and have the budget to do so, would look to race in one of the Modified classes or Production 4\*4.

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## Where does Rallycross take place?

A typical rallycross championship season will run between March and November. Rallycross events in the UK take place at:

## BTRDA Championship Events;

Pembrey (South Wales)  
Blyton Park (Lincolnshire)  
Croft (North Yorkshire)

## MSA British Championship Events;

Lydden Hill (Kent) – The "Home" of Rallycross in the UK  
Pembrey (South Wales)  
Croft (North Yorkshire)  
Mondello Park (Ireland)

There are also Irish Championship events held at Mondello Park near Dublin

## A typical Rallycross Meeting:

Our Championship is a mixture of single day events with some double headers thrown in. They generally start around 7/8am with signing on and scrutineering. This is then followed by practice, qualifying heats and the finals.

Most events run no later than 5/6pm with a prize giving taking place 30 minutes after racing ends. Whether it's a one or two day event most of the drivers get to the circuit the day before to set up & familiarise themselves with the circuit, so having somewhere to sleep at the circuit is handy. Tents, vans, trucks and motor homes are very popular.

It is a regulation at most circuits that no one is allowed to stay on the night after the event (or 2nd event if it is a double header).

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## Entry Fees/Registration Fees;

Entry fees for the clubmans championship events is £200-£250 per meeting. You will also need to be a member of the BTRDA which costs £30 plus £45 to register for the Rallycross Championship (Fees correct for 2017). [www.btrdamembership.com](http://www.btrdamembership.com)

## Driver Mentor:

As part of the clubmans championship we understand how scary your first Rallycross event can be. To help combat this, prior to your first event we will team you up with a mentor who will often be a competing driver, who can offer advice, plus run alongside you during your first event offering help and support where needed.

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## Clubmans/BTRDA Rallycross Championship

### Competitor information;

[www.btrda.com/Rallycross/](http://www.btrda.com/Rallycross/)  
[www.clubmansrallycross.weebly.com](http://www.clubmansrallycross.weebly.com)  
[www.mini-cross.co.uk](http://www.mini-cross.co.uk)  
[www.gomotorsport.net/en-GB/godrive/rallycross.html](http://www.gomotorsport.net/en-GB/godrive/rallycross.html)

### Other Rallycross Websites:

[www.RallycrossUk.com](http://www.RallycrossUk.com)  
[www.LyddenHill.co.uk](http://www.LyddenHill.co.uk)  
[www.Rallycross.com](http://www.Rallycross.com)  
[www.rallycrossworld.com](http://www.rallycrossworld.com)  
[www.swiftrallycross.co.uk](http://www.swiftrallycross.co.uk)

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