

Midland Automobile Club (Est.1901) Limited

SPORTING AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS 2023



The Autocar MAC Young Drivers Championship

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1. GENERAL

1.1. Title & Jurisdiction:

The Autocar MAC Young Drivers Championship is organised and administered by the Midland Automobile Club in accordance with the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Championship Regulations.

Motorsport UK Championship Permit No:
CH2022/S089 (C)
Motorsport UK Championship Grade: C
Motorsport UK Championship Status: Interclub

1.2. Officials

- 1.2.1. Coordinator: Annie Goodyear
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- 1.2.2. Eligibility Scrutineer: Adrian Deane
- 1.2.3. Championship Stewards:
Paul Matty, Stephen Palmer and Dave Ball

1.3. Competitor Eligibility

- 1.3.1. Competitors must be over the age of **16** and under the age of 23 at the first round of the Championship (Curborough 29 April).
- 1.3.2. Drivers and Entrant/Drivers must be fully paid up, valid membership card holding members of the Midland Automobile Club, be registered for the Championship and be in possession of a current Motorsport UK RS Interclub Status Licence, as a minimum.
- 1.3.3. A competitor shall not take time away from full time education or College to participate in motor sport without the prior written approval of their School/ College. If participation in the Championship requires absence from School/ College then Competitors are required to have a letter stating such approval from his/her School/ College in order to fulfil registration for the Championship.
- 1.3.4. Competitors will be eligible to compete in the championship for no more than 3 years.

- 1.3.5. If the interest for the championship exceeds the maximum of 12, the following selection criteria will be implemented:
 - i) Precedence will be given to competitors from the 2022 championship
 - ii) All new competitors will be subject to a selection process based on their performance over the selection/taster day.
 - iii) The nominated instructors for the day will make the final decision for selection of new drivers for the 2023 championship.
- 1.3.6. The Car must be registered and have valid Tax, MOT and Insurance. They must be able to produce sales invoices to show the cost of the car and PPE equipment does not exceed the £3000 budget. The PPE must be purchased from a nominated MAC Supplier.
- 1.3.7. All necessary documentation must be available for checking at all rounds when scrutineered. Failure to do so would result in no points being scored at that round
- 1.4. **Registration:**
 - 1.4.1. All Competitors wishing to enter the Championship must complete and sign the appropriate application form via the website www.midlandautomobileclub.co.uk/events/enter/choose/
 - 1.4.2. The Championship entry fee for the year is **£40** per competitor. Event entry fees are in addition to the Championship entry fee and are shown in the event entry application forms. In the unfortunate situation of the cancellation of the Championship as a result of circumstances beyond our control, e.g. force majeure, viral pandemic, dictates from Government and/ or Motorsport UK etc, we will propose returning of Championship fees less actual costs up to a maximum of £15.
 - 1.4.3. The maximum number of registrations will be 12

1.5. Championship Rounds:

- 1.5.1 29 April Curborough Sprint**
Midland Automobile Club
6 May Shelsley Walsh
Midland Automobile Club
10 June Prescott
Bugatti Owners Club
5 August Loton Park
Hagley & District Light Car Club
6 August Loton Park
Hagley & District Light Car Club
17 Sept Shelsley Walsh
Midland Automobile Club

1.6. Scoring

- 1.6.1. All registered entrants/competitors will be scored as the following;

1 st	20 points
2 nd	18 points
3 rd	16 points
4 th	14 points
5 th	12 points
6 th	10 points
7 th	8 points
8 th	6 points
9 th	4 points
10 th	2 points

The overall winner of the Championship will be the competitor who has accumulated the most points over all the events.

- 1.6.2. In the event of a tie the Championship winner will be the competitor with the most wins, or if there is still a tie then the highest number of 2nd places and so on until the winner is determined.
- 1.6.3. At every event **except Shelsley 6 May**, there will normally be a minimum of 2 practice runs and 2 timed runs with the fastest timed run counting towards the final position/classification. **For the May Shelsley there will be 1 practice run and 2 timed runs.** In the case of more than 2 timed runs the fastest run will be counted from the first 3 timed runs. In the case of only one timed run taking place due to accident/ breakdown or 'force majeure' then it will be that time that will be taken into account for final positions/points.

- 1.6.4. Should an event be abandoned part way through the day/event/meeting due to force majeure, then the following will apply:
- All Championship registered cars having the opportunity to compete less than 2 timed practice runs: No points awarded
 - All Championship registered cars having completed 2 timed practice runs but not all cars in that class having had the opportunity to complete at least 1 timed 'final' run. Half points will be awarded as per the fastest timed practice run.
 - All cars having had the opportunity to have at least 1 timed 'final' run. Full points will be awarded as per that single 'final' run. Practice times will NOT be taken into account in such an instance.
 - Should the event organisers offer additional (i.e. more than two) competitive timed runs then the best time from the first three runs will be the one that counts.

- 1.6.5. Every competitor has the right to appeal their Championship Points in accordance with C6.5. in the Motorsport UK Yearbook 2023.

- 1.6.6. **Competitors may only score full Championship points in the car that they have entered the Championship in. Where a competitor competes in a different car only half points will be awarded.**

1.7. Awards

- 1.7.1. The overall winner of the Championship will receive The Autocar Trophy, £250 plus a souvenir award
2nd in the Championship will receive £100 plus a souvenir award
3rd in the Championship will receive £50 plus a souvenir award
Best Novice Award will receive £50 plus a souvenir award
- 1.7.2. Bonuses
The organisers reserve the right to provide additional awards for and during the season. Competitors will be notified via the organiser of any such awards.

2. SPORTING REGULATIONS – JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

2.1. Rounds:
In accordance with Section C of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook 2023

2.2. Championship:
In accordance with Section C of the current Motorsport UK Yearbook 2023

3. SPECIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

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)

3.1.1 Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require actions/or report the matter to the Championship stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or event bans through to Championship Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK

3.1.2 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 to Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available at www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre by selecting Policies and Guidelines.

3.2 Due to both safety and environmental concerns, vehicles must not be left unattended under any circumstances when the engine is running.

4. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

4.1. All cars must comply with Technical Regulations outlined in the 2023 Motorsport UK Yearbook S11. The eligibility of all cars will be tightly policed by the Eligibility Scrutineer and any transgression may result in disqualification from the Championship.

4.2. The Car must be a 1.2 litre petrol, 3 door Vauxhall Corsa manufactured after 1st January 2000 running on standard pump fuel and complying with the Standard Cars regulations Section S.11 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook 2023 The vehicle must not be imported.

4.3. Cars will be running in a road going class and therefore must compete in a road legal condition and be currently registered, insured and taxed as a private vehicle and where required by law should have a full, valid MOT certificate. These documents must be produced at scrutineering if requested.

4.4. Whilst section S 9.2.1 of the Motorsport UK Yearbook 2023 specifies the Personal Protective Equipment for Standard Cars, entrants in this Championship are required to wear specific Overalls mandated by the Organisers, as well as Helmet & Gloves to Motorsport UK standard. The Overalls must be the ones specified by the organiser with the correct sponsor details on them.

4.5. All cars must be presented for scrutineering prior to competing at the times set out in the Supplementary Regulations. No car will be allowed to compete unless passed by the relevant scrutineer and issued with signed 'scrutineers ticket'.

4.6. With the prior approval of the Eligibility Scrutineer and the Championship Coordinator, it is permitted to make modifications which contravene the regulations in S.11 in the Motorsport UK Yearbook 2023 in order to adapt the car for use by a registered disabled person in the Championship. These adaptations are strictly limited to those that enable the driver to overcome the effect of the direct disability. No further modifications are permitted. It is with reference to J5.1.1 in the Motorsport UK Yearbook 2023.

4.7. Weight: The cars may be weighed at any point during the season. The minimum weight is

1010kg (this taken from the published data of the vehicle available from the Vauxhall Website).

4.8. Wheels: Wheels must have been available as standard or as an option from Vauxhall for a Corsa 1.2 on the date of registration. The wheels used at the start of the season must be used for the whole season.

4.9. Tyres: Tyres must comply with the list 1A tyres as per section L of the Motorsport UK yearbook 2023.

4.10. Electrical: All original functions, lights, wipers etc must be in full working order (MOT). All windows must be glass (No Perspex). All engine sensors must be fitted and working.

4.11. Engine: No modifications to the engine, ancillaries and management systems are permitted and checks will be carried out. Engines may be sealed to maintain this and will be managed by the championship eligibility scrutineer or his agents. Any seals that need to be broken during the season (for maintenance etc) must be observed by the eligibility scrutineer. Gear Box final drive must remain standard for the model entered. No lightening of gearbox casings allowed or gears removed. We reserve the right at any point during the season to carry out Engine capacity checks, cam duration and seal cam cover. If the cars do not have seals on the engines before the start of the season then the Eligibility Scrutineer may seal the engine with Motorsport UK approved seals.

The fuel may also be checked at any point during the season by the Eligibility Scrutineer through the Motorsport UK procedures.

Engine management computer: Only standard engine ECU units that are numbered and carry unbroken seals are eligible, the championship organisers retain the right to provide replacement ECU's or fit data acquisition equipment (via OBD11) during the event to determine compliance. 12volt battery in factory location only, no modification to charging circuit. Starter must remain standard and used to start the car at all times, competitors may be asked to demonstrate this at any time using only onboard sources.

4.12 Brakes: No modification to the standard braking system, not limited to pedal box, master and slave cylinders, servo etc (Brake pads may be changed to competition types if desired). Wheels must remain factory options only. Scrutineers will check that only authorised tyres are used during the event, and may be marked. It is only permitted to inflate the tyre with air, no other medium may be used.

4.13 Bodywork:

i) The reinforcement of any component or joint by the addition of material either separately or by increase in the gauge or section is not permitted.

ii) The redistribution of weight in the car, by reducing the gauge or section of material in any component by adding ballast or increasing material elsewhere is not permitted.

iii) The silhouette of the standard car must be maintained, no additional or aftermarket aerodynamic devices can be fitted.

iv) The use of bonding materials (adhesives, glues etc) to reinforce, replace or supplement any bolted, screwed or rivetted joint is forbidden

v) Cars will be identified by chassis numbers and Motorsport UK seals may be attached to non-detachable parts of the main structure by the championship eligibility scrutineer.

vi) The wheelbase, track and ground clearance of the car must remain in the range specified by the manufacturer.

4.14 Body trim:

All Interior trim including parcel shelves must remain fitted (except floor carpet mats)

Rear seats must remain in the upright position.

5. Any decals provided by the Championship Organisers to be displayed on the vehicle will be issued to the Competitors prior to the first round of the Championship.

6. SOCIAL MEDIA

- 6.1 Social Media, including but not restricted to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc is a powerful and wide-reaching medium for the expression of views and opinions, and the sharing of photographs and video. As such, competitors should be aware that their conduct on social media regarding the Championship and the MAC and its drivers should reflect the reach social media has. If a competitor is considered to have brought the Championship and the MAC into disrepute in the opinion of the Championship Stewards they may be subject to a penalty or disqualification from the Championship.

Signed  16/1/23 Annie Goodyear (Championship Coordinator)



APPENDIX 1

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)
[#RaceWithRespect](https://twitter.com/RaceWithRespect)

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 my part in keeping the sport safety 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.