

STROUD AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LIMITED
COTSWOLD CLOUDS TRIAL – 2nd FEBRUARY 2025



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Held under the general regulations of Motorsport UK Ltd (incorporating the provision of the international sporting code of FISA) and the supplementary regulations.

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Dear Competitors,

The organisers would like to draw your attention to the following final instructions, all of which, together with the requirements of the route card, and details of tests, bear the same force as the supplementary regulations for the event.

HANDBRAKE TEST

- ❖ To ensure the cars competing are in suitable condition to do so, we will be conducting a handbrake test in addition to scrutineering. Scrutineering will take place at the start venue; the handbrake test will take place after leaving Waterley Bottom as follows: stop where directed and apply the handbrake / hydraulic brake, with the engine still running, and take feet off the pedals to demonstrate an effective handbrake. **Failure to pass or complete this test will result in exclusion from the event!** You will be given a card with your result, which you will be asked to produce before the next section.

START

- ❖ The start venue is **Fromebridge Mill**, Fromebridge Lane, Whitminster, Gloucester GL2 7PB, which will be the location for **signing-on, scrutineering** and **trailer parking**.
- ❖ **The first car starts at 8:01 and Competitors 1 to 40 will leave at 1-minute intervals. There will be a 20-minute gap before competitors 41 to 86 depart at 1-minute intervals.**
- ❖ You should sign on at least 30 minutes prior to your start time.
- ❖ Please telephone Kieran on 07552083088 or Suzanne on 07974168986 to advise **if you will be a non-starter**.

SCRUTINEERING

- ❖ Scrutineering will take place at Fromebridge Mill. Please join the queue for scrutineering as soon as possible, please know your start number which is detailed on the entry list. Toilets will be available.
- ❖ **After scrutineering proceed into The Fromebridge Mill to collect your route card and numbers.**
- ❖ Fire extinguishers will be checked and should be either 1 bottle of 1.75kg of AFFF, or a 2.0kg of dry powder as a minimum and easily accessed from driver/passenger seating position.
- ❖ Cars must have either a rope or large ring, which is capable of having a towrope quickly and firmly attached. **Lack of / inadequate towing point will result in exclusion from the event.**
- ❖ Wheel/tyre regulations will be as per the Motorsport UK/ACTC list/8mm gap rule
- ❖ It is compulsory for all cars to have at least one spare wheel and a suitable means to repeatedly re-inflate tyres.

- ❖ As per Motorsport UK Regulations, all cars must carry a spill kit.
- ❖ The organisers wish to point out that it is the sole responsibility of the entrant driver to ensure that he/she and the vehicle comply with all legal requirements including a valid MOT test certificate where applicable. Club Scrutineer(s) will inspect vehicles for compliance with the regulations for the event.
- ❖ **Please be aware that you will not be covered by the event insurance until your allotted start time on the day, you will automatically be signed off at the finish venue**

SIGNING ON

- ❖ Signing On will be done at the start venue
- ❖ Hot breakfast rolls will be available at a reasonable cost. Tea & Coffee will also be available
- ❖ Please remember to bring your 2025 drivers & passenger club membership card to signing on. We will not be accepting memberships on the day.

CROOKED MUSTARD

- ❖ Due to previous incidents, it is vital that you adhere to these instructions, which have been implemented for the safety of competitors, marshals and spectators. **Failure to comply will result in immediate exclusion.**
- ❖ Competitors must have passed the handbrake test in order to attempt this section.
- ❖ If you come to a stop upon the steep step at the crux of the section, you must apply the brakes to remain where you stopped.
- ❖ The marshals will then safely guide you back down the section to a wider, flatter area, where you will be able to turn and exit the section. They will have the best visibility of what is behind you and have been chosen as reliable people. Please ignore any guidance from spectators.
- ❖ Competitors are not allowed to stop in Nunnery Lane or Twinberrow Lane before or after attempting the section; this is a very sensitive area. Failures must clean excess mud and reinflate tyres at the foot of the section prior to proceeding back down the track to rejoin the road.
- ❖ You may wish to read the ACTC guide on reversing down sections: <https://www.actc.org.uk/hill-reversing-guide/>

OTHER

- ❖ **Recorded footage will not be accepted as evidence of performance; marshals' decisions are final.**
- ❖ There will be **hot food and drink available** from the Wick Street farm shop, please support this local business
- ❖ All cars are to display a coloured disc attached to the front of the car or on the windscreen. This shall identify the class in which the vehicle is competing.

Class 1 & 2 – Blue, Class 3,4 ,5 & 90 – White, Class 6 & 7 - Yellow and Class 8 – Red
- ❖ **Petrol** is available on the A38 shortly after the start, and approximately halfway at Stroud Tesco.
- ❖ Please consider filing a report and giving feedback on the trial at <https://www.actc.org.uk/championship-monitoring/>

- ❖ In all cases, please give way to walkers and horse riders. If confronted by a hostile member of the public, listen, speak courteously and, if possible, send for an organising official or marshal.
- ❖ Scrutineering to check for a free and uninterrupted differential may be carried out on route. A noise test may also be carried out on route.
- ❖ Please acquaint yourself with the regulations for this event, particularly those relating to unattended vehicles, seating of the driver/passenger, no advertising and appearance or condition of vehicle.
- ❖ Certain competitors have been designated travelling marshals. Their duties include reporting inconsiderate driving, noisy vehicles and competitors that make up places at observed sections or tests, and unattended vehicles at observed sections or tests.
- ❖ If route marking is necessary this will take the form of arrows and L, R & SO signs.
- ❖ Maps are not necessary to follow the route, but those who choose to use them will find the route on OS162 and OS163.
- ❖ To protect the parts of the route that are at risk, competitors must observe QUIET and CARE zones and follow the authorised route.
- ❖ The event is routed along or across public rights of way. Competitors must exercise caution and reduce their speed accordingly when other path users are nearby. Be especially careful near horses and if necessary, stop and switch off your engine.
- ❖ Tyre pressures on driven wheels may be subject to limitation for some classes on some hills. These will be checked at the start of the section to which these limitations apply. Tyre pressures to be enforced will be listed on the route card.
- ❖ The Club will not tolerate any abuse against any marshal or official of the event. Any breach of the regulations will lead to disciplinary action being taken.

FINISH/SIGNING OFF

- ❖ We will be finishing the event/Signing OFF at Minchinhampton Old Course Golf Club, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire. There is limited parking in this area so please park courteously. PLEASE DO NOT PARK trailers at the finish and **please ensure that muddy boots and clothing are removed before entering the Golf Club as they have just undergone a refurbishment.** A menu of hot food and drinks will be available – please make use of these facilities.

Thank you for entering and we hope you have an enjoyable day's trialling,

The S&DMC Clouds Organising Team.