

## Regulations for the 2024 UK Autograss Championships.

### **Regulation**

The UK Autograss Championship (UKAC) is sanctioned by NASA and is run in line with the current NASA regulations. It is the host club's responsibility to meet and manage the meetings to the appropriate regulations. **Any person who attends or competes at a UK Autograss event agrees to abide by these regulations.**

### **Intention**

The basic intention of the Championship is to provide a race meeting which has a managed level of entrants to enable the hosts to provide a meeting which keeps good time, allows full length heats and finals to be run. History of "supersize" meetings has led competitors to question the dawn to dusk mentality that has been created.

Whilst this is the intention, there are of course many factors that can affect the ability to achieve this - weather, driver behaviour, accidents, medical care, and other force majeure outside of the host's control. Therefore, please note the format is an intention - not a guarantee.

The concept of entering a race meeting is still new to Autograss and support will be given, but it is the competitor's responsibility to enter and pay through the appropriate channels at the right time.

Any competitor who registers to take part in the UKAC or who takes part in any race meeting or event that is part of the UKAC, and any Club or League that undertakes to run an event as part of the UKAC shall recognise the authority of the UKAC Committee in respect of all matters covered by these rules and any other matter directly or indirectly affecting the UKAC, its promotion, perpetuation and correct procedures.

The Championship is intended to offer Autograss racers the opportunity to compete at five race meetings hosted at separate locations using points scored at each round towards a Championship.

Overall and Class prizes will be awarded by the UKAC organisation at the end of the Championship. It is envisaged that awards will be distributed at a Presentation Evening.

### **2024 Locations**

The UKAC is responsible for collating the points scored by registered drivers at five rounds of the Championship.

The 2024 venues are shown below:

**Round One:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May – Gloucester League.

**Round Two:** 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Ludlow

**Round Three:** 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> July –York.

**Round Four:** 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August – Star.

**Round Five:** 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September – Sturton

**Reserve Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September - Venue dependant on cancellations.



### **Championship Registration**

Each meeting is targeted to a maximum of 400 cars. (At the UKAC committees' discretion this will be increased to 400 + to include cars from the organising host\*)

To manage this situation, drivers will be required to register / pre-enter for the Championship. The entry requirements are shown below.

Please note application to race in the Championship will open in the first quarter of 2024 and will be taken through the official UK Autograss website / link only. All applications will be reviewed by the UKAC committee, with UKAC loyal drivers been given first refusal. Once your application has been accepted a confirmation email with payment details and the appropriate fee will be issued.

Only upon receipt of payment will your Championship entry be confirmed.

Registrations will only be taken to race within the full Championship (Rounds 1 – 5) and are not proposed to be taken in between each round. Registrations may re-open after Round 1, dependant on available numbers.

Entry list for each meeting will be finalised midnight on the Tuesday of the week before the meeting. This is to enable the necessary paperwork to be completed.

All registration instructions will be published as seen fit by the UKAC Committee but would generally consist of notification on the UKAC website and Facebook page, along with Club website if applicable.

The UKAC Committee have appointed an entries co-ordinator. This person will be the sole contact for entries. Competitors should not use any other route to attempt to attain their entry.

Championship Entry fees are £25 via Bank Transfer or £27.50 via Paypal and are **non-refundable**.

The UKAC Committee will renew failed entries and may take action against drivers in the category.

The hosts will ensure entry lists are available at signing on to confirm drivers have pre-entered. Only drivers listed on the pre-entry list will be permitted to race. There are no exceptions.

*(\*Host can either be Club or League and will determine once the meeting is awarded.)*

### **Gate Fees**

The gate fees for each round will be charged in line with the tariff laid out below:

£20 entrance per person for the weekend - Ladies, Juniors, and Men.

£10 per camping unit.

Signing-on fee to be set by host (£10 maximum).

### **Planned Format**

One meeting over two days.



Three heats and final. There will be B finals for all Classes where 29 cars or more start the event. Junior classes will have a B Final at all rounds.

Five lap heats and six lap finals. (At the discretion of hosts and UK committee dependant on time & circumstances.)

Gates open 09.00am Friday and close 12:00noon Monday. Host to confirm opening times.

If the meeting does not run its full schedule, then the UKAC organisation will allocate points scored. There will be no notional scores taken.

The Championship will be run, and points awarded for Mens Classes One to Ten, Ladies Classes One to Ten and Junior Saloons and Specials. F600 and Stockhatch are also included in the Championship scope.

### **Points**

Heats: 55 - 45 - 36 - 28 - 21 - 15 - 10 - 6

A Finals: 20 - 18 - 16 - 15 - 14 - 13 - 12 - 11

B Finals: 10 - 8 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

C of C 20 down to 1 point – The Winner of the A final, and the “Race 1” in heat 2 of each Class are eligible.

Cars who finish in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> place with a green flag, making them 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> will be given 0 points as they are outside the number of positions available.

Saturday race day start time is 9:00am, Sunday race day start time is to be 9.00am, unless otherwise stated by the club. Hosts & UKAC committee to reserve the right to amend based upon meeting circumstances (weather, entry, incidents etc.)

### **Race Permutation**

All Classes in the Championship will compete for points in their Class. Races may be amalgamated at hosts discretion based on number of entries.

Overall Championship positions in every class will be the highest points scoring driver from all five meetings - counting points scored in all heats, finals and C of C races.

I.e. Maximum score on race weekend is  $55+55+55+20+20 = 205$

UKAC Overall Champion in Men's, Ladies and Juniors will be decided using finals and C of C races only. This is aimed at keeping the Overall Champion titles close throughout the season and minimising the effect of differing class numbers.

A specific format is to be used to position the cars in the correct heats:

Heat One - Random Draw - Method to be agreed by hosts.



Heat Two - Top 8 (or appropriate number in each heat) point scorers from heat one race together.

Drivers 9 - 16 race together etc. etc.

Heat Three - Top 8 (or appropriate number in each heat) point scorers from heat two race together.

Drivers 9 - 16 race together etc. etc.

<b>UK Autograss Championship Race Format</b>							
<b>Heat 1</b>		<b>Heat 2</b>		<b>Heat 3</b>		<b>Finals</b>	<b>Champ of Champs</b>
RACE 1	Random Draw	RACE 1	(1st -8th)	RACE 1	(1st -8th)	A FINAL (Top 8)	Winner - A Final
RACE 2		RACE 2	(9th -16th)	RACE 2	(9th -16th)		
RACE 3		RACE 3	(17th - 24th)	RACE 3	(17th - 24th)	B FINAL - (9th -16th)	Winner - Heat 2 Race 1
RACE 4		RACE 4	(24th - 32nd)	RACE 4	(24th - 32nd)		

If a reduced number of cars come to the line in any Class, to the extent that at least one less race could be run in that Class, or that it evens out the number of competitors in each race, the hosts reserve the right to manually amend any pre-drawn race and grid permutations.

Final - Top 8 point scorers from Heats 1 - 3 (as normal). Drivers in the final will pick their grid positions in the order they qualified for the final. Where possible grids will be drawn in the interval before the finals.

Ties to decide racers in heats two and three are automatically randomly sorted by the computer.

Ties for finals to be decided by a 'Run Off', unless an agreement is reach between the drivers.

The hosts will fill places in the event that a final is short of competitors. However, once the Cars have been called to the holding lanes, there will be no substitutions.

Since the 2021 season a Junior Champ of Champs will form part of Race Format and will included championship points. The Junior CoC will be formed from the top 4 from in the Junior Special A-Final, and the top 4 from the Junior Saloon A final.

**Substitutes & Shared Cars.**

Shared cars and substitutes drivers are permitted. However, this is limited to a maximum of 2 people (inclusive of the main driver) during the season.

Where a substitute driver is brought in. This must be identified to UKAC points co-ordinator before the meeting starts. The driver must be signed on and follow all NASA regulations. No substitute will be permitted during the course of a meeting.

Two drivers who share a car should register together and on this basis the car will collect points - whichever of the two drivers is competing. Obviously, this is if there are two drivers who compete in a category together not a normal male and female shared agreement where one races in men's and the other in the ladies etc.



### **Scrutineering**

At the event this is the responsibility of the hosts but will be assisted by members of the UKAC Committee (where possible) during the meeting.

By entering and registering for the UKAC, a competitor agrees to be subject to an engine strip and full examination of their car if deemed appropriate by the UKAC committee at any point. The manner & location of examination is at the discretion of the UKAC committee; however all relevant NASA rules will be complied with. If an irregularity is found the car and all drivers will be excluded from the current year's UKAC and all points up to the date of examination will be forfeited.

Drivers in award positions after the final round of the championship will be invited to a **mandatory** Post Championship scrutineering session. Location and date to be confirmed. The car must be presented to the Scrutineering event in the same manner as raced throughout the championship. Failure to attend the Post Championship scrutineering, will deem the vehicle illegal and will result in the driver being excluded from the current year's UKAC and all points will be forfeited.

If a driver's car is found to be illegal by any means other than the above procedures, the driver will be excluded from the current year's UKAC, and all points will be forfeited.

The UKAC committee reserves the right to issue a 12 month\*\*\* exclusion from competing at any UKAC event to any driver(s) of any vehicle deemed illegal by the UKAC committee in accordance with these regulations and / or the current NASA class rule book.

\*\*\* The UKAC Committee reserve the right to increase the length of the exclusion, to a maximum of 5 years, for any driver(s) of any vehicle(s) deemed illegal on more than one occasion in within a rolling 5-year term.

Any vehicle deemed illegal by the UKAC committee in accordance with these regulations and / or the current NASA class rule book will be reported to NASA and may be subject to NASA disciplinary action.

If a car is deemed illegal by the NASA board of Directors at a NASA authorised meeting at any time during the season all UKAC drivers of that car may lose all UKAC points gained prior to the date of the infringement.

Where any class has an engine capacity limit, provision must be made for engine sealing by the UKAC Committee. This is in addition to any sealing requirements from other parties. The UKAC reserve the right to take details of any other seals that already exist on the engine. Any seals put on by the UKAC or in which the UKAC have taken details of, may only be removed with the express permission from The UKAC committee. Breach of this will result in disciplinary action.

Where the UKAC have sealed or taken details of existing seals attached to any engine. The engine can only be removed with the expressed permission of the UKAC committee. All engines, (including those removed) must be made available to the UKAC Committee for inspection and testing, until such notice is received by the UKAC Committee.

The host League will also report any infringements found to the UKAC committee and NASA for further action as appropriate.



The UKAC Committee may also withdraw any Driver and / or Vehicle the right to race in the Championship at any point.

### **End of Season - Prizes**

Awards for Top 4\*\*\*\* in each Class will be presented at the UKAC Presentation Evening.

To be eligible for an end of year trophy, the Car / Driver must have competed in a minimum of three UKAC meetings in the season.

\*\*\*\*Dependant on the number of competitors who have taken part in the Championship.

2 Competitors - 1st Place only.

3 - 5 Competitors - 1st and 2nd Place only.

6-9 Competitors - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Only.

Over 9 Competitors - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Place.

### **Experimental Cars**

Experimental cars sanctioned by NASA are eligible to score points in the Championship.

### **Awards - Race Day**

Hosts are responsible for awards to drivers who are successful in the Class finals.

The quantity and type of awards are at the discretion of the host, however should be of a suitable standard for a UK Autograss Championship.

### **Discipline**

Any form of threatening behaviour or violence at any UKAC event or in association or relation to the UK Autograss Championship is strictly prohibited and will be deemed as bringing the championship into disrepute.

Any driver or event attendee who brings the Championship into disrepute in any way will be dealt with by the hosts, UKAC Committee and / or NASA dependant on circumstances and severity of actions leading to disciplinary action. The NASA members' disciplinary tariff will apply.

The UKAC Committee reserve the right to exclude any person from any UKAC event(s), if they have been deemed to bring the championship into disrepute.

### **Complaints**

Any formal complaints about the Championship must be in writing to the Championship Secretary.

### **Overarching Statement**

Any incident or occurrence not covered in the above rules will be dealt with appropriately.



As the championship develops, it is a requirement as a contender that you compete in the spirit of common sense and sportsmanship.

If in doubt - ASK - do not assume.

**UKAC Contacts 2024**

The key contacts of the 2024 series are:

Paul Waldron - Championship Coordinator.

Simon Reeve - Pre-Entry & Points Coordinator.

Mel Gallagher – Championship Secretary.

Dave George & Geoff Gallagher – Scrutineering Coordinator.

