



# PHIL COLLINGS MEMORIAL SOUTH DOWNS STAGES

Sponsored by Towncross Engineering

**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**  
**GOODWOOD MOTOR CIRCUIT**



**SOUTHSEA AND  
BOGNOR REGIS  
MOTOR CLUBS**



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## FOREWORD

A warm welcome to both our regular competitors and to those of you joining us at Goodwood Motor Circuit for the first time for the nineteenth running of the Phil Collings Memorial South Downs Stages.

We are delighted to have the continued support of Paul King and Towncross Engineering as our ongoing event sponsor. This year we also welcome Exposure and their AutoMoto brand of vehicle lighting as supporters of night stages of the event.

We are also grateful for the continued support of Goodwood Motor Circuit who are excellent hosts and always welcome us with open arms. We couldn't ask for a more supportive team at a venue that throws up some unique challenges.

The event will retain its familiar format of circa 35 miles of competitive rallying. This year we will be running 8 double lap stages and with sunset at 4pm this means there will be guaranteed rallying in the dark!

Goodwood's natural bends are a challenge in themselves with some chicanes on the straights to spice things up. We will also be using a small amount of off-circuit roads similar to previous years.

If you are one of our regular 'family' of competitors we look forward to seeing you again, if this is your first time we are equally happy to welcome you to an event which has a reputation of being one of the friendliest and most accessible. For a taste of what to expect you can find plenty of in-car footage from previous events on YouTube.

We hold the event at a time when the population is facing incredible pressure on the cost of living so we are delighted to be able to remind everyone that spectator access to the venue is free of charge so we warmly encourage people to take advantage of the rare opportunity to come and enjoy an event without having to dig into your pockets.

All information about the event is available on the website [www.southdownsstages.co.uk](http://www.southdownsstages.co.uk) and we are active on facebook, twitter, and also instagram @southdowns\_stages so please do interact with us and share your experiences.

Once again we wish everyone involved with the event an enjoyable day and hope you will be back for more.

*The organising team*

## **1. Announcement**

1.1 Southsea Motor Club Ltd will organise an Interclub Permit sealed surface Multi-Use Special Stage Rally at Goodwood Motor Racing Circuit on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023. The event will be organised in association with Bognor Regis Motor Club Ltd

## **2. Jurisdiction**

Held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), and the Supplementary Regulations, along with any other written instructions that the Organising Clubs may issue for the event.

## **3. Sponsor**

The main sponsor for the event is Towncross Engineering

## **4. Authorisation**

Motorsport UK Permit Number - TBC

## **5. Eligibility**

5.1 The event is open to all fully elected members of the promoting clubs and clubs listed below:

All clubs affiliated to:

The Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs

The Association of South Western Motor Clubs

The Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs

The Association of Eastern Motor Clubs

5.2 Competitors are reminded of the requirement to have valid Competition Licences, Club Membership Cards and Entrants Licences (if applicable). Copies of these will be required to be uploaded as part of the on-line signing on process but should also be available on the day for spot checks.

5.3 The specifics of the scrutineering process will be detailed in the final instructions.

5.4 Vehicles will NOT be required to be taxed or insured for the public highway.

## **6. Championship**

The event is a round of the Hamilton Motorsport Ltd ACSMC Stage Rally Championship and the AEMC Stage Rally Championship.

## 7. Timetable & Locations

7.1	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2023	Regulations published
	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	Entries open
	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Online signing on opens
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Entries close
	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Entry list & Final Instructions published
	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Online signing on closes 23:59
	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2023	Competitors Briefing
	notes published	
	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2023	
	07:00 to 09:00	Noise & Scrutineering
	08:57	First car due at MTC 1
	18:40	Approx time of last car at last MTC

7.2 Details of the locations of Noise Tests & scrutineering will be advised in the Final Instructions.

## 8. Classes

8.1 Cars will be split into the following classes:

A1	Up to 1000cc
A	1001 - 1400cc
B	1401 - 1600cc
C	1601 - 2000cc
D	2001cc and over
E	All four wheel drive cars

8.2 For engines with a forced induction system (turbocharger or supercharger, etc) a multiplication factor of 1.7 will be applied to the actual engine capacity and then the appropriate class determined by the new engine capacity.

**8.3 THE USE OF ANTI-LAG SYSTEMS ON TURBO CARS IS NOT ALLOWED. IF FITTED THE SYSTEM MUST BE SWITCHED OFF. Per SR15.2(v), the penalty for use of anti-lag systems is exclusion.**

8.4 The event is open to all cars complying with GR R46 to R49. All vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK Regulations. The organisers reserve the right to re-classify any vehicle where they deem it fair to do so.

## 9. Route & Format

9.1 The event will take place entirely within the grounds of Goodwood Motor Racing Circuit. The route will comprise 8 stages of approximately 35 miles total.

9.2 The correct route will be defined by Stage Diagrams. Competitors will be required to print their own stage diagrams.

9.3 At chicanes or other hazards chevron type marker boards will be used to define the correct entry point as per R29.1.1

## 10. Controls & Timing

10.1 The timing for the entire event will be a contactless process. Competitors will be able to print from the website a time card for their own completion but this will not be collected or handled in the traditional fashion.

Real time display clocks will be present at all controls.

10.2 Competitors should enter arrival controls during the minute preceding their due time. For example if your due time is 0915 then you should enter the control between 09:14:00 and 09:14:59

10.3 Stages may start at one minute or 30 second intervals. Unfortunately we can only run single lap stages at 30 second intervals because of Goodwood restrictions regarding the number of cars allowed on the circuit at any one time. This is due to the implications that it has on noise build up within a given period, which is how the circuit and local council measure noise.

10.4 Competitors will be timed to an accuracy of 1 second.

10.5 Stages will be timed by digital clocks operated by marshals under the control of the Chief Timekeeper. Should the clocks fail the organizers reserve the right to use any other available means for timing.

10.6 A bogey time will be set on all stages at 75mph as per R28.2.1 and a stage maximum time at approximately 30mph.

10.6.1 The stage start will be controlled by automatic lights driven by a single clock and will operate as follows:

- 15 secs before start – Red Light
- 10 secs before start – Red & Amber Light
- 5 secs before start – Red light extinguished and the amber clusters count down.
- Start time – Green light

10.6.2 False starts will be detected by the use of a timing beam placed approximately 30cm in front of the start line as per R25.7.3. Competitors should position their car as directed by the start line marshals and should be aware that false starts will be recorded and reported to the Clerk of Course

10.6.3 The flying finish will be indicated by a red chequered flag board.

10.6.4 Each crew will be given their time at the stage finish (SSF) control in hours, minutes and seconds. Any crew who fails to stop at the stage finish control must not, under pain of exclusion, reverse to the stop line but must return on foot.

10.7 To be classified as a finisher, competing crews must report to the final control within the maximum lateness specified, with the car in which they started the event, without incurring the penalty of exclusion.

## 11. Awards

11.1 Awards will not be presented in the traditional post-event ceremony to avoid gatherings but will either be available to collect once results are final, or posted to competitors post-event.

11.2 Awards will be presented as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Overall	Two awards
2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall	Two awards
1 <sup>st</sup> in class	Two awards
2 <sup>nd</sup> in class	Two awards (subject to min of 5 entries)
3 <sup>rd</sup> in class	Two awards (subject to min of 10 entries)
Highest classified Southsea Motor Club crew	Two awards
Highest classified Bognor Regis Motor Club crew	Two awards
Best performance by a Novice* crew	Two awards
Spirit of the Rally Award**	One award

\*A novice is defined as any crew in which both members have not taken part in more than three Stage Rallies before they start this event, in the role in which they are entering. The organisers may check past results to confirm eligibility.

\*\*This award will be presented to the crew or individual the organisers feel best demonstrates the ethos and competitive spirit of club rallying

## 12. Entries

12.1 Entries for the rally open at 0900 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and close at 23:59 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

12.2 The organisers reserve the right to accept entries after this date should the maximum number not be reached.

12.3 The entry fee is £278.00

12.4 Entries should be completed on the on-line entry system at [www.southdownsstages.co.uk](http://www.southdownsstages.co.uk) and accompanied by the correct fee.

12.5 Entry fees may be paid by on line bank transfer/BACS. We will be unable to accept payments in advance of the entry 'go live' time and date. Bank details may vary from previous years so please do not attempt to make payment before 0900 on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

12.6 Due to anticipated demand we are unable to accept entry fees by cheque as these will likely arrive after the entry has filled.

12.7 The maximum entry for the rally is 55 cars. The minimum is 40 cars. Should the minimum number not be reached the organisers reserve the right to cancel the event.

12.8 The organisers reserve the right to allocate 3 entries at their discretion, the remaining 52 entries will be accepted as per 12.9 below.

12.9 Entries will be confirmed in order of receipt so long as a payment accompanies the entry. In order to allow for the different speeds each bank completes an instant payment we will wait until the evening of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to confirm entries. An entry will not be confirmed as part of the 55 car entry unless at least one member of the competing crew's full contact details are completed and an intended car and class selected at the point of entry. Items such as seeding details and media content are not required at the point of entry but may be updated at any time but will be required before entries close on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

12.10 Entries cancelled by email, up to and including the closing date will be refunded in full. Entries cancelled after that date will receive a full refund if the place can be taken by a fully paid up reserve. Cancelled entries after the closing date that cannot be replaced by a reserve will be considered for partial refund at the organiser's discretion.

12.11 Entry fees may not be refunded to any entry who fails to start or meet the noise or scrutineering requirements.

12.12 Competitors will start in the entries list order based upon the seeding information received. If, during the event it becomes apparent that a competitor's performance is substantially greater or less than that which he is seeded, the Clerk of the Course or Deputy Clerk of the Course may re-seed that competitor on safety grounds.

12.13 Final instructions will be sent to the co-driver by email (unless specified otherwise) and posted on the event website.

### 13. Officials

The officials of the meeting will be:

Event Co-ordinator Mark Collings 07824 634424 / 02392 666309  
[secretary@southdownsstages.co.uk](mailto:secretary@southdownsstages.co.uk)

Secretary & Entries Secretary of the Meeting Mark Collings  
[info@southdownsstages.co.uk](mailto:info@southdownsstages.co.uk)

Clerk of the Course Steve Castle 07976 388849  
[s.castle@virgin.net](mailto:s.castle@virgin.net)

Deputy Clerk of the Course Michael Weeks

Stage Commander John Taylor

Chief Marshal Gavin Cross  
[chiefmarshal@southdownstages.co.uk](mailto:chiefmarshal@southdownstages.co.uk)

Event Safety & Spectator Safety Officer

Matt Fowle

Spectator Safety Officer Matt Fowle

MS UK Steward TBA once appointed by Motorsport UK

Club Stewards Mick Briggs & TBA

Radio Controller Sue Fielding

Chief Medical Officer Chris Attfield

Chief Timekeeper Roger Davidson & John Broughall

Chief Scrutineer Vic Palmer 023 9266 4637  
[palmlixer@aol.com](mailto:palmlixer@aol.com)

Scrutineers Vic Palmer, Mark Palmer, TBC, & TBC

Results Team John Stringer, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Collings

Service Area Co-Ordinator & Competitor Liaison	Ian Collings
Child Safeguarding Officer	TBA
Chief Equipment Officer	Matt Endean
Rescue	Goodwood Rescue
Recovery	Westbourne Motors

**Please do not phone officials later than 21:30**

## 14. Venue & Service

14.1 Servicing is defined as work being carried out on the competing car by any person other than the competing crew, or the use of any parts or tools not carried in the competing car.

14.2 Servicing is only permitted in the service area. ANY ACTIVITY DEEMED BY THE ORGANISERS AS SERVICING IN ANY OTHER AREA WILL RESULT IN EXCLUSION. Service crews will not be permitted to go to the assistance of competing cars which break down on a Special Stage. The organisers will try to recover stranded vehicles between stages, but this cannot be guaranteed.

14.3 All servicing must be carried out on a non-porous sheet which exceeds the size of the car.

14.4 Due to the fixed layout of the paddock area at Goodwood there will only be room for the competing car and one service vehicle in the service area. Trailers and other associated vehicles must be parked in the designated areas. Information to this effect will be provided in the final instructions.

To assist with our planning, the organisers would like to request that any competitors bringing a large service vehicle (such as 7.5T lorries, camper vans, etc) notify us in advance.

As a condition of the use of the circuit refuelling may only be carried out in the designated areas. All competitors and their service crews are reminded of the requirements under the Health & Safety At Work Act regarding the refuelling of vehicles. Penalties will be applied as detailed in SR15.2

14.5 All entrants/competitors must ensure that all persons connected with their entry have read and fully understood the following statement: *'Every person participating in this event, whether employed or voluntary, shall take reasonable care for health and safety of themselves or other people who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions during the operation of the event'*

14.6 It is a condition of the circuit that no fires, barbecues or naked flames are permitted in the service area. Anybody found contravening this regulation not associated with a competing crew will be asked to leave the venue, and if found to be associated with a competing crew, penalties will be applied to the competing crew as per SR15.2(u)

14.7 Contravention of any of the above may result in a 3 minute penalty or exclusion as per SR15.2(u).



## 15. Marking & Penalties

15.1 Timing and marking will be as per GR R31

15.2 Penalties will apply as per R32 except for the following which are modified or added:

(m) Excessive vehicle sound (Article 16)	Exclusion
(o) Breach of GR R38.1.2 to R38.1.4	Exclusion
(t) Hitting or driving through chicane/course markers	15 seconds (1st offence)
(u) Contravention of SR 14.3 - 14.6	3 mins (1 <sup>st</sup> offence), Exclusion (subsequent offenses)
(v) Contravention of SR16.2	Exclusion
(w) Contravention of SR18.1	Exclusion
(x) Contravention of SR 22.5	Exclusion

15.3 R32.2(c) is deemed to include deliberately hitting a chicane in order to gain an advantage (2nd and subsequent offences) and taking wrong routes at split junctions.

15.4 Competitors who miss a control will now receive a 30 minute penalty as per R32.2 (a).

## 16. Modifications to General Regulations

16.1 H30.1.3(e) Competitors will be required to carry advertising material supplied by the organisers on behalf of their sponsors.

16.2 J5.17.8 Competing cars may be subject to additional noise tests at any time during the event.

**ALL CARS MUST BE ABLE TO PASS BOTH THE STANDARD MOTORSPORT UK NOISE TEST (100dB at 4500 RPM) AND THE GOODWOOD NOISE TEST OF 105DB AT 3/4 MAX REVS.** Any vehicle failing to meet the required level will be given up to 30mins to effect permanent repairs (eg wire wool is not acceptable). If after that time the vehicle still fails the noise test it will be excluded from the event. **Cars will also be subject to a drive-by test with a maximum level of 101db.** Any vehicle producing spurious noises (eg backfires or popping of any kind) may be subject to immediate withdrawal until eliminated.  
THE USE OF NOISE GENERATING ANTI-LAG SYSTEMS IS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED. USE OF SUCH DEVICES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXCLUSION.

As per R24.9.1, Judges and/or DSOs will be appointed to report on sound levels. Excessive sound will include instantaneous occurrence of noise such as that produced by backfiring caused by anti-lag systems. The penalty for excessive sound may go as far as exclusion.

If any competitor has any concerns about the noise of their vehicle, or the testing methods in use, they should contact the Event Co-ordinator prior to entering to discuss the matter.

16.3 R30.1.1 Controls will open at the due time of Car 0.

16.4 R31.2.5 Maximum lateness will be 5 minutes which is penalty free.

16.5 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the organising clubs. Awards will be presented as soon as possible after the finish of the rally. To be eligible for the first placed Southsea MC or Bognor Regis MC awards you need to be a member of that club on publication of these SRs.

## 17. Judges of Fact

17.1 Judges of Fact will be appointed as per GR G10 to adjudicate and report on breaches of GR R24.7, R24.7.3, R24.7.6, R24.7.8, R24.9 and R25.6

17.2 Named Judges of Fact will be displayed on the official notice board.

17.3 The start line marshals will be judges of fact with respect to false starts. The marshals at the split and merge junctions will be judges of fact with respect to splits and merges.

## 18. Safety

### 18.1 30 second starts and split junctions

Since competitors may start Special Stages at 30 second intervals and each stage may consist of more than one lap, there will be several cars circulating at one time. There will be a split junction and a merge on some stages.

Countdown markers will be positioned at 200 and 100 yards before these. Competitors should ensure that they know which route to take on each lap. A Marshal will be placed on each of these junctions; any crew who overshoots and reverses will be EXCLUDED and licences may be endorsed

Additionally, crews who overshoot the split must not cut through the cones to take the other route – penalty for this will be 30 minutes for the first offense, Exclusion for the second.

### 18.2 Red Flags

On any special stage where extreme circumstances make it necessary to authorise the movement of non-competing or rescue vehicle before the stage is cleared of competing cars, a system of Red Flags will be used. In accordance with R.25.6.4 on passing a Red Flag displayed by a marshal wearing a marshals' tabard, the driver MUST immediately and significantly reduce speed. The driver will then maintain this reduced speed, whilst being prepared to stop, until the end of the special stage and follow the instructions of any marshals and/or stage safety personnel. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty at the discretion of the stewards.

## 19. Cameras

19.1 In-car cameras for personal / non-commercial use are permitted. Any cameras must be fitted in their intended position, in a secure mounting, before the car is presented for scrutineering, and the mounting must be approved by the scrutineer.

19.2 Any footage taken must be made available to the organisers if requested, for either promotional or judicial purposes.

## 20. Results, Ties and Protests

20.1 Live Interim results will be displayed on the event website throughout the day [www.southdownsstages.co.uk](http://www.southdownsstages.co.uk) Provisional and final results will be posted on the event website in pdf format.

20.2 Ties will be resolved in accordance with R40.1.2

20.3 Protests must be in accordance with GR C5 and Appeals in accordance with GR C6.

## 21. Damage Declaration

Competitors at the conclusion of the event shall sign a declaration available

online via the event website to the effect that they have not been involved in any accident that may have caused damage to persons or property, or alternatively give details of such incidents. Failure to comply will be penalised under R15.1.3 and may be reported to Motorsport UK for further action. Competitors who retire will be required to submit this form to the Secretary of the Meeting within 72 hours of the event. Failure to return this form may be penalised by a fine of up to £100. Competitors causing damage to any third party property will be liable for any excess the organisers have to pay to the Motorsport UK insurers.

## **22. Additional Information**

22.1 Competing cars are required to carry identification numbers in accordance with J4.1

22.2 Stage maps, seeded entry list and time schedule will be available via the event website approximately 7 days before the event.

22.3 Competitors may wish to fit auxiliary lighting as stages may be run in the dark. These must be fitted for scrutineering.

22.4 Any misbehaviour deemed as bringing motor sport into disrepute may result in the removal of team members from the venue.

22.5 No dogs are permitted in the service area or anywhere on the inside areas of the track. Goodwood welcomes dogs on the spectator banking on the outside of the track.

## **23. Services**

Catering availability is currently unconfirmed due to any potential changes in Covid restrictions that may come into force between publication of SR's and the date of the event. Further advice will be issued in the final instructions.

Permanent toilets are available on site.

No fuel is available at the site. The nearest petrol stations are Sainsburys at 197/876057 or on the Chichester By-pass Eastbound at 197/860037

## **24. Acknowledgements**

We thank the following people and companies for their support of the rally.

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