

# **Armstrong Group Rally Time Trial**

at
Quarry, Dalbeattie
on
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## FOREWORD FROM THE ORGANISERS

Welcome to the resumption of loose surface rallying in Scotland, and the first event organised by SRC Car Club, the Armstrong Group Rally Time Trial. We realise that this will be the first event for many of you since the resumption of our sport, and maybe your first Rally Time Trial. To help, please see the Q&A Appendix of the Regulations.

There will be 2 events available, one for a crew of Driver & Navigator, the other for a single Driver. For entrants of the single driver event there will be a £50 reduction in entry fee due to lower Motorsport UK insurance costs. Both events will consist of identical stages.

We are aiming for a minimum of 6 stages, 3 runs of the clockwise stage and 3 runs of the anticlockwise stage. The best 2 runs of the stage in each direction will count towards your final result. There will also be the opportunity to complete a low speed convoy run in each direction for venue familiarisation.

Entries will open on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September at 20:00. We anticipate entries will fill quickly. The first 40 entries will be accepted in order of receipt.

The process of entering the event, scrutineering and signing-on is all electronic as we aim for contactless processes to avoid transmission of Covid-19 – we know this will be very different. One of the biggest changes is to scrutineering – you will need to fill in details about your car and equipment - this must be completed and submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> October at the latest.

We will also need the names & contact details of everyone attending before the event – without it you will not be allowed to access the venue.

We know that you are looking forward to getting our sport up & running again, and we thank you for the interest in the event. We also need to thank Jock, Barbara & Janet, and all at the Armstrong Group for their help & enthusiasm in getting this event up and running in a short timeframe.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

- 1. SRC Car Club Ltd. will organise an Interclub Status Rally Time Trial on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Armstrong Group Quarry, Dalbeattie.
- 2. The event will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions the organisers may issue for the event.

3. Single Occupancy Event Motorsport UK Permit Number: 119073

Double Occupancy Event Motorsport UK Permit Number: 119074

- 4. The event is open to any holder of a valid competition licence issued by Motorsport UK or Motorsport Ireland, who also must also be a fully elected member of a club which is a member of the following associations:
  - Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs.
  - Association of North East and Cumbria Car Clubs.
  - Association of Northern Car Clubs.
  - Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs.
- 5. Drivers are reminded that a valid RS Interclub Stage Rally licence or higher is required. No refund will be issued for any competitor unable to compete due to incorrect licence.
- 6. Timetable

• 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Entries open at 20:00

• 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 Entries close

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Seeded Entry List, Final Instructions and Pre-Event

Declaration Form emailed to competitors

• 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Deadline for return of Pre-Event Declaration Form

• 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Service Area opens at 7:00am.

Stage opens to competitors to walk/cycle (maintaining social distancing at all times)
Stage closes for reconnaissance at 8:30am

Convoy run: 8:45am.

1st car Due Start Time: 9:15am.

#### 7. Classes

All vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK Technical Regulations J and R 46 - 49. As no part of the route will utilise the Public Highway, cars are not required to be taxed.

- C1 2wd cars up to 1450cc
- C2 2wd cars 1451-1650cc
- C3 2wd cars 1651-2050cc
- C4 2wd cars over 2050cc
- H1 Historic cars registered before 31.12.74
- H2 Historic cars registered between 01.01.75 and 31.12.90
- M1 WRC & R5 cars
- M2 All other 4wd cars
- 8. All cars with forced induction will have their engine capacity increased by 70% to determine their class.
- Competitors will be identified by high visibility competition numbers displayed on the rear windows of competing cars. These will be provided by the Organisers on the day of the event and fitted/removed by a member of the Organising team.
- 10. Entrants will be supplied with stage diagrams (not to scale) and their own time record sheets electronically ahead of the event. These should be printed out by the competitor. These documents will provide all the information necessary to comply with R26.1. Competitors will be supplied with sketch plans of each stage, which will not be to scale. The correct stage route will be physically defined by arrows and numbered junctions.

The onus is on the competitor to follow the correct route at all times: if there should be any conflict between the arrowed route and that shown on the stage plan, the arrowed route shall be deemed to be correct. All official times and mileages shall be deemed to be correct.

- 11. All entries must be made on-line via the rallies.info system, including Covid-19 and vehicle compliance declarations as currently required by Motorsport UK recommendations.
- 12. The entry fee for the Dual Occupancy Time Trial is £240.00
  The entry fee for the Single Occupancy Time Trial is £190.00

Payment will only be accepted as directed by the rallies.info entry system.

13. Entries will only be accepted when duly completed and accompanied by the bank transfer of the total amount of the Entry Fee. Entries received with complete entry fee will be acknowledged by the Organisers.

- 14. The maximum entry for the event is 40, the minimum 30. Should the maximum number of entries be exceeded, a list with a maximum of 20 reserves will be created. This does not guarantee a start but will give priority, in order of receipt by the organisers, for any subsequent vacancies. Should the minimum figure not be reached, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the meeting or reduce the stage mileage.
- 15. The minimum for each class is 3. Should the minimum figure for each class not be reached the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes or reduce the awards lists as is deemed appropriate.
- 16. The running order will be in reverse order of predicted performance (R24.1.4), followed by a sweeper car. To assist seeding, entrants should note their previous results on their Entry Form. A list of scheduled starting times will be sent electronically to all competitors at 08:00 hours on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Cars will start at one minute intervals.
- 17. Entries must be withdrawn in writing, addressed to the Event Secretary. Entries will be refunded, in full, up to the closing date. Entry Fees may be refunded after this date at the organisers' discretion.
- 18. In the unlikely event of the Time Trial being cancelled prior to the start, entries will be refunded however they will have a £30 administration charge applied.
- 19. The Event Secretary must be advised, by email, of any modifications to entries. Changes will only be accepted up to 08:00 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Changes after this time are solely at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

## 20. Officials:

Motorsport UK	TBA	Club Stewards	Fiona Moir /
Steward			TBA
Clerk of the	Neil Shanks	Assistant Clerks	Roy Campbell /
Course		of the Course	Robert Beck
<b>Event Secretary</b>	Sinclair Young	Safety Officer	Andrew Little
	(sinclair_young@outlook.com)		
Chief Medical	Colin Feierabend	Covid-19 Officer	Allan Marshall
Officer			
Chief Marshal	Russell Fair	Chief Scrutineer	Jock Hislop
Chief	Gordon Bradford	Environmental	Gail Hislop
Timekeeper		Scrutineer	
Competitor	Susan Shanks		
Liaison Officer	07841 374595		

21. Signing-on will be done electronically and competitors are required to make a pre-event declaration that their vehicle complies with all the Motorsport UK technical and safety regulations. Scrutineers will be in attendance and may carry out spot checks on vehicles throughout the event.

- 22. The organisers reserve the right to amend these Supplementary Regulations as necessary resulting from any changes in the national and local COVID-19 restrictions and Motorsport UK guidance.
- 23. Interim results will be published online and links sent to all competitors at intervals during the event via an event WhatsApp group. Please ensure that one member of your team has access to this service. Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the event.
- 24. In normal circumstances any protest must be lodged in accordance with C5, however Covid-19 precautions make it necessary to modify this process and consequently it will be necessary to submit a protest electronically. Initial contact should be made with the Competitor Liaison Officer by telephone/WhatsApp to determine the correct procedure.
- 25. Any fees are to be submitted, by card payment, to Motorsport UK within 48 hours of the meeting.
- 26. The length of the course is approximately 1.6 miles and consists of approximately 95% unsealed surface and 5% sealed surface.
- 27. The event will comprise a minimum of 6, and a maximum of 8 timed runs (50% of the runs in one direction, 50% in the opposite direction) totalling approximately between 10 and 13 miles. The best 2 runs in each direction will count towards the final results (4 stages in total).

Should a competitor miss a stage in either layout, this will count as their discarded time. A second missed stage will attract a stage maximum plus 15 minutes. To classified as a finisher competitors must have attempted a minimum of 2 runs in each direction.

Stages will be mainly gravel, with some short sections of tarmac/broken concrete.

## 28. Marking and penalties:

- Jump start no time recorded
- Any competitor travelling against rally traffic whilst on the track disqualification.
- During official runs, if any competitor fails to compete in class and number order, they will forfeit that competitive run.
- If any competitor fails to start their run when instructed to do so by an official, no time will be recorded for that run.
- In the event of a tie, the competitor who achieves the fastest time on the first timed run will be judged the winner. If this is not sufficient to resolve the tie, the times of the second, third and fourth timed runs will be taken into consideration.

29. Any competitor who practises, reconnoitres or otherwise examines the special stage (except during the sighting run), or uses any other person(s) to do so on their behalf, will be excluded from the event and reported to Motorsport UK. This will be strictly enforced.

Members of the organising committee who are setting up the event are exempt from this rule – without their help there would be no event.

- 30. Any vehicle which fails to complete their timed run and is stopped between the start and finish time controls may be removed from the track by means of a recovery vehicle at the sole discretion of the organisers.
- 31. Competitors will be required to complete and sign a report declaring that they have not been involved in any incident resulting in damage to private property or injury to persons or animals or alternatively giving details of any such incident where damage or injury has occurred. This must now be submitted electronically. Any information given will not incur a penalty but failure to hand in a duly completed form will be penalised by exclusion.

This must be emailed to the Event Secretary within seven days of the event, unless they have been involved in an incident in which case details must be given to the organisers the same day. Competitors failing to make the necessary declaration will be reported to Motorsport UK.

# 32. Awards will be presented as follows:

- 1st overall (Overall winner will forfeit their class award)
- 1st in each class
- Ladies Award

Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the organisers.

There will be no awards ceremony – awards will be posted to competitors at a later date.

- 33. The organisers will be instigating and enforcing virus protection procedures and utilising electronic management of information and document control wherever possible.
- 34. Due to Covid-19 requirements we are limiting the number of people to competitors plus 2 support personnel per entry. This will be enforced with security wristbands which will be issued prior to the event.

It is everyone's responsibility to maintain social distancing. Anyone failing to maintain social distancing will be reminded of their obligations in the first instance, any subsequent warnings may result in exclusion for their competing crew and removal from the venue.

Only one service vehicle will be allowed into the service area, all other cars and vehicles must be parked to the organiser's instructions (details will be supplied with the Final Instructions). Service crews must stay within the designated area, all other areas are strictly out of bounds.

35. The organisers reserve the right to amend these Supplementary Regulations as necessary resulting from any changes in the national and local COVID-19 restrictions.

## 36. DRIVER BRIEFINGS & FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Final instructions, time cards, door numbers and rally plates will be sent to the person nominated on the entry form 5 days before the event. An on-line driver's briefing will be held on Tuesday 13th October at 8.00pm. Information on how to join this briefing will be sent to every competitor.

#### 37. MISCELLANEOUS

- It is the competitor's responsibility to supply an SOS/OK board and spill kit, their use shall be in accordance with R25.
- Petrol will not be available at the venue, competitors should bring sufficient supplies to last for the full days sport.
- Ties will be decided by reference to the competitor's stage times "furthest fastest" will apply (R40.1.2).

# APPENDIX - FAQ's

## What is the difference between a stage rally and a time trial?

For completeness, please see R44.1 in the Bluebook (Page 320).

In essence, a Rally Time Trial is a stage rally except a Navigator is optional, the stages are a maximum of 4 miles long and there is no requirement for an arrival control. The event will feel very different though as we comply with the Covid-19 requirements.

## Can I enter with my Navigator?

There is the option of 2 occupants in the car or just a driver. Those who are choosing just the driver will get a lower entry fee - This is because the fees payable to Motorsport UK are lower, we are simply passing on the savings.

## Will all stages count?

It is our intention to run a minimum of 6, and a maximum of 8 stages during the day. 3 or 4 will be in one direction, 3 or 4 in the other. The best 2 times in each direction will count towards your final result.

## I am classified in the vulnerable groups for Covid-19, should I attend?

This is entirely your choice. We do not want anyone to be at the venue if they feel unsafe or unwell, but we will do everything we can to make everyone feel as safe as possible.

Things will feel different. Most of the administration for the event will be done electronically, and you will not see the officials you usually see at an event. This does mean competitors will have to complete additional paperwork beforehand, but we will simplify this as much as possible

## Will there be a prize-giving?

No. This is a requirement of the new regulations.

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