

THE GURSTON DOWN 2024 HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE GURSTON DOWN 2024 TOP TEN CHALLENGE

SPORTING & TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Organised and administered by the BARC (SW Centre)

Closing Date for Entries – 12 noon May 8th 2024

- 1 Title and Jurisdiction:** The Gurston Down 2024 Hillclimb Championship and 2024 Top Ten Challenge are organised and administered by the BARC (South Western Centre) 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 permit numbers CH2024/SO16 (Grade D) (Championship) and CH2024/SO15 (Grade D) (Top Ten Challenge) have been issued.
- 2 Competitor Eligibility:** Drivers and Entrant/Drivers must be fully paid-up valid membership card-holding members of the BARC (SW) throughout the season, be Registered for the Championship and be in possession of valid Interclub Competition Licence, as a minimum.

A competitor shall not take time off school to participate in motor sport without the prior written approval of their school. If participation in the Championship requires absence from school, Drivers in full time school education are required to have the approval of their head teacher and a letter stating such approval from his/her school in order to fulfil registration for the Championship.

All necessary documentation must be presented for checking at all rounds when signing-on.

- 3 Registration:** Those wishing to register for the Championship and/or Challenge must do so using the Gurston ALPHA entry and linked payment system. Due to adopting the ALPHA system, paper entry forms are no longer possible. Click on the 'web entry form' tab on our website, www.gurstondown.org or directly at https://gurstondown.alphatiming.co.uk/users/sign_in

The fee will be a single payment of £25 for entry to the Championship and the Top Ten Challenge combined. Registration will NOT guarantee an entry at any meeting, and normal entry procedures apply, refer to SR's.

The registration list will open on publication of regulations and close at noon on May 8th 2024.

No points will be awarded retrospectively after a meeting (first timed run) has started.

Contenders will be required to carry Championship and Challenge (but not class) decals on their competition cars.

- 4 Championship Dates:**

April 27:	rounds 1 and 2
April 28:	rounds 3 and 4
June 15:	rounds 5 and 6
June 16:	rounds 7 and 8
July 13:	rounds 9 and 10
July 14:	rounds 11 and 12
August 3:	rounds 13 and 14
August 4:	rounds 15 and 16
August 24:	rounds 17 and 18
August 25:	rounds 19 and 20

(Please note: May 25 and 26 meetings are not rounds of either the Championship or the Challenge.)

Venue: Gurston Down Hillclimb is held at Gurston Down Farm, situated 1 mile west of Broad Chalke, which is 9 miles SW of Salisbury, Wiltshire, post code SP5 5HR. The entrance to the hill is at map reference OS sheet 184, SU 026 252.

5 Organising Club: The BARC (SW Centre).

6 Technical Regulations - Eligible vehicles: All vehicles must comply with the Technical and Safety Regulations defined in S.10.1.1 to S.15, also the Supplementary Regulations for Season 2024 section 5 issued by Gurston Down, as applicable for your vehicle class, also the MX-5 class specific regulations as published.

Classes: For the purposes of Championship marking vehicles will be divided into the following Classes:

Class 4-MX5	Road Cars -MX5 Cars – Mk1 (NA) to Mk 3 (NC). *
Class 4a	Road Cars – Series Production up to 1400 cc. (2 wheeled drive only)
Class 4b	Road Cars – Series Production 1401-2000cc. (2 wheeled drive only)
Class 4c	Road Cars – Series Production over 2000cc.** (2 wheeled drive only)
Class 4-4WD	Road Cars - Series Production 4WD of any engine capacity
Class 4d	Road Cars – Specialist Production, any capacity.
Class 5	Modified Cars – Limited Production Marque Sports Cars up to 2000 cc
Class 6	Modified Cars – Limited Production Marque Sports Cars over 2000 cc.
Class 7	Modified Cars – Series Production up to 1400cc. (2 wheeled drive only)
Class 8	Modified Cars – Series Production over 1401-2000cc. (2 wheeled drive only)
Class 9	Modified Cars – Series Production over 2000cc.** (2 wheeled drive only)
Class 9-4WD	Modified Cars – Series Production 4WD of any engine capacity
Class 11	Modified Cars – Specialist Production Cars, any capacity.
Class 13*	Historically Interesting Cars, pre-1972, any capacity.
Class 15a	Sports Libre Cars up to 1400 cc.
Class 15b	Sports Libre Cars 1401 – 2000 cc.
Class 16	Sports Libre Cars over 2000 cc.
Class 16a	Rally Cars ***
Class 18	Racing Cars up to 600 cc.
Class 19	Racing Cars over 600 cc and up to 1100 cc.
Class 20	Racing Cars over 1100 cc and up to 1600 cc.
Class 20a	Formula Ford Racing Cars manufact pre-1994, Kent Crossflow engines only. Pre-1994 rules apply.
Class 21a	Racing Cars over 1600 cc and up to 2000 cc. (Normally Aspirated).
Class 21b	Racing Cars over 1600 cc and up to 2000 cc. (Forced Induction).
Class 22	Racing Cars over 2000 cc.

* Note: In order to establish the Class Target Time for the 2024 Championship, the fastest time set by an MX5 during the last two seasons – 2022 and 2023 will be used.

** Note: In order to establish the Class Target Time for the 2025 Championship, classes 4c and 9 will be ineligible for entry into the 2024 Championship however times will be recorded to set the 2025 Class Target Time. Times set in seasons 2022 and 2023 by Championship contenders (in what would have been eligible cars) may be taken into account when setting the Class Target Time for 2025. Class 4c and 9 winners and runners up will be eligible for awards at events and at the end of the season, as in Section 8 (v) below.

Class Target Times as held by 4WD cars in seasons 2022 and 2023 in Class 4c and 9 will be migrated to 4-4WD and 9-4WD respectively. Refer to Appendix 1.

*** Note: In order to establish the Class Target Time for the 2025 Championship, class 16a will be ineligible for entry into the 2024 championship, however times will be recorded to set the 2025 Class Target Time. Class winners and runners up will be eligible for awards, both at events and at the end of the season, as in Section 8 (v) below.

7 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 3).

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

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

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

8 THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- (i) Points are scored in each round by comparing the drivers time against a class target time. The target times for each class at the start of the 2024 season are listed in Appendix 1.

The calculation, to the nearest 100th of a second is as follows:

$$\text{Points scored} = (\text{Target Time minus Drivers Time}) \text{ plus } 20.00.$$

For example if the Class 4a Target Time is 40.40s and the competitor drives 40.80s, putting these into the calculation becomes:

$$(40.40 - 40.80) + 20.00 = 19.60. \text{ the competitor scores } 19.60 \text{ points.}$$

If, for the same target time, the competitor drives the hill in 40.30s, beating the target time by 0.10, the calculation is:

$$(40.40 - 40.30) + 20.00 = 20.10. \text{ the competitor scores } 20.10 \text{ points.}$$

There will be no "global" double points for the final two August rounds as in previous years. Instead double championship points will available at rounds 3 & 4 (both competitive runs on Sunday 28 April 2024) and at rounds 19 & 20, (both competitive runs on Sunday 25 August 2024) but only a competitors two best scoring rounds from these four will have double points applied to their championship score.

The initial class target time has been set as the best time set in each class by a registered Gurston Championship contender in the previous two seasons in which times in the class were set. Target times (including any adjustments) will be published before each round of the championship, and as far as practicable during a meeting, as soon as the results from the round earlier in the day become available. The current target times will be on display at the office.

Target times of any class where the target time is beaten in a round, will be updated to the new target time before the next round, so they reflect the state of competitiveness in each class as recently as possible.

Points gained in FOURTEEN of the TWENTY qualifying rounds will count towards the Championship scoring total. Each one-day meeting will comprise TWO qualifying rounds of the Championship, meaning each of the two competition runs will count towards Championship scoring.

In order to qualify for points in any event, a competitor must be classified as a 'finisher'. In the case of force majeure, should only one complete run be attained, points will be scored on that one run.

- ii) Competitors may only score points in their nominated (at championship and challenge entry) class. It is permitted to change car within the class. Points from more than one class will not be added together to count towards the overall championship total. **If in your event entry application you elect to run in one of the visiting other championships, you will not be eligible to accrue points in the Gurston Championship or Challenge. Your event entry must be in the one of the championship classes to collect championship and / or challenge points.**
- iii) **Resolving Ties:** In the event of a tie for season position between two or more competitors the following tie-break procedure will be adopted in the sequence shown below until a result is achieved.
- The competitor with the higher number of scoring rounds wins.
 - If still equal, the competitor with the higher total of the dropped scores wins.
 - Should these methods fail to produce a clear winner, the Committee of the BARC (SW) will decide what further action should be taken.
 - Championships points appeals, refer to C.6.5.
- iv) In the case of some events being cancelled for whatever reason, the number of qualifying rounds will be reduced proportionally. Refer to table appendix 2.

v) At the conclusion of the Championship, trophies will be presented as follows:

1st overall	The Wadham Stringer Trophy (to be returned by 1.10.24), £250 cash and a souvenir trophy.
2nd overall	A souvenir trophy
3rd overall	A souvenir trophy

Class trophies will be awarded as follows:

1st in each Class	A souvenir trophy (providing there are 1 or more registered participants)
2nd in each Class	A souvenir trophy (providing there are 5 or more registered participants)
3rd in each Class	A souvenir trophy (providing there are 9 or more registered participants)
1st in Class 13	The Keir & Cawder Quaich and a souvenir trophy
1st in Class 19	The Tom Elton Trophy and a souvenir trophy
1st in Class 20	The A & S Racing Trophy and a souvenir trophy
1st in Class 21	The Chairman's Cup and a souvenir trophy

The Committee of the BARC (SW) may offer additional trophies

If you are notified that you have won an award and are unable to attend the Annual Awards Dinner to collect it in person, please make arrangements for someone else to collect it on your behalf, and inform the chairman or competition secretary who you have nominated in advance of the ceremony. If you do not do this, the committee reserves the right not to provide an award after the ceremony.

9 THE TOP TEN CHALLENGE

i) Championship Regulations 1 to 7 above apply.

ii) The twelve registered competitors with the best times overall from the two competitive runs, irrespective of class, and irrespective of the class they registered into, will have a Run-Off. The 10 fastest from the run-off will be awarded points. There will be 10 points for the best time down to 1 point for the tenth best time. For tied scores to 1/100th second in the run-off, equal points are awarded, and rule 8 (iii) above applies to tied scores at the end of the season.

iii) Points scored in up to SEVEN qualifying run-offs will count towards the Challenge scoring total. In case of some events being cancelled for whatever reason, the number of qualifying rounds will be reduced proportionally. Refer to table appended.

iv) There will be no "global" double points for the final August run-off as in previous years. Instead double Top Ten Challenge points will available at round 2 (Top 12 run-off Sunday 28 April 2024) and at round 10 (Top 12 run-off Sunday 25 August 2024), but only a competitors single best scoring round from these two will have double points applied to their Top Ten Challenge score.

v) If the Clerk of the Course decides for whatever reason (e.g. force majeure, insufficient time, weather, etc) not to hold a top 12 run-off, no points will be awarded and that round is cancelled and the number of qualifying rounds will be adjusted proportionally as per Appendix 2.

vi) In the event of a season tie between two or more competitors the tie-break procedure will be the same as 8(iii) above.

vii) At the conclusion of the Challenge trophies will be presented as follows:

1st	The Guards Trophy (to be returned by 1.10.24), £250 cash and a souvenir trophy
2nd	A souvenir trophy
3rd	A souvenir trophy

10 If a competitor wins both the Championship and the Challenge at the end of the season, he/she shall receive the Championship trophy only. Gaps left in the listing will be filled by the promotion of those competitors in lower positions.

11 Officials: Records will be maintained by the Championship Coordinator: Nick Revels, 53 Admirals Road, Locks Heath, Southampton SO31 6QD, telephone 07545 922059 (before 9pm please).

Championship Stewards	Paul Webster, Duncan Barnes, Geoff Hunt
Championship Eligibility Scrutineer	Tony Freeman

Intermediate bulletins and final results will be issued periodically to all registered contenders competing in the relevant qualifying events.

12 Sporting Regulations - judicial procedures:

- i) Rounds in accordance with Section C of the Motorsport UK Yearbook **2024** and the BARC (SW) SRs.
- ii) Championship in accordance with Section C of the Motorsport UK Yearbook **2024** and the BARC (SW) SRs.

13 All other relevant GRs of Motorsport UK apply as written (e.g. Sections D.7; W.2).

14 Only Registered Contenders in the Championship or Challenge are eligible to win driver / car related Annual trophies.

15 Data Protection Policy. The BARC (SW) holds competitor records on computer which are used by the Club only for its own purposes. If any competitor objects to their records being held in this way, please inform the Championship Co-ordinator. Motorsport UK Data Protection Policy is published on Motorsport UK website.

16. Please note Appendix 4, regarding fuel testing.

Target Times at the Start of the 2024 Season, by Class

CLASS	TYPE	TARGET
Class 4-MX5	Road Cars -MX5 Mk1-Mk3 up to 2000 cc	38.80
Class 4a	Road Cars – Series Production up to 1400 cc	39.13
Class 4b	Road Cars – Series Production 1401-2000cc	38.00
Class 4c	Road Cars – Series Production over 2000cc	-
Class 4d	Road Cars - Specialist Production, any capacity.	33.48
Class 4-4WD	Road Cars – Series Production over 2000cc – 4WD	33.04
Class 5	Modified Cars – Ltd Prod Marque Sports Cars < 2000 cc.	34.35
Class 6	Modified Cars –Ltd Prod Marque Sports Car > 2000 cc.	33.84
Class 7	Modified Cars – Series Production up to 1400cc	35.13
Class 8	Modified Cars – Series Prod over 1401-2000cc	33.67
Class 9	Modified Cars – Series Prod over 2000cc	-
Class 9-4WD	Modified Cars – Series Production over 2000cc – 4WD	31.78
Class 11	Modified Cars - Specialist Prod Cars, any capacity	30.50
Class 13	Historically Interesting Cars, pre-1973.	33.23
Class 15a	Sports Libre Cars up to 1400 cc	32.67
Class 15b	Sports Libre Cars 1401 - 2000 cc	31.21
Class 16	Sports Libre Cars over 2000 cc	30.29
Class 16a	Rally Cars	-
Class 18	Racing Cars up to 600 cc.	35.08
Class 19	Racing Cars over 600 cc and up to 1100 cc	30.51
Class 20	Racing Cars over 1100 cc and up to 1600 cc.	29.92
Class 20a	Formula Ford Racing Cars manufact pre-1994.	36.43
Class 20b	Racing Cars built up to 1985	33.86
Class 21a	Racing Cars over 1600 cc and up to 2000 cc. (N A)	29.62
Class 21b	Racing Cars over 1600 cc and up to 2000 cc. (F I)	27.68
Class 22	Racing Cars over 2000 cc	30.24

Appendix 2

Number of Qualifying rounds in Championship and Top Ten Challenge

Events held	Championship Rounds	Qualifying Rounds		Challenge Rounds	Qualifying Rounds
10	20	14		10	7
	19	13			
9	18	12		9	6
	17	11			
8	16	10		8	5
	15	9			
7	14	8		7	4
	13	8			
6	12	7		6	4
	11	6			
5	10	6		5	3
	9	5			
4	8	5		4	2
	7	4			
3	6	4		3	2
	5	3			
2	4	2		2	2
	3	2			
1	2	2		1	1
	1	1			



Appendix 3

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

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 safe 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.

Fuel Testing

- 1) BARC (SW) will undertake fuel testing of any competitor at any event, using any of the following methods:
 - As defined in the current Motorsport UK Competitors Yearbook (3 litres of fuel are needed for this test);
 - 3rd Party Fuel Testing using 100 millilitres
- 2) Fuel testing may be carried out at any time, before, during, or after a competition on the instructions of Motorsport UK Steward, the Clerk of the Course, Chief Scrutineer, Eligibility Scrutineer or the Club Stewards.
- 3) The Clerk of the Course must always be notified of intention to carry out fuel testing before any testing is undertaken.
- 4) Fuel testing to be carried out / overseen in the case of the 3rd Party Fuel Testing, by a licenced scrutineer at the event and witnessed by a BARC SW official.
- 5) Upon notification to the entrant or competitor, that the vehicle concerned will be undertaking a fuel test then the vehicle shall be considered as being in Parc Ferme conditions. The competitor cannot undertake any actions regarding the vehicle unless prior approved by a scrutineer until the fuel testing is completed.
- 6) If the competitor refuses to have a fuel test undertaken or there is insufficient fuel in the vehicle for the test: then the competitor will be **disqualified** from the event results and the competitor will not be allowed to continue in the event.
- 7) Results for any fuel test using methods that allow the results to be notified at the meeting e.g. 3rd Party Testing, will be done so before the event results are finalised. This includes refusal to allow a fuel test or not having sufficient fuel in the car for the test. The competitor will be notified directly and an event bulletin will be posted. Results of fuel tests using methods where the results are not known on the day, will then make the results for any class provisional until the results are known.
- 8) If the competitor fails the 3rd Party Fuel Test, then the competitor can request to undertake a fuel test at their expense, using the procedure as defined in the current Motorsport UK Competitors Yearbook. If this is undertaken the class / event results will be provisional until the fuel test results are made available to the event Stewards.

ANNUAL TROPHIES 2024

MARSH & MASTERS TROPHY – Awarded to the competitor scoring the highest number of points in the Gurston Championship who at the beginning of the season was 65 or over.

MARSH MEMORIAL TROPHY – Awarded to the BARC SW Championship Competitor who makes the greatest improvement in, or is nearest to, their class record during the two July Meetings.

PENSKE MARSHAL OF THE YEAR.

HEATHER BRAMPTON TROPHY – Awarded to the lady competitor who finishes highest in the Gurston Championship.

TERENCE TATTAM MEMORIAL TROPHY – Awarded to the driver of the highest placed Open Sports Car in the Gurston Championship **who has not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in the Championship or Top Ten Challenge.**

LOGETTE CUP – Awarded to the driver of the highest placed Saloon or Closed Sports Car in the Gurston Championship **who has not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in the Championship or Top Ten Challenge.**

PITT TROPHY – Awarded to the driver of the highest placed Sports Libre Car in the Gurston Championship **who has not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in the Championship or Top Ten Challenge.**

DORCHESTER PLANNING CONSULTANCY TROPHY - Awarded to the competitor who has not won an award at any Gurston meeting, however has scored the highest number of points in the Gurston Championship.

CORONA CHALLENGE CUP – Awarded to the BARC SW member who makes the greatest improvement in a Class Record during the season.

UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD AWARD- Awarded for the most outstanding contribution by a person under 18 years old at Gurston during the season.

PAT CHANT MEMORIAL TROPHY – Awarded for the most outstanding contribution by a Gurston lady during the season.

KEITH SALMON MEMORIAL TROPHY - Awarded to the Competitor based on concours presentation AND Championship performance, judged by the Gurston Committee.

PARKHOUSE & WYATT CHALLENGE TROPHY– Awarded to the Championship competitor based on concours presentation throughout the season. Cars are judged by the Gurston Committee on the basis of age, cleanliness, finish, safety and fitness for purpose.

PITSTOP TROPHY – Awarded to “Driver of the Season” who has not won an Annual Award.

THE JOHN FORSYTH ENDEAVOUR AWARD.

STAN HUNT MEMORIAL TROPHY

**ALL THESE AWARDS ARE HELD FOR 11 MONTHS AND MUST BE RETURNED
TO THE COMPETITION SECRETARY BY THE END OF THAT PERIOD**