



Aim

The 2026 British Army Rally Team (BAR) will promote and run the British Army Stage Rally (BASRC) Championship¹ by Sgt S Machin will co-ordinate the Championship on behalf of BAMA. The aims of the Championship are 3-fold:

- Promote motor sport within the ARMY by providing an effective entry level opportunity into rallying for new BAMA members but concurrently enabling experienced BAMA members to compete at a challenging level, and across all three Services as part of the Armed Forces Stage Rally Championship (AFSRC), subject to the commitments of the Service.
- Facilitate the development of our novices by providing a simple format where they can practice their race-craft, car development skills and benefit from the guidance of our more experienced competitors.
- By rewarding performance rather than finishing position, encourage innovative car preparation, develop team building, good relations with fellow competitors and provide development, training, and support to enable competitors to contest the Championship at a sustainable cost proportionate to ARMY remuneration scales.

Section 1 – General

1.1 The permit holder for the BRSRC Championship will be BAMA. BAMA Motorsport UK Permit Numbers reg no. 120733.

1.2 The Championship will be organised in accordance with the General Regulations of Motor Sport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Regulations and any subsequent organizers' bulletins.

1.3 Motorsport UK (MSUK) Permit No 120733

1.4 The Championship is open to anyone who is a member of the Army² and holds a stage rally licence as a driver/co-driver, Rally Marshall or individual wishing to become involved in the sport.

¹ On behalf of BAMA who are the permit holders

² And a fully paid member of BAMA

The organisers have the right to refuse the registration of anyone and to exclude any registered competitor if need be.

1.5 While it is understood that there will be a high level of competitiveness on the stages, competitors must have a fun and fair-minded approach to the sport. At all times the excellent reputation of the Army must be maintained, and all competitors are to always act in line with the spirit of service and ethos of the British Army.

1.6 All protests in respect of these Regulations must be lodged in accordance with the General Regulations of MSUK.

1.7 Changes or additions to these regulations will be communicated through various channels such as by post and email. Competitors are encouraged to keep in good contact with the Organisers and to regularly monitor the BAMA website and communication systems to ensure they stay current with any issues. Changes or additions to the Regulations after initial MSUK sanction must be approved by a vote and agreed by registered competitors. This vote can only be initiated by the Championship coordinators.

1.8 All competitors must register as detailed in Section 4 below. Registration for the Championship does not guarantee a right of entry on any of the qualifying events.

Section 2 – BAMA British Army Stage Rallying Championship Officials

2.1 Officials for the Championship are:

Army Rally Team Operations Manager and Championship Organiser³: **Sgt S Machin**

Army Rally Team Operations Manager and Championship 2 I/C: **Maj D Barbara**

Competitor Liaison: TBC

Championship Secretary: TBC

Sponsorship Officer: TBC

Social Media Officer: Cpl A Merrifield

Scrutineer: As no technical regulations apply to this Championship all scrutineering will be conducted by the on-event scrutineering team.

Stewards: Lt Col C M Allford BAMA 4 Wheel Director.

2.2 The Championship Officials will be Judges of Fact regarding the implementation of these Regulations.

Section 3 – Classes

3.1 The Championship does not require a class structure due to the scoring system used. All competitors will enter a class in line with the individual event organiser's regulations and MSUK rules.

Section 4 – Registration

³ Answers directly to BAMA 4 Wheel Director and has OPCOM BAR activity and funding.

4.1 To register for the Championship competitors must complete a 2026 Championship Registration Form. There is no charge to enter the Championship. All must be fully paid members of BAMA.

4.2 Registration Forms are available from the BAMA, Rally Championship website or directly from the Championship Organisers. Registration Forms must be returned by email, unless agreed otherwise by the Organisers. Competitors must be paid members of their respective sS Association to be able to score points in the Championship. Exceptions will only be made by prior agreement.

4.3 Registered competitors should note that the information they supply will be held in a computerised database for the purpose of producing mailing lists and recording results. This information may also be used for other purposes to do with the Championship.

Section 5 - Qualifying Events

5.1 The Championship will consist of 13 nominated Rally's of which the 5 best results will count for Championship points. The 13 events will cover Novice/Team Member (N/TM) and Masters⁴ (M) level events. To facilitate a collective Championship, registered competitors will identify events from the list below. One round, the Coningham Cup is a mandatory event this is to provide a natural focus and shared event for the Championship and will bring all levels together⁵.

5.2 The following Rounds will make up the **2026 British BASRC**:

Event name	Location	Date (TBC)	End Date (TBC)
MGJ Engineering Stages - N/TM	Kent	16 January 2026	17 January 2026
Snetterton Stage Rally - N/TM	Snetterton	06 February 2026	07 February 2026
East Riding Stages - M	Beveley	20 February 2026	22 February 2026
Dukeries Donington Rally - N/TM	Leicestershire	14 March 2026	15 March 2026
Yorkshire Dales Rally - M	N Yorks	28 March 2026	29 March 2026
Alan Healy Memorial Rally - N/TM	Cadwell	26 April 2026	27 April 2026
Dixies Challenge - M	Senneybridge	02 May 2026	03 May 2026
Jim Clark Reivers - M	Ripon	23 May 2026	24 May 2026
Abingdon CARNival Rally - N/TM	Abingdon	06 June 2026	07 June 2026
ARC Insight and Development Day	Chivenor	12 June 2026	13 June 2026
Tour of Epynt - M	Senneybridge	24 July 2026	26 July 2026
Hills Ford - M	Ledbury	19 September 2026	20 September 2026
Challenger Stages - N/TM	Bovington	01 November 2026	02 November 2026
Coningham Cup; Tegiwa Donington Rally - ALL	Leicestershire	29 November 2026	30 November 2026

5.3 Competitors under exceptional circumstances and with prior notice may adjust nominated rounds⁶. This must be discussed and confirmed in advance with the Championship organisers.

5.4 It should be noted that the Championship organisers are not responsible for the final results awarded to competitors on events. Event results are solely the decision of the individual event

⁴ Team Member/Novice events will be single venue. Master events will be multi venue Closed Road/Gravel Rally's

⁵ The Coningham Cup; Tegiwa Donington Rally is a mandatory event. It must be attended by all personnel that are available. No crew will be able to score points at an alternate event that clashes with the Organisers nominated Round 5 (unless in receipt of express permission by the Organiser).

⁶ Where Service exigencies exist or a vehicle issue arises under force majeure

organisers. However, it will be the results of the event that will be used by the Championship organisers to determine for the standings in the Championship.

5.5 Competitors are free to select any five events^{7 8}, and no points weighting will be given to competing as a N/TM/Master. This allows for novices and experienced competitors to choose events best suited for their individual financial/geographical considerations and skill levels. If it is felt by the Organisers that this process is being abused, then action may be taken in line with Section 8.

5.6 Competitors can attempt as many events as they wish however only the best 5 scores will count from those events that are registered with the organisers.

5.7 Cancelled events may be replaced for any other event within the identified list at 5.2. In the event of an individual rally being cancelled and there being no other event available, then specific guidance will be given by the Championship Organisers. Please contact the Championship Comp Sec or the Championship Organiser in the first instance.

Section 6 - The Cars

6.1 Any car⁹ is eligible for the Championship provided it meets the competition and safety regulations as detailed by Motorsport UK's National Competition Regulations 2026.

6.2 All competing cars must prominently display the decals of the AFSRC, their respective sS Motorsports decals and Championship sponsors as directed by the Organisers.

Section 7 - Point Scoring

7.1 Points will be awarded to registered drivers and co-drivers on each qualifying event.

7.2 At the year end, awards will be given out to first, second and third overall, driver and co-driver. Additional awards will be promulgated in due course.

7.3 The Annual Awards will be presented at a prize giving ceremony or Prize Giving Dinner: dates to be advised in a later bulletin.

7.4 The allocation of any additional prizes - cash or goods or services - will be at the discretion of the Championship Organisers.

7.5 Should any event fail to run the Championship Organisers may select a similar event to substitute. If it proves not possible to replace events the final positions will be decided from the completion of the remaining events, depending on how many events are run. Each event will be scored on the following basis which is based on a system involving total number of crews in class.

7.6 Points are awarded for each event as follows:

Starting Round 1-12: **10** points

Starting Round 13: **30** points

Finishing Rounds 1-13: **20** points

Participating as Registered Marshall/MSUK Official on event: 30 points per event¹⁰

⁷ See note 4.

⁸ Matching their skill level.

⁹ The UK AFRT are not eligible to enter the AFSRC Championship.

¹⁰ You can only score these against the principal Championship you are registered for, either Stage or Targa Rally.

Plus, percentage of starters in class beaten. (Fractions rounded to nearest whole number with halves rounded up)

Example: Finishing 4th in class on the final event, the Coningham Cup, with 18 starters in class:

30 points for starting

Number beaten in class = 14 (18 – 4)

% beaten in class = $14/18 \times 100 = 78$

20 points for finishing

Points awarded = $30+78+20 = \mathbf{128}$

7.7 Points can only be scored against the class entered and competed in. Points can only be scored on a maximum of 5 events, the Coningham Cup must make up one of this five. If the rally organisers combine classes, the combined class will be considered a single class in respect of points. No finishing points are awarded for restarts in practice rallies or “super” rallies.

7.8 Event results will be made available by the event organisers, all competitors must submit their results to the Championship Secretary by email within 14 days of the event. Event media is to be submitted by competitors to the Social Media Officer no later than 14 days after the start day of the event. It is the competitor’s responsibility to submit images and text to the Media Officer after each event, or to upload their own story to the Championship Social Media. Any points scored will be listed as provisional until this has been completed and submitted. **Failure to complete submission within 14 days will result in a forfeiture of all points gained at that respective event. This will be strictly enforced for 2026.**

- a. Exceptional circumstances may be discussed with the Championship Secretary prior to the deadline. It is also the competitor’s responsibility to check after each event that the points allocated are correct.
- b. All social media updates must be first placed onto the AFSRC Championship Social media platforms prior to being placed on other BAMA/Corp Team platforms¹¹. Failure to manage this could result in your points being removed.

Section 8 - Eligibility, Penalties and Appeals

8.1 Any appeals must be lodged in accordance with Section C of the NCR. Registered competitors are reminded of the requirements of **Section C6.5 regarding** the time limits for lodging appeals.

8.2 Any breach of these Regulations can result in the loss of points or exclusion.

8.3 If the Championship is curtailed for any reason [e.g., foot and mouth disease], including war, acts of God etc, then the Championship may be declared final to the last complete round.

Section 9 - Disputes

9.1 Any ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of highest event scores (Round wins). In the event of a further tie the greatest number of second highest event scores shall decide and so on. If this fails to resolve the tie, then joint awards will be presented.

¹¹ Personal updates are acceptable. Post on alternate BAMA pages are not.

9.2 In the event of a dispute that cannot be resolved by the Championship Organisers, the matter will be initially referred to the BAMA Senior Leadership Team (CEO, COO, CFO). Any SLT member with an interest (e.g., as a competitor) will abstain and the decision of the SLT will be final¹². Please note, Motorsport UK retains primacy over regulating motorsport and as such recourse to the MSUK maybe the only option under some circumstances.

Section 10 – Funding and Sponsorship

10.1 Funding is available from the Operational Grant provided by Army Sport Board¹³. This grant provides a financial support mechanism to assist registered members of BASRC in the annual campaigns. Separate direction will be provided to members as to how they can claim this financial support and to what extent this monetary provision will be provided to each member¹⁴.

10.2 Only events listed in this document (Section 5.2) and recorded on the Army Sport Board calendar are to be considered ‘on duty’ events. Any other activity undertaken outside of these Regulations will not attract financial support.

10.3 Through hard work and reputational gains over the years, BASRC has several high-level sponsors who can assist with either large financial discounts for essential equipment, or who provide a service for free. Full details will be provided to registered members and access to these sponsors is strictly controlled through the Sponsorship officer. This is to ensure that no one individual can take advantage of these services, or sully the reputation of the BASRC.

¹² Notwithstanding the primacy of MSUK as exercised under Section 8.1 of these Regulations.

¹³ Full details can be found via the BAR Ops Manager

¹⁴ Examples of assistance include financial support for PPE/Seats/Belts/Serviceing/Tyres/Entry fees/Rally Notes etc.