



National Road Rally 2018



Announcement.

Permit No ACU 52172

The National Road Rally 2018 is a road based event for qualified riders of mopeds, scooters, motorcycles, three-wheelers, quadricycles and motorcycles and scooters with sidecars. It's your chance to test your riding ability against other enthusiastic riders on all types of machines, along some of England's finest roads.

To keep up to date with developments and news about the rally as they happen, visit www.nationalroadrally.co.uk

Supplementary Regulations.

1 Definition

The Auto-Cycle Union in association with the British Motorcyclists Federation will promote a 'navigational scatter rally', known as the National Road Rally on Saturday 7th July & Sunday 8th July 2018. It will be held under the following: the National Sporting Code of the ACU, Regulation 3(5) of the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations 1969, these Supplementary Regulations and any further instructions issued to riders. The event will be open to all riders of mopeds, scooters, motorcycles, three-wheelers, quadricycles and motorcycles and scooters with sidecars who have passed the appropriate Department of Transport driving test or are otherwise exempted from displaying 'L' plates. Riders can be unattached (do not have to be a member of a club or organisation) and Competition licenses are not required. ACU membership will be granted to all riders and passengers for the duration of the National Road Rally. All references to 'riders' in these Regulations (and other National Road Rally documentation) include drivers where appropriate. Reference to 'the Rally' in these Regulations will include the 'National Road Rally' and 'The National Rally', 'The National Daytime Rally', 'The National Moonlight Rally' which are integral parts of the National Road Rally'.

2 Officials

Clerk of the Course.	Tim Fairbrother Lic.No ACU 46615
Deputy Clerk of the Course.	Chris Fairbrother Lic. No ACU 14863
Secretary of the Meeting.	Alan Penny Lic. No ACU 6849
Entry Secretary.	Trials and Enduro Dept, ACU House, Wood St, Rugby. CV21 2YX
Controls	Wally Bradshaw
Control Assistants	Ian Baxter, John Riches & Marc Whitmarsh
BMF Representative	Helen Hancock
Special Test Co-ordinator	Maurice Andrews

3 Event Descriptions

3.1 Controls

Control types are defined as follows:

First control	Competitor's starting control
Last control	Competitor's finishing control
Standard Control	Controls open at 12.00 Saturday with a progressive closing time from 11.00pm up to 07.00am on Sunday. They can be used as a First or Last Control in compliance with clause 3.8.
Start-only Control	Controls open at 12.00 Saturday closing at 12.20. These may only be used as a First Control
Final Control	Only these controls (defined in the Final Instructions and on the website) can be used as a Last Control between 06.00 and 08.00 Sunday.

Riders will need to take account of closing and opening times of some Controls when planning their route. All Controls will be worth 1 Point. The distance between Controls may vary between 20/40 miles. Details of Final Controls and the closing times for Standard Controls will be printed in the Control Detail List, which will be issued with the Final Instructions to riders.

3.2 The National Daytime Rally (10 hours)

Riders will select their category, First Control, and route of 120miles min/280 miles max. The Start Time will be 12.00 hours on Saturday 7th July and Riders will choose their own Last Control which they must reach and have their Control Card signed off by 22.00 hours. Riders in the Daytime Rally can, if they wish, start and finish at the same Standard Control.

The Chrome category requires the rider to visit 5 controls and ride between 120/150 miles.

The Bronze category requires riders to visit a minimum of 8 controls and ride 200/245miles.

The Silver category requires riders to visit a minimum of 11 Controls and ride 245/270 miles.

The Gold category requires riders to visit a minimum of 12 Controls and ride 265/280 miles.

The Platinum category requires riders to take part in the special tests and visit a minimum of 12 controls and ride between 270/280 miles.

Riders must post their completed Control Cards to the National Road Rally Entries Secretary no later than 8 days after the Rally (16th July)

Rest Breaks totaling 45 minutes must be taken (see detail under Reg.3.6 Rest Breaks). The Riding Time will be 9 hours 15 minutes. (Riding Time 9 hours 15 minutes + Rest Breaks 45 minutes = 10 hours.)

3.3 The National Moonlight Rally (10 hours)

Riders will select their category, First Control, and route of 200miles min/280miles max. The finish will be at a Final Control of their choice. The Start Time will be 22.00 hours on Saturday 7th July and Riders must reach their Final Control by 8.00 hours on Sunday 8th July. Riders in the Moonlight Rally can, if they wish, start and finish at the same Final Control.

The Bronze Category requires the rider to visit a minimum of 8 controls and ride between 200/245 miles.

The Silver Category requires the rider to visit a minimum of 11 controls and ride between 245/270 miles.

The Gold category requires riders to visit a minimum of 12 Controls and ride 265/280 miles.

Rest Breaks totaling 45 minutes must be taken (see detail under Reg.3.6 Rest Breaks). The Riding Time will be 9 hours 15 minutes. (Riding Time 9 hours 15 minutes + Rest Breaks 45 minutes = 10 hours.)

3.4 The National Rally (20 hours)

Riders will select their category (Special Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze), First Control, and route of 300 miles min/540miles max. The finish will be at the Final Control of their choice. Riders in this category cannot start and finish at the same Control. The Special Gold category requires riders to visit a minimum of 22 Controls and ride 540 miles.

The Start Time will be from 12.00 hours on Saturday 7th July. Riders must reach their Final Control after 6.00am but before 8.00 hours on Sunday 8th July

Rest Breaks totaling 2 hours must be taken (see detail under Reg.3.6 Rest Breaks). The Riding Time will be 18 hours (Riding Time 18 hours + Rest Breaks 2 hours = 20 hours).

3.5 The National Rally (Platinum Category)

Riders will select their First Control, route of 540 miles, and visit the max number of possible Controls. They will be required to take part in the Special Tests at a venue and times to be confirmed. The finish will be at the Final Control of their choice. Riders in this category cannot start and finish at the same Control.

The Start Time will be 12.00 hours on Saturday 7th July and Riders must reach their Final Control after 6.00am but before 8.00 hours on Sunday 8th July.

Rest Breaks totaling 2 hours must be taken (see detail under Reg.3.6 Rest Breaks). The Riding Time will be 18 hours (Riding Time 18 hours + Rest Breaks 2 hours = 20 hours).

3.6 Rest breaks

A Rest Break is a period of time completely separate from any rally activity. The minimum time period of any single Rest Break is 15 minutes. The maximum period of riding time between Rest Breaks is 6 hours. If riding time reaches 6 hours it must be followed by a Rest Break of at least 30 minutes. Shorter rest breaks of 15 minutes can be taken at any time when the riding time is less than 6 hours. All riders must take, as a minimum, the Rest Breaks throughout the rally as stated for their category. It is the rider's responsibility to judge and respect the requirement for Rest Breaks and they must be declared on their Control Card. Rest Breaks will not be authorized or monitored by Control Teams. Please take care, don't ride when tired, and take a rest break.

3.7 Category Descriptions

Award Category	Miles	Controls	Times	Notes
Chrome Daytime	120 Minimum 150 Maximum	Visit minimum 5 controls First ;any Standard Control (inc Start-only controls) Last ; any Standard Control	Start at 12.00hrs	Complete Control Card & post to the ACU
Bronze Daytime	200 minimum 245maximum	Visit: minimum 8 controls First : any Standard Control (inc Start-only Controls) Last : any Standard Control	Start at 12.00 hrs	Complete Control Card & post to the ACU
Silver Daytime	245 minimum 270 maximum	Visit: minimum of 11controls First : any Standard Control (inc Start-only Controls) Last : any Standard Control	Start at 12.00 hrs	Complete Control Card & post to the ACU
Gold Daytime	265 minimum 280 maximum	Visit: minimum of 12 Controls First : any Standard Control (inc Start-only Controls) Last : any Standard Control	Start at 12.00 hrs	Complete Control Card & post to the ACU
Platinum Daytime	270 Minimum 280 Maximum	Visit minimum 12 contols First ; any standard control (inc Start-only controls) Last ; any Standard control	Start at 12.00hrs	Complete Special Tests as defined in the Final instructions. Complete control card & post to the ACU
Bronze Moonlight	200 minimum 270 maximum	Visit minimum 8 Controls First : any Control Last : Final Control of your choice	Start at 22.00 hrs	
Silver Moonlight	245 minimum 270 maximum	Visit: minimum of 11 First : any Control Last : Final Control of your choice	Start at 22.00 hrs	
Gold Moonlight	265 minimum 280 maximum	Visit: minimum of 12 First : any Control Last : Final Control of your choice	Start at 22.00 hrs	
Bronze	300 minimum	As visited First : any Standard Control (inc Start-only Controls) Last : Final Control of your choice	Start between 12.00 hrs & 14.00 hrs	
Silver	400 minimum	As visited First : any Standard Control (inc Start-only Controls) Last : Final Control of your choice	Start between 12.00 hrs & 14.00 hrs	
Gold	500 minimum 540 maximum	As visited First : any Standard Control (inc Start-only Controls) Last : Final Control of your choice	Start at 12.00 hrs	
Special Gold	540 exactly	Visit: minimum of 22 First : any Standard Control (inc Start-only Controls) Last : Final Control of your choice	Start at 12.00 hrs	
Platinum	540 exactly	Visit: maximum number First : any Standard Control (inc Start-only Controls) Last : Final Control of your choice	Start at 12.00 hrs	Complete Special Tests as defined in Final Instructions

NOTE: Riders must not exceed the maximum or stated mileage for the category entered and any riders not achieving the minimum mileage for their category will be downgraded to a lower category. The latest start time allowance will be 20 minutes. A rider who starts more than 20 minutes after the official start or latest start time for their chosen category will be downgraded to the next lower or lowest category. Visiting fewer than required Controls and/or not achieving minimum mileage will be downgraded to lower category.

3.8 Penalties

Riders will suffer penalties as follows:

(a) Exceeding the maximum mileage for a category (eg.180/280/540 miles)	Disqualification
(b) Travelling between Controls where no link is shown	Disqualification
(c) Visiting a Control more than once (except Daytime & Moonlight Rallies)	Disqualification
(d) Travelling more than 6 hours without taking a Rest Break (min 30 minutes)	Disqualification
(e) Committing a reported road-traffic offence	Disqualification
(f) Failing to take the total Rest Breaks listed for the Category	Disqualification
(g) Arriving at a Last Control (Daytime Rally) after 22.00hrs Saturday	Disqualification
(h) Arriving at a Last Control (National Rally Platinum, Special Gold, Gold, Silver & Bronze) before 06.00hrs Sunday	Disqualification
(i) Arriving at a Last Control (National Rally Platinum, Special Gold, Gold, Silver & Bronze) after 08.00hrs Sunday	Disqualification

3.9 Special Tests

The Special tests will be held at Leicester City Hall. Leicester. venue to be confirmed in Final Instructions. Only riders attempting the Platinum Categories are required to take part. The performance on the tests will count towards the major awards. Full details of the tests will be given in your Final Instructions issued before the event.

4 Entries

The closing date for entry is 19th June 2018

Individual Entry Fee	£30.00	online £29.00
Passenger Entry Fee (all categories)	£10.00	online £9.00
Team Entry Fee	Free	
RTA Insurance (per person who is to take a turn in driving)	Free	

Entries can be made on-line via the Entry Form and payment method on the National Road Rally Website, www.nationalroadrally.co.uk with cost savings for individual rider and passenger entrants. Introduce a rider who didn't enter in 2017 and you will be eligible for a refund of £5 per rider up to a maximum of 4 riders. Refunds will be made after the Rally. Please contact Event Secretary by e-mail NationalRoadRally@acu.org.uk or telephone 01788 566400 to register for your refund.

Entries can also be made on the official Entry Form separately available from the ACU or downloaded from the official National Road Rally website, www.nationalroadrally.co.uk The completed entry form should be accompanied by the entry fee and cheques should be made payable to 'ACUE Ltd'.

The address for entries is:

National Road Rally Entry Secretary
ACU House
Wood Street
Rugby
Warks CV21 2YX
Tel: 01788 566400

Online entries will be added immediately to the National Road Rally web site entry list and will not be acknowledged by post. Postal entries will also be added to the National Road Rally web site entry list and will be acknowledged by post. Any administrative and entry queries must be made to the Entry Secretary at this address with the rider number quoted on the website or the acknowledgement of entry. Riders are reminded that information requested on the entry form is for information only and will not affect the results but will be used to decide the major awards.

All riders and passengers will, whilst taking part in the event, be covered against personal accident risks and third party risks for those parts of the event on private ground. All riders must have valid Road Traffic Act insurance for their vehicles for that part of the event taking place on the public highway. Details of extra insurance cover provided by the organizers are given in

Clause 7 of these Regulations.

Final Instructions, Control Card, Mileage Map and Control Detail List, Badges and stickers, etc will be dispatched to riders approximately two weeks before the event.

The Entry List will not be dispatched as a separate item before the Rally, but will be posted on the National Road Rally Web Site and updated at regular intervals.

All passengers must be declared on the entry form for insurance purposes. A passenger may also share in the driving (vehicle insurance permitting) and will be eligible for a passenger award. Change of passenger may be made after the closing date providing that notification is made in writing to the ACU no later than 18th June.

Please include your email address on the entry form. If you change your email address please inform the Entry Secretary, by email, NationalRoadRally@acu.org.uk or tel. 01788 566400

Entry fees will be returned if notice of withdrawal is given before the entry closing date, or otherwise at the discretion of the Organisers.

Team entries

Team entries may be made by Clubs (ACU or BMF affiliated), the Services (e.g. Royal Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force, Civil Police, Customs and Excise), Private teams (any eligible entries)/other Clubs, Motorcycle Manufacturers, or Dealers.
All teams shall consist of three eligible drivers, except for dealer teams, which shall consist of two drivers, and shall all be identified on the entry form. A rider shall not be eligible for more than one team competing for the same award, but may be changed after the closing date as long as the replacement rider has already been accepted as an entry. Any such changes shall be made in writing to the ACU by 18th June. The special Tests will be used to decide the results of the main team awards.

5 Awards

Finishers in each category will receive the appropriate category award.

The Major awards will be given to Riders in the Platinum Category

Riders can only win one award, excluding Team Awards.

The organisers may, at their own discretion, make awards to other riders if not given to the Platinum category.

MAJOR AWARD

Varley Challenge Trophy	The best Solo machine
Basic Challenge Trophy	The best Sidecar or Three-wheeler
News Chronicle/Daily Mirror Cup	The best Scooter
Belstaff Challenge Cup	The best Services rider
Diamond Jubilee Trophy	The best Team
The BMF Trophy	The Furthest travelled on an Electric powered machine
An award	The best Club team (if not the best Team)
An award	The best Services team (if not the best Team)
An award	The best Private team (if not the best Team)
An award	The best Pre-1970 machine
An award	The best machine of 125cc or less
An award	The Oldest Combined Age of rider and machine
An award	The Youngest rider
An award	The Best Lady rider

The following awards are available to any qualifying rider, passenger or team where relevant, and are not dependent on taking part in the Special Tests.

OTHER AWARD

An award	The rider riding the furthest distance to their 1 st Control
Team Diploma	Each team entry where all riders finish
Passenger award	Each passenger whose driver achieves an award
Three-Nations Award	Each driver successfully completing the National Rally, the Welsh National Rally and the Scottish National Rally.

After the Rally the Results will be combined with the Entry list so that they can be viewed on the National Road Rally website www.nationalroadrally.co.uk.

6 Protests

Processing of the Results will be completed by 31st July. Any protests against the results must be made within 14 days of this date and must be accompanied by the protest fee of £50.00. Simple mathematical errors or claims against non-inclusion in the results can be cleared up by contacting the ACU within this time period but need not be the subject of a formal protest and no fee will be required. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld. A protest not accompanied by the protest fee will not be considered. Riders who do not have access to the internet should contact the Event Secretary *before the Rally*, by telephoning 01788 566400/9 so that the results can be posted to them by 31st July.

7 Insurance – The ACU Road Traffic Act insurance scheme for Participants

Very Important – You should check that your Motorcycle Insurance covers you for this event. Although the event is not a race and speed plays no part, some Insurance Companies refuse cover because you are taking part in a ‘Rally’. You are therefore strongly advised to check with your Insurer before taking part.

If your Insurer cannot provide cover, we can help. The ACU have arranged free of charge third party RTA insurance as blanket cover across the whole membership to cover any competitor, marshal or official signed on for an ACU permitted event which, for the duration of the permit, will allow them to use any motor vehicle in connection with the event where the event is in areas of the event where the Road Traffic Act is deemed applicable. .

Passengers: Over the years we are aware that many Passengers take their turn in driving, this change of position can help reduce tiredness brought about by long stints on the front, even though you comply with the compulsory rest breaks.

It is essential that Passengers check they are Insured whilst driving in the Rally. Although many Passengers who own a motorcycle have cover to “ride other motorcycles with the owner’s permission”, they may not be covered whilst riding in the Rally. Therefore Passengers must sign on at the start control also to benefit from the cover offered under the ACU’s RTA scheme.as it is unlikely they will be covered by the main entrants own bike policy.

8 Data Protection Act

ACU Data Protection Information

From time to time we may like to send you information about other events we organise. We promise we will never pass on your details to other organisations for commercial or marketing purposes. Under the Data Protection Act, you may let us know, at any time, or by indicating in the appropriate section of the entry form if you do wish us to contact you regarding our other events.

9 Fundraising

The option to fundraise is left to individual competitors. Riders who can show that they have raised £250.00 or more can apply to the Event Secretary, after the Rally, to have their entry fee refunded.

10 Three Nations Award

Why not enter the Welsh and Scottish Rallies as well as the National Road Rally and claim your 3 Nations Award at the end of the year.

WELSH NATIONAL RALLY –

Organised by Clive MCC.

Visit www.clivemcc.co.uk or join Clive MCC Facebook page

THE NATIONAL RALLY of SCOTLAND –

Organiser is Colin Pate.

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