

1/8th STOCK CARS PROCEDURAL RULES 2023

1. RECOGNISED CLUBS

1.1 Only clubs that are affiliated to the BRCA and fulfil the following criteria will be recognised.

1.1.1 The club has, as one of its assets, a racing surface surrounded by a barrier that conforms to the minimum dimensions laid out in section 3 (Track Barrier).

1.1.2 The club has a meeting schedule (minimum 6 meetings) evenly spaced between the 1st Sunday in March and the Sunday prior to the Champion of Champions meeting in October. This excludes any WEMSA meetings. All meetings should be open to all Oval section members. All meeting dates must be publicised via an Oval Section approved media.

1.1.3 The club has access to a computerised lap counting system

1.1.4 The club will run all meetings to the rules laid down in the BRCA Oval Section Race Rules. 1.1.5 The club will have a constitution and elected officials

1.2 Recognised clubs at present are: Notts & Derby, RSCL, SOMCC and Adur

1.3 Only clubs recognised by the Oval Section are eligible to host meetings of any kind.

2. SAFETY

2.1 Each club shall have a 1st aid kit available for self-administration.

2.1.1 Each club shall have a suitable fire extinguisher available close to the pit area.

2.2 No work of any kind shall be performed on a car within 1m of the track where feasibly possible.

2.3 No repair work shall be carried out to a car on the infield or racing surface of the track.

2.4 Drivers must only use the designated pit area to `pit` in and no driver shall be allowed to set up any equipment adjacent to the track. If necessary, `dangerous` area should be roped off.

2.5 Cars must not be thrown when marshalling.

2.6 In the event of a marshal falling in the track, race control must stop the race immediately. Drivers should also stop their car immediately and not wait for a stop signal from race control.

2.7 Any driver under the age of 14 or registered disabled shall not be eligible to marshal. It is however their responsibility to provide a replacement. Any driver not providing a replacement will incur a penalty. Marshalls are required to wear a Hi-Viz jacket if provided. Race Marshalls will also adopt a "Hands Free" attitude to marshalling, i.e. no holding of phones, vapes, food etc.

2.8 Only BRCA members are permitted within the track/pit area. Signs should be posted around the track to identify restricted areas.

2.8.1 Prospective members may be allowed inside these areas only if accompanied by a club or section official. 2.9 Spectators should only be allowed in designated areas behind suitable catch fencing.

2.10 All club members must take action should they see a member of the public straying into a dangerous or prohibited area.

2.11 Smoking is only allowed in designated areas. (BRCA General Rule 9) Anyone breaking this rule will be disqualified and asked to leave the meeting.

2.12 Junior races are not to be marshalled by their Fathers. They are to be marshalled by the losing Quarter/semi finalists

3. TRACK BARRIER

3.1 The track outer barrier will be a minimum of 150mm (6 inches) high. The track must also have an inner barrier at least 75mm (3 inches) high.

3.2 There must be a catch fence at the ends of both straights and around both bends to arrest the travel of any cars that leave the track.

4. DRIVERS & CARS

4.1 No driver shall be eligible to compete in and BRCA meeting unless -

i) Their car conforms to the current Oval Section construction rules.

ii) They are in possession of a valid BRCA membership card. iii) They are in possession of a recognised Oval Section club membership card. iv) They are in possession of a valid Oval Section race number card.

v) They are a member of a recognised national body in their country of residence.

These cards can be required for inspection by race control at any meeting.

4.3 Race number 1 is reserved for use by the world champion. His or her own race number will be held until the end of their reign.

4.4 Race number renewals become due on January 1st each year at a cost of £10 for seniors, £5 for juniors, over 60s and non-racing members. Half price is levied for anyone joining or renewing after June 30th.

4.5 A driver's entitlement to a particular race number will be surrendered if they fail to renew for a period of one year.

4.6 Eligible race numbers are 1 to 999. No 4 digit or prefix numbers are allowed. EG 1000 or 007

5. SERIES MEETING FORMATS

5.1 The National Series will comprise 1 round per recognised club that wishes to participate (procedures rule 1.2) each season, with a driver's lowest score to be discarded. At each meeting a final will be run for both the top 6 qualifiers (in line with rules 5.5 and 5.7) and the top 6 juniors (under 16 at 1st March each year). The junior final will only be run if there are a minimum of 3 juniors present. Trophies will be awarded to at least the 6 competitors of the main meeting final.

5.1.1 Each Regional Series will comprise 4 meetings to be shared between all recognised clubs within their Region. A driver's best 3 results from the 4 rounds will count towards their Series total.

5.2 Only clubs recognised by the Oval Section are eligible to host meetings of any kind.

5.3 The venues, dates and start times for Major, National and Regional meetings will be allocated on a rotation basis by the section committee. Each region will have at least 2 national meeting per year.

5.5 All drivers will have 4 qualifying heats with their best 3 scores to count towards their qualifying total. In the event that there are more than 54 entrants, the race organisers can, at their discretion, reduce qualifying to 3 rounds with the best 2 to count.

5.5.1 In the event of there being tied qualifying scores, the higher `throwaway` score will decide the final positions. If still tied, the split time (if recorded) will be used. If still tied and both drivers would qualify, then a coin toss will decide the final order. If only 1 would qualify then a 15 lap race off will take place.

5.6 The heats should be `shuffled` at least once during a meeting and a `lunch` break taken after 2 rounds.

5.7 All Major, National and Regional meetings (Except the Champion of Champions) will be run as rule 5.5 ending with the top 2 qualifiers progressing direct to the meeting final, with the next 12 moving to 2 semi-finals. The top 2 from these will make up the 6 car final. The following criteria are to be applied to decide the make-up of the semi-finals. If there are more than 30 drivers entered then a Quarters, Semis and Final format will apply.

5.8 The seeding of any quarter finals and semi-finals will be by the `snake` method by qualifying score or laps scored.

5.9 The losing quarter/ semi-finalists will marshal for the subsequent finals. 5.10 The 3 Major meetings will take place on set dates each year.

The British Open will be held on the last Sunday in June or the first Sunday in July with the English Open on the last Sunday in July or the first Sunday in August. The Champion of Champions will be held on the last but one Sunday in October. Junior (under 16 at 1st March) finals will also be run at these meetings (provided 3 or more juniors are entered). If there are more than 6 entered then the top 6 from the qualifying heats will make up the finalists. If less than 3 the title will be awarded to the highest placed junior from the qualifying heats. Trophies are to be awarded to ALL finalists in both categories.

5.11 The Champion of Champions will run a Quarters, Semis, Final format with no direct qualifiers. The "snake" method will be used to decide the make-up of these races. The heats for this meeting are "seeded" and fixed for the whole of qualifying. The seeding's are taken from the final National Points table for the season with the last heat of each round being made up of the 6 highest placed entrants from that list, the penultimate heat of the next 6 and so on.

5.11.2 The number of drivers in each heat may be adjusted to take account of the number of entrants with the exception of the last which must always have 6 drivers at the start of the meeting.

5.12 Race day organisation and preparation for all meetings will be the responsibility of the host club including - heats order, lap scoring, the organisation of marshalling, scrutineering and practice sessions, the availability of pit space and frequency pegs and any repairs to the track, track barrier and safety fencing that may be required.

5.12.1 The BRCA reps will mediate in any disputes. At no time should a driver take a complaint to race control. 5.12.2 No drivers will be substituted into a quarter, semi or final in place of drivers who have left the meeting.

5.12.3 Any driver wishing to leave the meeting before all races are complete must gain the permission of a BRCA representative.

5.13. Any meeting not run to the format will not count towards grading points.

6. TIE BREAKERS

In the event of a tied score in any Series each driver's next best score(s) will be used, with the higher one counting. If still tied the lowest of each driver's counting scores will be used, again the higher one will count.

7. RACE FEES

Entry fees to Major/ Series meetings will be set at the Section AGM each year. This will include a section levy of £1 per entrant. All meetings will be open to all section members with entries being taken only on the day of the event. Current Fee is £10 per entrant (£5 for juniors / senior citizens). Entry fees to club meetings will be entirely the responsibility of each individual club.

8. PENALTIES

Any infringement of the rules will result in a 10 lap deduction from a driver's qualifying total. A second infringement will see that penalty increased to 20 laps and 30 for a third etc. Should the infringement take place during any type of final(s) then the penalty will be applied to that race and the result adjusted accordingly.

8.1 Complaints about driver's conduct are to be made by an attendee to an attending BRCA representative on the day of the event.

9. SERIES POINTS SCORING

All entrants will score points towards the Series standings. Points will be scored separate to those for grading as follows:

The meeting final winner will score 100 pts, 2nd place 99 pts, 3rd 98 pts, 4th 97 pts, 5th 96 pts and 6th 95 pts.

Semi-Final laps will be the tie breaker for places outside the final. Whichever driver has the higher number of laps when finishing 4th in the semi-finals will be awarded 7th place and 94 pts, the second highest is placed 8th with 93 pts and so on down. No points will be awarded for FTD

Where a Regional round takes place alongside a National round the Regional points will be adjusted to remove any drivers not eligible for that particular region. Similarly, any driver competing at a Regional round outside of their residential area will not score Regional Series points.

A driver may contest any regional series provided they are a member of a recognised club within that region. They must register their preferred region when applying for a race number.

10. TROPHIES

Trophies are to be awarded to ALL finalists in both senior and junior categories at the 3 majors (British, English and C of C). These are to be provided by the host club. Trophies will also be awarded at the Section agm for the following.

1st, 2nd and 3rd for the National Points (junior and senior), the National Series (junior and senior) and the 3 Regional Series' Plus 1st place for the 3 Regional Series' junior champions (to be reviewed should sufficient junior drivers take part). These are to be provided by the section.

11. IN ADDITION, THE BRCA GENERAL RULES ALSO APPLY TO ALL MEETINGS.