



## **Club Rules & Constitution**

### **Purpose of the Club**

The purpose of the club is to bring together large numbers of people of all ages together to take part and enjoy the hobby that is currently known as Radio Controlled Off Road Model Car Racing.

This is open to everyone from the very young to the happily retired, males and females, families and those just looking to do something on a Sunday.

The overall aim is to have fun and to keep enjoyment within a community atmosphere.

### **Opening Hours/Running of the Day**

The gates open at 9.45 most Sundays and the track is then open for practice from 10.00am to 10.30am for all classes of vehicle.

At 11.30 track closes and a drivers meeting is held for the drivers entering the championship that is held on that day.

If there is not a member of the committee present you are not permitted to enter the track grounds without prior permission from the committee and the landlord.

### **Race Fees**

#### ***Club Members***

Juniors - £5.00 for first 2 classes, £1.50 for each class after  
Seniors - £6.00 for first 2 classes, £2.00 for each class after  
Practice Session, if not staying for racing - £2.00 per person

Family Members – All members of the same family pay the Junior rate irrelevant to whether they are junior or senior.

#### ***Guests Drivers***

Juniors - £8.00 for first class, £2.50 for each class after  
Seniors - £8.00 for first class, £2.50 for each class after  
Practice Session, if not staying for racing - £3.00 per person



## **Membership**

Juniors, Under 16 - £20.00 per year or £10.00 with proof of BRCA insurance.

Seniors - £25.00 per year or £15.00 with proof of BRCA insurance.

Mechanics (Non Driver) - £15.00 per year

Family Members all pay the Junior rate irrelevant to whether they are junior or senior.

Membership is required after attending the club 3 times with proof of own BRCA or similar insurance.

Membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of the same year, or part of.

## **Drivers Rules**

1. Safety towards other racers and the general public is the most important thing
2. Frequency check **MUST** be done before running of any car
3. After 3 times of attending the club a fail safe must be fitted to the vehicle - Random checks will be carried out from time to time.
4. Car **MUST** have the manufacturers bumper fitted. Personal adaptations are permitted at the discretion of the committee
5. Noise Levels - **NO CAR** can be run with a broken exhaust system. All Cars found to do so will be asked to be removed from the Track. Breakages include split silicon joiners, loose manifolds, missing stingers, etc.
6. Everyone must, where possible help with the running and the organization of the races. These include (but not limited to) setup and packing up of the track, tidying up litter at the end of the day, putting out and bringing in fluorescent jack and protective gloves.
7. Litter must be kept to a minimum, use bins provided or take rubbish home. Under **NO** circumstance will fuel be discarded on racing premises.



## **Marshalling**

1. All drivers will marshal the race directly after they have raced.
2. If you miss your marshalling then you will miss the following race.
3. Extra voluntary marshalling is permitted.
4. If a driver has back to back racers then it is the driver's responsibility to organise a replacement and not the race organiser.
5. All marshals must wear the fluorescent jackets and gloves provided – if not put out it is the marshal's duty to ask for them.
6. If a car exits the track, and it re-enter under its own steam then it **MUST** re-enter the track at the point it exited, otherwise a lap will be deducted.
7. No one else is to be on the track – if a mechanic goes on the track then that driver will lose a lap every time they step onto the track.

## **Warnings**

1. Your models are your own responsibility; damage incurred whilst practicing/racing will be at your own expense.
2. All drivers, will at ALL times, take evasive action. Excessive contact and aggressive driving/conduct will result in the following action being taken.
  1. Verbal request to amend
  2. Disqualification for the Heat
  3. Disqualification for the Day
3. Speeding along the drive to the track (10mph limit) will result in the following action
  1. Formal Warning
  2. Asked not return to the track - This is harsh but we can not afford to lose our track.
4. Missed Marshalling will result in the following:-
  1. Miss the following Race
5. Jumping the start on the finals
  1. 10 second Stop/Go Penalty
6. Rolling Start in Qualifiers
  1. Verbal Warning for extreme slowly/stopping on main straight
  2. 10 second Stop/Go Penalty for extreme slowly/stopping on main straight



### **Running of the day**

1. The day will be run by a dedicated race organizer – all decisions made by them are final.
2. Drivers meeting will be held before racing commences
  1. Announcement of any rule/safety changes
  2. Running over of basic rules – especially if new drivers are at track
  3. Reminder of Marshalling and how it is done.
  4. Any other business
3. Drivers will be expected to assist with Track Marshall Duties following their last race event. Failure to assist with Marshall Duties will result in penalties being incurred!
4. No attempt to cross the track during race events will be made by either drivers or Pit assistants to retrieve cars, please go around the outside of the Circuit. Failure to do so will incur penalties.

### **The Classes.**

We will aim to run a number of different classes depending on the numbers for each that turn up.

#### ***Nitro & Petrol* Off Road Classes:-**

- 1/10<sup>th</sup> Buggies
  - Nitro Engines upto .18
- 1/8<sup>th</sup> Rally Cross Buggies
  - Nitro Engines .21 size and over
- Monster Truck/Truggy/Outlaw Nitro
  - Any Size vehicle
  - Any Size Nitro Engine

#### ***Electric* Off Road Classes:-**

- Short Course Trucks
  - 2 Wheel Drive commercially available kits
  - Electrics Motors 540 or 550 sized
  - Battery of 8.4volts maximum, e.g. 7x Sub C Cells NiMh or 2s Lipos
  - No wings or fins
  - Motor limit of nothing below a 10 turn motor, Brushed or Brushless
  - Landrover style tires – see website for up to date list.
- 1/10<sup>th</sup> Buggies 2 Wheel Drive
  - Electrics Motors 540 sized
  - Battery of 7.4volts maximum, e.g. 6x Sub C Cells NiMh or 2s Lipos
- 1/10<sup>th</sup> Buggies 4 Wheel Drive



- Electric Motors 540 sized
- Battery of 7.4volts maximum, e.g. 6x Sub C Cells NiMh or 2s Lipos
- 1/8<sup>th</sup> Rally Cross Electric Buggies
  - Electric Motors 540 XL and over
  - Any batteries
- Monster Truck/Truggy/Outlaw Electric
  - Any Size vehicle
  - Any Size Electric Motors
  - Any Batteries

Outlaws – Any vehicle that does not fit in any other class.

These classes have been determined by the class of cars people are turning up with, if there is a big enough demand (3 or more cars, regularly attending) for other classes then we will introduce them.

### **Championships**

A day of racing consists of the following:-

- Nitro Days
  - 3x 6minutes qualifiers, 1x 20 minute 'A' Final and 1x 15 minute 'B' if required
- Electric Days
  - 3x 6minutes qualifiers
  - Finals
    - 1/10<sup>th</sup> 2x 6minutes
    - 1/8<sup>th</sup> 2x 10minutes
    - Truggy 1x 15minutes

Championship – Best 4 from 6 rounds to count.

Points are worked out on the following system.

1<sup>st</sup> – 100, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 99, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 98, 4<sup>th</sup> – 97, etc.

The results are taken from the finishing position only.



## **Trophies**

At the end of most Championships, Special Events and Annuals there are normally trophies awarded. If these are not collected within 4 weeks of the presentation the trophies will be deemed as not wanted and will be re-badged and used for different events.

## **Frequency**

1. Frequency check must be done before running of any car. A peg must ALWAYS be taken before car is run on a Practice day.
2. If frequency change is required on a race day, then race control must be informed.
3. Frequencies are assigned on a first come first serve basis but with priority to club members over guests.
4. Visiting drivers must register with Track Control to ensure that their current frequency does not conflict with members registered frequencies.

## **Loss/Damage of Hand Out Transponders**

All drivers that borrow the hand out transponders will be personally responsible for them. If a transponder is found to be missing from the car the driver MUST inform race director immediately so a track walk can be carried out. If the transponder is lost or seriously damaged then the driver will be personally responsible for the costs of repairing/replacing it.

## **Pit Table Area**

Please observe and park in the designated area, this has been placed a safe distance from the race circuit and away from obstructing local residents. "Pit tables" it is good practice for each member to acquire and use a Pit Table, this will be encouraged by the Club as it will enable you to place all your equipment up off the floor which will limit the risk of damage to your valuable equipment along with the grounds used to race at.

## **Safe Practice**

Please ensure that you always switch on your Radio before your Car! And switch your car off before your Radio. This practice will help ensure that you always have control of your car!! Please ensure that your Radio/Car battery packs are freshly charged before attempting to use your equipment, No failsafe + Flat batteries = "Destruction"





#### **F.O.D. -Foreign Objects Debris:**

All reasonable efforts must be made to ensure that waste materials, Paper, Carton's, Bags, and Litter are placed in the appropriate bins and the Lids firmly re-placed! Please take reasonable care to clear any Fuel spillages. Anyone found littering will be expected to clean up their mess.

#### **The Committee**

The Committee will consist of the following positions:-

- **President** – To be held by a long running member of the club. Duties to include but not limited to the overseeing the rest of the committee, and to fill in any position if another committee member is absent for any reason.
- **Chairman** – Duties to include but not limited to the overseeing the rest of the committee and to chair any meetings
- **Treasurer** – Duties to include but not limited to all money handling, eg banking of cash, sorting out rent and paying it, sorting out BRCA money, paying for trophies, the days taking need to be banked within 10 days, etc
- **Secretary** – Duties to include but not limited to all membership paperwork, sorting out results, doing public relations work, handling new members enquiries, take minutes at meetings, etc
- **Grounds Man** – Duties to include but not limited to Organize when and what needs doing to the track (which includes pit and surrounding area), correspond with members about ideas they have to improve the track and then arrange to implement it.
- **Committee Member** – Duties to include but not limited to the working along side the rest of the committee, and to fill in any position if another committee member is absent for any reason.

Between the committee members it will be scheduled for each one to take it in turn to be the race organiser for the day once a month.

The length of term for the Committee Members is 1 year (from AGM to AGM). The only exception to this is if a Committee Member wishes to stand down or is deemed to not carrying out their duties to the best of their ability. In either case an EGM will be called to elect a new person to stand as that Committee Member.

Committee members are nominated and if they accept the nominations are elected at the AGM. The elected Committee Members then stand for following year till the next AGM.

A club member can not become a Committee member until they have been a member of the club for a full year.



A monthly report will be will be produced and posted on the club site in the members section.

Any committee member failing to attend two (2) consecutive committee meetings without notifying the chairman in advance shall be deemed to have resigned from the committee.