

# Halesowen

## MODEL CAR CLUB RULES



### 1. General.

- 1.1 Persons attending the H.M.C.C must behave in an orderly manner. Persistent bad behaviour and bad language will result in a suspension or complete ban.
- 1.2 It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure the actions of their pit crew and guests do not infringe the club rules.
- 1.3 Any competitor, club member, pit crew or guest behaving in such a manner as to bring the club/sport into disrepute will be reported to the BRCA.
- 1.4 The General Rules of the premises must be adhered to. Access to certain areas is restricted. Any breakages / damage must be reported to a committee member immediately.
- 1.5 Smoking is not allowed on the premises.
- 1.6 No dogs/animals will be allowed on premises, other than guide dogs.

### 2. Membership.

- 2.1 Club membership will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April and expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year. Club membership fees for the forth coming year will be set annually at the AGM. New members joining after the 1<sup>st</sup> April shall automatic membership for the following 12 months.
- 2.2 Club members must hold a BRCA Licence or have Individual Liability Insurance. A BRCA Licence can be obtained through the club's secretary. The BRCA fees are set annually by the governing body.
- 2.3 Membership may be suspended or removed at the committee's discretion. The committee may refuse application for membership.
- 2.4 All fully paid up members are invited to attend and vote at the H.M.C.C AGM. All members will be advised of the date of the AGM at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Any agenda items must be submitted in writing to the secretary/chairman with 21 days notice prior to the meeting.

### 3. Race Meetings.

- 3.1 All competitors must hold a current BRCA Licence or have Individual Liability Insurance. These must be produced for inspection upon request by the Race/Championship Organisers. **New** competitors can compete at 3 meetings without being BRCA members liability insurance being provided by the BRCA.
- 3.2 Any persons that wish to race at *Club Meetings* may pre-book by phoning the club's secretary or may book in on the day providing that there is sufficient space left. All other meetings must be pre-booked using the official entry form.
- 3.3 Fees for *Club Meetings* will be set annually at the AGM. All *Club Meeting* race fees will include £2 deposit, which is returnable to those who help set up and put track away.
- 3.4 All other race fee amounts will be as published on the official entry form.
- 3.5 No entry will be accepted without full payment of fees due.
- 3.6 Playing of loud music will not be permitted during any meeting.
- 3.7 12v Lead Acid Batteries are not permitted, the venue used provides adequate 240v mains supply.
- 3.8 Motor cleaning aerosols must not be allowed to drip/spill on any of the premises' equipment or floors. The use of a 'Pit Towel' or other table covering is strongly recommended.

3.9 Soldering irons must be used with a stand at all times. Hot soldering irons must not be left unattended. Adult supervision is required if the user is under the age of 14 years. No soldering irons are to be used with damaged flex and must have a moulded plug where applicable. Soldering is to be carried out in a well-ventilated area.

3.10 Competitors are responsible for the safety of their own equipment. The H.M.C.C cannot be held accountable for any items damaged or stolen. Pit areas used must be left clean and tidy. Failure to do so will result in a suspension or complete ban.

3.11 All liquid containers must be kept closed when not in use and stored in pit box

3.12 Extension leads must have moulded plugs, fused to 10amps and wires taped/secured to the floor to prevent accidents from trailing cables.

3.13 Over-charged cells are to be removed by trained persons to a safe area for disposal.

3.14 The race director is responsible for designating and informing personnel of safe fire exits and muster points.

3.15 All tools should be replaced in toolbox when not in use.

3.16 Carpets must be carried by 2 people over the age of 16 and due care and attention be taken when laying/rolling up, making sure they are securely fastened.

#### **4. Marshalling Rules**

4.1 These rules are designed to ensure the safety of marshals and must be adhered to. Breaches of these rules will be subject to an enquiry and penalty at the discretion of the race director.

4.2 All competitors must marshal the race following theirs ,unless a stand in replacement as been agreed by the race director..

4.3 All marshals must stand in a designated area.

4.4 No person other than the official marshal is allowed in the designated marshalling areas.

4.5 When retrieving a car from the track, marshals must exercise due care and attention and be aware of approaching cars.

4.6 Marshals must only act to retrieve a car when they consider it is safe to do so and not respond to the demands of the driver.

4.7 Marshals must not attempt to repair failed cars at the trackside. Failed cars must be removed from the track for the duration of the race.

4.8 Marshals must stay at their post until the race is completed and are relieved by the following marshal.

4.9 Persons under 16 years of age can only marshal if the permission of a parent or guardian is given in writing to the club secretary.

4.10 All marshals must hold a valid BRCA licence or personal insurance, which must be presented to the organisers before the start of the meeting.

#### **5. Drivers & Mechanics Rules.**

5.1 All drivers must adhere to these rules in addition to the BRCA rules.

5.2 No transmitter including 2.4 spektrum, shall be switched on until the track is clear of all cars from the previous race. Transmitters must be kept on the rostrum or stage at all times during the race or practice.

5.3 A driver is not allowed to turn on his transmitter until he has attached the relevant frequency 'Peg' from the 'Peg Board'. Once finished with the 'Peg' must be returned immediately.

5.4 Cars must not be retrieved from a marshal during a race by the driver.

5.5 Mechanics are allowed to retrieve failed cars but must not cross the track whilst the race is in progress. Drivers must remain on the rostrum until the race is finished.

5.6 Transmitters must not be switched on in the 'pits' unless the race director gives permission. Any competitor caught with a transmitter switched on whilst not racing will be asked to leave the meeting.

5.7 Once the Race Director/Event Time Keeper has announced that a car has finished, it must be driven immediately into the designated parking area and must not complete further laps.

5.8 Drivers or mechanics must not verbally pressure marshals to retrieve failed cars.

5.9 Breaches of these rules will be subject to an enquiry and penalty at the discretion of the race director

## **6. Technical.**

6.1 Competitors will comply to the relevant 'Electric Board' and Technical rules of the BRCA. These can be found at [www.brca.org](http://www.brca.org). Additionally competitors must adhere to the following Club Rules.

6.2 Competitors are expected to have three different sets of crystals to avoid frequency clashes. Exceptions may be made for newcomers.

6.3 *No Winter Green based additives will be permitted.* Use of such products will result in disqualification and the product removed from the premises. Only Water Based Additives are allowed to be used indoors (as per BRCA guidelines).

6.4 Body Shells must be used at all times, including practice. A current list of BRCA 'legal' Body Shells can be found on [www.brca.org](http://www.brca.org) or may be obtained from the club secretary upon request.

6.5 Exposed shock absorbers and towers must be taped up during an indoor meeting. No exposed drive gears will be permitted.

6.6 All 1/10<sup>th</sup> Scale qualifying/races will last 5 minutes plus time to finish the last lap, unless otherwise stated at the start of the meeting. 1/12<sup>th</sup> Scale qualifying/races will normally be 8 minute duration, exception to this would be when there is insufficient time to allow full completion of a meeting by the venue's time limit.

6.7 Cars must have one number displayed on the windscreen for *Club championship Meetings*. The club will provide numbers. Other meetings will be as published on the official entry forms.

6.8 Drivers may be penalised by having laps deducted from their score for certain offences. These offences include jump starting, short cutting, and deliberate ramming. Other penalties may be applied at the race directors' discretion.

6.9 All *Club Meetings* will be run to BRCA rules except: a motor limit of either a 19 turn or 10.5 brushless. 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale cars will run to BRCA rules.

A current list of BRCA 'legal' motors and cells can be found on [www.brca.org](http://www.brca.org) or may be obtained from the club secretary upon request.

Other meetings will be as published on the official entry forms.

6.10 The race director may stop any meeting before completion if unforeseen circumstances make it unsafe to carry on. Any awards may be distributed based on the results at this point.

## **7 Club championship / leagues**

7.1 The M.M.C.C aims to promote a number of championships/leagues through out the year.

7.2 Points for these championships/leagues will be available to contenders for both qualifying and finals (within each class) and will be awarded as follows: Points 50% for Qualifying Position and 50% for Final position.

7.3 Championship/league points will only be available to competitors who register prior to competing. The greatest number of points accumulated from the required number of rounds to count will determine the champion.

7.4 Unless otherwise stated, the number of rounds to count in any of the championships/leagues can be worked out by halving the total number of rounds run and adding one. (All half numbers to be rounded up to the lowest half). E.g.

Five rounds run = Best 3 to count

Twelve rounds run = Best 6 to count

7.5 Other championships may be organised by the committee, usually consisting of a number of rounds, held over a set number of months. This maybe in conjunction with another BRCA affiliated club(s), as is *only* open to all fully paid up members of either club. To register for the championship an entry form *must* be completed in full and handed in to the club Secretary. BRCA Licences and Club Membership Cards are to be

produced for inspection. Further details e.g. points, classes, and venue details will be announced on the official entry form.