

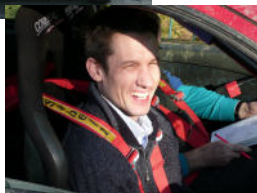
# Endurance Road Rally Championship 2009



# A Beginners Guide to Endurance Rallying



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Here is an introduction to this new motor sport discipline...

In July 2003 the Amman and District motor club introduced a new and very exciting format of rallying, with the first ever Endurance Road Rally to be run in the UK. The event was the Welsh Endurance Rally, which was an immediate success and continues to grow.



Several other clubs have started to run similar events to the new rules as laid out by the MSA. An Endurance Road Rally is unlike any other form of rallying. Performance is not determined by the amount of money you spend on a rally car, thereby offering competitors the chance to win rallies on talent alone. In conventional special stage rallying, only a privileged few have the budgets available to be in with a chance of winning rallies outright. In navigation rallying, the crews' result is influenced predominantly by the navigator's ability.

Now, in between these two disciplines, has come a totally new low-cost rallying formula, where the emphasis is placed on both the navigation skill and also the ability of the driver to drive at speed.

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Car specification: a petrol engine no bigger than 1400cc or a diesel up to 2000cc, but no turbos. You cannot tune the engine. Gearboxes, transmissions and brakes all rely on standard showroom components. Seats can be changed and suspension uprated. You need to strengthen the bodyshell, fit a sump guard and fit minimal safety equipment.

Most competitors drive the car to and from the rally... then go to work in it (or wife goes shopping in it) on Monday morning!



The competitive element is made up of a number of “selectifs”. These are timed and run on closed private grounds or forests. You are set faster standards than navigation rallying, but not as fast as special stage rallying. There is also a navigational element which takes place on the public highway and involves being able to successfully ‘navigate’ your way round a course using country lanes. Endurance Rallying is the ultimate clubman’s rallying formula as it means the majority of competitors are on the same performance level, instead of a minority who do all the winning. It is drastically more cost effective and every bit as competitive as stage rallying.



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## 2009 Calendar

Best five rounds from seven events will count for championship points.

6/7/8	March	Audi South west	South Hams MC
28/29	March	EAC Endurance	Chelmsford MC
18/19	April	Great Bustard	S&SCC
30/31	May	Huntsman	Carlton & DMC
8/9	Aug	Welsh Endurance	Amman & DMC
10/11	Oct	Bristowe	Tavern MC

For more information news and championship tables go to:

**[www.endurance-rallying.co.uk](http://www.endurance-rallying.co.uk)**

To keep costs to a minimum for competitors the 2009 ERRC asked tyre manufacturers to come up with a tyre that was durable, cost effective and didn't destroy the roads used in competition.

We are delighted to announce that the ERRC 2009 control tyre will be Sportway Tyres. Contenders may use the Sport way R1 or R1+ range.

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# Getting Started in Endurance Rallying

So, you'd like to have a go at Endurance Rallying and you've never done a rally before?

Here's the answers to some of your initial questions.

## 1. Do I have to join a club?

Before you can register for the Endurance Road Rally Championship (ERRC), you must be a paid up member of the Salisbury & Shaftesbury Car Club. Both driver and navigator must be members, but if you share a common address a saving can be made by taking joint membership. You can join by contacting Dick Appleton Tel: 01202 676 350 or e-mail [rally@endurance-rallying.co.uk](mailto:rally@endurance-rallying.co.uk)

## 2. Does the ERRC provide instruction for Beginners?

Although not compulsory, you will benefit considerably by attending a Newcomers Rally School. The ERRC runs single day schools for rallying beginners. Highly experienced rally competitors and organisers give talks on all aspects of starting Endurance Rallying.

## 3. Do I need a special car?

You don't need to own a suitable car to join the ERRC, but you will need one if you want to start rallying in the Championship.

## 4. Do I need special documents for my car?

You'll be required to show your Registration Document (V5). The car will obviously need to have a current MoT certificate, and you'll have to show this each time as well.

## 5. Are car modifications acceptable?

If you're starting rallying you will be well advised to use a standard and reliable car. However, if your car has any non-standard features or tuning modifications, you should ensure that they are acceptable.

## **6. What safety modifications are required?**

Safety modifications are a core part of our sport. You have fit modern rally seats, minimum four point full harness belts, roll cages and fire extinguishers. Open face helmets or head protection may be worn, if you wish, on the Selectifs **ONLY**. Crash helmets, intercoms and fire-proof racing overalls are for special stage rallying and definitely not for the public highway, as they would give the general public the impression that we're racing on the public road.

## **7. Do we need MSA Competition Licences?**

For all rallies in the Endurance Rally Championship, all occupants of the car must have MSA Competition Licences. These licences have to be of at least a National B status and will be inspected at each rally. The one to apply for is the **Non-Race National B**, for which there is no previous qualification requirement. Just fill in the form and send off your money to the Motor Sports Association (MSA). You can find the full requirements including the licence fees, and you can download a form from the MSA web site, [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org)

## **8. What about my Car Insurance?**

Most car insurance policies exclude use in any form of competitions. You should check your insurance policy, and if you contact your broker he may be able to arrange a policy for you which extends cover to participating in car rallies of this type.

However, every rally in the championship has insurance arranged through the organisers and for a moderate cost drivers can get the minimum Road Traffic Act cover (third party only) for the duration of the rally. Requirements for taking out this insurance cover will be detailed in the event regulations.

## **9. How do we enter our First Rally?**

Each rally is organised independently, not by the ERRC but by a motor club local to the area, so each rally has to be entered individually. The rally organisers will send you an acknowledgement and any additional information you will need prior to the rally (see back for details).