



2014 Senior Autotest Champion – Cadog Davies



2014 Junior Autotest Champion – Justin Jones

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# Production Car Autotest Championship 2015

## Round 6

## Brynbedd Forestry, Ffarmers

# Championship Time Table

6 <sup>th</sup> April	Bont Stages, Pontrhydfendigaid
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Pantsod Farm, Synod Inn
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Ffynondalis, Mydroilyn
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Bont Stages, Pontrhydfendigaid
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Wern y Glyn, Llangybi
20th September	Brynbedd Forestry, Ffarmers

Dates are firm but venues are subject to change

## **Previous Winners**

Seniors	2009	Chris Palmer
	2010	Chris Palmer
	2011	Chris Palmer
	2012	Chris Palmer
	2013	Chris Palmer
	2014	Cadog Davies
Juniors	2009	Stefan "DR" Davies
	2010	Alex Rossiter
	2011	Tim Evans
	2012	James Johnson-Davies
	2013	Justin Jones
	2014	Justin Jones

# **FOREWORD**

Welcome to the 2015 LDMC Production Car Autotest Championship.

We would like to thank Islwyn Evans and Perris Garage, Llanrhystud for their support for the 2015 championship.

We would like to thank everyone who is connected with the event in advance, especially the venue owners for allowing us to use their premises for the tests.

Although the tests are organized as a championship I would like to stress that their purpose is to provide members with a fun day of motor sport under controlled conditions and the first step for young members onto the Motorsport ladder. I hope therefore that all competitors will enter into the spirit of the events.

We look forward to welcoming you on the day, be it as a competitor or otherwise.

**Rhydian Thomas**

**Clerk of the Course**

**Production Car Autotest Championship 2015**

# SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

## 1. ANNOUNCEMENT

Lampeter and District Motor Club Ltd will promote a Closed to Club Production Car Autotest on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 @ Brynbedd Forestry, Farmers

More information will be available on both Facebook & the clubs website

## 2. JURISDICTION

The meetings will be governed by the General Regulations of the MSA, incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A., these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organizing club may issue for the event.

## 3. Authorization

MSA Permit Number: 91481

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to:

All members of Lampeter & District Motor Club Ltd. All competitors must produce a valid Club Membership Card as appropriate for inspection at signing on. Membership will be available on the day on completion of an application form and on payment of the relevant membership fee. Membership fee for 2015 is £10.00 per individual or £15.00 family membership (restrictions apply)

All entrants must present their cars to be in good enough condition to compete. The decision of the Clerk of the Course is final in all matters regarding vehicle eligibility

MOT will not be a requirement of the 2015 championship, however competitors vehicles must be deemed to be in good condition at all times during the event. Vehicles exhaust systems must be in good working order, all glass where applicable must be fitted. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the vehicle is safe. The clerk of the course may decide at any point during the event to exclude cars which he feels are unsuitable.

All competing cars must conform to their original silhouette and retain original layout of engine & transmission. **ALL MAJOR INTERIOR TRIM MUST BE RETAINED IN THE CAR I.E. BACK SEATS MUST BE PRESENT & ASSOCIATED BOOT PLASTICS**

**Open or Sports cars can only compete with their hoods erected or hard top fitted**

The only Stage cars allowed to enter are road rally cars as well as F1000 cars but may not be counted towards the final results

Entries will be accepted only from Drivers who are 14 and over. However, for Drivers aged 14, 15 or 16, or those not holding a full RTA License, the Passenger must hold a full RTA License and be experienced in Auto testing. The vehicle must be by definition a 'touring car'.

One Passenger must be carried in each competing car to assist in giving directions to the Driver, no other passenger is allowed. The passenger must occupy the seat alongside the Driver and wear a properly fastened

and approved seat belt at all times during the test. No other Passengers are allowed. If the Driver holds a valid, non-provisional RTA License, the Passenger must be 12 years or over.

Cars must have been in series production and on general catalogued sale, available from stock through normal retail dealer outlets in the UK. Cars, which do not comply with the above but can comply with Technical Regulations 18 and Section J as stated in the MSA yearbook, are permitted to enter the event and are eligible for results.

## 5. TYRES

Chunky tyres ARE allowed for this event. The fitting of sumpuards is advisable but not mandatory. Surface will be Gravel

## 6. ENTRIES

It will be possible to enter on the day of the Test between 9.00am and 10.00am by completion of an application form and payment of the appropriate fee of £10 per entrant. No entries will be accepted after 10.30am.

The maximum entry for the meeting is 30. More than 30 entries would be at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course. Junior entrants will be given priority

Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Competitors are **NOT** allowed to change car after they start test 1. However, anyone sharing that car who hasn't started test 1 may do so at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course

If a competitor's car breaks down & cannot be repaired sufficiently to carry on before the end of test 1, they will forfeit their entry & membership fee and their place offered to a reserve if there are any

Competitors will be issued with a number, which will be required to be fixed to the driver side of the car, this **MUST** be returned to the organizers at the end of the event, and failure to do so may incur a £5 fee. If more than one competitor uses a particular car it will be the competitors' responsibility to ensure that the correct number is displayed on the car for their test.

## 7. CLASSES

The event will consist of the following classes:

Seniors – Any entrant 17 years or over on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

Juniors – 16 years old or under on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

## 8. TEST PROCEDURES

A recce of the Test will be on foot prior to the start at 10.15am. It will be the competitors' responsibility to be present when the test is relayed via the recce.

The autotest will consist of a minimum of 4 loops / tests. This **COULD** be increased at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course (time & venue allowing)

- Competitors will be timed using a timekeeper's stopwatch and be instructed to start by being counted down 3, 2, 1, GO by the timekeeper

- All lines and gates will be of a minimum width of 3.5m. Any ‘garage’ will have a minimum length of 6m and a minimum width of 3.5m. Where a competitor is required to perform a 180° turn in a box, the size of the box should be sufficient to contain a circle of 16m diameter.
- The start and finish of all tests will be in a forward direction. Each test will be designed so that a Competitor is not expected to engage reverse gear more than four times (ignoring maneuvers to correct
- Mistakes). Each test will be run at least twice, and preferably more than twice to a maximum of 6 runs.
- Drivers will be considered under Starter’s orders when instructed by an Official to proceed to the start line. Drivers then failing to proceed may forfeit their run or may be penalised in accordance with M.7(a).
- A start will only be valid if made under the vehicle’s own power.
- When a car is required to stop astride a line, the line must be between its front and back axles and all the area of the tyres in contact with the ground must be seen to have crossed the full width of the line. Similarly, if a car is required to cross a line with all four wheels, all tyre contact area must be seen to be clear of the line.
- Timing at completion of a test will be based on the leading wheels (on the same axle) crossing the finish line. Penalties will be applied for failure to cross the line, or alternatively, if timed to a flying finish, for crossing the baulk line. In the event of Competitors performing a test incorrectly, their times will still be recorded, together with the appropriate penalties.
- In any diagram illustrating a test, the dimensions will be approximate and for guidance only. Indications of the direction of travel of the competing cars when crossing a line, or passing between markers, will be shown unless specified otherwise (ignoring ‘shunts ’ to avoid markers).
- A maximum penalty M.7 will be applied if a competitor crosses with both leading wheels a marked test line in the wrong direction, out of the prescribed sequence or too many/few times, otherwise competitors may correct their mistakes by returning to the point where they deviated from the test diagram.
- In changes of direction and spin turns, either lock can be used (unless the test diagram specifically states otherwise). It is recommended for safety reasons that Drivers are on the ‘inside ’ during spin turns.
- Clerks of the Course wishing to define direction of travel between markers will include any necessary marked line(s) or arrow(s).
- In the event of re-run caused by a timing failure, the greater number of penalties incurred in either run will be added to the time taken in assessing the performance on that test.

## 9. OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course	Rhydian Thomas	07867 558 303 or <a href="mailto:secretary@ldmc.org.uk">secretary@ldmc.org.uk</a>
Entry Secretary	Anwen Davies	07920 266 997 or <a href="mailto:anwen_davies@hotmail.com">anwen_davies@hotmail.com</a>

## 10. AWARDS

Entrants are eligible for one award only.

The organisers reserve the right to alter, amend or add to the awards list.

Junior Awards are donated by Islwyn Evans, Perris Garage and will be presented as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Junior Driver - £20 cash

2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Driver - £10 cash

3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Driver - £5 cash

Senior awards will be presented as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Overall Driver £20 cash

2<sup>nd</sup> Overall Driver £10 cash

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Driver £5

## 11. RESULTS

To be classified as a finisher, Competitors must complete not less than half of the tests.

For each competitor their run incurring the highest penalty points will be discarded.

Competitors will start with zero marks. All Class awards must be calculated on the basis of penalty marks lost, with the Competitor incurring the least penalty points being judged the winner. In the event of a tie, the Competitor who was first to have the lesser penalty from the start will be adjudged the winner.

Performance will be assessed as in Table 1, unless the 'Marks Lost' stated are modified by the SRs.

See Appendix 1, Table 1.

**1 mark = 1 second**

*TABLE 1*

		Marks Lost
A	Each minute late reporting at the start or re-start	5*
B	Not attempting or being ready to attempt a test when instructed to do so	40*
C	Not performing a test correctly other than (D) or (E) or not completing the test or making a false start	40*
D	Striking any barrier, wall or marker or crossing the boundary of a test (per mistake)	5
E	Failing to cross or stop at any line or specified position as required in a test (per mistake)	5

F	Every second (ignoring fractions) to complete test	1
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- plus the lowest by any competitor in the class making an attempt correctly on that run. The maximum penalty (including time) for any test cannot exceed penalty (B) or (C) above.

## 12. TIMING

The timing will be recorded by marshal's stop watches.

Timing is started by the starting signal, which will be in the form of a marshal's signal or flag.

## 13. MARKING

Judges will be appointed to each test to adjudicate on:

- False starts
- Crossing/failing to cross marker lines
- Touching markers and not following correct route.

Organizers will record times and penalties at the completion of each test run.

Marks will be lost for time taken (if applicable) and for any infringements of the test instructions, such as striking a marker or crossing a boundary line.

## 14. DRIVING STANDARDS

The Clerk of the Course reserves the right to exclude any competitor which is deemed, in his view, to be driving without due care and attention or in a way which may endanger the safety of others or bring the event into disrepute. If the vehicle is deemed unsafe or not road worthy at any point in the event, the Clerk of the Course may ask for that vehicle to be repaired, if these instructions are not followed then the competitor may not be eligible to participate further or even excluded. There will be no discussion on this matter.

## 15. PROTESTS

No protests may be lodged to the organizers.

The decision of the Clerk of Course will be final in ALL matters both covered by these regulations & and what arises during the autotest

## 16. DAMAGE

If a competitor is causes any damage to property during the event, that competitor is responsible for the damage and will be asked to contribute or in some cases cover the cost of the damage.



# ISLWYN EVANS

+ Son and Daughter

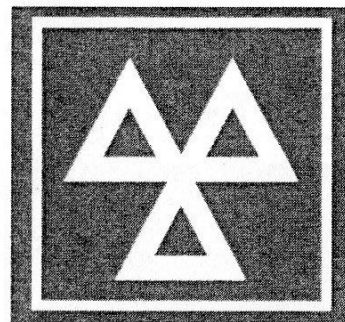
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