



## Practice Day Regulations 2022 | Loton Park Speed Hill Climb

### 1. Announcement

Hagley & District Light Car Club Limited will organise Hill Climb Events at Loton Park, Alberbury, SY5 9AG on the following dates:

DATE	PERMIT	APPENDIX APPLYING	MAX ENTRIES
2 April	Interclub	1	80

### 2. Event

The event will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), under these Supplementary Regulations and any other written instructions the organising Club may issue. At present we are unable to accept entries for Hybrid and Electric Cars as we are not able to fully comply with the current Motorsport requirements for safe handling of such vehicles. ALL competitors must wear overalls homologated to FIA 8856-2000, FIA 8856-2018 or FIA 1986 standard, regardless of whether the car driven is classed as a Standard or Road car.

### 3. Licence

The track licence for 2022 has been applied for.

### 4. Course

The tarmac course is 1,475 yards (1,349 metres) long with an average gradient of 1 in 25 (4%) and steepest gradient of 1 in 7 (14%).

### 5. Number of Entries

The maximum number of entries is as stated above. The minimum number of entries is 50. Should the minimum entry not be reached by "Closing Day" the event may be cancelled at the discretion of HDLCC.

### 6. Entry Fees

PERMIT	UP TO AND INC. DISCOUNT DAY
Interclub	£120

- Entries may be paid online via PayPal or by a cheque made out to HDLCC Ltd. Cheque payments will be subject to an additional £2.50 processing fee.
- It is the responsibility of the Entrant/Driver to ensure that the information given on the entry form is both correct and complete. The Entries Secretary can only act on the information given.
- No entries will be processed until receipt of the fee. Notification of accepted entries will be sent out within 72 hours of the closing date.
- The Club will require a competitor to reimburse any costs arising from a cheque which does not clear at its first presentation. **This minimum charge is £30.**
- Entry fees include 3 personal passes, subject to Motorsport UK restrictions in place at the time of the event, valid up to 11.00am. Additional fees are required for camping (see Section 23).

Enquiries and cheque payments should be addressed to:

**Hanna Goodyear** – Entries Secretary  
Woodbury Grange  
Home Farm Lane  
Great Witley  
Worcestershire

WR6 6JJ

Telephone: 01299 890028 (between 16:00 and 20:00)  
Email: entriesssec@hdlcc.com

## 7. Cancellations and Non-Starters

- The cancellation of the event as a result of circumstances beyond the Club's control e.g., insufficient entries, force majeure, foot and mouth disease, viral pandemic, dictates from Government and/or Motorsport UK will result in a refund of the entry fee less £25.
- In the event of a cancellation by a competitor of an entry received by the Entries Secretary the following refunds apply: up to and including "Closing Day" – a refund of the entry fee less £25 administration fee.
- After "Closing Day" - a refund of £20 on a written or email application received by the Entries Secretary up to 7 days after the event.

## 8. Reserves

Should the event be oversubscribed then those over the maximum number may, at the discretion of HDLCC, be identified as reserves.

**Reserves not informed that they are replacing a withdrawal WILL NOT practice.**

## 9. Competition Numbers

Vehicles will be identified by competition numbers allocated by the organisers and confirmed in the final instructions/provisional entry lists. Numbers should be affixed to BOTH SIDES of the car in accordance with (S)9.2.5., and must be covered over when driving roadgoing cars on the public highway in accordance with (S)9.2.6.

## 10. Programme

The times of practice runs for this event will be defined in the Final Instructions. Competitors are asked to note the times of Church services. Some car classes, to be announced by the organisers, may run during part of a service. However, there will be a prohibition on running engines in competing vehicles in classes that are NOT being run. Failure to comply with the appropriate official instruction may result in disqualification from the event.

## 11. Tyre Cleaning/Spinning & Tyre Warmers

The spinning of wheels to clean and induce heat into the tyres is allowed within the designated area after the marked pre-start line, but forward motion must be maintained on each and every attempt, and any form of brake 'line lock' whether mechanical or electronic to facilitate this is prohibited. This, and the spinning wheels outside the designated area may result in disqualification from the event. The use of an external device or power source to pre-heat the tyres of competing cars, whether the tyres are fitted to the car or not, is prohibited. Transmission warming/testing shall be strictly in accordance with (K)14.2.

## 12. Scrutineering & Cameras

All competing cars and drivers' safety equipment will be physically scrutineered, as pre-Covid-19 rules, unless Motorsport UK re-issue guidelines for the distanced scrutineering of cars. Further information will be given in the Final Instructions.

## 13. Practice

Competitors are strongly recommended to walk the hill in their own time up to 15 minutes before the start of practice after which the hill must be clear for official vehicles. All drivers that have not previously competed at Loton Park MUST attend the MANDATORY "NEW DRIVERS' BRIEFING" on the startline 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and must confirm that they have walked the course (H)32.1.3. Any driver who fails to attend, or who reports late for this meeting will be fined as detailed in (G)5.3.8.

## 14. Start Procedure

Cars will start singly at intervals. The starting signal is a red light followed by a green light. The method of timing is electronic by breaking a light beam at the start and finish. No more than two people at any time, in addition to the driver and Officials are allowed in attendance on each car in the identified start area, (S)9.3.5.

## 16. Red Flags

If the Red Flag (or red-light signal) is displayed, competing cars should come to a standstill when practicable and await further instructions from the marshals (S)9.3.7(a). **At Triangle Bend and Fallow Bend, the red flag may be augmented with flashing red lights.**

## 17. Finish Procedure

The finish line will be indicated by chequered boards. After crossing the finishing line follow the track to the holding paddock. Brake testing or practice starts are not allowed in the approach to or in the holding paddock. Return down the hill to the main paddock when directed to do so by an official. A static red flag will be displayed to indicate caution, drive slowly and be aware of marshals on, or in close proximity to, the course. If a red flag is waved STOP IMMEDIATELY. Competitors are required to wear ALL safety gear for the return downhill. Failure to do so is in contravention of (S)9.2.1.

## 18. Recovery

In the event that a stricken car has to be recovered using the available Recovery Unit, equipment or marshals, care will be taken to minimise any further damage during the recovery. However, the Club disclaims any responsibility for any such consequential damage. **Towing point(s) of adequate strength and size are mandatory, as per. (S)10.2.15.**

## 19. Results

Times will be displayed in or on the Results Hut adjacent to the Paddock. Results will be emailed or posted to all competitors within 7 days.

## 20. Awards

There are no awards for Practice Days

## 21. Support Crew

Competitors are deemed to be responsible for the actions of their support crew. Any transgressions of these Regulations by support crew may result in the **disqualification** of the competitor at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

## 22. Markers & Penalties

As defined in (S)9.5.4, the boundaries of the track at Loton Park are indicated by temporary markers (i.e. *Flip Flops*). Any competitor striking and dislodging a Marker/Flip Flop will have a one second penalty added to the time of their run for each dislodged marker. The third such penalty at any meeting will be either disqualification from the event or the timed run disqualified, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

## 23. Access

Loton Park (SY5 9AG) is located 9 miles west of Shrewsbury on the B4393 in the village of Alberbury. The gates into the park will be opened at 12:00 noon on the day before the event. Loton Park is a deer park, and the gates must be closed in the hours of darkness. If you arrive after nightfall, please ensure the gates are closed behind you.

## 24. Overnight Camping

- Health & Safety regulations require a minimum gap of 6 metres between parked motorhomes, caravans etc. This regulation must be observed.
- **The cost of camping is £10.00 per unit.**
- Payment of this fee is a condition of camping. Those wishing to camp should complete the relevant section of the entry form for themselves and their support crew, where appropriate. **Arrangements for the payment of camping charges will be confirmed in the Final Instructions.**
- Camping passes should be displayed on the side of the unit facing the access road.
- The Park must be vacated within two hours of the completion of competition on the second day. Camping is not allowed on the last night after the completion of the meeting.
- Trailers must be unhitched. Tow vehicles must be parked at 90 degrees to the access road to allow parking spaces for other competitors. Any competitor found parking parallel to the access road will be asked to move.

## 25. Dogs

Members of the public will not be allowed to bring dogs into Loton Park.

Our landlords, Loton Park Estates, has agreed to allow competitors to bring dogs into the park on the following basis:

- A. From one hour before the programmed commencement of runs to 30 minutes after the final run, dogs must be kept in the motorhomes or caravans out of sight of the public. It is not acceptable to leave dogs in cars or vans.
- B. Dogs may need to be exercised in the middle of the day and this must be done outside the park. Wherever possible such dogs should be removed from, and returned to, the park by car. Identifying this intention to the gatekeeper will avoid embarrassment on return.
- C. Outside the hours identified in a., dogs may be exercised in the park within the area leased by HDLCC, identified by signage within the parking areas and not to the east of south of the track.
- D. Dogs must be on a lead at all times when outside a motorhome or caravan, and when being exercised.

The Club is grateful to Loton Park Estates for granting this concession, but it must be pointed out that it will be withdrawn if competitors do not abide by the rules. In the event of an incident involving a dog brought in by a competitor or their support crew, the offender will be required to remove the dog immediately. Should an unleashed dog worry game, the Gamekeeper will be within his rights to take appropriate action.

### **FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES ON DOGS AT LOTON PARK MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE VENUE.**

#### **26. Paddock Discipline**

In parts of the tarmac surfaced paddock, trailers, or tow vehicles (but not both) may be parked adjacent to competition vehicles. Competitors' cars or support vehicles must not be parked at the top of the paddock in the area designated for Officials and parking for the Disabled. Cooking appliances e.g., BBQs, gas/primus stoves etc. are not to be used in the paddock. Smoking is discouraged in the paddock because of the presence of fuel. Canopies are to be securely weighted in position. There are to be no fixings into the tarmac surface.

- When returning to the paddock after a run, please drive forwards into your allocated paddock space to prevent congestion and delays. Cars may be turned around later, provided no disruption is caused.
- **CAUSING DISRUPTION BY REVERSING INTO A PADDOCK ON RETURN FROM A RUN MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OR LOSS OF A RUN.**
- Competitors wishing to leave the venue prior to the completion of the event must seek permission from the Clerk of the Course. NO trailers or tow-cars may be brought back into the main paddock before the end of the event because of blocking access to other competitors preparing for their runs and access for emergency vehicles through the paddock to the venue access/exit. A pass-out will be issued by the gate staff to competitors or service crew wishing to leave the venue for a short time during the event.
- The riding of cycles or scooters or use of any wheeled appliance such as skateboards or hoverboards or Segway's is not allowed at Loton Park during the duration of the event.
- No competing or non-competing vehicles are allowed on the track out-of-hours unless on HDLCC business relating to the running of the event and authorised by the Clerk of the Course.

#### **27. Catering**

On-site catering will be available, but competitors are reminded that Motorsport UK empower the Clerk of the Course, under Regulation (D)25.1.14, to authorise a Medical Officer to conduct spot checks on any competitor to ascertain whether alcohol or prohibited substances have been consumed.

#### **28. Drones**

Drones or small unmanned aircraft are not allowed at this venue. Loton Park is within Low Flying Area No. 9 allocated to RAF Shawbury as a Helicopter Training Area.

#### **29. Local Accommodation**

Details of local accommodation can be found on the Internet.

#### **30. Race With Respect**

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity at Loton Park, you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code: [www.motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](http://www.motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect) #RaceWithRespect

### 31. Environmental Concerns

Motorsport UK are exceedingly concerned of the impact of single-use plastic tyre wrapping and with reusable alternatives available competitors are encouraged to reduce plastic usage in this regard. Use of these plastic wraps is to be eradicated by 2023.

**THESE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS ARE CORRECT AS PRINTED BUT ALTERATIONS MAY BE MADE BASED ON GOVERNMENT AND MOTORSPORT UK UPDATES.**

## Appendix 1: Interclub Permit Events

### 1.1 Persons Eligible

All fully paid up members of Hagley & District Light Car Club holding a valid MSUK Interclub, or higher competition licence. All competitors must declare their licence type on the entry form and bring the relevant document to the meeting.

### 1.2 Permits

DATE	PERMIT
2 April	Interclub

### 1.3 Entries

Open on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and the Closing Date is as follows

EVENT	CLOSING DAY (MIDDAY)
2 April	17 March

### 1.3 Entry Fees

Fee up to and including "Closing Day": **£120**