



HANTS AND BERKS LAND ROVER OWNERS CHALLENGE EVENT INFORMATION PACK (SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS)

This information has been put together to help you understand the requirements of these type of events. These events have been designed to test the skills of driver, passenger and the vehicle. Motorsport is dangerous, and we therefore take safety seriously. However, at the end of the day, we also want you to enjoy the event and have fun! Please take the time to read this carefully.

There are generally two classes that are catered for at our challenge events, ALRC and non-ALRC. However, this is open to change at certain events. There are also general rules and safety aspects that will apply to all classes of vehicle. Some events will be open to non HBLRO members, and some will be 'closed events' that you will need to be a member of HBLRO to take part in. This will be made clear when the event information is issued. Membership Cards must be shown at signing on.

All entrants need to be aware that at these type of events, the Club cannot guarantee that you will not do damage to your vehicle. The punches are set out to provide a challenge to driver and passenger and test skills to the limit. However, it is not compulsory to attempt all or any of the punches, and you must drive to your ability. If you are not sure or think that something is beyond your capabilities, then STOP! Marshals will also have the right to stop any driver or activity which they feel is unsafe or dangerous.

General information for all competitors

By signing the drivers declaration on the entry form, you will be stating that your vehicle has a valid MOT certificate (or logbook in the case of a CCV vehicle) and the driver holds a current, full driving licence. Vehicles in the RTV class must also have a valid Road Fund Licence. All passengers must be over 16 years of age. All tyres must be road legal. Seats must be securely fitted and seat belts or harnesses must be worn by all occupants when the vehicle is moving. Winching gloves are not optional and must be worn whenever winching is taking place by anyone who is likely to operate or handle the winch, cable or connection points. A winch sail is also mandatory, and must be in place before the cable is under tension. It is strongly advised that all equipment is stored appropriately within the vehicle. There must be no damage caused to permanent features on the site, e.g. trees, fences, gates, walls. Tree strops must be used where necessary and must not be used at a height of more than 1 metre above ground level. There will be a maximum site speed of 15mph. If a competitor needs to carry out any repairs, these must be carried out on a suitable groundsheet and no waste must be allowed to contaminate the ground or be left behind.

On the day, when you arrive at site, all drivers and passengers need to go to signing on and present any paperwork required for the event and collect scrutineering cards and competition numbers. There will be a drivers briefing, to which all drivers and passengers must attend. There will also be a compulsory ½ hour stop for lunch, which both the driver and passenger must sign in and out for.

If you require urgent assistance or medical help, please sound your horn (long blast).

Equipment

It is advisable to have the following equipment for challenge events; (in addition to mandatory gloves and sail)

- Basic recovery equipment (ropes, strops, rated shackles)
- Winching equipment
- Ground anchors
- High lift jack and spade
- Spares and toolkit

All equipment must be carried on board the vehicle. No back up crews will be allowed.

Non-permitted equipment

- KERR ropes
- Hand or chain saws
- Winching chains, tyre chains, recovery chains
- Overly aggressive tyres (e.g. dumper, maxicross)

Recovery points

All vehicles entered must have suitable front and rear recovery points. NATO hitches, tow balls etc are acceptable, but must be appropriately fixed to the vehicle and include a spreader plate of minimum 3mm thickness. All bolts must extend fully through the bolt and be rated, minimum High Tensile grade 8.8 for the purpose. Welded on recovery points will not be accepted.

ALRC

All vehicles in this class must comply with the rules and regulations of the Association of Land Rover Clubs as well as the MSA guidelines. The ALRC Green Book, which sets these regulations out, are readily available to members at all club events.

Non ALRC

In this class, the following are permitted; locking differentials (e.g. ARBs, KAMs, Detroit, etc) Oversize Tyres (e.g. 35" Simex) are allowed and vehicle silhouettes can be modified. Non-Land Rover engine systems are permitted. Those in the non-ALRC class are also permitted to use more than one winching system per vehicle.

Scoring

Scoring points is achieved by successfully punching your card at each numbered area. There is no time limit for completing a punch, but each one is graded as being easy, medium or hard. These will be colour coded on the punch card, and you will be made aware at the start of the event which is which! Punches are also weighted according to how many people obtain the punch. For example, if only one person/team gets the punch, then they get all the points to the value of that punch. However, if lots of people successfully get the punch, then the points are distributed amongst everyone. At some events, including the Mike Wolfe Trophy, there will be special tasks or activities which need to be completed by drivers in order to gain extra points. These normally entail a bit of thinking, and can catch many people out, losing them valuable points! Points can also be lost if a marshal feels that punches are not being attempted in a safe manner, for example, gloves are not used during winching.

The main aim for HBLRO in staging these events is for you to enjoy the day and feel you have had the opportunity to test your skills, both in respect of the vehicle and driving ability. We hope you enjoy your event and rise to the challenge again next time!

