

2026 South Hams Motor Club Road Rally Championship

Regulations for EXPERTS

1. South Hams Motor Club (SHMC) will promote an Expert Road Rally Championship.
2. Qualifying events are: All 12 Car Road Rallies open to Expert entries and Navigational, Road, Clubman, Targa and Endurance Rally or 4x4 12 Car Navigational Exercise organised by SHMC.
3. Points are only awarded to competitors entering as a SHMC member.
4. The definition of an expert crew member:
 - a. A crew member is classed as an expert if they have won outright honours or tied for 1st place in the last 3 years on a SHMC 12 Car Navigational Exercise (excluding novice only events) or won the SHMC 12 Car Novice Championship in the intended "seat". A competitor's previous motorsport experience/career may also be taken into consideration for accurate classification. On classification, the Rally Championship Coordinator's decision will be final.
5. Points will be awarded for the following qualifying events:
 - a. 12 Car Road Rally: 12 points for 1st expert, dropping one point for each place lower in class.
 - b. SHMC Navigational, Road, Clubman, Targa and Endurance Rally or 4x4 12 Car Navigational Exercise: 12 points for 1st SHMC member in class, dropping one point for each SHMC member placed lower in class.
 - c. In the event of a tie the first tie breaker as per the regulations applies, in the case of there still being a tie after this, all tied competitors will be awarded the same points.
 - d. To encourage competitors to graduate from 12 cars to larger Targa and all night road rallies, 5 "bonus" points would be awarded to all competitors entering their first of the Clubman (Nat B) Road Rallies or Targa Rally of the year. To qualify for the 5 "bonus" points the competitor must enter and sign-on as a South Hams Motor Club member, pass scrutineering, and travel correctly through MTC0 and MTC1 to effectively commence the rally, but they need not complete the event through retirement. "Bonus" points are awarded to both Experts and Novice, drivers and navigators in addition to points awarded for class placed finishers.
6. To claim points you **MUST** marshal **or** organise at least 1 Novice or Expert qualifying event.
 - a. Organisers of each SHMC 12 Car Navigational Exercise event will be awarded 12 points.
 - b. Marshals at each SHMC 12 Car Navigational Exercise event will be awarded 8 points.
 - c. A maximum of 12 points from organising, or, a maximum of 8 points from marshaling, can be accrued from SHMC 12 Car Navigational Exercise events, Navigational, Road, Clubman, Targa and Endurance Rally or 4x4 12 Car Navigational Exercise.
 - d. Marshalling points may be upgraded to organiser points a subsequent event.
7. Scoring will be the 10 best qualifying event results from any of the 12 qualifying events. This includes the mandatory points accrued for organising or marshaling at a qualifying event.
 - a. In the event of the Primrose, Harvest or Guy Fawkes Rally not running, a 12 Car Navigational Exercise may be run in that month in its place. (If so the substitute 12 Car event will count as part of the '1 score from a SHMC Navigational, Road, Clubman, Targa or Endurance Rally, or 4x4 12 Car event').
8. A points table will be printed in the monthly club magazine.
9. Awards will be:
 - a. Championship 1st Driver - Quay Cup and keepsake award
 - b. Championship 1st Navigator - Oke Bros Tankard and keepsake award
 - c. 2nd and 3rd places in Driver/Navigator categories and keepsake awards
 - d. Each person can only win one award, which will be presented at the Club's Annual Awards Presentation at the end of the season.
 - i. In event of a tie, the most points scored on the first event entered will be the deciding factor. If this is still equal the second event entered and so on until a difference is found.
 - e. For each qualifying event, a 1st Expert Driver and 1st Expert Navigator keepsake award will be given.
 - f. Individual event keepsake award may only be awarded if there are 6 or more entries in that event.