



Organised by the Auto Cycle Union
in association with the British Motorcyclists Federation

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July 2009

Supplementary regulations



The National Road Rally 2009

ACU Permit Number 23418

We're back!

The Interphone National Road Rally 2009 is a road-based event for qualified riders of mopeds, scooters, motorcycles, three-wheelers, and motorcycles and scooters with sidecars. It's your chance to test your riding ability against 1,000 enthusiastic riders on all types of machines, along some of England's finest roads.

To keep up to date with developments and news about the Rally as they happen, visit www.nationalroadrally.co.uk

See you in July!

The NATIONAL ROAD RALLY team

Supplementary regulations

1 Definition

The Auto-Cycle Union (ACU), in association with the British Motorcyclists Federation and Mencap will promote a 'navigational scatter rally', known as The Interphone National Road Rally on Saturday 4 July and Sunday 5 July 2009. It will be held under the following:

- the National Sporting Code of the ACU
- Regulation 3(5) of the Motor Vehicles (Rallies and Trials) Regulations 1969
- these supplementary regulations
- and any further instructions issued to riders.

The event will be open to all riders of mopeds, scooters, motorcycles, three-wheelers and motorcycles/scooters with sidecars who have passed the appropriate Department of Transport driving test or are otherwise exempted from displaying 'L' plates. Riders can be unattached (they do not have to be a member of a club or organisation) and competition licences are not required. ACU membership will be granted to all riders and passengers for the duration of the Interphone National Road Rally. All references to 'riders' in these regulations (and other Interphone National Road Rally documentation) include drivers where appropriate. Reference to 'the Rally' in these regulations will include 'The Interphone National Road Rally', 'The National Rally', 'The National Daytime Rally' and 'The National Sunrise Rally', which are integral parts of the 'Interphone National Road Rally'.

2 Officials

The National Road Rally officials are as follows:

Clerk of the course

Tim Fairbrother, licence number ACU46615

Secretary of the meeting

Frank C.Carter, licence number ACU79109

Entry secretary

Alison Devine

3 Event descriptions

3.1 The National Sunrise Rally (6 hours)

Riders will select their category, starting control and route of minimum 120 miles/ maximum 180 miles. The finish will be at the final control at Bletchley Park, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. The start time will be 4am on Sunday 5 July and riders must reach the final control by 10am on Sunday. The Silver category requires riders to visit the maximum number of possible controls and ride 180 miles. Rest breaks are not required, as the visits to controls are taken to be rest breaks and there is no requirement to declare these on the control card. The riding time will be 6 hours.

3.2 The National Daytime Rally (10 hours)

Riders will select their category, starting control and route of minimum 200 miles/ maximum 275 miles.

The start time will be 2pm on Saturday 4 July and riders will choose their own finish control, which they must reach, and where they must have their control card signed off, by midnight on Saturday. The Silver category requires riders to visit the maximum number of possible controls and ride 275 miles. Riders must post their completed control cards to the National Road Rally entries secretary no later than 8 days after the Rally (13 July).

Rest breaks totalling 45 minutes must be taken (see detail under regulation 3.5 Rest breaks). The riding time will be 9 hours 15 minutes. (Riding time of 9 hours 15 minutes + rest breaks of 45 minutes = 10 hours in total.)

3.3 The National Rally (20 hours)

Riders will select their category (Special Gold, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Finisher), starting control and route of minimum 200 miles/maximum 540 miles. The finish will be at the final control at Bletchley Park, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. The Special Gold category requires riders to visit the maximum number of possible controls and ride 540 miles. Regulation 3.7 (b) Penalties will not apply to the Finisher category once 200 miles have been ridden.



The start time will be 2pm on Saturday 4 July and riders must reach the final control by 10am on Sunday 5 July.

Rest breaks totalling 2 hours must be taken (see detail under regulation 3.5 Rest breaks). The riding time will be 18 hours. (Riding time of 18 hours + rest breaks of 2 hours = 20 hours in total.)

3.4 The National Rally – Platinum category (20 hours)

Riders will select their starting control, route of 540 miles, and visit the maximum number of possible controls. They will be required to take part in the special tests at MIRA. Riders can start from any control to achieve the maximum number but riders intending to start further away are advised to attend the tests at MIRA early (see regulation 3.9 Special tests). The finish will be at the final control at Bletchley Park, Bletchley, Milton Keynes.

The Start Time will be 2pm on Saturday 4 July and riders must reach the final control by 10am on Sunday 5 July.

Rest breaks totalling 2 hours must be taken (see detail under regulation 3.5 Rest breaks). The riding time will be 18 hours. (Riding time of 18 hours + rest breaks of 2 hours = 20 hours in total.)

3.5 Rest breaks

A rest break is a period of time completely separate from any Rally activity. The minimum time period of any single rest break is 15 minutes. The maximum period of riding time between rest breaks is 6 hours. If riding time reaches 6 hours it must be followed by a rest break of at least 30 minutes. Shorter rest breaks of 15 minutes can be taken at any time when the riding time is less than 6 hours. All riders must take, as a minimum, the rest breaks throughout the Rally as stated for their category. It is the rider's responsibility to judge and respect the requirement for rest breaks and they must be declared on their control card. Rest breaks will not be authorised or monitored by control teams. Please take care, don't ride when tired, and take a rest break.

3.6 Category descriptions

Award category	Miles	Controls	Times	Notes
Bronze Sunrise	120 minimum 180 maximum	As visited, finish at final control	Start at 4am	
Silver Sunrise	180	Visit maximum number	Start at 4am	
Bronze Daytime	200 minimum 275 maximum	As visited, finish at any control	Start at 2pm Finish by midnight	Complete control card, post to ACU
Silver Daytime	275	Visit maximum number	Start at 2pm Finish by midnight	Complete control card, post to ACU
Finisher	200 minimum	As visited, finish at final control	Start between 2pm and 10pm	
Bronze	300 minimum	As visited, finish at final control	Start between 2pm and 10pm	
Silver	400 minimum	As visited, finish at final control	Start between 2pm and 6pm	
Gold	500 minimum 540 maximum	As visited, finish at final control	Start at 2pm	
Special Gold	540	Visit maximum number, finish at final control	Start at 2pm	
Platinum	540	Visit max number, finish at final control, complete special test	Start at 2pm	

NOTE: Riders must not exceed the maximum or stated mileage for the category entered and any riders not achieving the minimum mileage for their category will be downgraded to a lower category. The latest start time allowance will be 20 minutes. A rider who starts more than 20 minutes after the official start or latest start time for their chosen category will be downgraded to the next lower or lowest category. Riders visiting fewer controls than required and/or not achieving minimum mileage will be downgraded to a lower category.

3.7 Penalties

Riders will suffer penalties as follows:

(a) Exceeding the maximum mileage for a category (eg.180/275/540 miles)	Disqualification
(b) Travelling between controls where no link is shown	Disqualification
(c) Visiting a control more than once	Disqualification
(d) Travelling more than 6 hours without taking a rest break (min 30 minutes)	Disqualification
(e) Committing a reported road-traffic offence	Disqualification
(f) Failing to take the total rest breaks listed for the category	Disqualification
(g) Arriving at a final control (Daytime Rally) after midnight on Saturday	Disqualification
(h) Arriving at the final control (Bletchley Park) after 10am on Sunday	Disqualification

3.8 Controls

Controls will be open from 2pm on Saturday and there will be progressive closing up until approximately 9.30am on Sunday. Riders will need to consider the closing times of the controls when planning their route. All controls will be worth one point, and it will be possible to start from any control to achieve the maximum mileage and maximum controls. Riders cannot start from the final control at Bletchley Park. The final control will be open from 7.30am until 10am on Sunday. Details of all closing times will be printed in the control detail list, which will be issued with the final instructions to riders.

3.9 Special tests

The special tests will be held at MIRA, on the A5 road between Atherstone and Hinckley, CV10 0TU, on Saturday 4 July 2009. Only Platinum category riders will be eligible to take part. Riding skill and dexterity as well as machine knowledge and speed control will again be tested. The performance on the tests will count towards the major awards. All tests will be on hard standing. Full details of the tests will be given in your final instructions issued on the day. The special tests will open at 9am on Saturday and close at 12.30pm and riders will sign on and start as requested by the officials. The latest time any rider will be allowed to commence the tests will be 11.30am.

At the conclusion of the special test, all riders and passengers will receive a hot snack and hot drink – the cost is included in the entry fee. This will be available between 10.30am and 12.45pm.

There will be a number of controls within easy reach of MIRA where riders can start the Rally, and sufficient time will be available to enable a number of different options. Riders intending to travel to a start control further away are advised to arrive at MIRA early.

4 Entries – the closing date for the entry list is 5 June 2009

Fees	by post	online
Individual entry fee (except Platinum)	£27	£26
Individual entry fee (Platinum category) including hot drink and snack	£36	£35
Passenger entry fee	£8	£7
Passenger entry fee (Platinum category) including hot drink and snack	£11	£10
Team entries	Free	
RTA insurance fee (per person riding)	£9	£9

Entries can be made using the online entry form and payment method at **www.nationalroadrally.co.uk**

There are cost savings for individuals and passengers who enter online.

Entries can also be made on the official entry form you received with your initial flyer. If you do not have a printed form and want one, you can download it from **www.nationalroadrally.co.uk**

or contact the entry secretary at the address below.

If you are applying by post, complete the form and send it back, with the entry fee (please make all cheques payable to 'ACU Ltd') to:

Interphone National Road Rally entry secretary, ACU House, Wood Street, Rugby, Warks CV21 2YX

Tel: 01788 566 409/0

Please include your email address on the entry form. If you change your email address please inform the entry secretary, by email to **alison@acu.org.uk** or by phone on **01788 566 409/0**

Online entries will be added immediately to the Interphone National Road Rally website entry list – they will not be acknowledged by post. Postal entries will also be added to the Interphone National Road Rally website entry list – postal entries will be acknowledged by post. Any administrative and entry queries must be made to the entry secretary at the address above with the rider number quoted on the website or the acknowledgement of entry. Riders are reminded that information requested on the entry form is for information only and will not affect the results but will be used to decide the major awards.

All riders and passengers will, while taking part in the event, be covered against personal accident risks and third party risks for those parts of the event on private ground. All riders must have valid Road Traffic Act insurance for their vehicles for any part of the



event taking place on the public highway. Details of extra insurance cover provided by the organisers are given in clause 7 of these regulations.

The final instructions, control card, mileage map, control detail list, badges and stickers etc will be sent to riders approximately two weeks before the event.

The entry list will not be sent as a separate item before the Rally. It will be combined with the results sent out after the event. The Entry List will, however, be posted on the Interphone National Road Rally website and updated at regular intervals.

All passengers must be declared on the entry form for insurance purposes. A passenger may also share in the driving (vehicle insurance permitting) and will be eligible for a passenger award. Change of passenger may be made after the closing date providing that notification is made in writing to the ACU no later than 13 June 2009.

Entry fees will be returned if notice of withdrawal is given before the entry closing date, or otherwise at the discretion of the organisers.

Team entries

Team entries may be made by clubs (ACU- or BMF-affiliated), the Services (for example, Royal Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force, Civil Police, Customs and Excise) or private teams (any eligible entries)/other clubs, motorcycle manufacturers or dealers.

Teams shall consist of three eligible drivers (except for dealer teams, which shall consist of two drivers) and shall all be identified on the entry form. A rider shall not be eligible for more than one team competing for the same award, but may be changed after the closing date as long as the replacement rider has already been accepted as an entry. Any such changes shall be made in writing to the ACU by 14 June. The special tests will be used to decide the results of the main team awards.

5 Awards

Finishers in each category will receive the appropriate category award. The major awards will be given to riders in the Platinum category. The organisers may, at their own discretion, make awards to other riders if not given to the Platinum category.

Major awards

The National Rally

Mencap Varley Challenge trophy	The best solo machine
Basic Challenge trophy	The best sidecar or three-wheeler
News Chronicle/Daily Mirror cup	The best scooter
Belstaff Challenge cup	The best services rider
Diamond Jubilee trophy	The best team
An award	The best club team (if not the best team)
An award	The best services team (if not the best team)
An award	The best private team (if not the best team)
An award	The best pre-1970 machine
An award	The best machine of 125cc or less
An award	The oldest combined age of rider and machine
An award	The youngest rider

Other awards

The following awards are available to any qualifying rider, passenger or team where relevant and are not dependent on taking part in the special tests.

Mencap trophy	Mencap's top fundraising rider
The Carole Nash trophy	The club that amasses the most points
Team diploma	Each team entry where all riders finish
Passenger award	Each passenger whose driver achieves an award
Three-nations award	Each driver successfully completing the National Rally, the Welsh National Rally and the Scottish National Rally



6 Protests

Any protests against the results must be made within 14 days of postal publication of the printed results and must be accompanied by the protest fee of £50. Simple mathematical errors or claims against non-inclusion in the results can be cleared up by contacting the ACU within 14 days of internet or postal publication of the results but need not be the subject of a formal protest and no fee will be required. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Protest not accompanied by the protest fee will not be considered.

7 Insurance – The ACU Road Traffic Act insurance scheme for participants

VERY IMPORTANT – you should check that your motorcycle insurance covers you for this event. Although the event is not a race and speed plays no part, some insurance companies refuse cover because you are taking part in a rally. You are therefore strongly advised to check with your insurance company before taking part.

If your insurance company cannot provide cover, we can help. Our scheme will protect you against claims from third parties following accidents during the Rally. It provides you with insurance cover as required by the Road Traffic Act for the duration of the event.

Passengers: Over the years we are aware that many passengers take their turn to drive. This change of position can help reduce tiredness brought about by long stints on the front, even though you comply with the compulsory rest breaks.

It is essential that passengers check they are insured while driving in the Rally. Although many passengers who own a motorcycle have cover to “ride other motorcycles with the owner’s permission”, they may not be covered while riding in a competition, rally or trial. Therefore, passengers are recommended to consider taking out cover offered under the ACU’s RTA scheme, as it is unlikely they will be covered by the main entrants own bike policy.

Riders or passengers: Those wishing to take out cover under the ACU scheme should tick the relevant box on the entry form and include the fee of £9 per person. To be eligible riders and passengers must comply with the following requirements. They must:

- be over 21 years of age and have held a full motorcycle licence for at least six months
- have no more than six speeding points on a licence
- declare any disabilities as stated on their DVLA licence
- have no other material facts to disclose which are likely to influence the acceptance or assessment of this risk

Note: the scheme only covers third party risks as required by the Road Traffic Act. There is no cover for accidental damage of the motorcycle caused while taking part in the Rally.

Any rider or passenger unable to comply with these requirements may still apply for cover by completing an individual declaration form (reference number ACU/RTA/DEC) which can be obtained from the entry secretary, ACU. This form, when completed, must be sent direct to Lockton International at 19 Spring Gardens, Manchester M2 1FB in sufficient time for a letter of acceptance to be issued.

8 Data protection

ACU data protection information

From time to time we may like to send you information about other events we organise. We promise we will never pass on your details to other organisations for commercial or marketing purposes. Under the Data Protection Act, you may let us know, at any time or by indicating in the appropriate section of the entry form, if you do not wish us to contact you regarding our other events.

Mencap data protection information

From time to time Mencap would like to send you information about other events we organise that might interest you. We promise we will never pass on your details to other organisations for commercial or marketing purposes. Under the Data Protection Act, you may let us know, at any time or by indicating in the appropriate section of the entry form, if you do not wish us to contact you regarding our other events.

Ride for Mencap this year

Support Mencap this year – the National Road Rally's chosen charity. Mencap works with people with a learning disability and their families and carers. 1.5 million people in the UK have a learning disability and we need your support to give them the right to choice, opportunity and respect.

At Mencap we fight to change laws and services, and directly support thousands of people with a learning disability. We also provide a full range of vital support services, enabling more people with a learning disability to lead fulfilled and independent lives.

By raising money from the National Road Rally this year you can help Mencap continue to support thousands of people with a learning disability to live their lives the way they want.

Remember, there is no minimum or maximum sponsorship – we're extremely grateful for anything you can raise.

Thank you and good luck to all 2008 riders in the National Road Rally.