

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Committee:	Trials Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 February 2025
Closing date for Consultation:	11 April 2025
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Chapter 17 - Trials

Appendix 1 – General Organisers Regulations

Proposed Regulations

17.1.3.11 A minor proportion of the sections can be timed but any time penalties must be related using a published formula to points lost on a section, which shall be published in the **Official Documents**.

17.1.3.12 Timed sections must be a maximum of 200m long and the maximum time allowed for the section shall be stated in the Official Documents.

17.1.3.13 No Competitor exceeding the specified average speed (App.2 Art.12.8) should gain any advantage nor be penalised.

17.1.3.14 Competitors must not receive any award for equalling or improving upon the target time or achieving the fastest times or least penalties for such sections.

Date of Implementation: **Immediate**

Reason: The reason for this proposed change is to allow Organisers to time minor proportions of their Events to add a different element into the Competition, this proposal also allows the Organisers to choose how they wish to score the timed Section as long as they state this in their Official Documents.

Appendix 2 – Competitors Regulations

Proposed Regulations

17.2.12.7 At the **Organisers'** discretion a minority of the **Observed Sections** may be timed if provided for in the **Official Documents**. The following conditions shall apply:

17.2.12.8 Only those sections which the **Organisers** anticipate will be completed without penalty by the majority of **Competitors** may be timed.

- a. Any such timed section must be less than 200m long.
- b. No **Sub-Sections** of an arduous or demanding nature can be used.
- c. The maximum time allowed for each timed section must be stated in the **Official Instructions** prior to the commencement of the Test.
- d. The maximum time allowed for each timed section must not require any **Competitor** to exceed 15mph or 30 seconds per 200m.

Date of Implementation: Immediate

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Appendix 5 – Technical Regulations – National Car Trials Formula

Proposed Regulations

17.5.9.1 Duplicated driving wheels are not permitted. ~~unless specified in the Official Documents.~~

Date of Implementation: 01 January 2026

Reason: The reasoning for this proposal is that following the Trials Committee meeting, it agreed that the wording 'unless specified in the Official Documents' is not necessary for this regulation and as such, to remove it.

Appendix 6 – Technical Regulations – Historic Sporting Trial Car Formula (HST)

Proposed Regulations

17.6.12.2 Vehicles ~~must should~~ not use any locked or lockable torque biasing or limited slip differentials or any other automatic device which is designed to achieve the same result.

17.6.14.2 Wheels ~~must should~~ not carry any chains, spikes or non-skid attachments.

Date of Implementation: **01 January 2026**

Reason: This proposal is designed to remove any ambiguity about the above regulations and reaffirm that locked or lockable torque biasing or limited slip differentials and any such devices are not permitted. Furthermore, the same principle is being applied with regard to the use of chains, spikes or non-skid attachments.