

ENDURANCE TRIAL NEWSLETTER, 14/02/18.

As the new season is about to kick off, a Newsletter is probably overdue.

Entries for the ALMC event are still coming in – a great entry already, with 46 crews on the list and still over a week to go. The Introductory Evening in January seems to have been popular with beginners. We had expected between 30 – 40 people but almost 70 showed up on the night and had the opportunity to drive in convoy over part of the road used in Luttrellstown selective.

People have been in contact with me about a number of issues relating to scrutiny requirements, as follows:

Tyres – All tyres are allowed, with the following exceptions: Yokohama A021R are prohibited on the driven wheels but only in the Endurance Classes. They can be used on the non-driven wheels. However, in the opinion of the scrutineer, tyres which have an ‘open’, ‘aggressive’ or forestry type tread will not be allowed in any class, nor will tyres with anything such as ‘for competition use’ or any similar wording. This is to prevent damage to the private roads we use.

Hydraulic hand-brakes are not allowed in the Endurance Classes, as only standard parts can be used, except where the regulations **specifically** allow a modification, such as suspension etc. They **can** be used in the other classes; LSDs are also allowed in the other classes.

Strut braces are allowed in all classes.

Head-sets are allowed on selectives, but must be removed for the road sections.

Although this should be checked with the scrutineers to avoid any confusion, my understanding is that Mazda MX5s can enter, if they have an adequate roll cage. (The ‘hoops’ alone are not sufficient). They must have one piece rally seats and helmets must be worn.

Seat belts must be of at least the 4 point variety. 5 or 6 point are also acceptable.

The ALMC event has a mixture of gravel and tarmac selectives, with at least 4 selectives in darkness. No code boards will be used, unless some unforeseen problem arises.

A number of people who attended the Introductory Evening indicated that they might be available to marshal. We need some people for the evening run through Luttrellstown, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. A meal will be provided afterwards at the prizegiving in Luttrellstown Club House. Marshalling is an excellent way to learn more about the sport.

Finally, it looks like there will be two new events on the calendar this year – Tipperary in late May and Wexford in early July, which is great to see when some stage events are being cancelled.

Regards to all,

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