

**APPENDIX 90 – HEWISON TROPHY – VARIOUS – 26 MARCH 2024**

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HEWISON TROPHY **NATIONAL AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP** APPENDIX 90

HEWISON TROPHY NATIONAL AUTOTEST CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

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1 The Championship shall be decided on the best performance in a series of test trials ~~run during the winter season, ideally between 31st August and the following 31st March~~ **with the counting rounds to be set out by the Motorsport Ireland Autotest Commission.**

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2.1 ~~Best 10 out of 15 or 14 events~~ **1 dropped scores if there are 7 or less events.**

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2.2 ~~Best 9 out of 13 events~~ **2 dropped scores if there are 8 or more events.**

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2.3 ~~Best 8 out of 12 or 11 events~~ **DELETED**

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2.4 ~~Best 7 out of 10 or fewer events~~ **DELETED**

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2.5 ~~In the Novice Class and Semi-expert classes each driver's best 8 scores will count out of 14 or 15 events, with 7 scores counting if there are 13 or fewer events~~ **DELETED**

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3 The overall winner of the Championship will receive **be awarded** the Hewison Memorial Trophy (to be held for one year) and replica. **The overall winner of the Challenge will be awarded the Ascot trophy and a replica.** Awards will also be made to the 2nd and 3rd drivers overall and to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd drivers in each class, provided there are sufficient entries in each. Winners of overall awards will not be eligible for a class award.

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4 The winner of the Novice class, **run within the Challenge only,** will **be awarded** the Europa Cars Trophy and replica. Awards will also be made to the 2nd and 3rd **Novice** drivers

**and 1st in each class** provided there are sufficient entries. **Winners of overall awards will not be eligible for a class award.**

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**6 Championship classes will be as follows:**

**Class 1: Front-wheel and Rear-wheel drive specials**

**Class 2: Rear-wheel drive sports cars and kit cars (manufacturer's defined wheelbase)**

**Class 3: Saloons under 11' 8" (3556 mm) in length (as defined in manufacturer's catalogue)**

**Class 4: Saloons of 11' 8" (3556 mm), or greater in length (as defined in manufacturer's catalogue)**

**Challenge** Classes will be as follows:

**A:** All Mini Saloons.

**B:** Front wheel drive Mini Specials.

**B1:** Non-mini Front wheel drive Specials.

**C:** Rear wheel drive Sports Cars and Specials.

**D:** Non-Mini Saloon Cars up to 1350cc.

**E:** Non-Mini Saloons over 1350cc

**F1: Road going front wheel drive cars**

**F2: Road going rear wheel drive cars**

~~**F:** Road going cars, other than in classes A,B,C,D,E including multi-venue Autotest cars.~~

~~**G:** Novices (in the Championship only).~~

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7 In each qualifying event, organisers must provide for classes A-G **as in Rule 6**, although they may include extra classes at their discretion.

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8 To encourage novices in all types of car, THERE MUST BE an award to the highest placed novice in each **Challenge class** of classes A-F in each event. If not all classes have novice entries, the novice awards originally intended for those classes which do not have any entries should be re-allocated to classes with the greatest number of novice entries.

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9 In each qualifying event, THERE MUST BE ONE award to the highest placed Semi-expert (overall) **DELETED**

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~~13 A driver will be classified as a Semi-expert for a period of three years from the date of promotion from Novice status. This classification will run from the date of the first championship round each season **DELETED**~~

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14.1 The minimum number of tests which may be run is ~~10~~, with a recommendation of ~~12~~ or ~~14~~ **9**. It is recommended that AT LEAST FOUR **THREE** different test sites be used in each event. Each test site must be properly prepared and manned by marshals prior to the arrival of the first competitor. ~~No test should be of a duration of less than 40 seconds, with a recommended average of 45-50 seconds for the best time. Tests must be of the "open" type, designed as far as possible to equate the performance of cars of different size.~~ **In setting the tests, it is recommended that each Championship test should take approximately 55-60 seconds and each Challenge test should take approximately 45-50 seconds. Challenge Tests must be of the "open" type, designed as far as possible to be suitable for a roadgoing car.**

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14.2 To ensure consistency, the tests for all Championship events will be designed by an experienced ~~Hewison~~ **Championship class** driver. Clubs will be notified which driver has been allocated to their event.

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14.3 Once the first competitor has attempted a test, no alteration may be made to the test instructions. ~~It is recommended that a large diagram of the required manoeuvres be on display at each test site and that competitors be supplied with a set of test diagrams at the check in.~~ **Competitors to be provided with a set of test diagrams in soft copy with the option also to provide printed test diagrams at the event.** The intended manoeuvres during each test must be drawn in on these diagrams. ORGANISERS MUST NOT ISSUE TEST INSTRUCTIONS IN WORDING **NARRATIVE** FORM ONLY.

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17.1 Twenty five points will be awarded to the overall winner of each event's **Championship and Challenge sections**, with one point less going to drivers in each successive place. In addition, **all** classes A-F will be marked separately with the class winner receiving ten class points, with one point less going to drivers in each successive place. Points awarded in one class cannot be transferred to any other class.

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17.2 Points for Novices and ~~Semi-Experts~~ will be scored as for all other classes, i.e., 10 points for the class winner, with one point less going to drivers in each successive place, irrespective of the number of starters.

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18.1 Where selection of a team to represent the Republic of Ireland in team events is necessary, this will be done on the following basis: for the ~~Ken Wharton~~ event **any team event that takes place before 50% of the National Autotest Championship's season's events have run**, overall points (from the specified number of counting rounds) in the previous season's ~~Hewison Trophy~~ **National Autotest** Championship; for other team events **where more than 50% of the National Autotest Championship season's events have run**, overall points (from the specified number of best counting rounds) at a date two weeks before the date of the team event in question.

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19.1 In the interests of encouraging newcomers, it is ~~strongly~~ recommended that a ~~33.3%~~ reduction in entry fees be granted to drivers in the novice classes.

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19.2 An award should be given for 1st overall in each event, as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class **both the Championship and Challenge Sections and 1st Novice at each event.**

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19.3 To encourage novices in all types of car, THERE MUST BE an award to the highest placed novice in each of classes A-F in each event **DELETED**

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24. GUIDELINES FOR ISSUE OF ONE EVENT LICENCES FOR AUTOTESTS **GUIDANCE FOR NEW COMPETITORS**

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24.1 Tests to be kept simple, to avoid confusing and discouraging newcomers who are the most likely users of one event licences **DELETED**

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24.2 Each test site to be taped off, so that spectators are kept a reasonable distance from the nearest position which a car may reach during any test **DELETED**

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25.1 Great care must be taken **Each test site to be taped off** so that all spectators are kept a reasonable distance from the nearest position which a car may reach during any test.

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25.4 The distance between circling a pylon and reversing over a line should not be less than 25 metres **DELETED**