

2024 LONDON TO BRIGHTON VETERAN CAR RUN

Veteran Motorcycle and Veteran Cycle Supplementary Regulations

ARTICLE 1. ANNOUNCEMENT

1.1. The Royal Automobile Club will promote the **2024 RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run (VCR)** which will take place on Sunday 3 November. This annual commemoration of the Emancipation Run of 1896 is a demonstration of reliability and endurance, not of speed.

1.2. The length of the Run is approximately 60 miles (97km) and will start from the Serpentine Road, Hyde Park in central London and finish at Madeira Drive, Brighton.

1.3. The Organisers invite entries to owners of veteran motorcycles and veteran cycles, the latter members of the Veteran Cycle Club, to this year's Run only subject to entrants fulfilling these entry regulations and requirements.

ARTICLE 2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The event is open to motorcycles and to two-wheel cycles manufactured before 1st January 1905 and the subject of a valid Dating Certificate (showing the date of completion of the vehicle as 1904 or earlier). Motorcycles must have been dated by the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club and conform to the original manufacturer's specifications.

2.2. The VCR Steering Group reserves the right to accept motorcycles and cycles of interest to the Run. Entry numbers for both motorcycles and cycles will be restricted to 20 for each.

2.3. The entrant is required to submit a copy of the motorcycle's or cycle's valid Dating Certificate at the time of entry or by Friday 30 August 2024 at the latest.

2.4. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the motorcycle or cycle is in a road-worthy condition. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure the vehicle they are driving / riding has been properly prepared and maintained by someone with experience in veteran vehicles and (in the case of a motorcycle) entrants should consider whether an MOT would be advisable. All motorcycles and cycles must meet the legal requirements to run on public roads in the UK.

2.5. All participating motorcycles and cycles must have front (white) and rear (red) lighting either fitted. Temporary lighting can be of modern manufacture. These must not be flashing whilst in use. Vehicles

entered for the VCR arriving at the start assembly point without front and rear lights may be held in the last Start Sector and not permitted to start until satisfactory lights have been fitted, or the last entered car has left the start line, and then only subject to suitable visibility.

2.6. No pillion passengers will be allowed in the case of motorcycles.

2.7. Motorcycle riders must hold a full motorcycle driving licence valid in the UK.

ARTICLE 3. SCHEDULE

Wednesday 13th March – Entries Open

Wednesday 18th September – Close of Entries

Sunday 3 November

6.00am – 6.25am All motorcycles and cycles to assemble at the start, Hyde Park.

6.45am All motorcycles and cycles to leave via Apsley Gate.

10.00am – Madeira Drive, Brighton Opens

4.30pm – Madeira Drive, Brighton Closes

ARTICLE 4. FORMAT

4.1. Assembly and Start:

4.1.1. Motorcycles and cycles will assemble and start at Apsley Gate, Hyde Park, London.

4.1.2. All motorcycles and cycles must be in their allocated assembly area 30 minutes before their start time.

4.1.3. Non-participating support cars, trailers and commercial vehicles are **not permitted inside the boundary of Hyde Park, at the Official Crawley Stop or on Madeira Drive under any circumstance.**

4.1.4. Any motorcycle or cycle that differs from the information given on the entry form may not be permitted to start the Run.

4.2. The Route:

4.2.1. The length of the Run is approximately 60 miles (97km) and will be sign-posted with yellow signs from the Start at Hyde Park to the Finish at Madeira Drive. Participants will receive details of the route with the official coffee stop and checkpoint at Crawley. All participating motorcycles and cycles in the Run MUST follow the Red route between Westminster and Croydon and MUST pull into the checkpoint at Crawley to have their route card stamped unless advised by route officials. Any participating motorcycles and cycles that don't have their route card stamped at the

Checkpoint will be deemed as not having taken the correct route and judged as not having finished the VCR unless approved by the Clerk of the Course.

4.3. Driving Standards:

4.3.1. All drivers are required to obey the Highway Code and all instructions of Police Officers and Officials of the event.

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/thehighway-code>)

4.3.2. Veteran cars do not have rear view mirrors and may be unaware of veteran motorcycles or cycles on their near side. Veteran motorcycles and cycles must allow plenty of road room to veteran cars and must ride on the left hand side of the carriageway close to the kerb and not obstruct veteran cars, particularly on hills, at traffic junctions or traffic lights. Where instructed by signage and available, all cycles must utilise cycle paths.

4.3.3. Stewards of the VCR, as appointed by the Organisers, will monitor the progress of the vehicles along the route. Their reports of inconsiderate driving or breaches of the Highway Code will result in penalties being applied by the Clerk of the Course (see regulation 12). This will be strictly enforced, especially in cases where driving or riding is considered to be in a manner likely to bring the VCR into disrepute. Penalties include exclusion and disqualification on the day, for future VCR events and / or financial penalties payable to the VCR's nominated charity. It should be noted that large sections of the route are now monitored by CCTV or similar devices.

4.3.4. Police Officers and Event Officials are deemed as Stewards of the VCR and any report of any improper or poor standards of driving and / or lack of respect for the Highway Code will be deemed as a Matter of Fact. **This may lead to prosecution by Police Authorities.**

4.3.5. All entrants/riders are reminded that the VCR is NOT A RACE and that they act as ambassadors for the VCR.

4.4. The Finish:

4.4.1. The official finish of the event will be at Madeira Drive, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 1TA which closes at 4.30pm 3 November 2024. The driver of each vehicle finishing before the Official Closing Time will be awarded a Commemorative Medallion on the day. Where possible, a professional colour photograph of their car arriving at Brighton, together with an individual Certificate will be supplied in the Finisher's Pack sent by post to the entrant after the event.

ARTICLE 5. ENTRIES

5.1. Entries for the VCR may be made online at www.veterancarrun.com or alternatively by completion of the Official 2024 VCR Entry Form. The declaration must be signed and posted or emailed to the Organisers by the closing date shown in Regulation 3 and must include the Entry Fee (see Regulation 6).

5.2. Entries after Friday 30th August may not be listed in the official Run programme.

5.3. The Organisers require all entries to be accompanied by one electronic copy photograph of their vehicle. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that the Organisers have the right to use the photograph provided, that it is copyright free or that the copyright is owned by the entrant. This is for the purposes of publicity as each motorcycle or cycle accepted by Friday 30th August will feature in the Official Programme, website and in any other promotional material relating to the VCR. By providing entrant and rider details and the photograph of the entered vehicle, entrants grant permission to the organisers to publish this information on the event website and in other promotional material relating to the Run. The Organisers will retain this photograph, which must be a 3/4 front picture.

5.4. The Organisers require each new entry to be accompanied by a copy of an eligible Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club Dating Certificate. If not available at time of entry, the Entry Form should be completed and returned as required with a covering note advising that a copy of the Certificate will be sent by Friday 23th August at the latest. An entry cannot be officially accepted into the Run until a copy of the Certificate has been received. In this regard the entrant grants permission to the organisers to share motorcycle or cycle and entrant details with the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club and with the VCR Steering Group, as necessary. For vehicle eligibility criteria refer to Regulation 2.

5.5. The maximum entry of motorcycles and cycles will not exceed 25. Entries will be based off a first come first served basis, with any additional entries being placed on a waiting list.

ARTICLE 6. ENTRY FEES

6.1. The entry fee per motorcycle will be £199.00 and per cycle £50.00 and is non-refundable in the case of entrant withdrawal. All entries require payment in UK Sterling ONLY. All fees include VAT at 20%.

6.2. Any entry that is submitted after the close of entries on Wednesday 18 September will be charged an additional admin fee of £100.

6.3. In the case of the event being cancelled on or before Sunday 6 October 2024, which is outside of our control and for which we are not covered by our insurances, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. If the VCR is cancelled in any such circumstances after this date no refund will be given unless adequate compensation is provided by our insurers.

6.4. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse the entry of an entrant, rider and/or motorcycle/cycle, without giving reasons for refusal.

ARTICLE 7. IDENTIFICATION

7.1. Participants will be provided with one alphabetic (motorcycle) or one numbered (cycle) plate (approx. 7.5" x 5.8"/19cm x 15cm), which must be clearly displayed in forward position on the veteran vehicle for the duration of the Run. Any motorcycle or cycle found to be not displaying this plate will be deemed as not being a participant unless specifically authorised by the Clerk of the Course and reported to Event Control.

7.2. It is a legal requirement that participants must remove the official plates and any other event materials after completing the event and before exiting Madeira Drive, Brighton.

7.3. No advertising, trade sign or promotional display may be carried on the participating vehicles, other than that on the official number supplied by the Organisers or at the discretion of the Organisers.

ARTICLE 8. EXITING MADEIRA DRIVE AFTER THE EVENT

8.1. At all times exit from Madeira Drive, Brighton is via Dukes Mound only, or as directed by Stewards.

ARTICLE 9. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE (TENDER VEHICLES)

9.1. For the purpose of these regulations, a tender vehicle is deemed as any vehicle supporting, assisting, delivering or picking up a participating veteran cycle before, during or after the VCR. A tender vehicle can be a vehicle with a trailer or a commercial vehicle transporter.

9.2. Each entrant will be issued with a tender vehicle window identification sticker. This will link the tender vehicle to the veteran motorcycle or cycle entrant and is for identification purposes only. If you have a tender vehicle driving the designated tender route this sticker must be displayed in their windscreen. NOTE – this does not give access to the tender vehicle car parks at Crawley and Brighton.

9.3. If a Tender Vehicle pack is purchased an Official Vehicle Pass will be sent to you. This must be displayed

in the windscreen when arriving at the car parks in Crawley and Brighton. NOTE – this pass will be in addition to the vehicle pass all tender vehicles will receive. Participating motorcycles or cycles are permitted only one tender vehicle. They will also receive details of the official tender vehicle route.

9.4. Tender vehicles are not permitted on the official veteran car route of the event. The presence of these vehicles following the route is a major cause of delay to participants.

9.5. Officials and stewards on the route will report tender vehicles causing unnecessary obstructions to the Clerk of the Course. Infringement of this regulation could result in the associated veteran motorcycle or cycle entrant and/or rider concerned forfeit of the finisher's award for this year's event.

9.6. The entrant/rider is deemed responsible for the conduct of their tender vehicle.

ARTICLE 10. OFFICIALS OF THE MEETING

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| Stewards of the Meeting (3 persons) | TBA |
| Clerk of the Course | Barry Guess |
| Deputy Clerk of the Course | Martin Douglas |
| Secretary of the Meeting | Jeremy Vaughan |
| Chief Safety Officer | Tim Filmer |
| Chief Marshal | TBA |
| Chief Timekeeper | Gary Nicholls |

ARTICLE 11. GENERAL INFORMATION

11.1. Entrants and all riders must have valid insurance covering them against liability for both personal injury and damage to the property of third parties on the public road sections of the Run, in accordance with the Road Traffic Act.

11.2. There are health and safety arrangements in place for the Run and the event areas to manage the hazards and risks identified. All persons involved and attending this event must comply with the safety arrangements in place.

11.3. The annual RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run (VCR) is owned by The Royal Automobile Club and advised by its Steering Group for the event which includes elected members of the participants.

ARTICLE 12. PENALTIES

12.1. A POLICY OF ZERO TOLERANCE WILL BE APPLIED IN INSTANCES OF POOR DRIVING IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF THE EVENT, AND THE SAFETY

OF BOTH PARTICIPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

IRRESPECTIVE OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN A VETERAN VEHICLE, ALL UNLAWFUL OFFENCES COMMITTED ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN POLICE ACTION

Instances that demonstrate poor driving standards will be penalised as follows:

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| 1st offence | Yellow Card: Caution and £50 to official charity partner |
| 2nd offence | Yellow Card: Caution and £100 to official charity partner |
| 3rd offence | Red Card: Driver and participants excluded from following year and £200 to charity |
| 4th offence | Red Card: Vehicle Driver and participants excluded for two years and £500 to charity |

Multiple infringements on the day of the event will result in the penalties specified above. Entrants will be notified of offences committed following consideration by the VCR Steering Group.

The following penalties may be applied by the Clerk of the Course for breaches of the following:

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| Missing front and/or rear lights | Held at Start until adequate lighting is fitted |
| Different vehicle to that entered | Start Refused |
| Early arrival at Finish | Forfeit of Finisher's Medal |
| Late arrival at Finish | Forfeit of Finisher's Medal |
| VCR ID numbers not displayed | Start Refused |
| Advertising on car | Start Refused |
| Unsportsmanlike Conduct | Forfeit of Finisher's Award |

12.2. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Course by 5.00pm on Sunday 3 November 2024. Appeals will be adjudicated on by the Stewards of the Meeting at a suitable time and place advised at the time of lodging the appeal.

ARTICLE 13. ORGANISERS

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Operations Manager Rupert Bassadone
PR and Communications Officer Jonathan Gill
Marketing Manager Karen Coe

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