

2026 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 **2026 RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run (VCR)** which will take place on Sunday 1 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 South Carriage Drive, Hyde Park in central London and finish at Madeira Drive, Brighton.

1.3. The event is organised and promoted by The Royal Automobile Club under a Certificate of Exemption and Route Authorisation from Motorsport UK (Numbers TBA) and held under the National Competition Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations.

1.4. The organisers invite entries from owners of veteran motorcycles and cycles, the latter being required to be members of the Veteran-Cycle Club, to enter this year's Run, 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 from the Veteran-Cycle Club (showing the date of completion of the vehicle as 1904 or earlier). Motorcycles must have been dated by the Sunbeam Motorcycle 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. The maximum entry number for cycles will be restricted to 25 in total. If the total number of applications exceeds 25, a ballot will be held to randomly select entrants.

2.3. The entrant is required to submit a copy of the motorcycle or cycle valid Dating Certificate at the time of entry or by Friday 29 August 2026 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 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 fitted and operational and temporary lighting can be of modern manufacture. Please note that 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 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 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 25 March – Entries Open

Tuesday 16 June – Cycle Ballot Closes

Friday 18 September – Close of Entries

Sunday 1 November

6.00am – 6.25am All motorcycles and cycles to assemble and start at Apsley Gate, 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 Private vehicles and or trailers are not permitted inside the boundaries of Hyde Park, the Official Checkpoint at Crawley or on Madeira Drive under any circumstances.

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 directional

RAC signs from the Start at Hyde Park to the Finish at Madeira Drive. Participants will receive details of the route in advance showing suitable safe stopping points at garages or similar. All participating motorcycles and cycles in the Run MUST follow the Red route between Westminster and Croydon and MUST visit the Official Checkpoint at Crawley to have their route card stamped, unless advised by route officials. Any participating motorcycles and cycles that do not have their route card stamped will be deemed as not having taken the correct route and not having finished the VCR, unless approved by the Clerk of the Course.

4.3. Driving Standards:

4.3.1. All participants are required to obey the Highway Code at all times and obey all instructions of appointed Traffic and Police Officers as well as officials of the event. (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/thehighway-code>)

4.3.2. Please be aware that veteran cars do not always 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 lefthand side of the carriageway, close to the kerb where possible, and should not obstruct veteran cars, particularly on hills, at traffic junctions or traffic lights.

4.3.3. Stewards of the VCR and Driving Standards Observers as appointed by the organisers, monitor the progress of all participants along the route. Any reports of inconsiderate driving or riding including breaches of the Highway Code may result in penalties being applied by the Clerk of the Course (see regulation 12). These will be strictly enforced, especially in cases where behaviour is considered to be in a manner likely to bring the VCR into disrepute. Penalties may include disqualification on the day, as well as for future VCR events and/or financial penalties payable to the VCR's nominated charity. Post event reports shall be adjudicated on and where appropriate, penalised by the VCR Steering Group. It should be noted that large sections of the route are now monitored by CCTV or similar devices and carry statutory penalties under law.

4.3.4. Police Officers, Event Officials and Driving Standards Observers are deemed as Stewards of the VCR. Any report of any improper or poor standards of driving behaviour 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 Veteran Car and Vehicle Community' as well as 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 1 November 2026. 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 arrival 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 2026 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 Wednesday 26 August may not be listed in the Official Run programme.

5.3. The organisers require all entries to be accompanied by one electronic photograph of their vehicle. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that the organisers have the right to use the photograph provided and 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 Wednesday 26 August will feature in the Official Programme, website and where possible, in any other promotional material relating to the VCR. By providing entrant and rider details, together with the photograph of the entered vehicle, entrants grant permission for 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 documentation as prescribed in Article 2.1. If not available at time of entry, the Entry Form should be completed and submitted with a covering note confirming that a copy of the Certificate will be submitted by Friday 21 August latest. An entry will not 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 Motorcycle Club and The Veteran-Cycle Club, together with the VCR Steering Group, as necessary.

ARTICLE 6. ENTRY FEES

6.1 The entry fee per motorcycle will be £250.00 for Earlybird, £315.00 for Advance and £450.00 for standard. Cycles will be £150.00. For cycles and motorcycles 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 In the case of the event being cancelled on or before Sunday 4 October 2026, which is outside of the Club's control and for which the Club is not covered by its 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.

6.3 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 numbered 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. The numbered armband provided must also be worn for the duration of the Run.

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 purposes 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. If a Tender Vehicle pack is purchased an Official Tender Vehicle Pass will be included in the pack. This must be displayed on the windscreen AT ALL TIMES, especially when requiring access to The Emergency

Service Area or when arriving at the Madera Drive/Black Rock Complex in Brighton.

9.3. **TENDER VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL VETERAN CAR RUN (VCR) ROUTE** apart from where it coincides with the Official Tender Route. The presence of these vehicles following the route is a major cause of delay to participants and may lead to disqualification of the associated participant.

9.4. Driving Standards Observers on the route will report any Tender Vehicles off route, especially those causing unnecessary obstructions. Such reports will be made immediately to the Clerk of the Course, and any infringement of this regulation may result in the associated participant forfeiting of their Finisher Award.

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

ARTICLE 10. OFFICIALS OF THE MEETING

Stewards of the Meeting: (3 persons) TBA
Clerk of the Course: Martin Douglas
Secretary of the Meeting: Jeremy Vaughan
Chief Safety Officer: Jim Davey
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 Public Liability including damage to the property of third parties on the public road sections of the Run, especially motorcycles in accordance with the Road Traffic Act.

11.2. The annual RM Sotheby's London to Brighton VCR is owned by The Royal Automobile Club and advised by its Steering Group for the event which includes members elected from the list of previous 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, MOTORCYCLE OR CYCLE, 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:

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 8 for two years and £500 to charity

Event Manager: Grace Schulp
Event Administrator: Isabel Ward
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PR and Communications Officer: Jonathan Gill
Marketing Manager: Karen Coe

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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:

Missing or inappropriate front and/or rear lights	Held at Start until adequate lighting is fitted
Different vehicle to that entered	Start Refused
Early arrival at Finish	Forfeiture of Finisher's Medal
Late arrival at Finish	Forfeiture of Finisher's Medal
VCR ID numbers not clearly visible	Start Refused until repositioned
Unauthorised Advertising	Start Refused
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Forfeiture of Finisher's Award

12.2. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Course by 5.00pm on Sunday 1 November 2026. 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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