

# 2020 VCR OFFICIAL ENTRY REGULATIONS

## BACKGROUND

The Royal Automobile Club owns, and is responsible for the professional organisation of, the annual London to Brighton Veteran Car Run (VCR). The Club is the sole proprietor of all right, title and interest in and to the Marks, Logos, Database, Domain Name and goodwill associated with the VCR and acts in the capacity of data controller.

The Royal Automobile Club has appointed Goose Live Events Limited as its agent to organise and administer the VCR. Goose Live Events acts in the capacity of the Club's data processor in respect of personal data provided to it in the course of its work relating to the VCR as detailed in these Official Event Regulations. The Privacy Policy for the VCR is available via [www.veterancarrun.com/privacy-policy](http://www.veterancarrun.com/privacy-policy)

The VCR has a Steering Group comprised of nominated members and members elected by participants to shape the development of the VCR.

The Veteran Car Company Limited (VCCL) acts as the recognised authority to the VCR for vehicle eligibility dating appraisal and issuing of vehicle Dating Certificates or Veteran passports.

## 1. ANNOUNCEMENT

1.1. The Royal Automobile Club will promote the 2020 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 St James's Park in central London and finish at Madeira Drive, Brighton.

1.3. The event is organised and promoted by Goose Live Events Limited (Organisers) on behalf of The Royal Automobile Club under a Certificate of Exemption and authorisation from Motorsport UK No: 118633 and held under the General 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 Monday 27 July 2020 to the VCR by invitation subject to entrants fulfilling these entry regulations and requirements.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The event is open to four-wheeled cars, tri-cars and motor tricycles manufactured before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1905 and the subject of a valid Dating Certificate (showing the date of completion of the vehicle as 1904 or earlier) or a valid Veteran Passport.

2.2. The following four-wheeled cars, tri-cars and motor tricycles may also participate at the sole discretion of the VCR Steering Group:

2.2.1. Vehicles which are the subject of a valid Dating Certificate or Certificate of Eligibility (showing the date of completion of the vehicle as 1904 or earlier) issued in the past by the Dating Committee of the Veteran Car Club of

Great Britain or the Dating Panel of Veteran Car Services Limited and have participated on a previous Run;

2.2.2. Vehicles which are the subject of a valid Eligibility Certificate or Composite Certificate (showing the date of completion of the vehicle as 1904 or earlier) issued by the Veteran Car Company Limited; (A Composite Car is defined as one whose major parts are car parts not necessarily from the same manufacturer provided they were made before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1905).

2.2.3. The VCR Steering Group reserves the right to accept cars of interest to the Run.

2.3. Entrants of vehicles without a current valid Dating Certificate or Veteran Passport will not be qualified to enter in this year's Run. If a Veteran Passport application has already been received by the Dating Advisory Committee then entry to this year's Run is subject to ratification of this application.

2.4. Unless already held by the Organisers the entrant is required to submit a copy of the vehicle's valid Dating Certificate or Veteran Passport at the time of entry or by Friday 21 August 2020 at the latest. An entry will not be confirmed or accepted for participation in the 2020 VCR until the Organisers are in possession of the above. To avoid entry fee penalty clauses (see Regulation 6) an entrant is advised to submit their entry early and forward the Dating Certificate/ Veteran Passport copy as soon as possible.

2.5. Acceptance of a vehicle in this or a previous VCR is not necessarily considered as proof of its age or eligibility.

2.6. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the vehicle is in a road-worthy condition. All cars must meet the legal requirements to run on public roads in the UK. Trade Plates are not permitted.

2.7. All participating cars must have two front (white) and two rear (red) constant lights fitted. Flashing lights are not permitted by law for use on cars. Temporary lighting can be of modern manufacture. Cars entered for the Run observed as not having satisfactory lights attached will be disqualified from the Run and subject to further penalties at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course and VCR Steering Group.

2.8. Commercial vehicles (vans, lorries, buses) and motorcycles (with or without sidecar) are not eligible to participate unless specifically invited to do so by the VCR Steering Group.

2.9. Entrants of steam vehicles are required to have had their vehicle checked by a competent inspector of steam within the past 5 years.

2.10. The nominated driver(s) of the vehicle must hold a driving licence valid for use in the UK and be conversant with, and competent to drive, the vehicle. The entrant accepts the responsibility to ensure that all safety material issued by the organisers is seen by all nominated drivers of the vehicle. Any entry proposed by a legal entity will be deemed to be represented by the nominated driver in all matters.

2.11. In the interest of having the ability to communicate by text critical information relating to the Run with drivers and others participating in the Run during the period immediately preceding the day of the Run and during the Run itself, as part of the entry process mobile phone numbers are to be supplied. This data will be held securely by, and for the sole use of, the Organisers in communications directly affecting the operation of the Run.

### 3. SCHEDULE

**Monday 27 July** - Entries Open

**Friday 28 August** - Early Bird Entry Fee Deadline

**Saturday 29 August** – Standard Entry Fee Applies

**Friday 25 September** – Standard Entry Fee Deadline and Close of Entries

**Sunday 1 November**

6.00am–7.00am - Veteran Cars to arrive at allocated assembly points in preparation for drive under their own power via Constitution Hill to the rolling start on The Mall in St James's Park

**6.55am – First cars rolling start, The Mall (Official Sunrise Time)**

8.45am – The Mall Start Closes

9.55am – Madeira Drive, Brighton Opens

4.30pm – Madeira Drive, Brighton Closes

**Note: Hyde Park is closed to all VCR traffic**

### 4. FORMAT

#### 4.1. Assembly and Start:

4.1.1. Vehicles will assemble at the locations allocated by Sector Number or at suggested Tender Vehicle off-loading locations in good time for them to arrive at the rolling start point within their allotted time slot. Participating veteran cars arriving at the Constitution Hill entrance to St James's Park either before or after their allotted time slot will not be able to enter St James's Park.

4.1.2. It is the responsibility of the entrant to arrive at the rolling start point within the car's allocated time slot.

4.1.3. The starting order will be determined by a combination of age and the horsepower of vehicles entered. The earliest vehicles will start first. The published starting order is definitive. The start numbers will be issued on Monday 21 September. Should you apply to enter after this date your vehicle will be deemed a late entry resulting in your vehicle being given the next available start number and sector, irrespective of the age and horsepower of the car.

4.1.4. The first cars will start at Official Sunrise Time (6.55am) with cars passing the rolling start point in batches at intervals of no more than two minutes. Participants' start positions will be published on the official website ([www.veterancarrun.com](http://www.veterancarrun.com)).

4.1.5. Veteran cars, trailers and commercial vehicles are not permitted inside the boundary of Hyde Park.

4.1.6. Any vehicle that differs from the information given on the entry form may not be permitted to start the Run.

4.1.7. Anyone under the age of 17 participating as a passenger on the Run must remain with their guardian or veteran car at all times. The Organisers strongly recommend that anyone under the age of 17 wears a high-visibility safety vest.

#### 4.2. The Route:

4.2.1. The length of the Run is approximately 60 miles (97km) and will be sign-posted with yellow RAC signs from the entrance to St James's Park to the Finish at Madeira Drive. Participants will receive details of the route with suggested coffee stops.

4.2.2. The maximum average speed permitted is 20mph. This will be determined from the participant's start time to their arrival at Madeira Drive, Brighton. Arriving before their

allowed time has elapsed will result in the entrant's exclusion.

#### 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.

4.3.2. Stewards of the Run as appointed by the Organisers will monitor the progress of the entrants along the route. Their reports of bad driving may result in penalties (see Regulation 14) being applied by the Clerk of the Course in cases where driving is considered to be in a manner likely to bring the event into disrepute. Penalties include exclusion and disqualification on the day, for future VCR events and/or fines to the Run's nominated charity.

4.3.3. Police Officers and Event Officials are Stewards and their reports on any driver's poor standards of driving and/or lack of respect for the Highway Code will be taken as fact and acted on accordingly.

4.3.4. All entrants/drivers are reminded that the Run 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 which closes at 4.30pm. The driver of each car finishing before the official closing time at Madeira Drive will be awarded a commemorative medallion. Where possible, a professional colour photograph of their car arriving at Brighton and an individual certificate will be supplied in the Finisher's Pack sent by post to the entrant after the event.

#### 4.5. Results:

4.5.1. As a condition of entry, all entrants accept that their name and that of the nominated driver along with details of the car will be included in a list of entrants who entered or completed the Run, having visited the checkpoints and arrived at Madeira Drive, Brighton before the control closed, published on the official website ([www.veterancarrun.com](http://www.veterancarrun.com)) after the event.

### 5. ENTRIES

5.1. Entries for the VCR may be made online at [www.veterancarrun.com](http://www.veterancarrun.com) If you do not have access to the website please call the Veteran Car Run Team on 01483 524433

5.2. The Organisers are intending to be able to accept all valid entries but reserve the right to limit the number of starters in the interest of safety. The maximum entry to be accepted is 250. In the event of the 250 entry level being exceeded, a reserve list of no more than 50 cars will be held by the Organisers. Should an entry on the reserve list be accepted to the Run in place of a withdrawn entry, then the entry fee charged will be that applicable at the time of the reserve entry's registration for the current year's Run.

5.3. The Early Bird entry fee deadline is on Friday 28 August. From Saturday 29 August to Friday 25 September the Standard entry fee applies.

5.4. 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 car accepted will feature on the official website. By providing entrant and driver(s) details and the photograph of the entered vehicle,

entrants grant permission to the organisers to publish this information on the event web site and in other promotional material relating to the Run. The Organisers will retain this photograph, which must be a 3/4 front picture.

5.5. The Organisers require each new entry to be accompanied by a copy of either an eligible Veteran Car Company Limited Dating Advisory Committee Dating Certificate or Veteran Passport. 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 Dating Certificate/ Veteran Passport will be sent by Friday 21 August at the latest. An entry cannot be officially accepted into the Run until a copy of the Dating Certificate/Veteran Passport has been received. In this regard the entrant grants permission to the organisers to share car and entrant details with the VCC, with the Royal Automobile Club and with the VCR Steering Group, as necessary. For vehicle eligibility criteria refer to Regulation 2.

## **6. ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee is solely based on the date by which the vehicle is entered for 2020. To encourage cars to enter in good time a two tier entry fee structure based on the date the car is entered is in place.

### **6.1 Entry Fee (per vehicle) - Early Bird Entry Fee – Monday 27 July to Friday 28 August**

6.1.1. All four-wheeled cars, three-wheeled single seat motor tricycles, tri-cars entered manufactured up to 31 December 1904 - £240.00

6.1.2. A £20.00 admin fee on the above entry fees will be charged for entries not entering online via the Veteran Car Run website: [www.veterancarrun.com](http://www.veterancarrun.com)

### **6.2 Entry Fee (per vehicle) - Standard Entry Fee – Saturday 29 August to Friday 25 September**

6.2.1. All four-wheeled cars, three-wheeled single seat motor tricycles, tri-cars entered manufactured up to 31 December 1904 - £270.00

6.2.2. A £20.00 admin fee on the above entry fees will be charged for entries not entering online via the Veteran Car Run website: [www.veterancarrun.com](http://www.veterancarrun.com)

#### **Notes:**

All entries must be accompanied by the applicable entry fee.

All entries require payment in UK Sterling ONLY.

All prices where appropriate include VAT at 20%

6.3. All entrants will receive 4 personnel passes, 2 participant vehicle numbered plates and 1 route timecard. Additional personnel passes (limited to a maximum of 2 per vehicle entered) may be purchased at £30.00 per pass.

6.4. 50% of the entry fee will be refunded in the case of the event being cancelled due to any UK Government restriction or directive on or before Sunday 4 October 2020. If participants would rather donate the 50% refund to the Veteran Car Run, this would be gratefully received, or it can be carried over as a deposit against the 2021 Run entry fee. There will be no refund of the entry fee in the case of the event being cancelled due to any UK Government restriction or directive after Sunday 4 October 2020. In the case of an entry deemed as not eligible for a Dating Certificate or a

Veteran Passport a full refund of the entry fee will be made, less an administration fee of £50.00, only at the discretion of the VCR Steering Group. The event is deemed to have taken place once the first participating veteran car has crossed the start line of the event.

6.5. In the case of an entry being withdrawn no refund will be made.

6.6. It is the responsibility of the entrant to contact the Organisers if formal acknowledgement of any entry form is not received within 21 days of submitting.

6.7. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse the entry of an entrant, driver and/or car, without giving reasons for refusal.

6.8. Any changes of vehicle must be notified to the Organisers in writing. No change of vehicle can be made after 3.30pm on Friday 28 August.

6.9. Any formal Entry Withdrawal must be notified in writing (post or email) to be received by the Organisers by 5.00pm on Wednesday 28 October.

## **7. IDENTIFICATION**

7.1. Participants will be provided with two vehicle numbered plates (approx. 7.5" x 5.8"/19cm x 15cm), which must be clearly displayed in forward and reverse facing positions on the veteran vehicle for the duration of the Run. Provision of a suitable mounting is recommended. Previous years' VCR event vehicle numbered plates must not be carried on cars entered in this year's, or subsequent years', Runs to ensure clear identification of each vehicle entered. This also applies to vehicles not entered in this year's, or subsequent years', Runs.

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

## **8. EXITING MADEIRA DRIVE AFTER THE EVENT**

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

## **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 vehicle 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 car 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 park at 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 park in Brighton. NOTE – this pass will be in addition to the vehicle pass all tender vehicles will receive. Participating cars are permitted only one tender vehicle. They will also receive details of the official tender vehicle route which is different to the veteran car route so as to ease congestion.

9.4. Participants and tender vehicle crews will be provided with identity passes to enable them to gain access to the paddock at Madeira Drive. NOTE – tender vehicle access is prohibited to this paddock. These should be worn at all times as admission will not be granted without one.

**9.5. 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. Written cautions in line with the veteran car Code of Conduct may be given to Run participants whose tender vehicle is identified as hindering the progress of other veteran cars, (see section 14. for more details).**

9.6. Driving Standards 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 car entrant and/or driver concerned being excluded from the results and forfeit of the finisher's award for this year's event.

9.7. For tender vehicles parking on Madeira Drive, Brighton, on the Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday a tender vehicle pack must be purchased. This requirement will be strictly enforced. All vehicles parked in this area must not arrive before 6.00pm on Thursday 29 October and must be removed by 12.00pm (midday) on Monday 2 November to avoid clamping/removal and related fees. Security and parking staff will be in attendance.

9.8. Official event recovery vehicles, in cases of temporary breakdown or steep inclines, may tow the veteran cars on the Run; no penalty applies. If any damage or loss occurs the liability remains with the veteran car entrant.

9.9. The Organisers have arranged for RAC Motoring Services to supply a free breakdown and recovery service to all VCR participants during the hours of the Run. This includes for any veteran car deemed not to be repairable to be taken to the next assist point on the official route. Should the owner of the veteran car request that the broken down vehicle be taken beyond the next assist point, then a Private Recovery charge will be applied by the RAC together with a mileage cost. It is the responsibility of the veteran car owner to check as to whether their RAC membership includes cover for onward travel. All costs incurred are the responsibility of the veteran car owner. All veteran cars receiving transportation of this sort will be judged as having retired from the Run.

9.10. The entrant is deemed responsible for the conduct of their tender vehicle.

## **10. TENDER VEHICLE PACKAGES: (to be submitted upon entry confirmation)**

10.1. PACK 1 – Single towing vehicle with the capacity of no more than one veteran vehicle. Parking will be at the end of Madeira Drive, Brighton. Pack includes "Vehicle" access pass window sticker, tender-route details and official identification for two people. One pack per entrant at £75.00.

10.2. PACK 2 – For a towing vehicle and trailer (or commercial vehicle) with capacity for more than one veteran vehicle. Pack includes "Vehicle" access pass window sticker, tender-route details and official identification for four people. One pack per entrant at £140.00.

10.3. Tender vehicle parking on Madeira Drive is restricted to 150 tender vehicles allocated on a first order basis. Please

see further bulletins for information on any secondary locations.

10.4. Enhanced security staff levels will be in attendance at the tender vehicle parking area in Madeira Drive, Brighton to check vehicle authority and direct orderly parking.

10.5. Any vehicle left in the tender vehicle parking areas in Brighton is done so at their owner's risk. Neither the Royal Automobile Club nor the event Organisers accept any responsibility for any loss or damage occurring.

## **11. OFFICIALS OF THE MEETING**

Senior Event Manager – Neil Carr-Jones

Strategic Director – Nick Wigley

Operations Director – Samantha Trevenna

Project Manager & Entries Administrator – Lucy Budgen

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Chief Official, Redhill – Hesketh Emden

Chief Official, Hammer Hill – John Hilton

Chief Official, Clayton Hill – Richard Hilton

Chief Official, Brighton – David Charrington

## **12. GENERAL INFORMATION**

12.1. There are many car parks available in central London. Please visit the [www.veterancarrun.com](http://www.veterancarrun.com) website to find a list of car parks. NOTE – parking must be booked directly with the car parks.

12.2. In the sections of the event held on private land, i.e. where the insurance provisions of the UK Road Traffic Act do not apply, participants are protected by the Motorsport UK's public liability insurance. This cover will come into effect at the start of the Run and will cease at the end of the Run, or at the moment of retirement or exclusion.

12.3. Entrants and all drivers 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.

12.4. 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.

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

## **13. COVID-19**

13.1 All participants must abide by all UK Government legislation and guidelines relating to COVID-19 in place during the lead up to and on the day of the Run. These may include but not be restricted to the wearing of face masks, social distancing, different households, support bubbles or the like.

13.2 All participants must also abide by any subsequent rulings introduced by the Run organisers.

13.3 Participants must supply the names and mobile telephone numbers of all participants, including any tender vehicle crew, for NHS Test and Trace. Such data will not be

used for any other reason by the organisers and will be deleted 21 days after the completion of the Run, in line with UK Government legislation.

13.4 A Sworn Statement of Absence of COVID-19 Symptoms and of Contact with Confirmed Cases may be required by the organisers if legislated for by the UK Government at the time of the Run.

#### **14. PENALTIES**

14.1. The following penalties may be applied by the Clerk of the Course for the reasons shown:

##### **Start Refused**

4.1.7. Different Vehicle

8.1. Participant event numbers not displayed

8.2. Advertising on car

##### **Start Held (and Caution)**

2.7. No front and rear lights

##### **Finish Held**

4.2.2. Arriving before allowed time has elapsed

##### **Forfeit of Finisher's Award**

4.3. Driving Standards

4.4.1. Arriving after the finish has closed

10. Outside Assistance (tender/support/pick-up vehicles)

##### **Caution Given**

4.3. 1st or 2nd offence of poor driving standards or unsporting behaviour

##### **Exclusion from Following Run(s)**

4.3. 3rd and 4th offence of poor driving standards or unsporting behaviour

A financial payment to the Run's nominated charity may also apply.

14.2. Any participant appeals against penalties applied on the day of the Run must be made in writing to the Clerk of the Course by 5.00pm on Sunday 1 November 2020. Reasonable time for appeal will be given against penalties applied in writing subsequent to the Run.

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