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PBRC: New national four-wheel-drive series to run alongside British Rally Championship

Organisers of the MSA British Rally Championship are delighted to announce the introduction of brand new series for 2012: the Production BRC (PBRC), which has been created exclusively for four-wheel-drive production cars

With the announcement made at the start of 2011 that the BRC will only feature R1, R2 and R3 class two-wheel-drive cars next year, an opportunity has arisen to create a high-profile, professionally organised, UK-wide series that caters solely for four-wheel-drive cars.

The new series will follow all six rounds of the British Championship – four gravel and two asphalt- with the rallies running under a National B permit, which will allow recce to take place on asphalt events, but not gravel.

The rallies will be approximately 25% shorter than the International events which make up the British Championship, with distances estimated at 65-70 competitive miles for forest rallies and 100-110 for asphalt. Although the 2WD cars will run at the front of the field, it is planned that the final loop of stages on the international event will be omitted from that of the national rally and therefore, PBRC competitors will cross the finish line first.

In addition to All homologated R4, N4 and Super 2000 cars, organisers are proposing to allow cars vehicles that were previously homologated in N4 during the past 10 years and are currently looking at ways in which the older machinery can be fairly and economically upgraded in order to compete on a level playing field with the newer and faster variants. World Rally Cars will not be permitted to enter however.

Organisers anticipate that, by virtue of the series following the BRC, many of the advantages and promotional benefits will carry over to the PBRC, such as: offering classic and , well-managed events featuring some of the best special stages in the British Isles, spectator friendly town centre starts; PR and publicity campaigns; well organised service areas and a dedicated series website. Television coverage is also being planned.

“We made the decision to go to a two-wheel-drive only British Championship in 2012 for a number of very good reasons. However, we are aware that some competitors using four-wheel-drive machinery want to compete in a high-profile, well-managed national series that offers more stage mileage than is currently available elsewhere, but without the commitment of doing full international rallies”, said BRC Manager Mark Taylor. “After carrying out extensive market research, we believe that the PBRC ticks all of the boxes and will provide competitors with eligible four-wheel-drive cars with exactly what they are looking for, at a cost that represents excellent value for money.”

Regulations will be available in November, subject to approval by the MSA. For further information, contact the British Rally Championship Office: +44 (0) 1244 303150, info@rallybrc.co.uk

2012 PBRC Calendar (subject to MSA approval)

25 February: Rallye Sunseeker – Bournemouth/Poole, Dorset (Gravel)

31 March: Bulldog Rally North Wales – Welshpool, Wales (Gravel)

28 April: Pirelli Rally - Carlisle, Cumbria (Gravel)

1/2 June: Jim Clark Rally - Duns, Scottish Borders (Asphalt)

17/18 August: Todds Leap Ulster Rally – Antrim, Northern Ireland (Asphalt)

29 September: Rally Yorkshire – Scarborough, Yorkshire (Gravel)

Eligible vehicles

Homologated Group N4, Group R4 and Super 2000 cars

or

Subaru Impreza N9 and Mitsubishi Evolution VII onwards, featuring restrictions that will include a weight limit of 1320kgs, the use of standard transmission/differential casings and a 34 mm turbo restrictor. Full details will be defined by technical regulations due for publication in November 2011.

For more information on the Dulux Trade MSA British Rally Championship visit

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