



## 2024 Series Regulations: **Royal Automobile Club Pall Mall Cup**

The Motor Racing Legends Royal Automobile Club Pall Mall Cup is a series of 3-hour endurance invitation races for the following categories:

Pre '66 GT and Touring Cars  
Pre-'63 GT Cars  
Pre '61 Sports Cars

The organisers reserve the right to include or exclude cars as they see fit to ensure the best variety of cars on the grid with the highest respect for originality. MSVR will be the organising club.

There will be three rounds in 2024:

May 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Donington Historic Festival	180 minutes
June 29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Snetterton Classic	180 minutes
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	MRL Silverstone GP Meeting	180 minutes

It is a requirement of entry that all drivers and co-drivers must be fully paid-up members of the Motor Racing Legends Club. A single-race membership is available.

### **Code of Racing Ethics (CORE)**

All drivers are expected to study, appreciate and uphold the Motor Racing Legends 'Code of Racing Ethics' and to acknowledge these values when participating in our races. The full CORE document can be found on the Motor Racing Legends website.

### **Race Details**

The race will be for two, or three, driver entries, open strictly by the invitation of Motor Racing Legends to drivers of all nationalities holding a minimum of a Race National or Race International D race licence.

The starting grid will be made up according to the best times achieved during qualifying. The race start will be a rolling start. Racing is permitted when the start signal is given.

Cars may be held in Parc Fermé after any qualifying and/or race session.

Completion of an on-line briefing and/or attendance at a physical briefing is mandatory for all drivers and Team Principals. Motor Racing Legends must be notified if a driver is unable to attend a briefing due to a schedule clash.

### **Eligibility**

The race is open to GT, GTS and Touring Cars (categories GT, GTS & CT) of Periods E and F; and sports racing cars (category TSRC) of Period E, all conforming to Appendix 'C' or Appendix 'J' of the International Sporting Code of the period; and to the current Appendix 'K' of the International Sporting Code. GTP cars over 2000cc capacity may be accepted to run in an Invitation Class at the sole discretion of Motor Racing Legends.

Each car must have a valid, current FIA Historic Technical Passport (HTP) or National equivalent, a copy of which must be submitted with the entry form. Cars not eligible for an HTP or cars with an HTP 'in progress' may be accepted at the Organiser's discretion.

Cars running to Pre-'63 GT specification must also comply with the MRL Pre '63 GT series regulations. Cars running to Pre-'61 Sports Racing Car specification must also comply with either the MRL RAC Woodcote Trophy or the MRL Stirling Moss Trophy regulations.

**Ignition:** Cars may run standard ignition (contact breaker and coil) or electronic ignition. If electronic ignition is fitted it must be an MSD 6AL non-programmable system. No other system is permitted. The ignition must be triggered within the distributor. No form of electronic control of ignition timing advance/retard is permitted. Only springs and bobweights may be used to control the advance/retard of the ignition timing.

## Pit Stop Procedure

Each car is required to make a minimum of two pit stops during the race. There is no pit window for this race, but the elapsed time from crossing the pit-entry timing line after the starters signal has been given or between crossing the pit-entry timing line on any consecutive pit stops must be no more than **80 minutes**.

At least one of these pit stops must be for refuelling, which is subject to additional regulations. During any pit stop where refuelling takes place the car must remain stationary for a minimum of **5 minutes**. During any other pit stop the car must remain stationary for a minimum of **60 seconds**.

Any car failing to remain stationary during a pit stop for the minimum specified duration will incur a Stop-and-Go penalty of 10 seconds plus the duration by which the stop was short. Any car failing to make a minimum of two pit stops will incur a 10-minute penalty. Any car crossing the pit-entry timing line on consecutive pit stops in an elapsed time of more than 80 minutes will incur a Drive-Through penalty.

## Driver Changes:

During any pit stop without refuelling, if the driver is to double-stint then he/she may remain in the car for the next stint with the engine running. In all cases the car must comply with the minimum stationary times as stated above.

## Refuelling Pit Stop Procedure:

Refuelling is permitted during the race. Refuelling is NOT permitted during practice. During the race each car MUST make at least one refuelling pit stop. A pit stop for refuelling will count as a mandatory pit stop.

Refuelling must only be done from each team's own dry-break churns (eg Tuff Jugs) or other dry-break system. This must not be modified in any way from manufacturer's original specification and have nozzles that fit into the filler cap of the car (no funnels, jerry cans or pumps). All refuelling equipment must be checked at Scrutineering and must demonstrate that the system adequately fit the vehicle.

Any car unable to accept a dry-break churn is to contact Motor Racing Legends well in advance of the meeting to agree acceptable alternative refuelling options.

Refuelling is only permitted in the Pit Lane outside the allocated Pit Box for each team. During the stop for refuelling, each car MUST be stationary for a minimum of FIVE minutes.

During any pit stop for refuelling, each car must be stationary and the engine must be turned off. No driver may sit in the car during refuelling. One team member must be on dedicated stand-by with a certified fire extinguisher. All those involved in refuelling must wear full Nomex race suits including fire-resistant balaclava and gloves. Goggles are highly recommended. No work is allowed on the car until refuelling has been completed. Work on the car is only permitted within your own pit garage area.

Regulations for storage of fuel in the pits, paddock and garages will be published separately.

At the end of refuelling, the second driver may get into the car. This can occur before the mandatory five-minute period has elapsed.

Any spillages of fuel will incur a 3-minute time penalty to be added to the elapsed time at the end of the race. All other infringements will incur a drive-through penalty.

Scrutineers: Chief Eligibility Scrutineer – John Hopwood. Assistant Eligibility Scrutineer – Don Hands.

Tyres: Cars to Pre '63 specification or earlier must run on Dunlop 'R5' or 'L Section' CR65 in 204 compound tyres. Cars running to pre-'66 regulations must run Dunlop 'L Section' CR65 in 204 compound tyres. Where Dunlop does not make a tyre of a suitable size, any other standard road tyre may be used, subject to prior approval.

Ride Height: The ride height must comply with Appendix K. Silencers, if fitted, are not included when ride height is measured.

Sponsors' Decals: Race numbers will be available at each meeting. It is a condition of entry that sponsors' decals, where provided, must be applied in the approved location.

In-Car Cameras: If fitted, no such camera may project outside the bodywork or be mounted on the outside of a roll cage. All such cameras must be installed prior to scrutineering where they will be checked for location and security.

Driver participation: Where two or more drivers have set a qualifying time in a specific car all drivers must then drive that car in the race, unless previously agreed with Motor Racing Legends. Failure to do so will incur a Drive-Through penalty.

Silencing: Maximum permitted noise levels are not defined in these Regulations. The Royal Automobile Club Pall Mall Cup has no restrictions and cars are not required to be silenced unless otherwise defined in the Supplementary Regulations for any specific event.

### Classes:

The grid will be divided into classes as follows:

- **Class 1: Pre '61 Sports Racing Cars**, further sub-divided into:
  - **a:** drum braked cars
  - **b:** disc braked cars
- **Class 2: Pre '63 GT Cars**, further sub-divided into:
  - **a:** Up to 3000cc
  - **b:** Over 3000cc
- **Class 3: Pre '66 Cars (GT, GTS & Touring Cars) up to 2000cc**, further sub-divided into:
  - **a:** Up to 1600 cc
  - **b:** 1601 – 2000cc – Front-engined
  - **c:** 1601 – 2000cc – Rear-engined
- **Class 4: Pre '66 Cars (GT, GTS & Touring Cars) over 2000cc**, further sub-divided into:
  - **a:** GT & GTS cars
  - **b:** Touring Cars
- **Class 5: Pre '66 GTP Cars under 2001cc**

### Awards

Awards for first three places overall will be awarded on the Podium immediately following the race wherever possible. For each race there will be awards for the first three places within each class (dependent on entries received).

### Entry Fee:

The entry fee (per car) for each race is as noted on the Royal Automobile Club Pall Mall Cup Official Entry Form for the current season and must be paid in full at the time of submission. Entries open on publication of these Regulations. Entry fees must be paid at least 21 days prior to an event. Entries will not be accepted until payment has been received in full. Once an entry has been accepted, a full or partial refund will only be given at Motor Racing Legends' discretion, and in accordance with the cancellation terms stated on the official Entry Form. No refunds will be given in the event that Covid restrictions cause the cancellation of a meeting. Entries will close once all places on each respective grid are filled.

### Applications for Entry:

All entrants, driver and co-drivers must be fully paid-up members of the Motor Racing Legends Club prior to submitting an entry form. A single event membership is available but anyone participating in more than one event must be a full member. All those wishing to participate in the RAC Pall Mall Cup should apply in writing, or by using the online application process, on the official entry form for the current season and submitted with the total entry fee to: -

**Motor Racing Legends Ltd, Woodbine Farm, Thorndon, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7JJ, UK**

Motor Racing Legends will formally acknowledge receipt of entries. Acknowledgement of receipt of entry will not imply acceptance for any race. Acceptance will be notified at the earliest opportunity.

It is a condition of entry that all entrants accept that their name, that of the nominated driver(s), along with details of the entered car will be shared with both the event organisers for the necessary management of the racing and for inclusion in event entry lists and results information made publicly available. For full details of Motor Racing Legends' Privacy Policy please visit our website at [www.motorracinglegends.com](http://www.motorracinglegends.com)