

2024 Series Regulations: **Pre-'63 GT** including the Royal Automobile Club Historic Tourist Trophy

Motor Racing Legends and Historic Motor Racing News are pleased to announce a series of invitation races for 2 seat GT cars built and raced in high-profile events such as the Tourist Trophy before 31 December 1962.

There will be four rounds in 2024:

May 4-5	Donington Historic Festival	60 minutes
June 29-30	Snetterton Classic	60 minutes
August 23-25	Silverstone Festival	50 minutes
Oct 19-20	MRL Silverstone GP Meeting	60 minutes

Eligibility

Races are open to closed two-seat GT cars running in accordance with the homologation papers that were valid prior to 1963 with regard to carburation, wheels, suspension, oil coolers and other components. Cars that raced prior to 1963 but were only homologated at a later date will be considered.

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. All cars will be checked at scrutineering for compliance with their HTPs. Cars without HTP or with an HTP in process may be invited at the Organiser's discretion.

Cars must comply with all safety regulations and all supplementary regulations of the meeting.

Cars must not only run to their original specification, but should also be presented in their historic liveries, so no advertising or windscreen banners unless the owner can show that the car displayed it in period. It is our hope to have cars that look pristine and are driven with respect to the highest driving standards.

All races are by invitation and the organisers reserve the right to accept cars as they see fit to ensure the best variety of cars on the grid, and the highest respect for originality.

Series Officials: MRL Chief Eligibility Scrutineer – John Hopwood. Pre-'63 GT Eligibility Scrutineer – Howard Corbally. Race Co-ordinator - Gillian Carr.

Tyres: Cars must run on Dunlop 'L Section' tyres. Where Dunlop does not make a tyre of a suitable size, cars cannot run a larger size than was homologated in period.

Ride Height: The minimum ride height for all cars is 100mm. All un-sprung parts (rigidly attached to the body or chassis) must be no less than 100mm. Silencers if fitted are not included when ride height is measured.

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.

It must be notified on the Entry Form if the car is running electronic ignition.

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.

Re-fuelling: Re-fuelling is not allowed during qualifying or race.

Silencing: Maximum permitted noise levels are not defined in these Regulations. The Pre '63 GT Series has no restrictions and cars are not required to be silenced unless otherwise defined in the Supplementary Regulations for any specific event.

Race Details

Each race will be for two (or exceptionally one) driver entries, open strictly by the invitation of the Organisers to drivers of all nationalities holding a minimum of a Race National or Race International D race licence. Exact details will be given in the SRs for each meeting.

Two-Driver Entries: Drivers that appear on the entry form must qualify and race or inform MRL before qualifying. Where both drivers have set a qualifying time in a specific car both drivers must then drive that car in the race, unless previously agreed with Motor Racing Legends.

The driver with the faster time MUST start the race if the time set by the slower driver is not within 110% of the faster driver. This can be overruled by the Clerk of the Course in exceptional circumstances.

Organisers and Officials must know who is in each car at all times.

Starting drivers must be nominated to the officials at least two hours before the start of the race. Teams who do not nominate a starting driver within this time may be penalised and must start the first driver mentioned on the entry form.

Change of Driver: Once at the race meeting, if a team wants to substitute one driver for another, they must notify MRL. Only after MRL has been notified can competitors sign in the replacement driver. Penalties will be applied to any team that does not conform to this rule.

Each race will feature a compulsory pit stop and, where relevant, driver change. Pit stops will take place between the 20th and 40th minute of a one-hour race and between the 15th and 35th minute of a 50-minute race.

This series is aimed at owner-drivers. Owners must complete at least 50% of the race time.

Professional or Elite drivers will be handicapped with a longer pitstop. The organiser's decision as to which drivers this handicap will apply is final.

The car must be at rest for a minimum of 60 seconds, plus any additional handicap time penalty, during the pit stop. Any car failing to remain stationary for the allotted 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 pit stop will be excluded from the results. Any car failing to make a pit stop within the pit window will incur a Drive-Through penalty.

Seat belts must remain fastened until the car comes to a stop and be fastened again before leaving the box. A solo driver can remain in the car during the pit stop.

The starting grid for each race will be made up according to the best times achieved during qualifying. Race starts will be rolling starts. 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 or attendance at a physical briefing is mandatory for all drivers and the organisers must be notified if a driver is unable to attend a briefing due to a schedule clash. If a driver cannot attend a briefing, a team member must attend and brief the driver afterwards.

Note: 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.

Driving Conduct

These are 'no contact' races. Offenders may be banned and their entry fees will not be refunded. The driver of any car that is involved in a contact incident in qualifying or in the race, however slight, must report to the Race Director at the end of the session or at the earliest possible opportunity. Any failure to do so will result in a penalty being applied.

The Race Director will have sole discretion to exclude drivers deemed to be driving dangerously, or not in proper control of their car, or if he deems that over aggressive driving has led to contact.

In addition, 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 winners

There will be a podium for the first three finishers and class trophies for the first three in each class.

The overall winner of the Silverstone Festival race will be awarded the Royal Automobile Club Historic Tourist Trophy, a perpetual trophy awarded by the Royal Automobile Club. While invitation class cars may be presented on the podium, they cannot win the Tourist Trophy and the first non-Invitation Class car to finish will gain the award.

There will also awards for Index of Performance and/or drum brake cars.

A special Historic Motor Racing News award will go to the best finish for a sub-2000cc car.

After the race a class prizegiving will take place in the drivers' hospitality area.

Classes

Class results will be derived from the overall finishing positions. Subject to entries, cars will be divided into classes as follows:

- A Cars having an engine capacity not exceeding 1300cc
- B Cars having an engine capacity not exceeding 2000cc
- C Cars having an engine capacity not exceeding 3000cc
- D Cars having an engine capacity exceeding 3000cc
- INV Cars by specific invitation that may not conform with all these regulations, but are within the spirit and performance level of the series. Such invitation is at the sole discretion of the organisers.

The Organisers reserve the right to revise, delete or amalgamate any of the above classes, or introduce additional classes, according to the entries received.

Entry Fee

The entry fee (per car) for each race is as noted on the Pre-'63 GT Official Entry Form for the current season and must be paid in full at the time of submission. Preference will be given to those entering all races and single race entries may not be confirmed until four weeks prior to the event. 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 Pre-'63 GT 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

Sportsmanship and the Three Cs: No Crashing - No Cheating - No Complaining

These races are about driving fast in nice cars - remember that avoiding the 3C's is what will make it enjoyable for everyone.