

LONGTON'S NORTHERN SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

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1. SPORTING REGULATIONS - GENERAL

1.1. Title & Jurisdiction

1.1.1. LONGTON'S NORTHERN SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 is organised and administered by Longton & District Motor Club Ltd. (LDMC) in accordance with the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A.) and these championship regulations.

1.1.2. Permit No: TBA Permit Status: D Championship Grade: RS Interclub

1.2. Championship Officials

1.2.1	Competition Secretary	Stephen Norton	146 Kew Road, Southport, Merseyside. PR8 4JF	(m) 07856 989904 compsec@longton-dmc.co.uk
1.2.2	Championship Coordinator	Steve Fenn	84 Carr Meadow, Clayton Brook Preston, PR5 8HS	(h) 01772 323332 scorer@longton-dmc.co.uk
1.2.3	Entries Secretary	Gill Bradley	26 Stamford Road, Southport Merseyside PR8 4ER	entries@longton-dmc.co.uk

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1.2.5	Championship Scorer	Steve Fenn	84 Carr Meadow, Clayton Brook, Preston, PR5 8HS	(h) 01772 323332 scorer@longton-dmc.co.uk
1.2.6	Championship Stewards	Paul Tipping Nick Algar Graham Malcolm		

NCR 4.1.1.2. The Championship Stewards can only adjudicate on any disputes, irregularities or appeals arising from the published Championship regulations. They are also empowered to consider any request from the Championship Co-ordinator to penalise Competitors for any breach of these Championship Regulations and after holding a formal hearing those Stewards may impose a penalty in accordance with NCR Chapter 2, subject to the rights of Appeal to the National Court there provided.

1.3. Competitor Eligibility

1.3.1. Entrants must be fully paid-up members of Longton & District Motor Club, which can be obtained by visiting the club's website, registered in the championship, and be in possession of a valid Motorsport UK entrants' licence.

1.3.2. Drivers and entrant/drivers must be fully paid-up members of Longton & District Motor Club, have completed and paid the championship registration form (both available via the club website), and be in possession of a valid Motorsport UK Competition Licence with a minimum status of Interclub.

1.3.3. All necessary documentation must be presented for checking at ALL rounds when signing on.

1.3.4. Additionally, if participation in the Championship requires absence from education, a driver in full time education is required to have the approval of their head teacher by way of a letter stating such approval in order to fulfil registration for the Championship. A driver shall not take time out of their education to participate in motor sport without the prior written approval of their education establishment.'

1.4. Championship Registration

1.4.1. The Championship Registration/Indemnity, which is available on the club website should be completed and submitted along with payment.

1.4.2. The entry fee for Longton's Northern Sprint Championship shall be £17.50. There is no additional fee to enter the Champion of Three Sisters and Champion of Anglesey Series, but you must be registered for Longton's Northern Speed Championship, or Longton's Northern Sprint Championship.

1.4.3. Entry into the championship or series commences from the date of registration. Points cannot be awarded retrospectively.

1.4.4. Championship stickers will either be sent to competitors before the first event or will be available at the first event. They must be displayed on both sides of the competition vehicle, visible and unaltered, at championship rounds for points to be awarded to the competitor.

1.4.5. Those registered in the Northern Sprint Championship will be eligible for an entry fee discount of £5 per day at rounds organised by Longton & District Motor Club.

1.4.6 Those registered will also be eligible to purchase a championship t-shirt at cost price. Please note that there is a cut off date for orders of 2 weeks before the first event.

1.5. Championship Rounds

1.5.1. Longton's Northern Sprint Championship, consisting of 9 rounds with the best 5 to count.

Date	Venue	Type	Organising Club
Apr-18	Anglesey, national layout	Sprint *	Longton DMC
Apr-19	Anglesey, international layout	Sprint *	Longton DMC
May-16	Blyton Park Eastern	Sprint*	Longton DMC
May-17	Blyton Park Outer	Sprint*	Longton DMC
June-14	Three Sisters 2 Lap	Sprint	Longton DMC
Jul-19	Three Sisters Course 2	Sprint	Longton DMC
Sep-6	Three Sisters 2 Lap	Sprint	Longton DMC
Oct-3	Anglesey National	Sprint *	Longton DMC
Oct-4	Anglesey International	Sprint *	Longton DMC

*Please note that the events marked * are separate one day events and each count as one round of the championship. Events in italics are provisional.
Subject to valid track license.*

1.5.2. Champion of Three Sisters, consisting of 3 rounds as a separate series. It is open to all LDMC members with an Interclub License or above.

Date	Month	Day	Venue
14	June	Sunday	Three Sisters (2 Lap)
19	July	Sunday	Three Sisters
6	September	Sunday	Three Sisters (2 Lap)

1.5.3. Champion of Anglesey, consisting of 4 rounds as a separate series. It is open to all LDMC members with an Interclub License or above.

Date	Month	Day	Venue
18	April	Saturday	Anglesey (National)
19	April	Sunday	Anglesey (International)
3	October	Saturday	Anglesey (National)
4	October	Sunday	Anglesey (International)

1.5.4. It is the responsibility of each individual competitor to obtain the Regulations for and enter each round of the championship.

1.5.5. Registration in this championship does not imply nor guarantee acceptance of any entry for any event.

1.5.6. Event Contact details:

Please respect all these volunteers. Do not telephone at unsociable hours.

Club	Contact	Phone	Email
Longton & District Motor Club	Gavin Leadbetter	07788 885711	entries@longton-dmc.co.uk www.longton-dmc.co.uk

1.6. Championship Scoring

1.6.1. Championship scoring will be based on the competitor's best-timed run, as published in the official event results.

1.6.2. A competitor may only score points in one class at an individual event round.

1.6.3. At all championship rounds the scoring will be based on 2nd place in each class being awarded 100 points. All other places in the classes will be calculated as a percentage of the second place time, up to a maximum of 104 points.

For example:

Class position	Time	Points awarded
1	50:12	101:08
2	50:66	100:00
3	52:46	96:57
4	52:93	95.71
1	45:78	104:00 (max)
2	49:01	100:00
3	49:45	99:11
4	50:04	97:94

1.6.4. If there is only 1 finisher in a class, then the maximum points awarded to the class winner shall be 100 points. If there are 2 finishers in a class, then the maximum points awarded to the class winner shall be 101 points.

1.6.5. If two (or more) drivers tie for 1st in class, then that time will also constitute the 2nd in class time for the purposes of scoring.

1.6.6. If the organisers of a championship round merge classes, then points awarded to championship drivers will be calculated as if they had not been merged, as far as is practicable.

1.6.7. At Longton & DMC dual permit events the British Sprint Championship competitors must enter the National permit event. All other entries will run under the Interclub permit. Competitors running under the National permit who are also registered in the Longton & DMC championships will score points in these championships as though the times are achieved under the Longton championships class structure.

1.6.8. Where a championship round does not adhere to the championship class structure or to the technical regulations of the championship classes, then points awarded to championship drivers will be calculated, as far as practicable, as though the championship class(es) existed at that event.

1.6.9. If a round is abandoned before all competitors have been offered the opportunity of making at least one competition run, then no points will be awarded for that round.

1.6.10. Historic classes are NOT eligible to score points in the championship. These vehicles must enter classes as appropriate in the relevant Supplementary Regulations for that event.

1.6.11. Competitors in Junior and Intro classes are not eligible for the championship.

1.6.12. In all of the championship rounds a driver may only compete (and accumulate championship points) in two different classes. The 'first class' will be considered as the one detailed on the championship registration form. Points scored in a different 'second class' will only count towards the overall championship score for a maximum of two rounds. More than two outings in the 'second class' will be discounted for championship scoring purposes. There is no restriction on the use of multiple cars within the original class

that is declared on the championship registration form. Where a competitor elects to change their class part way through the season (e.g. due to failure or sale of the original car) then the change of car/class must be registered with the Championship Entries Secretary.

1.6.13. To determine the championship placings in the Longton's Northern Sprint Championship, points scored in the championship will be calculated from the driver's best scores at 5 championship rounds.

1.6.14. If any particular event is cancelled then the Championship Co-ordinator may nominate a substitute event, providing that there are sufficient available places for championship contenders, and there is sufficient time for notification (minimum 6 weeks). Should the number of available championship rounds drop to 7 or less then the number of qualifying championship rounds will be reduced at the discretion of the championship stewards. There is a requirement for agreement to change (NCR 14.1.1.9)

1.6.15. At the conclusion of the championship if a tie exists for the 1st place in the championship, then the following tie-break ruling will be applied to determine the championship winner.

- a) The championship scoring will be re-calculated to a higher precision (i.e. more decimal places) and the driver with the higher score will be deemed the winner.
- b) If a tie still exists then secondary tie-break criteria will be progressively applied until a winner is determined.
 - i. The number of class wins will be counted from the eligible (i.e. un-dropped) championship scores. The driver with most class wins will be awarded the higher place. An FTD will be treated as a 1st in class.
 - ii. As above but counting the number of 2nd in class awards from the eligible championship scores.
 - iii. As above but counting the number of 3rd in class awards from the eligible championship scores.

1.6.16. In the event of a tie in the other championship placings (i.e. 2nd place onwards) then the tying competitors will share the championship position. No tie-break criteria are applied. The numbering of the subsequent championship positions will be unaffected. For example, if two competitors are equal 5th place then they will both be awarded Joint-5th and the next competitor will be 7th.

1.6.17. An appeal against points awarded (or not awarded) in the championship must be lodged with the Championship Co-ordinator within 7 days of the first publication of the points in dispute in an official document (e.g. interim championship results, club website or club bulletin, etc) in accordance with 2026 NCR 2.5.2. Disputes or queries will be resolved by the Championship Steward(s).

1.6.18. Championship score updates will be issued to all contenders by email (or post) as a minimum after every 4 rounds. They will be published and updated from time to time on the club website. championship final results and placings will be issued no later than 11 November 2026 if there have been no queries or appeals.

1.7. Awards

There is a total of £405 PRIZE FUND for Longton's Northern Sprint Championship.

COMPETITORS MAY ONLY WIN A MAXIMUM OF TWO AWARDS.

1.7.1. Longton's Northern Sprint Championship Prize Awards are as follows:

- 1st Founder's Cup + replica + £150
- 2nd Chairman's Trophy + replica + £100
- 3rd Anglesey Circuit Cup + replica + £75
- 4th Longton Rally Cup + replica + £50
- 5th Oulton Park Trophy + replica + £30

Award

The best Young Driver of the Championship for drivers aged 25 and under on 1st January of the championship year.

1.7.2. Longton's Champion of Three Sisters Awards

Champion of Three Sisters Trophy & Replica, plus a free entry to one day of an LDMC organised event in 2026.

1.7.3. Longton's Champion of Anglesey Awards

Champion of Anglesey Trophy.

1.7.4. All awards will be presented at Longton's Annual Dinner, full details of which will be announced during the year on the club website. Due to the value and fragility of the awards Longton & District Motor Club will NOT send any award to its recipient by any form of delivery service.

1.7.5. The named trophies are and will remain the property of Longton & District Motor Club and are returnable no later than the final round of the following year's championship. The safe return of the trophies is the responsibility of the holder.

1.7.6 Entertainment Tax Liability.

Prize money and Bonuses shall will be presented be posted to the Entrants within 14 days of the annual prize giving dinner.

In accordance with current UK government legislation, the Organiser is legally obliged to withhold income tax at the basic rate (currently 20%) on all payments to non-UK resident sportspersons and entertainers, and to account for this to HMRC using form FEU1, the quarterly return of payments made to non- resident entertainers and sportspersons.

A non-UK resident is defined as someone who does not have a normal permanent residence in the UK. The UK does not include the Isle of Man, Channel Islands or the Republic of Ireland. This means that, as the organiser, the Longton & District Motor Club is required to deduct tax at the current rate applicable from any such payments they may make to non-UK residents.

Under certain circumstances, competitors may apply to HMRC for a reduced withholding tax rate, or for an exemption, if they can demonstrate that the standard deduction exceeds their actual UK tax liability. Such applications must be submitted in writing **at least 30 days before the payment is due.**

For further information contact:- Charities, Savings and International 1, HM Revenue and Customs, BX9 1AU.
Tel: 0300 322 7877

2. SPORTING REGULATIONS - JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

2.1. Rounds

Judicial procedures relating to each round will be held in accordance with NCR Chapter 2.

2.2. Championship

Judicial procedures relating to the championship will be held in accordance with NCR Chapter 2.

3. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

3.1. Eligible Vehicles

ALL vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK General, Technical & Safety Regulations included in NCR 7 & NCR 14. Relevant sections are quoted for each class.

3.1.1. Championship classes: NCR 14.4.13 to NCR 14.4.17 applies to all.

Standard Cars (NCR 14.4.13)

The forced induction equivalence for the Standard car Classes, (SA to SD,) is 1.7 (NCR 13.3.1).

The rotary engine equivalence is 1.5 (NCR 14.4.4.2).

The forced induction equivalence for all other classes is 1.4 (NCR 14.4.4.1).

SA: Standard Saloon Cars up to and including 1400cc

SB: Standard Saloon Cars over 1400cc up to and including 1700cc

SC: Standard Saloon Cars over 1700cc up to and including 2000cc **SD:**
Standard Sports Cars up to and including 2000cc

Road Cars - Series Production (NCR 14.4.14)

1A: Saloon Cars up to and including 1400cc

1B: Saloon Cars over 1400cc up to and including 2000cc

1C: Saloon Cars over 2000cc

1D: 2 & 4 Seater Sportscars up to and including 2000cc

1E: 2 & 4 Seater Sportscars over 2000cc

1F: Lotus Elise and other non-ferrous chassis Cars up to and including 2200cc

1G: Lotus Elise and other non-ferrous chassis cars over 2200cc

Road Cars - Specialist Production Cars (NCR 14.4.14)

2A: Kit, Replica & Spaceframed Cars up to and including 1800cc (car derived engines)

2B: Kit, Replica & Spaceframed Cars over 1800c (car derived engines)

2C: Kit, Replica & Spaceframed Cars (motorcycle derived engines)

2D: Specialist Production Cars that are not eligible for Classes 2A, 2B or 2C

Modified Cars – Series Production (NCR 14.4.15)

- 3A:** Saloon Cars up to and including 1400cc
- 3B:** Saloon Cars over 1400cc up to and including 2000cc
- 3C:** Saloon Cars over 2000cc
- 3D:** 2 & 4 Seater Sportscars up to and including 2000cc
- 3E:** 2 & 4 Seater Sportscars over 2000cc

Modified Cars – Specialist Production (NCR 14.4.15)

- 3F:** Modified Kit, Replica & Spaceframed Cars up to and inc 1800cc (car derived engines)
- 3G:** Modified Kit, Replica & Spaceframed Cars over 1800cc (car derived engines)
- 3H:** Modified Kit, Replica & Spaceframed Cars (motorcycle derived engines)
- 3K:** All Modified Specialist Cars that are not eligible for Classes 3A to 3H

Sports Libre (NCR 14.4.16)

- 4A:** Cars up to 2000cc
- 4B:** Cars over 2000cc

Racing Cars: (NCR 14.4.17)

- 5A:** Cars up to 1100cc
- 5B:** Formula Ford 1600 Racing Cars manufactured before 1 January 1994
- 5C:** Cars over 1100cc up to 1600cc
- 5D:** Cars over 1600cc up to 2000cc
- 5E:** Cars over 2000cc

3.1.2. All vehicles must comply with Motorsport UK Technical Regulations and with the specific regulations for each category/class as specified in NCR 14.

3.1.3. (All classes) Cars shall have a towing point of adequate strength at both front & rear, clearly marked by an arrow and the word "Tow" using a contrasting colour. A suitable point on the roll hoop will generally suffice for open single seater and open sports racing cars.

3.2. Clarifications for Standard Cars & Road Cars

You must be able to produce proof of current UK Road Tax, Insurance and MOT (if age requires it) when requested. Proof of Road Tax will be via DVLA Confirmation of Vehicle Tax or a recent copy of the DVLA enquiry website (www.vehicleenquiry.service.gov.uk). It is the driver's responsibility to prove compliance.

Classes SA to SD must use 2026 Motorsport UK List 1A tyres. Classes 1A to 1F & 2A to 2D may use 2026 Motorsport UK List 1A or 1B tyres. All tyres must comply with NCR 8.4.

All Standard Cars and Road cars must remain in a totally road-legal condition at all times. (NCR 14.4.12)

3.2.1. Classes SA to SD – Standard Cars Conforming to NCR 14.4.13

*These classes are intended to attract new inexperienced competitors driving unmodified cars, as a low-cost entry into the sport. Other than adding FIA/Motorsport UK approved/homologated safety equipment and/or fitting uprated brake friction material, no other modifications are allowed. Any replacement component fitted must be a *Standard Part or a Standard Pattern Part.*

*Restricted to 2 wheel drive cars produced since 1st Jan 2000, minimum production 5000 per annum
NCR 14.4.13.1.1*

Engine: Maximum capacity 2000cc, forced induction equivalency is 1.7 (NCR 14.4.4.1 & NCR 14.4.4.2)

Wheels and Tyres : Standard wheels, and list 1A tyres only, complying with NCR 14.4.13.4.1

** "Standard" means components that were listed in the manufacturer's price list for that model of car.*

3.2.2. **Classes 1A to 1G and 2A to 2D – Road Cars conforming to NCR 14.4.14**

- a) **Tyres:** Tyres must comply with NCR 14.6.1.
- b) **Brakes:** Brake calipers, discs, master cylinder, shoes & pads can be modified. Non-ferrous discs are only permitted in accordance with NCR 7.2.10. Modification of the brake pedal is permitted. The fitting of aftermarket pedal assemblies is not permitted. Anti-Lock braking systems can be removed but cannot be added to a vehicle that does not have one as a manufacturer specified option.
- c) **Suspension:** (As per NCR 14.4.14.7). Strut Braces across the top of the front suspension turrets are allowed but these must be removable and not welded in place.
- d) **Safety;** Pyrotechnic safety devices such as airbags and seatbelt pretensioners may be disconnected or removed

3.2.3 **Class 5B: Formula Ford 1600 Racing Cars manufactured before 1st January 1994.**

Only full sets of the following tyres are to be used:

Cars manufactured before 31.12.1971 – Cooper/Avon Formula Ford Specification ACB9 or Dunlop Historic Formula Ford tyres.

Cars manufactured 1.1.1972 to 31.12.1993 – Cooper/Avon Formula Ford Specification ACB9 or ACB10 tyres.

3.2.4 **All other Technical Regulations** as specified in NCR 14

3.3. General

3.3.1. **Please Note:** Scrutineers and Championship Officials reserve the right to check all 'Road Car' competition vehicles' taxation status via the DVLA website to ensure compliance with championship regulations. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that all data held by the DVLA is accurate for the vehicle being entered into competition.

3.3.2. In presenting a car for scrutineering competitors will be deemed to have accepted the conditions of entry and these Regulations, and agree that the car and personnel within their jurisdiction will comply with the Regulations throughout the meeting. The onus of responsibility for the eligibility of vehicles competing in the Championships rest with the competitor.

3.3.3. A 'Road Car' vehicle' is one that has a current road tax, MOT Certificate (if necessary) and is insured for road use on the dates of the Championship events. Supporting paperwork WILL be examined.

3.3.4. Cars running in the 'Road Modified' classes are defined as Production Cars which may be modified subject to all appropriate Technical Regulations as published in 2026 NCR 7 & NCR 14.

3.3.5. ALL cars MUST comply with current Motorsport UK Noise Regulations, NCR 7.8 & 7.13 Chart 1. It is now a standard requirement of all motorsport venues that Noise Testing is carried out before the start of Practice Runs. Failure to comply within the allowed limits may result in exclusion from the event.

3.3.6. Competition Car Log Books/Vehicle Passports (if required) must be valid and produced if requested.

3.3.7. The Championship Eligibility Scrutineer may conduct random checks at any Championship round.

3.3.8. Any competitor whose vehicle is not self-starting must declare on their entry form the method of operation together with a detailed starting instruction.

3.4 By registering for the Championship all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK's Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (Appendix 1).

3.4.1. Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Championship organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or report the matter to the Championship Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or race bans through to Championship Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.

3.4.2. It is imperative that we promote the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk. In addition to this all participants must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and abusive language and harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any such incidents must be reported to the Championship Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report to Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available at www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre by selecting Policies and Guidelines.

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A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

[Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect)
[#RaceWithRespect](https://twitter.com/RaceWithRespect)

The Values

- Respect
- Fair play
- Integrity
- Good Manners
- Self-Control

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.