

Geneva-Barcelona 2015 Sportscar Challenge

Regulations

1. The Event:

The Geneva-Barcelona is a Five Day Reliability Trial for Specialist, Classic and Production Sportscars. It will take place on the 13-17 September 2015.

2. The Organisers:

The Guild of Motor Endurance are the organisers of the event. Participants classified as finishers will achieve membership to the Guild of Motor Endurance.

3. Provisional Route:

From the French side of Geneva the route heads South through numerous peaks and valleys passing Chambéry and over the Massif Chartreus. From the overnight stop in Grenoble the second day continues South East into a tangled web of serious rally roads including Combe Laval, Lente and Rousset. Day 3 turns East crossing the Rhone Valley into the challenging Ardeche. Day four via Mount Aigoual into the Cevennes and Espinouse to overnight in the Pyrenees Orientales. Day five and the legendary roads of Catalunya lead to the Barcelona Finish.

The route will include some optional sections which may include some unmade roads.

4. Provisional Itinerary:

Sun 1st February 2015: entry list opens.

Fri 28th August 2015: entries close.

Sat 12th September: evening signing-on & scrutineering.

Sun 13th September, 8am: Geneva-Barcelona Start.

Thu 17th September: Geneva-Barcelona Finish.

5. Eligible Competitors:

Maximum of two crew members per car. Entrant must be first driver. The second member of the crew need not be a driver, i.e. navigator only. If both members of the crew will be driving, then both must be licensed and insured to drive the car entered on the public road. Any nationality. A competition licence is not required. Participants must be members, or associate members, of the Guild of Motor Endurance.

6. Eligible cars:

Sportscars and three wheelers.

Hand built sportscars.

Sportscars supplied by a manufacturer in component form for self-assembly. Cars such as Ginetta and Caterham.

Specialist sportscars.

Non-steel bodied sportscars which have been assembled by a manufacturer. Sportscars such as TVR, Lotus, Vauxhall-VX220, Morgan and Smart Roadster.

Classic sportscars.

Pre-catalyst sportscars such as Austin Healey, MG, Jaguar and Triumph.

Production sportscars.

Steel bodied sportscars such as BMW, Mazda and Toyota.

7. Vehicle Requirements:

Mandatory: warning triangle, fire extinguisher, seatbelts, first aid kit and tow rope. Rollover bars are recommended for open cars. A crew intercom should be considered.

Each entrant is responsible for presenting a well prepared roadworthy vehicle at the start. Participants should be suitably competent to maintain their car throughout the event. Scrutineering roadworthy checks may be carried out en route at unspecified times to determine the working order of lights; brake lights; indicators; horn etc. All cars must have a road fund licence, certificate of roadworthiness, (i.e. MOT for UK) and insurance, including a Green Card. Geneva-Barcelona 2015 identification plates and numbers will be provided for each car, these are to be attached at the front, rear and side, and must be visible throughout the event.

8. Entries:

The entry will have a maximum of 30 cars. The entry list will open on 1st February 2015 and close on 28th August 2015. The entry fee is £745 per person (full payment received prior to 31st May 2015). After this date the entry fee rises to

£785. The entry fee includes: five nights bed & breakfast in hotels on the 13/14/15/16/17 September (sun/mon/tue/wed/thu). Hotels are based on two sharing a room. Rally numbers; event organisation; Road Book; souvenirs and awards.

The Organisers reserve the right to accept late entries or refuse entries without giving any reason. An entrant wishing to reserve an entry may do so by forwarding the 'entrant / driver' entry fee only, the 'co-driver / navigator' details and entry fee may follow later. NB. Co-drivers entering after 31st May will not be able to take advantage of the early entry fee discount.

An entrant withdrawing before 31st May will receive a 75% refund. From 1st June – 28th August: 50%. Entry fees are non-refundable after the entry closing date. A Guild of Motor Endurance member introducing a new entrant, who starts the event, will receive a 10% refund of their entry fee.

9. Navigation:

A Road Book giving navigational instructions will be given to each entrant at the start of the event. The route instructions will be straightforward with Tulip diagrams and distances shown in kilometres. A distance measuring trip meter is highly recommended. Brantz trip meters are available at discount for participants (Brantz Tripmeters, Tel: 01625 669366 sales@brantz.co.uk)

10: Maps

As a back up to the Road Book, maps that cover the route are: Michelin 725 National, Southern France 1cm = 10km, 574 Regional Catalunya, 1cm = 4km. By post: MapShop: 01684 593146.

11. Teams Entries:

Teams are invited to enter to demonstrate their combined ability and optimise their resources with spares and assistance. Teams of three cars may enter up to Signing on. There is no team entry fee.

12. Start numbers:

There will be 4 classes divided by engine size: up to 1600cc, 1800cc, 2000cc and over. Daily starting times of improving cars will move forward.

13. Controls:

The event's itinerary will include controls which establish the prescribed route is being followed. There will be a rest period for lunch each day. Any organiser amendments to the route will be given in writing only.

14. Timing:

Timing will be used for the purpose of preventing participants travelling too fast or too slow. The event will be run to scheduled time, i.e. the actual time of day to arrive at a control. The Route Card will give the time of an *imaginary* 'car 0'. Adding your 'starting position each day' to this time will give you your due arrival and departure time at controls.

Reaching as many controls as possible on schedule, together with times on specials, will determine the winners of the Geneva-Barcelona. The decision of the observing marshals will be final.

15. Responsibilities:

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All motor sport is potentially dangerous. The Geneva-Barcelona presents a demanding challenge to participants and uses roads which may be hazardous. Participants should not enter unless they accept that there is an element of risk to themselves and their car. **All cars must slow down when driving through villages and built-up areas.** The onus is on participants to drive carefully and safely at all times, and to stop and rest when tired. The organisers accept no responsibility whatsoever for any accident or injury befalling participants and do not undertake to provide rescue or assistance of any kind. All participants will be required to sign the indemnity at signing-on.

16. Assistance:

Assistance or backup vehicles are not permitted. Crews and teams are required to be self sufficient throughout the event. Every effort will be made by Marshals to follow the route, and where time allows give assistance. Participants should make every effort to extricate themselves from any difficulties encountered. Local services should be called upon for help. Finishing is what matters, having a car repaired for a day and taking the next morning re-start is always an option. The Geneva-Barcelona is primarily about building or preparing a car capable of completing a testing route.

17. Crew names:

Cars must display the name of the driver and co-driver/navigator as stated on the entry form in letters not more than 5 cm high, on each side of the car, just forward of the windscreen. The co-driver/navigators name at the top on the passenger side.

18. Fuel:

Attention should be given to re-fuelling whenever and wherever possible. Refuelling in the lunch hour is not permitted. If spare fuel is carried, it must be in the correct containers and secured. Fuel containers are not to be carried inside the cockpit. The organisers can not be held responsible for difficulties encountered in obtaining fuel.

19. Insurance:

The Geneva-Barcelona is a 'Touring Assembly' and a motorsport competition insurance is not required. Car insurance and vehicle breakdown / repatriation insurance are not included in the entry fee. Personal Travel and Medical Cover are recommended. The Entrant is responsible for ensuring that the car is fully covered by insurance during the event, as required by the Road Traffic Acts of the countries included in the itinerary. Competitors will be asked to sign a declaration, at the start, to this effect. Both members of the crew will also be required to sign a declaration on their entry form indemnifying the organisers from liability.

20. Postponement or cancellation:

The organisers reserve the right to cancel or postpone the event or any part thereof should circumstances arise which make such action desirable or necessary. If the event is abandoned for this or any other reason, the organisers reserve the right to retain a proportion of the entry fee to cover administrative costs incurred to that point.

21. Guild of Motor Endurance Membership:

The highest standard that can be achieved on the Geneva-Barcelona is 'Gold'. To attain the Gold standard participants should reach all controls. Missing one will attain Silver, missing two, Bronze. To be classified as a finisher and achieve membership to the Guild of Motor Endurance, participants will need to finish the event, being the same crew and car that started the event, and reach all 'main controls'.

22. Presentations:

Best overall: the 'Geneva-Barcelona Trophy'.

To the runners-up: a 'Geneva-Barcelona Trophy'.

Also Geneva-Barcelona pewter plates to:

The best in each class and the runners-up.

Goblets to the members of the winning team.

In each case there will be two awards per crew.

Geneva-Barcelona souvenirs to each competitor.

23. Officials:

Clerk of the Course: Peter Davis.

Secretary of the event: Carol Bury.

Marshals: Ben Hall, Dick Tyler, Steve and Denise Cherry.

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