

GYMKHANA CHALLENGE



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Chapter 1: General Rules

1. All Parties engaged with Gymkhana activities must comply with the code of conduct outlined below.

2. Conduct relating to paddock and pits

2.1. Drivers, team members, organizers and related parties shall treat fans with the utmost respect. Every effort should be made to interact with fans and the media in a friendly and courteous manner.

2.2. In addressing fans and related individuals, drivers, team members, organizers and related parties shall refrain from the use of intemperate language as well as ill intended, malicious behavior and conduct.

2.3. The movement of vehicles within paddock areas will be at a speed that ensures the safety of all concerned

2.4. Every effort must be made to ensure safety when undertaking maintenance in pit and paddock areas. Pit and paddock areas must be free of parts, liquid and other litter.

2.5. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only.

3. Course code of Conduct

3.1. The entry by individuals and vehicles into course areas will at all times be subject to the authorization and instruction of the steward and competition officials

3.2. Drivers shall refrain from all conduct and behavior that is deemed unnecessary when driving within course areas

3.3. When a yellow flag is produced on the track, drivers shall reduce their speed accordingly

3.4. When a red flag is produced on the track, drivers shall reduce their speed in preparation of an immediate stop. After confirming the safety of their immediate surrounds, drivers shall stop at the designated area. Drivers shall follow and adhere to course official instructions at all times

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3.5. In the event oil or other liquid spill is anticipated while driving on the track, drivers shall immediately veer away from the driving course, stop their vehicles at a safe area and follow all course official instructions

3.6. No driver, team member or any individual has the right to change the course layout or position of any cone in the course except the Competition Steward or competition officials.

Chapter 2: Race Format/Program

Pre Race

1. Pre registration
2. Entries Open
3. Entries Close

4. Minimum Required entry to conduct the event is 3 Cars per each Category/Class.

(Even minimum entries is qualified it is at the discretion of Oman Automobile Association to Postponed or Cancel either completely or partly)

5. Administrative Checks and Scrutineering.
6. Compulsory Drivers Briefing.
7. Cars entry to the Starting Zone

Race

1. Heat 1
2. Heat 2
3. Top 16 knockout

Post-Race

1. Publication of the final official results
2. Award Ceremony

Chapter 3: Titles

Oman Gymkhana Championship

- 1st
 - 2nd
 - 3rd
- Places overall Trophy

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Oman Gymkhana Championship Class winners (minimum of 3 cars per class/category)

Chapter 4: Eligible Vehicles

All cars will go under control check and must comply with the following:

1. Cars must be a production vehicle (buggies, or any other sort will not be allowed)
2. **No 4x4 or SUV allowed**
3. All cars should be in excellent condition.
4. Chief Scrutineer & the Race Director reserves the right to reject any vehicle at any stage if judged hazardous.

Chapter 5: Designation of Classes

Vehicles will be classified to compete into the following classes and subclasses:

- **STOCK**

Front Wheel Drive (FWD), Rear Wheel Drive (RWD), All Wheel Drive (AWD)

- **Open**

Front Wheel Drive (FWD), Rear Wheel Drive (RWD), All Wheel Drive (AWD)

- **Overall**

- **Women's**

The Officials has the right to create another class or category that deemed beneficial and supporting the championship.

Chapter 6: Class Eligibility

Stock Class Allowances:

Stock Class eligibility is to all production vehicles normally commercialized & registered in conformity with the local traffic authority and has a valid vehicle registration certificate.

- Aftermarket Air filters are permitted only
- Tire treadwear above 210 unless as from OEM (No semi or Slicks allowed)
- Spare tire allowed to be removed only

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Everything else on the car is as OEM from the showroom nothing removed

Open Class Allowances:

- Engine modifications are permitted.
- Suspension modifications are permitted.
- Tire compound free of choice Slicks are allowed
- Race fuel allowed.
- All other modifications are permitted (lightweight, Fiber parts, etc.....)

Any vehicle with insufficient safety features or not complying with the regulations in force shall not be admitted to or shall be excluded from the event.

The officials have the right to re classify a car into another class or category if unfair advantage was seen.

The race officials reserve the right to exclude any vehicle deemed to be unsafe non-compliant with the spirit of the race.

- **Fire extinguishers (2lb/1KG is recommended) with a safe fixture inside the car are mandatory for all classes. FIA onboard Central fire extinguishers are optional for Race class cars).**

Chapter 7: Entries

1. Drivers must be in possession of a current driving license.
2. Driver Must have an OAA racing license in order to take part in the race.
3. Should it turn out, at the time of pre-race scrutineering, that a vehicle does not correspond in its presentation to the group in which it was entered, this vehicle may, upon the proposal of the scrutineers, be transferred by the steward of the meeting to a different group or be refused definitively.
4. The organizing committee reserves the right:
5. To refuse an entry, without having to give the reasons for its decision
6. To cancel the event if the number of the competitors is less than 10 cars.
7. A minimum number of Two (3) starters per class are admitted. Should this number not be attained, the competitors in the class concerned are admitted in the next class up.
8. Double starts (1 vehicle for multi-drivers) are authorized, given that each entry was registered separately.
9. Multi cars for 1 driver is not allowed.
10. In case of an accident, the competitor and /or driver exclude any responsibility of Organizers of the event, as well as the Organizing Committee and pledge to renounce any complaint against them.

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11. Changing/swapping cars between competitors is not allowed during the race (from the beginning of Heat 1).

Chapter 8: Track Sighting & Timed Run

1. The route of the event will be held secret. The drivers will be allowed to walk through the course without any motorized means & have 15 minutes before the start. No trials are allowed. Practicing before the event will lead to the exclusion of the competitor.
2. The total of 2 runs will be held & the best time will be recorded for the results.
3. The clerk of the course based on the decision of the stewards of the meeting may authorize the drivers whom are stopped on the course due to unknown problems to take another start. No complaint will be admitted on this subject.
4. All drivers during the heats should abide by all regulations indicated and the decisions taken by the clerk of the course. Any breach of the rules reported to the clerk of the course and upon the decision of the steward of the meeting could result in the competitor being excluded from the event.
5. Illegal assistance on the track is prohibited.
6. Vehicles, which have broken down along the course, may only be towed away by order of the clerk of the course.
7. Each competitor should finish his/her heat within 3min, otherwise he is disqualified.

Chapter 9: Track Behavior& Flag signals

1. It is strictly forbidden to drive a vehicle across or in the opposite direction to the direction of the race, unless instructed to do so by the marshals or the clerk of the course. Any breach of this regulation shall result in exclusion.
2. If a driver is obliged to stop his heat owing to mechanical failure or other problems, he must immediately park his vehicle away from the track and leave it, and obey any instructions given by the marshals.
3. No celebration of any kind by the competitor or his team is allowed on the track until the race is over. Or a 2 second penalty will be added to the competitor's time.
3. The following flag signals may be used during practice and the race, and must be strictly observed:
 - a. Start flag: National flag/ Green Flag
 - b. Red flag Stop immediately and definitively.
 - c. Yellow flag Danger, slow down.

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4. Flags will be used in the posts of surveillance by the track officials and can be presented steady or agitated.

Chapter 10: Running the event

1. The drivers and their vehicles should be present in the ParcFermé, as per the allocated time in the official schedule. The drivers will be held responsible of a possible disregard of any announced changes in the schedule, which could be decided before the start. No participant will be allowed to enter after gate closed or leave the ParcFermé unless agreed on by the organizer.
2. The drivers and their vehicles should be present in their starting order before ten (10) minutes of their individual starting time. Any breach of this rule will result in the competitor being excluded from the event by the Stewards.
3. The start will take place individually for each driver with the vehicle stationary and the engine running. The minimal interval between the starts will depend on the length of the course.
4. The stewards of the meeting and the clerk of the course are free to modify the starting order according to the circumstances.
5. No vehicle may take the start outside its own Group unless expressly authorized to do so by the stewards of the meeting.
6. Any refusal or delay in starting of more than 1 min shall result in exclusion.
7. Any vehicle may be subjected to final checking by the scrutineers, after the finish.
8. Warming up must be in the designated area and it must be within maximum of 30 seconds only.

Chapter 11: Race Format

The format of the Competition shall be as follows:

1. **Qualification Round.** The Qualification Round of the Competition ("**Qualification Round**") shall consist of all the Competitors each completing two (2) seeding sessions (one (1) on the left Circuit and one (1) on the right Circuit) ("**Seeding Sessions**"). Each Competitor who successfully completes the Seeding Sessions shall be judged in accordance with the Scoring Format to obtain an overall time ("**Time Score**"). The Time Scores for all Competitors who successfully complete the Seeding Sessions shall be placed on a leader board in order of time ("**Leader Position**") with the lowest time ranked as number sixteen (16). The first number one (1) Leader Positions (1st to 16th) in each Class shall progress to the Elimination Round ("**Qualification Round Winners**").
2. **Only 16 Drivers will qualify to the Elimination round**
3. **Elimination Round.** The Qualification Round Winners shall then compete in elimination rounds ("**Elimination Round**"). Competitors shall be paired in accordance with the Knock Out Format. Each pair of Competitors shall then compete in a head to head race on each of the Circuits. Each

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Competitor who successfully completes both Circuits shall be judged in accordance with the Scoring Format to obtain a Time Score to provide them a Leader Position. The Competitor with the highest Time Score shall then be eliminated from the Competition. The process shall be repeated until only one (1) Competitor is left on the Leader Board in each Class and that Competitor shall be named the official winner of the Competition (each a **“Winner”**).

Chapter 12: Penalties

Exclusions:

1. Absence of the crash helmet or safety belt.
2. False information in the entry form.
3. Replacing of driver or in case of retirement.
4. Practicing on the track before the event
5. Displacing or touching of more than 10 cones or barriers
6. Wrong route: or driving in the opposite direction
6. Any offence to the organizers & / or officials of the event

Refused Start:

- 1.No vehicle will be allowed to start if refused by the Clerk of the Course.

Time addition Penalty:

1. Displacement of a cone or any type of barrier on the track: will be penalized of 2 seconds/cone for each mistake, up to 10 cones, then DNF.
 2. Leaving the track such as cutting across a chicane or taking a short cut, DNF.
 3. Hitting a cone or barrier on purpose will result in a DNF.
 4. Three tiers of the track will result in a DNF.
- *The Race Director may decide to implement additional penalties if he deems it appropriate.

Chapter 13: Classifications & Trophies

1. The results will be published after the last competing car finishes its heat.
2. The driver with the least time achieved in one of the three heats will be declared winner.
3. Prizes are awarded to the winners of each class/category ; a minimum of three cars per class/category starting the event is required. A trophy to a class or group will be cancelled if the number of cars is less than 3.
4. In the case of less than 3 cars in a class the bumping up system will apply.

Bumping up system 1:

FWD Stock > FWD Open

RWD Stock > RWD Open

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AWD Stock > AWD Open

Bumping up system 2: (after the same class still can't be filled)

FWD Open > RWD Open > AWD Open

Prizes:

Prize giving shall take place at the finish of the event. Competitors that are not personally present at the prize giving ceremony will lose their right to the prizes that are theirs. Nevertheless, the classification and attribution of the other prizes will not be modified.

Stock Class:

(FWD, RWD, AWD)
First , Second, Third

Open Class:

(FWD, RWD, AWD)
First , Second, Third.

Overall winners:

First , Second, Third.

Super car winners:

First , Second, Third.

Electric car winners:

First , Second, Third.

Women's Overall winners:

First, Second, Third.

The officials have the right to introduce new trophies and awards if deemed fit and healthy for the Gymkhana Cup event.

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