

CHANGES & CLARIFICATIONS to 2009 Alfa Romeo Championship Regs - 2

Under "Registration" 1.4.1 it now states "By registering for the Championship, a driver will have accepted compliance with the current regulations in full"

Under "Races" 3.5.1 the following has been added "A *last lap* board will be shown to all competitors where a race is run to its full distance. All cars competing in the Championship Should be capable of completing a 25 minute race on any circuit"

One important change under 3.7 "Race Stops" is that the minimum distance covered before a result can be declared has been increased by the MSA from 50% to 75%. This means that a 20 minute race that would previously have had a result declared if it had been red flagged after 10 minutes would now have to have run for 15 minutes for that result to be final. Otherwise a re-start will have to take place, the result coming from that re-started race even if it was only run over, say, 6 minutes. However, it has to be stressed that final decisions on this are in the hands of the Clerk of the Course.

Competitors are reminded that under 3.7.4 where a red flag has been shown and the race has passed the 75% mark, the result will be "based on the order crossing the finishing line at one lap less than that at the time of first showing the Red Flag. Only cars which are under their own power at the showing of the Red Flag will be classified".

Wording of the Safety Car Regulations under 3.14 have been re-worded by the MSA.

A new "Stop Go" or "Drive Through" penalty has been introduced under rule 3.15

In the "Technical Regulations" under "Safety Requirements" (5.3) the minimum fire extinguisher capacity has been increased by the MSA from 1.75 to 2.25 litres.

In all classes seats must now have both rear and side head protection. **The side head protection part of the rule will be changed to "very strongly recommended" by a Bulletin before the first race. The change follows discussions with a number of competitors since "Changes & Clarifications" first appeared on the site.**

In Class A, the only addition is under "Engines". 5.7.1 which now states that **"..... the engine block and cylinder head are Alfa Romeo production units in origin"**.

In Class C all reference to diesel engines has been removed.

Under "Suspension" 5.8.1 (C) it now states "Road springs must replicate the shape, number and diameter of the standard springs but they can be shortened and the spring rates may be changed. Springs should fit in the original spring pans".

In 5.8.2 (C) "Coil spring damper units and adjustable spring seats are not permitted. Remote reservoirs for shock absorber fluid are not permitted".

Under "Transmission" 5.9.1 (C) it now states that "any model fitted with the 3.2 litre engine must be fitted with the standard gearbox and final drive as used in 3.2 litre engined cars".

In 5.9.3 wording has been added to clarify the rule. "The use of Q2 Torsen type limited slip differentials is not permitted" in cars with front wheel drive and transverse gearbox.

In Class E there is an important change in that the class is now for "Standard Production 2000cc 4 cylinder 16v Twin Spark" cars only and not, as before, "up to 2000cc" , which would have allowed a 1.8 to compete.

This carries through to the Transmission rule 5.9.1 (E) in that the gearbox must be "as standard for the 2 litre versions of the model to be raced". This clarifies the intention that no 1.8, 1.6 or 1.4 gearboxes should be used in Class E. None of this should change anything for current competitors as everyone has used 2 litre engines and should have fitted 2 litre gearboxes.

There are some additional items regarding the sealing of gearboxes but the details are still being worked on.

It is emphasised in each class that all cars "must have a fully functioning reverse gear".

As mentioned in the recent Competitor Bulletin 1/2009, all Toyo Proxes R888 tyres must now be ordered through the approved Toyo agent - South Shore (Tyres) Ltd and will be marked with the letters "ar" before despatch. This is now part of the Championship Regulations.