

THE WISBOROUGH GREEN 12 HOUR LAWN MOWER RACE
9th August 2014
A29 North of Billingshurst, West Sussex

For this year the process of entering the 12 Hour Race will be different. Please read the following very carefully to ensure you fully understand before entering.

The entry fee will operate on an increasing scale, the sooner you enter the cheaper it will be.

Entries open on the 1st May 2014 and close on the 4th August 2014.

Entry fees are non refundable after the closing date, unless there is a force majeure.

ENTRY FEES 2014

1st May to the 9th June £130.00 per team inclusive of insurance.

10th June to 9th July £145.00 per team inclusive of insurance.

10th July to 4th August £160.00 per team inclusive of insurance.

The preferred method on entry is on the website, www.blmra.co.uk. Further questions may be emailed to.

E: 12hour@blmra.co.uk

HELPERS ROTA

Every team will be required to supply an able bodied person to help set up the event on either, the Thursday, Friday before the event or the Monday after the event.

The person will be required to choose either a morning or afternoon slot. If you are able to help us for longer please do let us know, your help would be gratefully received.

EVENT DEPOSIT

Any teams completing a helpers slot on the Monday may be required to submit an Event Deposit of £100.00. Please bring the cheque or cash when signing on. The deposit will be banked if teams fail to carry out their helpers slot.

12HOUR COSTS

The 12 Hour now costs around £12,000 to organise. The organising team who put the event on, take a weeks holiday and put in up to and over 100 hours of their own time to ensure that the teams have a successful event. Please be polite, courteous and of course helpful.

QUERIES

If you have any queries please contact the 12 Hour team by email 12hour@blmra.co.uk



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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

VENUE: A29 North of Billingshurst in West Sussex

ENTRIES OPEN : 1st May 2014

ENTRIES CLOSE: 4th August 2014

A 12 Hour invitation race for all types of powered self propelled lawn mowers and members of the BLMRA. The event is organised by the British Lawn Mower Racing Association and the race will be run under their Rules and Regulations, including the following Supplementary Regulations. Additional Regulations may be issued. Entry priority will be given to BLMRA members and drivers who have previously competed in this and other BLMRA recognised events. Others may be put on a reserve list.

Please read carefully together with the BLMRA Rules and Regulations (if you do not have a copy, please send a cheque for £3.00 made payable to the BLMRA and an A4 stamped 65p addressed envelope.). Scrutineering will be strict and it will be completely the Entrants responsibility to present a mower that is fully legal. If you are in any doubt about the legality of your mower for the race, please contact the organisers well beforehand.

CLASSIFICATIONS

GROUP ONE	Run Behind
GROUP TWO	Roller driven with a towed seat.
GROUP THREE	Small garden ride on, wheel driven with seat on mower
GROUP FOUR	Wheel driven with engine in the front and covered by an obvious bonnet

AWARDS AND CLASSES

As usual this years race will be run on scratch. There will also be Farmer, Ladies, Standard, Newcomer, Aircrew, Handicap, Journalist and other awards depending on quality and quantity of the entries received by closing day.

LAP COUNTING

Our electronic lap counting system will be in use.

TEAMS and DRIVERS

Three drivers per mower in Gps 2, 3 and 4, (**all drivers on the entry form in Gp2, 3, and 4 must be members of the BLMRA**) Group 1 can have as many as they like or can get! Driver changes can be made as often as you wish, but only in the pits. Drivers in Groups 2, 3 and 4 must be over 18 and must have previous race experience in a BLMRA recognised event, preferably in the last two seasons. If not contact the organisers beforehand.

BUILDING OF PITS and ACCESS TO VENUE

You will not be able to build your pit until the Friday of the race weekend. If you are unable to do this, you will have to seek permission from the race organisers prior to race week.

Each team will be allocated a pit area, with a **4metre frontage**. You will only be allowed one vehicle behind your pit and it will have to fit into the area provided. Two other support vehicles, per pit, may be parked in the paddock. All other vehicles will have to be parked in the public parking area.

ONLINE HELPERS ROTA

All teams will be required to supply one person to work half a day, either a morning or afternoon on the Thursday, Friday and the Monday. This will be on a first come first served basis, upon completing your entry you will be requested to pick your preferred helpers slot.

However we do reserve the right to change your slot, if we feel that we do not have the right type of help on the right days. So please be sensible, you all know what is required, so it would be really helpful to us, knowing what you are capable of, if you could choose an appropriate slot.

CAMPING

Camping is permitted from the Wednesday evening, on the understanding that you may be asked to move later in the week, nor will there be any facilities.

TEAM MARSHALLING

Once the organisers have calculated the marshalling requirements each team will be required to supply a marshal for the required number of sessions. There will be a time chart at signing-on where you will be able to choose the hours that would suit your team. This will be compulsory for all Team Entrants even if you have withdrawn your mower from the race due to breakdown. ***There will be a Marshals Training/Briefing at 17.00hrs on the Saturday and all nominated Marshals will be required to attend.***

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

You will need to provide a large in test fire extinguisher (Dry Powder, CO2 or foam), which will be checked at scrutineering.

MOWERS

Race Numbers

Allocated race numbers must be black, about 6" tall, on a white background. It is in the competitor's own interest to ensure that their numbers are clearly visible for organiser's recognition throughout the race.

Lights

As part of the track will be in total darkness, Gp.2, Gp.3 and Gp4 mowers must have white headlights focused on the ground not more than 30' in front. They must also have two rearward facing red non flashing tail lights, as far apart as possible so as to indicate the width of the machine. Team Managers note: Mowers must have at least one forward light and both rear lights working at all times during the hours of darkness. If you allow your mower to continue regardless, you will be penalised at the Clerk of the Course' discretion.

Transponders

AMB MX transponders must be carried by all mowers and attached in an approved position. You must charge your transponder prior to racing. ***Do not take it of charge until the Saturday morning of the race.*** If you do not have a transponder a limited number will be available for hire at £5 with a £180 security deposit. The hirer will be completely responsible for the return of the transponder in good working order at the end of the race. Mounting clips will be available to purchase at £5 each.

Standard Class

Number of allocated teams will be set at the discretion of the organisers

- 1 This class is open to domestic mowers with an engine of 18hp or less, but only single cylinder.
- 2 Must have ignition cut out and two independent throttle closing devices
- 3 Blades must be removed.
- 4 Tractor cutter decks must remain in place.
- 5 Standard or silenced exhaust.
- 6 4 numbers.
- 7 All mechanical parts must remain standard.
- 8 You must have 4 rear lights, the inboard pair must flash (to distinguish slower moving mower) LED bicycle lights are ideal.

Scrutineering

Mowers must be scrutineered before going out onto the track for Practice. Scrutineering will concentrate on safety and eligibility. You will be issued with a pass, which must be displayed on the mower.

Engines

The BLMRA may check the legality of engines at any point during or after the event. This may involve retaining the engine until it has been examined.

Exhaust/Silencer

All mowers must have a silencer fitted and the tailpipe must point towards the ground and within the footprint of the machine.

Mud Flaps

You will be asked to supply mud flaps at scrutineering which you may be asked to fit if the event becomes muddy.

NOISE CHECKS

Noise checks will be carried out. You may be informed of a particular silencer that meets our criteria (research ongoing)

POST RACE SCRUTINEERING

Post race scrutineering will take place on the placed machines immediately after the race has finished. You will be directed to Parc Ferme.

SAFETY

The Pits are potentially dangerous areas and it will be the entrant's responsibility to keep the area around the pit free from wandering spectators. While our officials will do as much as possible, they are not paid professionals, they are there so that you, the competitor, can have a good event. Please help them as much as you can, so we can keep the race free of accidents.

Children must be kept under control and away from the track area during build up and take down as there will be heavy plant operating.

Everyone entering or attending the race is advised to read the clubs 2013 Risk Assessment document available in the members section of www.blmra.co.uk.

SECURITY

You are responsible for your equipment and vehicles in the paddock and pits area. You, your party, your equipment and your vehicles are present at the event entirely at your own risk.

FM RADIOS

All teams will be required to bring an FM radio. Radio Le Mow will be broadcasting any important announcements and all teams will be required to monitor the airwaves.

MEDIA

If you have been approached by any members of the media, then you must inform the BLMRA prior to the event. Include with your entry form all their details.

AND FINALLY.....

Please get your entry in early, fully completed and accompanied with the correct payments. Remember the sport of Lawn Mower Racing was devised primarily for the benefit of keen, but fun loving competitors. Both the fastest and the slowest are equally welcome. This is an invitation race. The 12 Hour is intended to be a race for teams who enjoy motor sport as much as, if not more than, the chance of winning. Have fun and enjoy!

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