

REGULATIONS

MIGLIA QUADRATO 2009

This is the fiftieth annual Miglia Quadrato, and for past entrants all we need to say is that this year's event will be much the same as usual. This year's route card will simply be the old formula of about 60 clues - all counting towards the score. It is hoped that provisional results will be available at the Finish.

For new entrants: The Miglia requires much of the skill and supplies much of the fun of normal rallying with very little expense. Anything (roadworthy) on four wheels will be serviceable and even your Lamborghini will use little more than a gallon of petrol. The Miglia is an all night "treasure hunt" - without any navigation tricks or rough roads! This year's event will be suitable for newcomers, but still difficult enough to challenge the experts (there will be no "clean sheets"). In addition, most clues - once found - will be easy to read.

The unique quality of this traditional event is that it takes place entirely within the square mile of the City of London, with the knowledge and kind co-operation of the City of London Police. The object is to answer the questions given on the route card, the location of an answer being defined by the map reference attached to each question. If these references are plotted accurately, the answers are easy to find (of course, some are easier than others), and there is thus the fascination of rallying on a 1:10000 scale map (approximately 6 inches to the mile) - on which it is possible to plot within 5 metres or so - instead of the more familiar 1:50000 (1 inch/mile) maps. To encourage newcomers we hope to arrange a team at the start to advise on how to plot references and so on - in fact to answer any questions that you may have.

The Event starts at Midnight on Saturday, May 9th and finishes at 5 a.m. on Sunday. Final Instructions - which will also act as acknowledgement of entry - will be sent to all entrants in the week preceding the event, together with an accurate romer (to plot the references).

1. ANNOUNCEMENT. The fiftieth Miglia Quadrato is a motoring event run under Regulation 5(b) of the Motor Vehicle (Competitions and Trials (England)) Regulations 1969, which is exempt from the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association. However, the general principles and spirit of those Regulations will be applied. A Certificate of Exemption [*permit number: 50834*] is held for this event.

2. START. Will be at Midnight on Saturday 9th May 2009. All competitors must report to the Start by 11.15 p.m. The location of the start will be notified in the Final Instructions.

3. FINISH. Will be near Moorgate between 4.30 and 5.00 a.m. on Sunday 10th May.

4. AREA TRAVERSED. This will be entirely within the City of London boundary and will be defined by a series of eight figure Grid References. These enable points to be plotted within a 10 metre square; e.g. the eight figure reference of the Monument is 329.3 807.6 The points will NOT be given in the best order for visiting them - they may be visited IN ANY ORDER. Since there will be about 60 points, it will be seen that there is no real "route" - only a number of points. These points must be visited to collect the corresponding information. You are not expected to visit all points. *This information will be visible from areas to which the public have general and free access.*

5. ELIGIBILITY. The event is open to all, including past entrants, members of the Invited Clubs, members of the University of London Union, members of unrecognised clubs, and members of the public. Vehicles must be four-wheeled and comply with the regulations for normal road use. Any vehicle considered to be excessively noisy or to appear unsafe or detrimental to the spirit of the sport will not be allowed to start. Your regular family car, or small van, will be ideal for this event - no mini-buses, please.

6. ENTRIES. The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry and to limit the total entry to 120. Entries must reach the Secretary of the Event on, or before, the 2nd May 2009 with the entry fee of £13.00. Late entries will be accepted up to first post of 9th May if accompanied by the late entry fee of £16.00. The Event has been heavily over-subscribed in past years, and so early entry is advised. Entries will be accepted in strict order of receipt.

7. CREWS. These shall comprise one driver and at least one navigator travelling in one vehicle only. An entrant for the event need not form part of the crew, but must be a named individual. We are unable to accept crews comprising more than 6 persons (- we recommend a sensible working maximum of 4). Details of the competing vehicle must be declared to the organisers before the start.

8. OFFICIALS.

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9. AWARDS.

Premier Award: To the nominated driver and navigator of the winning car.
Second Overall: To the second crew (as above).
Two-Crew Awards: To the members of the two best crews containing only 2 members (subject to 20 such entries).
First Class Awards: To the next 10 per cent of entries.

10. EQUIPMENT. 1:10000 Ordnance Survey map TQ38SW - digitally derived data (Landplan February 2008) is required. This map covers all of the City, but actually contains a much larger area of London than is needed for the Event. The organisers can supply high quality, licensed reproductions of the area required at £6.00 per copy. [The required TQ38SW digital print retails at over £70.00.] The organisers will provide accurate romers (divided in fifths - i.e. 20 metres) to plot references. A reasonable (6 volt) torch will be required.

11. MARKING. One point is awarded for each correct entry on the route card. Some questions may be used as tie-deciders, but will not carry extra points. Route cards may be handed in at the finish between 4.30 and 5.00 a.m. without penalty, but for every minute, or part of a minute later than 5.00 a.m. one point will be subtracted from your score (this is a severe penalty - so it does not pay to be late).

12. RESULTS. It is hoped that provisional results will be announced at the Finish, and a full printed list will be sent to all entrants about two to three weeks after the event. Protests may be made to the Clerk of the Course who will probably explain why the protest cannot be upheld.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. It is a condition of entry that entrants (and drivers) sign the standard indemnification on the Entry Form, and that all members of their crews shall sign a similar form at the start.

14. ALL members are expected to remain in close proximity with each other and their vehicle. The copying of questions, damaging the route card, the splitting up of the team, co-operation between teams or assistance from third-parties may result in exclusion. The organisers reserve the right to exclude any team found transgressing the spirit of the event.

15. COMMUNICATION by means of radio transmitters (e.g. Citizen's Band) and/or mobile telephones is expressly forbidden. The use of satellite navigation and GPS is deemed to be outside of the spirit of the event. Any vehicles carrying such equipment shall be so declared at signing-on.

16. EXCLUSION. We wish there to be a Miglia Quadrato again in 2010 and so we ask all competitors not to make too much noise, not to trespass and to observe traffic regulations *particularly with respect to one way streets*. There will be travelling marshals who are empowered to exclude any competitor causing disturbance or violating traffic regulations. The Police have been very co-operative in the past and we intend to retain their goodwill.

17. CLUB REGISTRATION. UHULMC is registered and recognised by the Motor Sports Association for the organisation of motor competitions.

