

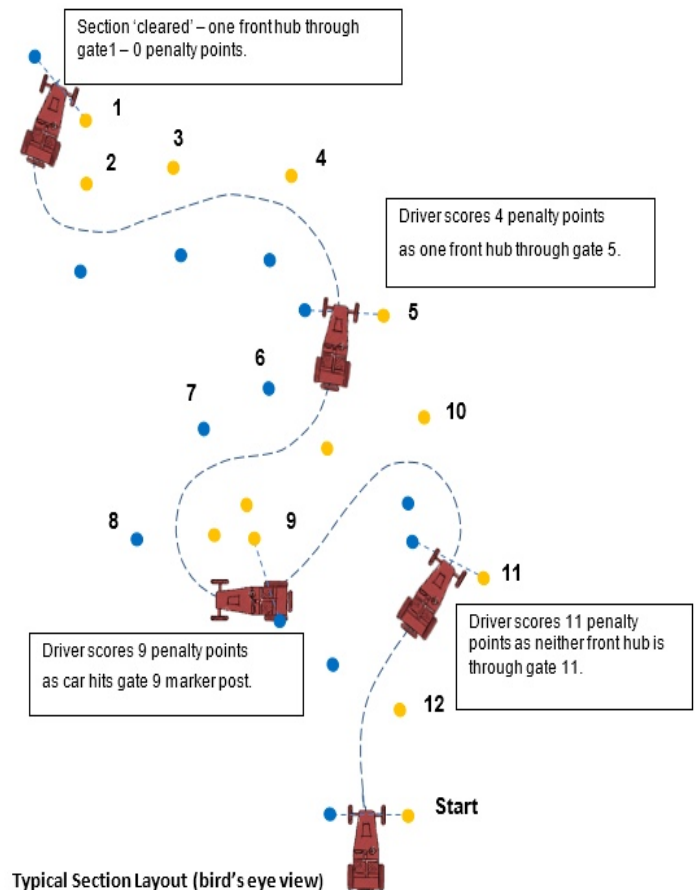
About Sporting Trials

Sporting trials are all about how far you go, not how fast you go. Yet it is an exhilarating and fun motorsport. The object is for competitors to get to the top of each challenging uphill section, driving between numbered gates marked by pairs of coloured poles, in sequence and without touching them, stalling or going backwards. Cars must maintain forward motion.

The gates on each hill are numbered from 12 at the bottom to 1 at the top. Penalty points are given for stopping before clearing the top. Passing the No. 1 gate counts as a 'clear' and zero penalty points. A driver only needs to get the centre of one of the front wheels past a gate to get the next gate's score. The scoring is illustrated in the diagram opposite.

Each purpose-built car has a driver and a passenger. It's the passenger's job to move their weight around the car to help maximise grip and keep it counter-balanced when traversing cross-slopes.

Events typically consist of 3 or 4 rounds of 6 to 8 hills. The winner of the event is the competitor with the lowest overall score. Check out the link to see the action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRdfZ27VDcA>



About Our Club

Northern Phoenix Trials Car Club is the largest dedicated sporting trials club of its kind and offers its members and guest competitors alike, arguably the most scenic and challenging event venues to be found anywhere in the UK. While the Cumbrian Fells around Penrith and Carlisle are the Club's home ground, its programme of events takes in venues in Yorkshire and Scotland too.



In addition to running its own Championship events, Northern Phoenix also organises and hosts national championship rounds for the British Trial and Rally Drivers Association (BTRDA) and the Motor Sports Association (MSA), which is the governing body for all motor sports in the UK. This means that Club members get to compete with and pick-up tips from some of the best drivers in the Country.

Club Members also get the chance to take part in sporting trials, organised by various other motorsport clubs throughout the UK, from Derbyshire to the Cotswolds, Cornwall and Northern Ireland.

Although all motorsport carries inherent risks for participants, Northern Phoenix takes event safety very seriously as evidenced by its health and safety policies, procedures and practices. Consequently, it has an excellent safety record which it requires all members to play their part in maintaining.



Novice drivers and passengers are supported by experienced hands in the Club and a series of guidelines. Event officials are selected for their experience and competence to set safe courses and their ability to scrutinise competitor's vehicles effectively to ensure they are safe to compete.

Club membership fees are very modest, currently only £15 a year. Best of all we're a friendly, helpful bunch and you should feel at home in no time at all.

Go Motorsport – Go Sporting Trials and Join in the Action

If you fancy getting involved or just want to see what it's all about, come along to one of our events and make yourself known to the Secretary of the Meeting who will find you a 'buddy' to explain what's what. Event details and locations can be found on our website: www.nptcc.org.uk.



Join in the Action – Join our Marshals Team

You don't need a trials car to get involved and join in. Marshalling is a great way to get close to all the action and experience the sport at the sharp end. It's also a great way to observe and learn the sport's skills and techniques. If you are 18 or over, preferably with your own transport, why not sign-up for a marshal taster day. No previous experience is required as you'll be paired-up with one of our senior marshals who will show what's involved. **Just submit the form on the Home Page, putting "Marshal Taster" in the message box and we'll be in touch.**

For more information email the Club at: info@nptcc.org.uk

To join the Club, click on the Membership tab at www.nptcc.org.uk