



2018 MINI NATIONALS – ROCKER COVER RACING REGULATIONS

So, what is Rocker Cover racing? It's essentially a Mini engine rocker (valve) cover fitted with four wheels, raced against other people's racers on a wooden ramp. Some examples are shown at the end of this document.

The rules are simple, once you have found a mini rocker cover.

General:

1. This is a fun event: Any person taking it too seriously will be ridiculed and shunned.
2. The judges' decision is final although bribes are greatly received!
3. Constructors wishing to wear racing clothes, fireproof overalls, helmets, etc., do so at their own risk of being laughed at.
4. Any constructor who enters a protest will be automatically disqualified. Oh, that's a bit harsh. Okay, they'll be given a stern talking to, asked to smile more and lighten up a bit.

The Cars: (the rocker cover variety, not the real things)

5. Cars must be recognisably from a Mini engine and have four wheels (either inside or outside the rocker cover).
6. A special class will be established for owners of rocker cover racers, constructed from the rocker cover from a new (BMW) MINI.
7. Cars must not have any form of mechanical propulsion or steering, gravity being the only power source.
8. Weight and dimensions:
 - Length (including any fixtures) – up to 350mm (approx. 14")
 - Width – up to 200mm (approx. 8")
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 - Wheel diameter – up to 130mm (approx. 5")
 - Weight – up to 4kg (approx. 8 pounds) – no weight adjustments allowed between races
9. Sponsorship logos, racing stickers and car names are encouraged but no obscenities please.
10. Wings for downforce, spoilers air dams and other appendages are all permitted so long as they fit in the nominated maximum dimensions of the car. They probably won't do any good but we can all have a good giggle at them.

The Race:

11. There will be heats of 4 racers per heat.
12. The racers will start with their front wheels on the start line. The first racer to have its front wheels cross the finish line is the winner. If no racer makes it to the finish, the one going the furthest distance wins.
13. There is no rule 13 (Superstitious, who me?).
14. Any racer crossing a lane marker shall be disqualified.
15. Winning racers will advance to the next round until all are eliminated except one which becomes the outright winner.
- 16: Cars must have a bumper bar, or external rigid spoiler or fixture, the full width of the car, no more than 40mm above the track and protruding no more than 3cm from the front of the car. This is for starting and timing purposes.
17. Any protest must be lodged with the judge who will remind you of rule 1.
18. There are no more rules. So, get cracking, but above all, have fun! :)

These rules are largely taken from International Mini Meet (IMM) standard rules.

WANT TO COMPETE? HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES

