

The Gordon Bennett Reliability Trials 2022

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Introduction

An event to commemorate the 1903 Gordon Bennett Cup (race) which will take place over the original Gordon Bennett course in Co. Kildare, Ireland, on Saturday 2rd of July 2022 and will be based in Athy.

The 1903 Gordon Bennett Cup, formally titled the IV Coupe Internationale, was a motor race held on 2 July 1903, on the Athy Circuit consisting of closed roads in Ireland. The race consisted of seven laps - alternating for six laps over a shorter circuit to the west of Athy and longer circuit to the East, before a final lap on the longer circuit to make the total distance 327mls (527 km).

Entrants in the 2022 event will declare for any distance they feel able to complete, the distances available being from one short lap (40mls) to any combination of laps up to the seven-lap distance of the original course. Awards will be given to entrants successfully completing their elected distance. A special award will be given to pre 1904 Finishers. Time or speed will play no part in this event.

Regulations.

1. Entries will be open to any pre 1940 (pre-war) powered vehicle to include cars motorcycles etc.
2. All vehicles must be road legal and be in roadworthy condition.
3. To comply with event insurance entrants will be required to produce their driving licence and insurance covering the vehicle being entered
4. The event will take place on open public roads and all laws of the road must be obeyed. The organisers take no responsibility for infringements.
5. Start Times will be decided on the evening of 1st July 2022
6. All distances are in miles.
7. The distance to be declared on entry. Declared distance will range from 1 short lap to a combination of laps up to a maximum of 3 short and 4 long as per original race distance (327mls).
8. Any Entrant intending to complete the full 327 miles must declare this 5 days before the event as special start and finish arrangements may need to be made
9. Any number of drivers per car will be allowed and must be declared at the start.
10. This is a navigation event. No check points or stewards will be used on the course, results will be based on trust.
11. Entries will be divided into different classes based on the year of the vehicle. Within these classes the order will be decided by maximum distance completed.
Time and speed will play no part in the final results.
12. Awards will be given to all entries successfully completing their elected distance.