



**12<sup>th</sup> Mercedes-Benz Classic Star Tour  
10-12 September 2021**

On the 10th of September 2021 the most shining stars will roll out once again to complete an almost forgotten route for two days. The participants of the Mercedes-Benz Star Tour are going to visit Western Hungary this year. Our rolling museum will go through an adventure by visiting the small settlements of Zalai Hills spiced with 1/100 stages and tasks about Mercedes-Benz history. We especially would like to invite the 70-years old 300 (W186) and 220 (W187) models, and also the 60-years old S-class cabrio (W111), which has brought endless glamour for this type in the 135-years old history of Mercedes-Benz.

We can't wait to meet you between 10-12 September 2021, if you would like put your Mercedes- Benz, which is older than 30 years or it is deemed as „classic”, and your skills to the test.



Only original Mercedes-Benz cars and their owners may take part in the two-day rally, in teams of two. The planned distance of 500 kilometres must be completed by the competitors in stages by a predetermined time.

Competitors will be testing their skills and knowledge during the rally with two different tasks: competing in the 1/100 regularity challenge, and answering questions about the history of the brand, Mercedes-Benz cars and models. The various tasks are mixed and will come one after the other during the two-day trip.

The owners of cars produced before 1956 are evaluated separately.

Due to the limit on the number of competitors, the organisers reserve the right to select the entrants, who shall accept the following terms and conditions:

## Participation conditions

### Eligible cars:

Only the following cars may participate in the rally: Mercedes-Benz cars produced before 31 December 1991, or models considered "classic" by the MB Classic Center in Stuttgart.

The applications of the younger models (W126, C124, W124, A124, R129) have to be verified by the organiser.

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**If you are unsure whether your vehicle meets our criteria, but you would like to participate, please send us an e-mail with a photo of your car, and we will let you know in a couple of days whether you can enter the rally.**

The vehicle must have a valid licence and insurance acceptable in Hungary (an appropriate temporary "P" licence plate is permitted). Subsequent modifications faithful to the original design are permitted. Cars with non-genuine modifications, replicas, buses and military vehicles may not enter the competition. Applicants shall send the entry form by e-mail, along with a photo of their car (at least 500 kB) in jpg format. The race numbers and labels provided by the organisers must be placed on the vehicle for the duration of the competition. These signs may not be cut or torn.

To ensure a level playing field, competitors of the 12<sup>th</sup> Mercedes-Benz Classic Star Tour may not use electronic navigation systems (GPS). Mechanical and electronic devices may be used to measure time and distance, with the exception of pacing instruments and special stopwatches.

### Discounted entry fee:

Until 31st July 2021, the entry fee for a team (car and two people): **HUF 200.000 + VAT (27%)**

### Entry fee:

Paid between 1st and 23rd August 2021, the entry fee is **HUF 230.000 + VAT (27%)**

### **Mercedes-Benz cars produced before 1956 may enter the rally with a discount!**

Until 31st July 2021, entry fee for cars produced before 1956 (car and two people): **HUF 100.000 + VAT (27%)**

Paid between 1st and 23rd August 2021, the entry fee is **HUF 230.000 + VAT (27%)**

The entry fee includes the following:

- Participation in the rally for 2 competitors and 1 car
- Race number, roadbook, documentation
- Competitors' package
- Competition prizes
- Light breakfast on Friday before the start, then lunch and a hearty dinner
- Hearty breakfast, lunch, and gala dinner on Saturday with wine tasting and prize-giving ceremony
- Accommodation for 2 nights, Friday and Saturday, in twin rooms in the Park Inn by Radisson Hotel & Spa Zalakaros
- Buffet breakfast in the hotel on Sunday

Fee for accommodation of additional participants in separate rooms

**HUF 100.000 + VAT/person**

Extra charge for a single room

**HUF 40.000 +VAT/person.**

Participation for children between 0-5,99 years of age (with extra beds in parents' room)

**HUF 20.000 + VAT/person**

Participation for children 6-11.99 years of age (with extra beds in parents' room)

**HUF 35.000 + VAT/person**

Participation for children 12-17.99 years of age (with extra beds in parents' room)

**HUF 50.000 + VAT/person**

Participation for children above 18 years of age (with extra beds in parents' room)

**HUF 60.000 + VAT/person**



#### How can you enter:

Please send us the online entry form by the deadline (23 August 2021). The entry form is published on the website of the competition ([www.mercedes-benz.hu/csillagtura](http://www.mercedes-benz.hu/csillagtura)). The application is considered valid when the entry fee has been transferred to the specified bank account. It will then be confirmed by e-mail by the organisers and the team's car is published on the website. When the organisers receive the entry fee, they will issue an invoice and post it to the specified invoicing address.

The services included in the entry fee cannot be divided. It is only possible to replace a registered vehicle or assign the entry to another person with the written permission of the organisers. Submitted requests for changes are evaluated by the organisers separately.

Bank account number: Chronomoto Kft., 11600006-00000000-05321335 (Erste Bank)

In the comment section of the bank transfer, please write: "12<sup>th</sup> Classic Car Rally", and the name of the entrant.

Only the cars and people registered may participate in the rally.

#### Cancellation conditions:

- Until 10 July 2021 (discounted entry deadline): entries can be cancelled without any deduction by the organisers
- Until 10 August 2021: entries can be cancelled with reimbursement of 50% of the entry fee
- After 11 August 2021, we cannot return the entry fee

**If we cannot hold the event because of the regulations on the original date, we will reimburse 100% of the entry fee, even if we can organise the event on a later date.**

Liability:

The organisers shall not be liable for any kind of personal injury or material damage during the competition. Drivers and their passenger(s) shall be fully liable for any damage that may occur. All participants must follow the rules of the road on the specified route. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify the team if they severely violate those rules.

Press releases:

Competitors accept that images and written materials prepared during the competition (list of results, names, interviews, etc.) are the exclusive property of the organiser, who can use said materials for press releases as well as for documentation and marketing purposes in the future, without limitation, and without prior notification sent to the competitor.

Competitors may not make any material or moral claim to the organiser in connection with usage of the images and written materials.

Further information and entry: [www.mercedes-benz.hu/csillagtura](http://www.mercedes-benz.hu/csillagtura)

**Entry deadline: Monday,23 August 2021**



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Mercedes-Benz Classic Car Rally is a regularity and skill-based competition for classic cars and their owners. The event is based on Hungarian rules of the road, compliance with the average speeds specified by the organisers, and solving tasks. The exact route of the race and the location of the stages and tasks are included in the roadbook, which competitors will receive at registration. The organisers will inform participants about any changes verbally, on an information board, in text messages or in writing.

### **General rules**

Driver and their navigators may switch roles during the race, but the teammates will always be listed in the documents (start list, results list) in the order of entry. Other passengers registered for the race may also travel in the car, but the car may only be driven during the race by the two people nominated on the entry form.

In the event of a technical problem the team may change cars, if the new car also meets the technical requirements, but in this case the drivers' results will only be included in the daily result list, they will not be included in the final results. The team may only change cars with the approval of the organisers.

### **Electronic measurement devices**

Participants may use digital stopwatches and built-in digital tripmasters (distance meters), but it is forbidden to use any other navigation systems (GPS) or pacing equipment. The marshals may check this anywhere during the race. There are no restrictions on use of mechanical devices.

### **Entry**

There is a mandatory entry deadline for the race.

Any changes in the entry data shall be notified to the organisers no later than at the registration.

If a driver does not arrive with the car nominated on the entry form, and the years of the cars are not identical, the start position and the race number may change.

### **Registration**

The driver is obliged to attend the registration at the race location. The cars entering the race must have a valid registration certificate (or a temporary licence plate usable without limitation), valid third-party insurance, and the drivers must hold a valid driver's licence. The organisers may examine these documents. The entrants will receive their race numbers, the mandatory advertisements and the roadbook at the registration, as well as all information documents regarding the race.

### **Race numbers, additional signs**

The race numbers and labels provided by the organisers must be placed on the vehicle for the duration of the competition, without change and in their full size. The sponsors are in a contractual relationship with the organiser, therefore it is not permitted to display an individual sponsor on the cars without the organiser's approval.

### **Competitors' briefing**

The organisers will give an oral presentation about the race and its rules. It is recommended that the drivers take part in the briefing, but not obligatory. The rules disclosed in the briefing are binding for all participants during the race!

### **Roadbook**

This contains the route of the race. It lists all junctions on the route, except those at which drivers must follow the main road. It may include railway crossings, town signs, traffic lights or other objects as landmarks.

### **Time card**

The time card is the official document of the drivers during the rally. Competitors receive the time card at the start of the race. Marshals write the arrival times and competitors collect the stamps of the checkpoints in their respective order.

### **Brand history quiz sheets**

The quiz sheets must be used according to the instructions of the organisers. Generally, one sheet must be filled in between two checkpoints. The referee may overrule this and a question may have to be answered on the spot.

### **Brand history question sent via text messages**

Questions about the history of the brand may be received in text messages. In this case, the time for sending back the answer may also be relevant.

## **ABOUT THE RACE**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Mercedes-Benz Classic Car Rally has two parts. Competing in the 1/100 regularity challenge, and answering questions about the history of the brand, Mercedes-Benz cars and models. The two parts are

evaluated separately, but the tasks themselves are mixed, and sometimes embedded in each other.

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## **1/100 RACE**

Regular stages (legs)

Competitors must drive according to the predetermined average speed during the whole competition. There are different average speeds specified for the different stages, which can be observed without ever breaking the rules of the road.

The required time for each stage (calculated based on the length of the stage) is included in the time card.

A regular stage (leg) is the route between two timed checkpoints (TC). The area of the timed checkpoint is marked by a yellow board with a clock symbol. The location of the TC is shown on a red board placed 20-50 metres from the yellow board. The TC area ends 10 metres from the red board.

The line of the yellow board may be crossed one minute before the prescribed time. The car may then approach the checkpoint. For example, if the required time is 14:35, then cars may approach the checkpoint from 14:34. At the timed checkpoints, the time clocked in at the checkpoint is written on the time card. The times of the stages are specified to an accuracy of one minute.

If a team arrives earlier or later to the checkpoint, they receive penalty points as follows:

### Late arrival:

100 points per minute, but no more than 2000 points at each checkpoint.

It is not permitted to make up for a late arrival in one leg during another leg of the competition.

### Early arrival:

100 points per minute, but no more than 2000 points at each checkpoint.

(If the time card is not handed over in one minute this is also considered an early arrival, which the marshals shall record)

### **Example:**

If the required time is 14:35, then the time card must be handed over between 14:35'00 and 14:35'59. Any deviation from this time will result in penalty points.

Required time:	14:35
The timed checkpoint area may be approached	from 14:34.00
Handover of the time card without penalty points	from 14:35'00 to 14:35'59

The marshals record the time of arrival on the time card. The participants then leave the TC without delay, and drive to the next TC or to the start of the 1/100 leg.

The arrival time for the stage is the start time for the next stage, unless the stewards decide otherwise.

The checkpoints open 15 minutes before the arrival of the first car, and close 20 minutes after the last expected time. A delay of 15 minutes per day is permitted.

Any arrival to the checkpoint outside that timeframe results in 2000 penalty points per checkpoint. This is equal to the penalty points for missing a timed checkpoint (TC).

### **1/100 stages (1/100)**

The prescribed times for these stages are included in the time card. There is a drawn route map in the roadbook.

The 1/100 legs are measured between two timing gates to an accuracy of one hundredth of a second

compared to the set time. Any deviation of a hundredth of a second results in 1 penalty point. The maximum penalty for missing the time is 500 penalty points. The 1/100 legs are on the route of the timed checkpoints, their area is marked with a red flag or a flag symbol, and they must be completed by the predetermined time. It is forbidden to stop after passing the yellow board. The distance after the yellow board must be completed without stopping. Stopping results in 500 penalty points. In other words, the moving car shall pass the timing gate positioned at the red flag sign, and then continue the rally immediately to the next timed checkpoint.

### Leaving the track

In the slalom course, cars may not leave the designated track, miss gates or knock over traffic cones, as those actions result in penalty points.

In the case of a dual task, the second timed stage starts upon crossing the first timing gate, and ends at the third timing gate marking the next finish line. For such tasks, the maximum number of penalty points

possible for completing the task incorrectly is 500 in each timed stage. In longer stages, cars may be started by the minute, without timing gates.

### **Checkpoint (CP)**

In longer stages there are additional pass-through checkpoints. At pass-through checkpoints the order of arrival compared to the start is not relevant, the marshals only register that the driver has checked in. The pass-through checkpoint is marked by a stamp symbol on a red control board. The area of the checkpoint is 10 metres before and after the checkpoint. Several pass-through checkpoints may be set up along the course. Their stamp must be placed in the boxes of the time card from left to right. It is also considered a mistake if the stamps are not in the correct order, or if one stamp is placed on the time card more than once.

### **Penalty points**

Early or late arrival to a TC, per minute or part thereof	100 points
but no more than	2000 points
Missing a timed checkpoint (TC)	2000 points
Missing a pass-through checkpoint (CP)	200 points
Non-completion of or missing a 1/100 leg	2000 points
Deviating from the target times of the 1/100 legs per hundredth of a second	1 point (max 500 points)
Stopping or reversing in a 1/100 stage	200 points
Missing gates, missing the route or knocking over cones on a slalom track	100 points

### **Evaluation of the 1/100 challenge:**

The total penalty points of a competitor on the 1/100 stages are calculated from the mistakes during the stage (early or late arrival), the points received for inaccurate completion of the 1/100 stages, and the points received for other mistakes in those stages. The stage where the driver collected the most penalty points can be discarded (along with the penalty points), so the penalty points of that stage are not added to the final score.

### **SKILL-BASED AND BRAND TRIVIA CONTEST**

A contest based on various tasks included in the roadbook or handed out during the rally. The final score will be the total points collected in the various tasks.

Possible topics for the quiz

- 1 History and Hungarian aspects of the Mercedes-Benz brand and the history of automobiles in general
- 2 Events of Mercedes-Benz Classic Car Rallies

3 History and fun facts of the Mercedes-Benz car factory

