



## Bidding for a National Event

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### Introduction

This factsheet details how to bid for a National Event. More detailed information is available in the 'How to Run a Rally' factsheet and 'How to Run a Ball' factsheet. Before considering bidding for a National Event clubs should have a look at the 'National Events' Policy Document to ensure they are prepared for the requirements of hosting a National Event.

### What is a bid?

A bid quite simply is a short piece of information stating your wish to be considered to run one of the National SSAGO Events (either a rally or the ball).

These need to be with the SSAGO Chairperson by midnight the night before the AGM (or the time specified by the Chairperson if different from this). They should be given in writing to the SSAGO Chairperson.

A bid should clearly state which club/collective of members you are, which event you are bidding for (spring, summer or autumn rally or the ball) plus if it is a rally bid the theme of the rally.

### Putting a bid together

Bids should be thought about before the rally that is hosting the AGM in order to make them convincing. It is sensible to talk within the club about the bid to ensure there is club support for the event.

If bidding for a rally it is worth having at least one potential campsite that has been checked out to be able to name at the AGM. The theme should be well thought out and local attractions need to be noted in order to 'sell' your event.

If bidding for the ball it is worth checking out a few local hotels before putting in your bid to have an idea of cost and likely location (i.e. in town or on the outskirts).

### Presenting the bid

This is an important part of the process as 'selling' your bid to members is the way to secure votes. There is no point in lying when presenting a bid as this will only come back to haunt you should you be successful!

Be honest, have reasons why your location is superb for rally/ball, know your stuff about local attractions and ease of transport links. Be prepared to answer questions thrown at you by the members, they want to know that you will put on a great event for them!