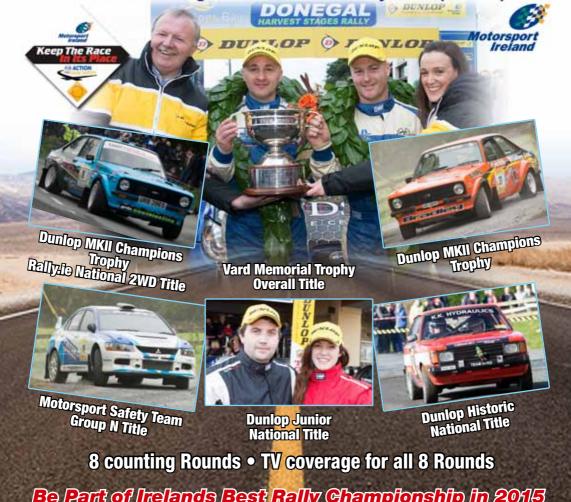


NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

2015 TRITON SHOWERS NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
Ireland's leading National Tarmac Rally Championship



Be Part of Irelands Best Rally Championship in 2015

DEDICATED CHAMPIONSHIP WEBSITE:

www.nationalirishrallychampionship.com

Event Information

Round 1: Birr Stages Rally Sunday February 22nd

Round 2: Midland Stages Rally Sunday March 29th

Round 3: Monaghan Stages Rally Sunday April 26th

Round 4: Circuit of Munster Stages Rally Sunday May 31st June Bank Holiday weekend

Round 5: Raven's Rock Stages Rally Sunday June 28th

Round 6: Sligo Stages Rally Sunday July 12th

Round 7: Galway Summer Stages Rally Sunday August 30th





NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

On behalf of the Triton Showers National Championship Committee we would like to welcome you to the 2015 Triton Showers National Rally Championship and we hope you and your team have a successful and safe championship.

This is the beginning of a new chapter in Irish Rallying and we are delighted to welcome Triton Showers as the new Championship Sponsors for 2015. We wish to thank Kevin Barrett and the Triton Team for their support for Irelands Leading Tarmac Rally Series. To begin this new chapter we are delighted to announce the addition of a Power Stage (as seen on WRC Events) to all rounds for 2015 this we feel will add a new and exciting finish to the Series

The format of the 2015 championship will consist of 8 one day events with competitors counting their best 6 events.

Over the last three years we have seen the exciting addition of the Mark 2 Escort National Championship trophy, which has seen Ireland's first three National Mark 2 Champions Crowned. The format will remain the same for 2015 with competitors counting their best 5 scores out of the 8 events, All scores are on an overall basis, while still being able to compete in their various classes.

Again the National Historic Category will take place. This format will remain the same for 2015 with the historic competitors being seeded in the main field competing on the first 6 stages of each event. Historic competitors will count their best 4 scores from the 8 events.

Triton Showers believe in supporting our Junior Competitors and as a result the National Junior Champion for 2015 will receive a Tyre Deal worth 2000 euro complements of Triton Showers.

In addition the winner will go forward to the interview process for the Billy Coleman Award and Complements of Brendan Kelly of Kelly's

Toyota Donegal the Junior Winner will get a test in the Toyota GT86 R3 Rally Car

The Championship will also present the First Group R Cup for the highest overall placed Group R Car in the Championship for 2015

We would like to thank and acknowledge Triton Showers and Kevin Barrett, the eight organizing clubs, Motorsport Ireland and the Motorsport Commission under President Joe Corcoran. The Rallies committee under Chairman Ger Healy, On the limit sports team (Mick Bracken) for all their help in putting a package together to ensure we have TV coverage for all 8 events of the 2015 championship to be broadcast in Ireland on TG4. Setanta Sports, Irish TV and across Europe on Motors TV and Sky Sports.

Thanks to the Motorsport Safety Team (Aiden Harper) & Rally.ie (Brian Duggan) for their continued support of the Group N and 2 Wheel Drive Awards.

We thank you the competitor for choosing the Triton Showers National Rally Championship as your preferred choice for 2015 and we look forward to working with all competitors during the year.

Finally keep Saturday Night November the 21th free for what is now regarded as the Motorsport Awards Presentation of the year, so make it a date.

Keep up to date with all the latest events, dates, news, results, reports and photos online at our championship website www.nationalirishrallychampionship.com Follow us on Facebook at "Triton Showers National Rally Championship Group and Page, and on Twitter @NRC_Stages

Regards from the Championship Committee

Chairman Richard Talbot
Registrar Laura McMenamin
Kevin Barrett, Billy Collins & Aidan Kelly
Associate Committee Members
Brendan Flynn & Cynthia Fuery

Round 1 Birr Stages Rally 22nd February

Club: Birr & District Motor Club

HQ: Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Cork Road, Abbeyleix, Co Laois

HQ Contact Details 057-8730111 www.abbeyleixmanorhotel.com

Clerk of the Course: Bill Ryan

Contact No: 087-9194949

Event Secretary: Clodagh Heenehan, Woodlands, Barrymore, Athlone, Co Roscommon.

Contact No: 087-9117707

Club Website: www.birrmotorclub.com. www.facebook.com/birrmotorclub.

No. of Stages: 9 (3x3)

Event PRO: Ronan shanahan Contact No: 086-0615869

Email: ronanshanahan21@gmail.com

Entries Open: 12th January
Entries Close: 11th February

Service: Campions Concrete, Borris-on-ossory, Co Laois.

Scrutiny: Oliver Stanleys Service Station, Cork Road, Durrow Co Laois.

Event launch: Sunday 8th February at the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel 3pm

Round 2 Midland Stages Rally 29th March

Club: Midland Motor Club

HQ: Abbey Hotel, Galway Raod, Co Roscommon

HQ Contact No: 090-6626240

Clerk of the Course: Jermey 0' Connor

Secretary: Josephine Lane-Flynn

Club Website: www.midlandmotorclub.com

No. of Stages: 9 (3x3)

Event PRO: Mark Finneran
Entries Open: 18th February
Entries Close: 18th March

Event Sponsor: Abbey Hotel & Caseys Topaz



ROUND

Round 3 Monaghan Stages Rally 26th April

Club: Monaghan Motor Club

HQ: Hillgrove Hotel, Armagh Road, Co Monaghan

HQ Contact No: 047-81288 Clerk of the Course: Brendan Flynn

Contact No: 00353 (86) 325 2208

Secretary: Cora Maguire

Club Website: www.monaghanmotorclub.net

No. of Stages: 9 (3x3)

Event PRO: Matthew McMahon

Email: mattyomac55@yahoo.co.uk

Entries Open: 15th March
Entries Close: 15th April
Event Sponsor: Hillgrove Hotel



Round 4 Circuit of Munster Stages Rally 31st May

Club: Limerick Motor Club

HQ: Deebert House Hotel, Kilmallock, Limerick

HQ Contact No: 063 31200
Clerk of the Course: Kieran Ambrose
Contact No: 087-7943182
Event Secretary: Elaine Shinnors
Contact No: 087-8221067

Club Website: www.limerickmc.ie

No. of Stages: 9

Entries Open: 20th April Entries Close: 20th May



Round 5 Ravens Rock Stages Rally 28th June

Club: Carrick-On-Suir Motor Club

HQ: Dooley's Hotel, On the Quay, Waterford

HQ Contact No: 051-312900
Clerk of the Course: Billy Collins
Contact No: 085-1740623
Entries Secretary: Niamh Neville
Contact No: 086-8322246

Club Website: www.carrickonsuirmotorclub.com

No. of Stages:

Event PRO: David Walsh
Contact No: 087-6979112
Entries Open: 17th May
Entries Close: 17th June

Event Sponsor: Waterford City & County Council, Suirway Group &

Dooleys Hotel & Associated Sponsors

Launch Date: 15 May (TBC)

Round 6 Sligo Stages Rally 12th July

Club: Connacht Motor Club

HQ: Sligo Park Hotel
HQ Contact No: 071-9190400
Clerk of the Course: Robert Lyttle
Contact No: 087-4184993
Entries Secretary: Jackie Corcoran
Contact No: 086-8675038

Club Website: www.connachtmotorclub.com

No. of Stages: 9 (3x3)

Event PRO: Padraic Boylan Contact No: 086-8458894 Entries Open: 1st June

Entries Open: 1st July
Entries Close: 1st July

Event Sponsor: Sligo Park Hotel



ROUND

Round 7 Galway Summer Stages Rally 30th August

Club: Galway Motor Club

HQ: TBA HQ Contact No: TBA

Clerk of the Course: Mark Parsons Contact No: 087 7679 712

E Mail mark@galwaymotorclub.ie

Entries Secretary: Niamh Bent Contact No: 087 9444 110

Email: secretary@galwaymotorclub.ie

Club Website: www.galwaymotorclub.ie

No. of Stages: 9 (3x3)

Event PRO: Sean Hassett Contact No: 087 6921 089

Email: sean@retrostock.ie

Entries Open: 19th July Entries Close: 19th August

Event Sponsor: TBA

Event Launch: 24th July



Round 8 Skibbereen Stages Rally 25th October

Club: Skibbereen & District Motor Club HQ: Westlodge Hotel, Bantry, Co Cork

HQ Contact No: 027-50360
Clerk of the Course: Ger Hayes
Entries Secretary: Jo Hayes

Club Website: www.skibbdcc.com

No. of Stages: 9 (3x3)

Event PRO: Niall O'Sullivan
Contact No: 086-3831187
Entries Open: 14th September
Entries Close: 14th October
Event Sponsor: Westlodge Hotel
Event Launch: 26th September





Triton Showers Drive of the Event for 2015

A Triton Showers drive of the event will be presented on each round of the Championship for Registered Competitors that complete the entire event. The Championship Registrar will present this Award at the finish ramp at each event. Drive of the Day winner is decided by "fastest Time by a selected class on a selected stage" and the winner gets a Triton Rally Shower as a prize. The shower is called a Triton Rally Shower.

At the conclusion of the Championship one crew will be selected as the Drive of the Championship for 2015 from the eight event winners during the year.



The winner will be announced and presented with the Drive of the Championship Award at the 2015 Awards Ceremony.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR - POWER STAGE

This stage shall:

- Be the last stage of the rally.
- Be run as a stage of the event for all classified competitors.
- Attribution of 'Power Stage' points.
 Points will be awarded according to the scale as described in Art. 5.1.4.

For the purpose of allocating points, the Power Stage Classification shall be calculated using the stage time plus any other time penalty accrued on this stage, including any false start penalty.

To score points, a crew must be classified in the Final Official Classification of the rally and must be registered for the championship If the Power Stage is definitively stopped before the Top 20 Crews have had the opportunity to complete the stage, the Championship Registrar may decide that no points are awarded for the Power Stage.

The points for the top 3 Championship Registered Crews classified on the Power Stage will be as follows.

The Stage Winner will receive 3 points

2nd Place gets 2 points

3rd Place gets 1 point

2015 Triton Showers National Junior Rally Championship

Junior Winner will receive

- 1 A Tyre Deal compliments of Triton Showers worth 2000 Euro
- 2 A test in the Toyota GT86 R3 Rally Car complements of Brendan Kelly of Kelly's Toyota Donegal

The winner will go forward to the interview process for the 2015 Billy Coleman Award.

- 1 Competitors can compete on all 8 events from the rounds listed
- 2 Competitors can count their best 4 scores
- 3 Drivers must be under 26 on the 1st January on the year in which the event takes place
- 4 Competing in a Group N or Group A car up to 1600cc or in a modified car up to 1650cc
- 5 Competitors will compete on last six stages on each event, starting on stage 4
- 6 No regions required

Events

1:	Birr Stages Rally	February 22nd
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8:	Skibbereen Fastnet Stages Rally	October 25th

2015 Triton Showers National Historic Rally Championship

- 1 Competitors can compete on all 8 events from the rounds listed
- 2 Competitors can count their best 4 scores
- 3 Competitors will compete in Class 18/19 (See Appendix 29.1)
- 4 Competitors will compete as part of the main field on the first six stages on each event.
- 5 No regions required

Events

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TRITON SHOWERS NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1.

1.1. FORMAT.COUNTING EVENTS IN THE **2015**CHAMPIONSHIP

22nd February Birr Stages Rally 29th March Midland Stages Rally 26th April Monaghan Stages Rally 31st May Limerick Circuit of Munster Rally 28th June Ravens Rock Rally Sligo Stages Rally 12th July 30th August Galway Summer Rally Skibbereen Stages Rally 25th October

- **1.2.** Best performance in 6 out of 8 events will count. Juniors: Best performance in 4 out of 8 events only will count. Historic: Best performance in 4 out of 8 events to count.
- 1.3. Events are arranged into 2 regions. To qualify for a championship award competitors must register for and start a minimum of four events, at least one of which must be in each region. A fee of €10 per crew per event will be charged and will be included in the entry fee for each event.
- **1.4.** The following will be regarded as the two regions:

Region One: Midland, Monaghan, Sligo, Galway. Region Two: Birr, Limerick, Ravens Rock, Skibbereen

ARTICLE 2.

2.1. CLASSES.

The Championship will include the following classes:

Class 1

Group N up to 1600 cc (Previously N1 & N2); R1 (up to 1390 cc - VR1A); R1 (1390 to 1600 cc - VR1B).

Class 2

Group A up to 1600 cc (Previously A5 & A6); R2 (1390 to 1600 cc - VR2B); Kit cars up to 1600 cc; Group N 1601 to 2000 cc (Previously N3).

Class 3.

Group A 1601 to 2000 cc (Previously A7); R2 (1600 to 2000 cc - VR2C); R3 (atmospheric 1600 to 2000 cc - VR3C); R3 (Turbo up to 1620 cc nominal - VR3T); R3 (Diesel up to 2000 cc nominal - VR3D); Super 1600 cars.

Class 4

Group N over 2000 cc (N4 FIA Appendix J 254).

Class 5.

Group R4 (Appendix J 260); Group R5; S2000 Rally (2.0 Atmospheric).

Class 6.

All cars homologated in FIA R-GT.

Class 7

Group A over 2000 cc (Previously A8); WRC (1.6T); WRC (2.0T); S2000 Rally 1.6T 30 mm Restrictor (also known as Regional Rally Car -RRC).

Class 8. TBN.

Class 9.

Modified cars up to 1450 cc, 2 wheel drive.

Class 10.

Modified cars 1451 to 1650 cc, not more than 2 valves per cylinder, 2 wheel drive.

Class 11F.

Modified FWD cars 1451 to 1650 cc, more than 2 valves per cylinder.

Class 11R.

Modified RWD cars 1451 to 1650 cc, more than 2 valves per cylinder.

Class 12.

Modified cars 1651 to 2100 cc, not more than 2 valves per cylinder, 2 wheel drive.

Class 13.

Modified cars 1651 to 2100 cc, more than 2 valves per cylinder, 2 wheel drive.

Class 14

Modified cars 2101 to 3500 cc, 2 wheel drive. (Max 2 valves per cylinder over 3000 cc).

Class 15.

Four-wheel drive cars whose homologation has expired. See notes 3 & 5.

Class 16.

Juniors (see Appendix 29.1 Article 21).

Class 17.

TBN.

Class 18.

Historics - See Articles 17-19, Appendix 29.1.

Class 19.

Historics - Appendix K.

Class 20.

Modified 4 Wheel Drive Cars (4WD) See note 16 on classes.

For further details on requirements for cars in classes 1 - 7 refer to www.fia.com Appendix J articles 252 - 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R).

2.2. Notes on Classes.

2.2.1. These classes must be included in all Championship events but Clubs may subdivide them if they so wish andlor include additional classes subject to the overall limitation that Clubmans cars are restricted to a maximum engine capacity of 3500 cc.

See also 'Notes on Classes', Appendix 29.1.

ARTICLE 3.

3.1. AWARDS.

1st Overall

Driver: Cecil Vard Trophy (perpetual)

and replica.

Co-driver: Noel Smith Trophy (perpetual)

and replica.

2nd Overall

Driver: Trophy.

3rd Overall
Driver: Trophy.

Co-driver: Trophy.

Co-driver: Trophy.

RALLY.IE NATIONAL TWO WHEEL DRIVE

To the driver achieving the highest overall placing in a two wheel drive car, the best 6 scores from 8 to count.

Winners of the above award are eligible for overall but not for class awards.

NATIONAL GROUP R AWARD

To the crew achieving the highest placing in the overall standings using only points scored in a Group R car. The best 6 scores from 8 to count.

MOTOR SPORT SAFETY TEAM NATIONAL GROUP N AWARD

To the Driver achieving the highest placing in the overall classification using only points scored in a Group N car. Only the best **6** scores **from 8** to count.

DUNLOP NATIONAL ESCORT MK2 CHAMPIONS

To the Driver achieving the highest points in an MK2 Escort. The best 5 scores from 8 to count. Winners of the above award are ineligible for class awards.

JUNIOR CLASS

The Winner of Class 16, the Junior Class will qualify for the selection process for the Billy Coleman Award

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To the Class Winner with the greatest number of Class Points from his/her eight eligible rounds, excluding those classes from which 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall are derived.

3.2. Class Awards. 1st in each Class

Co-driver: Trophy.

Driver: Trophy. **2nd in each Class** Driver: Trophy. **3rd in each Class** Driver: Trophy.

Co-driver: Trophy.

Co-driver: Trophy.

3.3. The number of awards in any class may be reduced if entries during the year are insufficient.

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL RULES.

4.1. Substitution of events, or alteration of dates will be permitted in the case of 'force majeure' at the discretion of the Motor Sport Commission (MSC). (GCR 12)

4.2.The Championship will be open to the following categories of licence holders:

4.2.1. Motorsport Ireland National 'A' and International Licence holders.

4.2.2. Motorsport Ireland National 'B' Licence holders who may only drive in cars up to 1650cc. **4.2.3.** MSA Licence holders, of a grade not lower than National "B", who may be resident in either

Ireland or Britain with Medical Certificates. **4.2.4.** Co-drivers must hold Driver or Navigators Licences.

4.3. All cars complying with the classes as per Article 2 of these regulations are eligible for the Championship. Commercial vehicles are not eligible.

4.4. Promoting Clubs Responsibilities:

4.4.1. Accommodation on night prior to event in Rally Headquarters for Championship Registrar for two people, plus evening meal.

4.4.2.The club must provide a suitable location, to be agreed with Registrar, for registration and information which will take place during the times specified in the event regulations for documentation on the evening before the event.

4.4.3. The club will provide the Registrar with a class-based list of entries and reserves prior to the publication of the entry list.

4.4.3.1. Note: This will allow the Registrar to assist clubs in determining which drivers are entitled to priority. In so doing clubs must afford the Registrar a reasonable period within which to revert to them with comments. Minimum 48 hours.

4.4.4. The travelling expenses will be paid directly by Motorsport Ireland to the Registrar.

4.4.5. The Club must also provide sufficient copies of the up to date Championship Results for distribution on the event.

4.4.6. Once the results have been declared final the organisers must provide to the Registrar the following information:

1. Full list of starters.

2. Full list of Overall Results.

3. Full list of Class Results.

4.5. The interpretation of these rules in case of doubt, shall rest with the Registrar in consultation where necessary with Motorsport Ireland National Stages sub committee. This decision will be subject to the approval of the Motor Sport Commission, subject to the overriding right of appeal under the GCRs of MI.

4.6. The Championship Registrar is: Laura McMenamin c/o Motorsport Ireland 34 Dawson St Dublin 2 Telephone: 087 6646002

e-mail: nationalrallychampionship@gmail.com

The National Championship Sub Committee Chairman is Richard Talbot Talbyrn House, Caherleheen, Tralee, Co. Kerry Telephone 087 2680732 E-mail: rtalbot@eircom.net

4.7. Scrutiny Requirements. See Appendix 2.

4.8 Championship Bulletins.

The Promoters may issue Competitor Bulletins by email to all registered competitors. The information contained will also be included in the MI Monthly Bulletin. Such notices will form an integral part of the Championship Regulations from date of publication.

4.9 Power Stage.

This stage shall:

- Be the last stage of the rally.
- Be run as a stage of the event for all classified competitors.
- Attribution of 'Power Stage' points.

Points will be awarded according to the scale as described in Art. 5.1.4.

For the purpose of allocating points, the Power Stage Classification shall be calculated using the stage time plus any other time penalty accrued on this stage, including any false start penalty.

To score points, a crew must be classified in the Final Official Classification of the rally and must be registered for the championship.

If the Power Stage is definitively stopped before the Top 20 Crews have had the opportunity to complete the stage, the Championship Registrar may decide that no points are awarded for the Power Stage.

The points for the top 3 Championship Registered Crews classified on the Power Stage will be as follows.

The Stage Winner will receive 3 points, 2nd Place gets 2 points, 3rd Place gets 1 point.

ARTICLE 5. POINTS SCORING.

5.1. Points will be awarded as follows on the basis of results from each round. In addition, each class will be marked separately as per 5.1.2.

5.1.1. Overall Points:

20/18/16/14/13/12/11/10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3 **5.1.2.** Class Points:

10/8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1

5.1.3. Dunlop Mk2 Escort Championship Point Scoring:

20/18/16/14/13/12/11/10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3 **5.1.4 Power Stage**

Points 3, 2, 1 pts.

Competitors availing of Rally 2 will get 50% of the normal points given for finishing the event. In order to be eligible for championship points Rally 2 finishers must comply with Appendix 29 Article 13 of the Current M.I. Yearbook.

- **5.2.** In addition one point will be awarded to each registered finisher not receiving points from 5.1.1 or 5.1.2 above.
- **5.3.** Championship points will be awarded on the basis of the finishing order of Registered Competitors (i.e. 1st placed registered competitor 20 pts, 2nd placed registered competitor 18pts and so on. Class points will be awarded on the same basis).
- 5.4. If the number of counting rounds is reduced, for any reason, the Registrar of the championship will in consultation with the Motorsport Ireland National Stages Sub-Committee, make a recommendation to the Motorsport Ireland Motor Sport Commission as to what amendments should be made to the regulations for the championship. This will take into account at what point during the championship the number of counting rounds is reduced. All registered competitors will be notified in writing within 14 days of the MSC reaching a decision. Ties in either the overall or class placing will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of wins, and failing this, the greatest number of second places etc, until the tie is resolved. If further ties remain they will ultimately be decided on the basis of performance in the sequential order of events, i.e. the first event will count first, and so on. (See Appendix 15 No. 6.10.
- 5.5. Registration for the championship will close immediately after it no longer becomes possible for a competitor to comply with the regulations in accordance with Art. 1.3. Competitors who have registered prior to this but cannot comply with Art. 1.3 will not be awarded any further points.
- **5.6.** The following rules will apply to handling of entries for each championship round. **5.6.1.** Entry forms to be available 10 days before

5.6.1. Entry forms to be available 10 days before the official opening date. Official entry forms should be made available to all registered drivers.

Labels are available on request from championship registrar. The onus will be on the competitor to ensure that he is in receipt of the regulations prior to the relevant priority dates.

5.6.2. Regulations for National Championship events must not open earlier than a date calculated as Monday, five weeks prior to the last Monday before the event. e.g. (Sunday event 42 Days).

5.6.3. There will be a common date for the closing of entries ,including priority entries as per Art 7.1. In the event of the closing date being extended priority entries must be secured by the original closing date.

5.6.4. Cheques must not be lodged before closing date for all entrants who are awarded an entry. A reasonable number of reserve entries may also have their cheques lodged at closing date. Clubs are encouraged to state on regulations that cash should not be sent with entry.

5.6.5. Where a club starts a maximum entry, no money can be withheld from the non-starters.

5.6.6. Where a club does not start a maximum entry due to the withdrawal of entries, the club may impose financial penalties to the last cars that withdraw from the starters' list.

5.6.7. All non starters are to be refunded their cheques not later than fourteen days after the event.

5.6.8. National Championship Events will be allowed to start 140 cars on a 3 \times 3 stage format or 160 cars on a 4 \times 2 stage format provided there are 60 priority places afforded to National Championship Registered Competitors as per Art 7.1.

5.6.9. Historic Competitors must compete as part of the main field on the first 6 stages on each

5.6.10. All National Rally Championship events will be timed to the nearest tenth of a second from a standing start to a flying finish.

ARTICLE 6. REGISTRATION.

6.1. Competitors are required to register for the championship at documentation of the first qualifying round that they enter.

Once registered it is <u>not</u> a requirement that you sign on at subsequent rounds, Drivers and Co Drivers register and score points on an individual basis. On registering competitors agree to be bound by these regulations and any amendments subsequently issued. Competitors who wish to change class during the championship must <u>re</u> register in the class they are moving to.

- **6.2.** The nominated driver must drive all competitive sections of each event.
- **6.3.** To be eligible as a counting round each event's route must comprise not less than 104 stage kilometres as defined in the published road book.

ARTICLE 7. ENTRY PRIORITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTERED COMPETITORS.

7.1. The First Five. Registered drivers in the Overall standings.

The First Two. Registered drivers in Classes 1 and 5.

The First Three. Registered drivers in Classes 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 15.

The First Four. Registered drivers in Classes 11 and 13.

The First Five. Registered drivers in Classes 6 and 8.

The First Nine. Registered drivers in Class 4 will be entitled to priority provided that their entries are in order on the closing date as defined below. In the event of the registered drivers entitled to priority in each of the classes above not having a valid entry in by the closing date, the priority will pass to the next registered driver in that class who has a valid entry submitted. This will facilitate a maximum of 60 Registered Drivers receiving priority entries for the events.

Event Opening Dates for ALL Entries

Birr Stages Rally 12th January Midland Stages Rally 18th February Monaghan Stages Rally 15th March Circuit of Munster 20th April Ravens Rock Stages Rally 17th May Sligo Stages Rally 1st June Galway Summer Rally 19th July Skibbereen Rally 14th September

Event Closing Date for ALL entries

Birr Stages Rally 11th February Midland Stages Rally 18th March Monaghan Stages Rally 15th April Circuit of Munster Rally 20th May Ravens Rock Rally 17th June Sligo Stages Rally 1st July Galway Summer Rally 19th August Skibbereen Stages Rally 14th October

7.2. Priority for Championship Registered Drivers for Round 1 and 2 will be the Award Winners from the the previous year Championship. On Round 2 should the award winners from the previous year not make up the 60 places provided for the national championship the shortfall will be taken from the class positions after Round 1. (For example if 40 places on round 2 are taken by the previous year awards winners the remaining 20 places will be made up from the final results after round 1.) These remaining places will be decided by class winners from Round One first, followed by 2nd and 3rd in class.

Priority for the remaining eight rounds will be based on a Registered Driver's Championship position at the closing date for entries for that event, provided that their entry is in order and subject to the following:

- **7.3.** Drivers who cannot improve their awards position by competing in additional rounds will not be granted priority for those rounds. Priority will then pass to the next registered driver in that class and so on. A listing showing competitors entitled to priority will be supplied to the Clerk of the Course of the events by the Registrar.
- **7.4.** Where a registered driver, by virtue of the fact that he has won his class, is not entitled to priority but is in contention for the Michael Farrell Memorial Trophy, he will also be entitled to priority, provided that his entry is in order on the closing date as defined above.

ARTICLE 8.

- **8.1.** All events must be run in accordance with the General Competition Rules and Appendix 25, 29 and 31 of this Yearbook.
- **8.2.** Competitors must provide an area under the windows on each front door of the car for the Official championship logo, as supplied. Competitors should also provide an area on both sides of car for any Advertising proposed by championship event organisers.
- 8.3. Each Club must appoint a Public Relations Officer to promote the interests of their rally, who should work in close liaison with the Promoters and the Championship Media Co-Ordinator. Each club to furnish the Media Co-ordinator with event information as soon as it is available. Full seeded entry list and Time and Distance Schedule must be issued to the Media Co-ordinator no later than the Thursday week prior to the event, Media Co-ordinator to be advised of any withdrawals.

Media Co-ordinator contact details: Martin Walsh, Mobile 086 8212023, e-mail: mwmsport@yahoo.co.uk

8.4. The championship logo must be included on the front of all event regulations. Each club must ensure that the sponsor is given advertising space in the event programme, as follows: full A4 colour page and Championship logo on the front cover (artwork to be supplied by the sponsor).

ARTICLE 9. RESULTS.

9.1. Interim results will be available on the MI website, www.motorsportireland.com and the Championship website www.nationalirishrallychamionship.com, following each round. They will also be available

via email. Competitors wishing to avail of this service should furnish the Registrar with their email address when they register.

9.2. Provisional and final results will also be posted on the Motorsport Ireland website and the Championship website. Competitors wishing to receive a hard copy through the Post should inform the Registrar.

ARTICLE 10.

- **10.1.** Two Championship decals will be provided by the Registrar to each registered competitor. These must be fixed to the competing car in a position approved by the Registrar. Championship decals must remain affixed to the competing car for the duration of each counting round. Breach of this regulation will result in no points being awarded to the relevant competitors.
- **10.2.** The Top 3 overall in the final classification of the event (driver and navigator), along with the driver and navigator winning' Group N and the 2 wheel drive category, the Mk2 Champions Cup, the Junior Class, the Triton Drive of the Day and historic categories shall wear the caps provided by the championship organisers for any interviews, photographs, video recording, or any other publicity or promotional purpose required by the sponsor. The winner's caps will be provided by the sponsor. Failure to do so may result in a fine of €500 being imposed by the Registrar, and/or the loss of Championship points for that event. Before deducting championship points from any competitor the Registrar of the championship will consult with the Motorsport Ireland National Stages Sub-Committee.
- **10.3.** Regional Championships consisting of rounds of the National Championship and Events forming part of the National Championship shall not have a conflicting Title Sponsor to that of the National Championship Sponsor.
- **10.4.** Events who wish opt out of the National Rally Championship will do so for a period of 3 years and will be reviewed on year 3 for inclusion the following year.

10.5.

- 10.5.1. Historic Competitors must compete in the main field on the first 6 stages of each event.
- 10.5.2. Juniors should when possible (i.e. if the event does not have a full entry) compete in the main field on the first 6 stages.
- 10.6 If an Event has to cancelled due to Force Majeure, Championship Points will only be awarded if 50% of the Stage mileage has been completed.

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