

STATEMENT

The Motorsport Commission have been monitoring closely the current system of insurance levies and following a wide ranging consultation process including discussions with clubs, competitors, specialist committees and others, have decided to implement changes for next year. This is based on the probability that the reserves may have to provide something between €150,000 and €200,000 to supplement the insurance premium this year (2017).

Up to now Rallies have borne the brunt of these levies and we are very grateful to the clubs and volunteers who have run these events, often under difficult financial circumstances. This will remain the position for the remainder of 2017. However, Motorsport Ireland is a single entity and caters for many disciplines of motor sport. In fact Rallies have provided the backbone of funding to run the sport and support other disciplines over many years. Therefore, and in consultation with the chair persons of all committees, it is deemed appropriate to modify the current system to include competition licences for all branches of the sport. Consequently the following surcharge will apply on applications for competition licences from 2018:

Stage Rally	€200	
Speed	€100	
Kart	€100	
Clubman	€50	(Includes Navigation Trials but not Navigators in Stage Rallies)
Race	€75	
Officials	€25	(Voluntary for those who hold Officials' licences)

No surcharge will apply to those under 18 years of age on date of application.

In order to spread the load further the following entry fee levies will replace those currently in operation:

2/3 Day Stage Rally	€100
1 Day Stage Rally	€50
Forest Stage Rally	€25
Race	€10

In addition, an administration fee of €200 will apply to all applications for British Rally Drivers letters of insurance (BRDS).

These changes are designed to provide 86% of the increase in insurance premium which the sport has had to cope with since the initial increase in 2016.

One final point is the confirmation that with effect from 2018 competitors may apply for a competition licence for either of the following periods:

1st January to 31st December
Or
1st July to 30th June

We do believe that with the huge effort being made by all those volunteers involved in running our sport and keeping everyone safe that this difficult time should not extend beyond 2018. However, in the meantime we would ask all competitors, current or lapsed, to support as many events as possible so that we can all come through this to a better place.

Martin J. McKenna
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