



## G.S.M.C MINI STAGES 2017

*Six Stages 2 x 3 times*

**ColtonMotors**  
TULLAMORE & MULLINGAR

Ford Mazda SEAT

**Midlands East Rally Championship 2017**  
[www.mercrallychampionship.com](http://www.mercrallychampionship.com)

GERMAINES OF  
BALTINGLASS HOTEL  
*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017*

FINAL ROUND OF  
Colton Motors Midlands East Rally Championship

### REGULATIONS

Organised & Promoted by Garda Siochana Motor Club Ltd.

1. The *Germaine's* of Baltinglass Mini Stages Rally is promoted and organised by G.S.M.C. (hereinafter called the promoters), and will cover a route of approximately 80 road kms and 90 stage kms.
2. These Regulations have been submitted to and approved by Motorsport Ireland and the necessary permit for the holding of the Competition has been granted.

MI PERMIT NUMBER: 17/161

3. The event is a qualifying round of the Midlands East rally championship

#### **Article 1**

The Competition will be held under the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A. and the General Competition Rules of Motorsport Ireland and these supplementary regulations including Appendixes 25, 29 & 29.1 (Standard Regulations for all Stage Rallies) of the Current Year Book. All Competitors who forward completed Entry Forms agree to be bound by the rules.

#### **Article 2**

- (A) The Supplementary Regulations for the Rally are stated by the Motorsport Ireland Regulations and Definitions 2017 year Book. Copies of the book can be obtained from Motorsport Ireland, 34 Dawson Street, Dublin 2, Ireland
- (B) Final Instructions will form an integral part of the Supplementary Regulations.

#### **Article 3**

- (A) Entries open on publication of these Regulations.
- (B) All entries must be made on the official entry form, and posted with entry fee to: Sarah Ashton, Tuckmill Baltinglass Co Wicklow.  
Tel: 085/1294899 (between 18.30hrs and 21.00hrs only).

The Entry Fee for the event is €407 plus €188 Insurance Levy which includes Personal Accident Insurance and Standard IRDS Insurance. Cheques may only be post dated to 13th of October 2017. Cheques should be made payable to Garda Siochana Motor Club.

- (C) The Club reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.
- (D) All withdrawal of Entries must be by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- (E) **All Drivers must be registered with the IRDS/BRDS Insurance scheme**

The Promoters reserve the right to postpone, cancel, or abandon the event or any part thereof. The promoters reserve the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

#### **Article 4**

There will be Secure Parc Ferme in operation on Saturday 21st of October 2017 located in Baltinglass. As cars pass mechanical scrutiny they will automatically be sent into Parc Ferme. A starters list will be derived from cars presented at Parc Ferme.

#### **Article 5**

The official Notice Board will be situated in the Rally Office & will be in operation from 09:00 hrs on Sat 21st October 2017 until 30 minutes after the event prize giving. Prior to the event [www.gardamotorclub.com](http://www.gardamotorclub.com) and [www.rally.ie](http://www.rally.ie) will be updated with information on the rally.

## **Article 6 RECONNAISSANCE / PACE NOTE MAKING**

Pace notes will be allowed on the event and competitors will be allowed to make notes on Saturday October 21st 2017 between 09:30hrs and 16:00hrs.

Competitors must sign on at rally headquarters between 9:00 hrs and 12:30 hrs. Pace notes will be available for sale by Third Parties. The club has no involvement in their preparation and accepts no responsibility or liability for their accuracy or otherwise.

You will be supplied with reconnaissance identification stickers, which **must** be placed **on the front windscreen when you are commencing your recce/pace note making, where it is clearly visible.** "Judges of Fact" will patrol the Stages. Speeding and dangerous driving will be reported to event officials. Respect for residents is essential for the safe running of this event. Your attention is drawn to Appendix "29", Regulation 4.6.1 & 4.6.2 The decision of a "Judge of Fact" will be final. Judges of Fact may ask to sign your Road Book. A list of "Judges of Fact" will be posted on the Official Rally Notice Board. Your attention is also drawn to appendix "29", Regulation 4.8.1 to 4.8.4 referring to a competitor found on a Stage outside of the "Recce" period, also refer to 4.9 - 4.10. Reports of breaches of this regulation will be submitted to Motorsport Ireland who may convene a Tribunal of inquiry. **Cameras may be in position before the event.** The **maximum speed** allowed on a Stage during recce is **60 k.p.h.** unless a lower limit is indicated by a traffic sign or a written instruction issued by the Organisers. Traversing on the Stage in the wrong direction is expressly forbidden and carries a 5 minute penalty. If you are not sure of being clear of any stage by 16:00 you should not start the Stage. The number of runs or part thereof you will be allowed over the Stages is **3 (three) - Penalty for exceeding 3 runs is EXCLUSION.**

## **Article 7 ENTRY CRITERIA.**

Entries are confined to 131. In the event of more than 131 entries being received priority will be given as follows:

(1) As per Appendix "29" Article 2.6, Motorsport Ireland 2017 Year Book

## **Article 8. SERVICE**

There will be a designated Service Area. Outside of this Service Area, support/Service is expressly **FORBIDDEN** and will be monitored by Judges of Fact. The penalty for Service/Support in a forbidden area is **EXCLUSION.** **In an area where service is not permitted the presence of or parking of a support/service vehicle and/or the setting up of equipment will be deemed to be servicing.**

## **Article 10**

### **Rally 2 (Restart after Retirement)**

#### **10.1: General**

**10.1.1** The rally will operate Rally 2 in accordance with Art 13, Appendix 29 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook **(as published on MI Website)**

**10.1.2** A crew retiring from the rally between Parc Ferme Out and Arrival Control SS2, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 2 stages, or Service Out Control after 4 stages.

Cars retiring from the rally on Special Stages 2 or 3, or the following road sections, may only restart from Service Out Control after 4 stages.

No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 4, 5, or 6.

A restart will not be permitted where a crew has been excluded for non-compliance with eligibility requirements, traffic violations or a decision of the COC/R2C (Rally 2 Co-ordinator).

On retirement the crew must hand in their time cards to Car Accountability or the marshal/timekeeper at the next available location/Time Control.

Crews must retain the duplicate copy of the time card, to present to R2C as proof of stages completed.

**10.1.3** Competitors must register for Rally 2 if they wish to restart by contacting the R2C prior to a time that will be specified in Final Instructions.

Service Vehicles will not be permitted to access the Stage or any closed road between runs. The organisers will, where possible, endeavour to remove any car to the nearest location where it can exit the stage.

The transport of the car from that location is the responsibility of the competitor. The car must return by direct route to the Service Area.

**10.1.4** Competitors availing of Rally 2 must present themselves at the appropriate Out Control, with their car, for re-scrutiny. Due time is 10 minutes before their original due time at that Control, and 15 Minutes maximum lateness will apply.

**10.1.5** The R2C, once satisfied that the crew meets the conditions for a restart, will issue new time cards which will have a restart time and restart Control Number. The restart position within the field shall be at the discretion of the COC/R2C.

**10.1.6** The organisers reserve the right to disallow restart on safety grounds or if the restart would interfere with the running of the rally.

#### **10.2 Penalties:**

**10.2.1** Penalties will be applied as per Article 13.5, Appendix 29 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook **(as published on MI Website)**

#### **10.3 Award Eligibility:**

**10.3.1** In order to be classified as a finisher the crew must complete a minimum of 3 special stages, which must include the final loop of stages and the finish control.

**10.3.2** Crews completing the rally under Rally 2 regulations **will** be eligible to score points in Championships.

## LIST OF OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course	David McCormack
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Dave Lynch
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Colm Noonan
Motorsport Ireland Steward	John Naylor
	Gerry Kelly
Motorsport Ireland Safety Officer	John Tynan
Club Steward	Pat Fox
Club Safety Officer	Derek Brannigan
Secretary of the Event	Sarah Ashton
Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Anne Shortt
Chief Marshall	Kevin Howard
Chief Scrutineer	Paul Lacey
Chief Timekeeper	Tom O'Brien
Radio Controller	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer	Padraig Reddington
Results Officer	Angus Sealy
Service Area Manager	Ronan Dunne
Competitor Liaison Officer	Pat Laracy
Car Accountability	Eoin Longworth
Stage Commander 1	Pat Lordan
Stage Commander 2	Ken Treacy
Chief Rescue Officer	Paddy Russell
Rally 2 Co-Ordinator (R2C)	Tom O'Brien
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	Eoin Flynn

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## Classes

**The Rally will include the following Classes:**

Class 1 Group N up to 1600 cc (Previously N1 & N2); R1 (atmospheric up to 1600 cc - VR1A/VR1B and turbo up to 1067 cc - VR1A/VR1B)

Class 2 Group A up to 1600 cc (Previously A5 & A6); R2 (atmospheric over 1390 to 1600 cc - VR2B and turbo over 927 to 1067 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 (atmospheric over 1600 to 2000cc - VR2C and turbo over 1067 to 1333cc - VR2C); R3 (atmospheric over 1600 to 2000 cc - VR3C and turbo over 1067 to 1333cc - 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); S2000 Rally (2.0 Atmospheric)

Class 6 All cars homologated in FIA R-GT

Class 7 Group A over 2000 cc (Previously A8) (EXCLUDING WRC (1.6T); WRC (2.0T); S2000 Rally 1.6T 28 mm Restrictor (also known as Regional Rally Car - RRC))

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	Historics up to 1600 cc (see Appendix 29.1, Article 18.2)
Class 18	Historics over 1600 cc (see Appendix 29.1, Article 18.2)
Class 19	Historics – FIA 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](http://www.fia.com) Appendix J articles 252 – 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R)

*Note: Please consult "Notes on Classes", Appendix 29.1, 2017 Yearbook- Standard regs for all Stage Rallies.*

## EVENT TIMETABLE

<b>On publication of these regs</b>	Entries Open
<b>Wednesday 11th October 2017</b>	<b>Entries close</b>
<b>Monday 16th October 2017</b>	Final Instructions Posted

### Saturday 21st October 2017

- 9:00 to 10:30 Register for Recce at Germaines for competitors from Leinster
- 11:30 to 12:30 Register for Recce at Germaines for other Counties (to assist travelling)
- 09:30 to 16:00 Recce for event.
- 14:00 to 18:30 Mechanical Scrutiny at Baltinglass Industrial Estate
- 15:00 to 19:00 Paper Scrutiny - Germaines Hotel

### **Sunday 22nd October 2017**

09:15	Competitors Safety Briefing (Compulsory for all crews) Rally HQ	
09:50	First Car Away	Parc Ferme
16:00	First Car Finish	Rally HQ
17.00	Provisional Results	Rally HQ
17.30 (Approximately)	Prize Giving	Rally HQ

#### **OVERALL AWARDS**

##### **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> Overall – Two Trophies per crew**

The Garda Síochána Motor Club reserves the right to reduce the number of awards for a class or amalgamate classes if insufficient entries are received for any class.

#### **CLASS AWARDS**

##### **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> – Two Trophies per Crew**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> All ladies Crew – Two Trophies**

Additional awards may be presented.