Clare Stages Rally 2018

Final Instructions (Part 1)

2018 Charlie McEnery Motor Services Clare Stages Rally

Dear Competitor,

Thank you for your entry to the 2018 Charlie McEnery Motor Services Clare Stages Rally. The entry list is now published on Rally.ie and on our dedicated Rally Facebook page, Clare Stages Rally 2018. There are a limited number of entries still available. We will update our entry list again on Thursday.

If you intend to withdraw, please contact Margaret McCloskey 087 2808159 or email cmc13@eircom.net ASAP.

We are giving away 7 free entries on Thursday 13 September. The draw will take place on Facebook Live at 8.30p.m. If you wish to be entered in to the draw, please contact Margaret McCloskey for our bank account details and ensure payment is in our account before Thursday September 13th.

Rally HQ is Hotel Woodstock, Shanaway Road, Lahinch Road, Ennis.

Rally Office is located in the Doonbeg Suite.

Rally Office will be open at 8.30a.m Saturday September 15th.

Scrutiny will take place at Autobody Garage in the Ennis Mart Complex from 14.00 hrs to 19.00 hrs on Saturday September 15th.

Paper scrutiny will take place in Rally Office (Doonbeg Suite in Hotel Woodstock) from 14.30 hrs to 20.30 hrs Saturday evening September 15th.

Parc Ferme and Trailer Park is in the Ennis Mart Complex. Service will take place after SS3 & SS6 in Ennis Mart Complex.

We are asking that absolutely no rally cars or service barges come to Hotel on Saturday as there is a golf tournament taking place in the golf club adjacent to the Hotel and parking is very limited. Please bring your car to service/scrutiny. Marshals will be on duty in service/scrutiny all day from 8.00a.m.

Ceremonial Start:

Ceremonial start will take place on Saturday evening 7pm in Ennis town Centre. We are inviting top 20 entries, local drivers, overseas competitors and anyone else who wishes to take part.

Only Competitors can drive the car to the ceremonial start. Competitors must have mechanical and paper scrutiny completed before ceremonial start. Competitors will not be allowed to leave Parc Ferme after 8p.m for ceremonial start. Road book for ceremonial start will be handed out at paper scrutiny to those competitors wishing to take part.

All tyre trucks, merchandising trucks, parts trucks, hans and helmet hire will only be in the service/scrutiny area. Ennis Mart Complex is an ideal area for service/parc ferme and we would ask that you respect it and leave it clean and tidy. Please dispose of your rubbish in the bins provided.

All competition cars must use a large non-porous service mat. Penalty for non use of mat or for littering service area as per appendix 29, article 9:1:12 and 16 is 2 minutes.

Pacenote making will take place on Saturday September 15 from 9.00a.m to 17.00p.m

As competitors will be aware, Fr. Ted's House is on SS1/4/7. This is a PR sensitive area and we would ask competitors not to be stopping at this location during RECCE. Please give the owners their privacy. Competitors can expect a lot of tourists, traffic and cyclists on this road so please respect other road users and travel with caution.

Due to PR issues there are no media personnel or rally associated traffic allowed past the passage control, which is located on the road section from its junction with the R458 to the exit of SS2/5/8, 300mtrs past the M18 underpass. This road section is very narrow and open to the public on Sunday. We are asking competitors to travel this section of road with caution as this is an extremely narrow road and we do not want any negative feedback after the rally.

RECCE stickers will be provided and must be placed on the outside of your windscreen, top left hand corner. Please do not put your RECCE sticker on your sun visor. Please ensure your competition number is on your RECCE sticker. Please have your road book ready for marshals located in the vicinity of the start and finish of the stages, to sign. Please respect the residents and other road users during RECCE, as we depend on their co-operation to allow us rally.

Drivers briefing will take place on Sunday morning September 16th at 7.45a.m in the Liscannor Suite at Hotel Woodstock. It is mandatory that all crews attend and a random role call will take place. First car is away from Parc Ferme on Sunday morning September 16th at 9.15a.m.

As Hotel Woodstock is located in a very residential area, we are asking service crews not to block up entrances or to park in local housing estates to load rally cars. We have an overflow car park at Banner GAA grounds which is only 200mtrs from the Hotel, where competitors can load their cars after the rally.

Final control will be located at the rear of Hotel Woodstock.

Official Changes:

M.I. Steward 1 Micheal Boland is replaced by Joe Conboy.

Michael Hynes is replaced by T.J O'Brien licence number 19411 as navigator for 003

Seeding has been difficult due to the high quality and number of entries received. Some competitors may be further back than normal. Please have a look at the competitors in front and behind you. Reseeding forms will be available at RECCE sign on and must be returned by 13.00hrs on September 15th fully completed with all relevant notes attached, if they were not listed on your original entry form. No exceptions.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend's motorsport in Clare.

Gerry O'Brien

Clerk of the Course Clare Stages Rally 2018.