



NATIONAL FOREST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

1.1. Please see Motorsport Ireland website for the calendar of events.

ARTICLE 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2.1. The National Forest Rally Championship is promoted by Motorsport Ireland and the National Forestry Sub Commission hereafter referred to as the 'Promoters'.

2.2. The Championship will at all times be run under the International Sporting Code of the FIA, the General Competition Rules of the Motorsport Ireland year book, these Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations issued for each event in the series.

2.3. Organisers of qualifying events retain the sole right to select and accept entries for the event and the Championship cannot be held responsible for the refusal of an entry. It is a competitor's responsibility to obtain event regulations and make his/her entries.

2.4. For event award purposes the organisers of each qualifying round are required to provide results for first second and third over all and for all classes, (article 5.1) for each Championship round. Organizers may sub-divide classes if they wish, or include additional classes.

2.5. From time to time the Promoters may issue a Competitors Bulletin by email to all Registered Competitors. Such Bulletins will also be included in the monthly MI Bulletin. This will have the same force as these Regulations.

2.6. These regulations supersede all previously published regulations and have been approved by the Motorsport Ireland Rallies **Council** and the Motorsport Commission.

ARTICLE 3. ELIGIBILITY.

3.1. Eligibility for the Championship is reserved to those who hold suitable Competition Licenses issued by MI or the Motorsport UK.

ARTICLE 4. REGISTRATION.

4.1. **Competitors may Register for the Championship until it is no longer possible for them to comply with Article 8.3 below.**

4.2. **Competitors who wish to change class**

during the championship must re-register in their new class. Previous scores are not transferable between classes. Overall scores will be retained.

4.3. Competitors must display championship or sponsors decals, as required by the promoters, clearly on specified areas of the car in a location above the wheel line. If sponsors decals are not on competitors cars or competitors refuse to carry decals championship points cannot be scored for that event.

4.3.1. Door plate to be placed at the top of each door panel. To measure no less than 500 mm x 130 mm.

The design must be of the format approved by the promoters to show Championship Sponsors, MI & other logo's as required by the promoter's.

Car number in Day Glo Red to be no less than 290 mm x 190 mm to be placed on each rear quarter glass.

4.4. Organising Clubs Responsibilities.

4.4.1. As per Championship / Club agreement currently in place.

4.4.2. The club must issue Final Instructions to Competitors in the week leading up to the event.

4.4.3. The club must provide a suitable location for registration with appropriate notice board space to be agreed with the Registrar. Registration will take place during the scheduled time for documentation / sign-on for the event and for one hour finishing at the actual time of Competitors Safety Briefing on the morning of the event at rally HQ.

4.4.4. The Championship Registrar will issue Championship standings by email to registered competitors after each round. Results will also be posted on www.motorsportireland.com and **Sportity** and on event notice boards from Round 2.

4.4.5. Once the results are finalised the organisers must provide to the registrar the following information:

1. A full list of starters
2. A full list of overall results
3. A full list of class results

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4.4.7. It is recommended that service intervals



between loops of stages, are a minimum of 30 minutes.

4.5. The interpretation of these rules in case of doubt, shall rest with the Registrar in consultation where necessary with the Motorsport Ireland National Forestry Rally Sub Commission. This decision will be subject to the approval of The Motorsport Council of MI, subject to the overriding right of appeal under the GCR's of Motorsport Ireland.

4.6. The Championship Registrar is:

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**The National Forest Championship
Sub-Commission Chairman is:**

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4.7. Scrutiny Requirements.

Scrutiny for all competing cars as per Appendix 2 MI Yearbook. All zero cars for forestry rallies must be rally cars (only) and must comply with Appendix 2 for scrutiny and Appendix 25 Article 1.2. Zero Car.

4.8. Priority Entry 7 days prior to the closing date for entries to the event for championship registered competitors.

4.9. To be eligible as a counting round, the route of each event should comprise of at least 50 stage km and must not exceed 115 km per day as defined in the published roadbook. Written permission should be sought from the Sub-commission to shorten the minimum distance to ensure better quality road surface prior to the MI safety inspection. A mini stage (2x2 format) event may be considered but a minimum of 40 stage km's must be used. No stage to be used more than twice on any event. All stages over 13 km must have a doctor, Rescue, Ambulance, located at a mid point with a deputy or assistant stage commander who must be in radio contact. The maximum required speed for loose surface stages shall not be more than 113 km. Speed limitations Appendix 25 MI yearbook.

4.9.1. The entry fee for a forestry rally is €750 for main field, **€595 for Class 21** (J1000), with a recommended late payment fee of €25 for entries received after the Wednesday before the event or a date specified by the club.

4.10. All two wheel drive cars (as per Appendix 29.1) to be seeded together as per perceived performance and run in reverse order ahead

of the remaining cars (all 4WD cars). The time between the last 2WD car and the first 4WD car shall be monitored on an ongoing basis throughout the event. Gaps may be varied to a maximum of 3 minutes to allow for perceived performance and stage length (this running order may or may not be adopted for Championship events running in Northern Ireland).

4.11. A Finish Arch must be provided at a location clearly defined in the event regulations. Both upright legs of the finish ramp/arch must have space for associated sponsor decals 1 metre high and ½ metre wide. Across the top of the arch a space ½ metre high and 1 metre long must be provided for Championship sponsor decals. Decals will be provided by the promoters. A Public address and commentator must also be provided.

ARTICLE 5. CLASSES.

5.1. The Championship will be divided into classes as per Appendix 29.1 of the current MI Yearbook.

5.2. Notes on Classes.

5.2.1. It should be clearly understood that if the following text does not clearly specify that you can do it you should work on the principle that you cannot, please check with MI, 34 Dawson Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01/6775628.

5.2.2. Deleted 1.1.2015.

The bodyshell must comply with manufacturer's specification (or homologated by FIA for the vehicle).

5.2.3. All cars must comply with MI vehicle and safety regulations as published in the current Yearbook, including the requirement for all cars to have a competition Logbook.

5.2.4. Deleted 01.01.14.

5.2.5. Deleted 01.01.14.

5.2.6. The onus is at all times on the Entrant / Competitor to enter the correct class.

5.2.7. A driver may nominate one vehicle and class for scoring on each event. Points will not be transferable from class to class.

5.2.8. This class structure may or may not be used on championship rounds running in Northern Ireland. Competitors should enter the relevant class for the event and the promoters will extrapolate the information required from the events final results.



ARTICLE 6. PENALTIES.

6.1. Should any car be found ineligible for the Class entered on any Championship round, all points scored by both crew members to date shall be forfeited and that event has to be used as a counting round for Final Results purposes.

ARTICLE 7. SCORING.

7.1. The marking system shall be as follows:

Each Starter will be awarded 1 point in both overall and class allocation.

Points awarded only for overall finishers, positions 1 to 18 as follows: 20, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2.

Each finisher thereafter will be awarded 1 point.

7.1.1. In events that offer Super rally option competitors will be allocated full points as per Overall finishing order.

7.1.2. If an event or part of an event is cancelled due to Force Majeure, Championship Points will only be awarded once 50% of the "Total Stage Mileage" of the said Event is completed. A back up round may be considered but not automatically scheduled.

7.2. Deleted 1.1 2013.

7.3. Points will be awarded to registered competitors in all classes with a minimum of FIVE championships registered starters as follows:

1st	10 points	6th	5 points
2nd	9 points	7th	4 points
3rd	8 points	8th	3 points
4th	7 points	9th	2 points
5th	6 points		

Where in any event there are less than five championship registered starters for any class the points will be allocated according to the number registered for that class in the championship, subject to a minimum of five registered in any class, at the promoters discretion. The promoters reserve the right to amalgamate classes.

7.3.1. In events that offer a Super rally option competitors will be allocated points as per their finishing order in class.

7.4. Overall ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of maximum scores; failing this the greatest number of second points finishes, and so on down to eighteenth points scored until the tie is resolved. If any further ties remain they will ultimately

be decided on the basis of performance in the sequential order of rounds, starting from round 1 of the championship.

7.5. Class ties will be decided in a similar fashion by considering points down to tenth registered Competitor in Class.

7.6. For the purposes of both Overall and Class Championship points, competitors best five scores will count.

7.7. When results for the championship are posted provisional competitors have 7 days to lodge queries with the championship register. Results will become final 7 days from the date they are posted.

7.8. In the event of any round not running the Promoters will issue a bulletin.

ARTICLE 8. AWARDS.

8.1.	Driver	Co-driver
1st Overall	Dr. Jackson Memorial Trophy	Ger Fahy Memorial Trophy
2nd Overall	Trophy	Trophy
3rd Overall	Trophy	Trophy
1st in Each Class	Trophy	Trophy
2nd in Each Class	Trophy	Trophy
3rd in Each Class	Trophy	Trophy
Best Newcomer	Trophy	Trophy
Best 2WD	Trophy	Trophy
Best Historics	Trophy	Trophy

8.2. No Competitor shall be eligible for more than one of the Championship awards listed above. Overall awards shall take priority and Class awards shall then be awarded to the next eligible competitor with the exception of the highest finishing 2WD & Historic competitors. They will retain their overall or class awards along with Best 2WD or Best Historic Awards.

8.3. To qualify for an award competitors must start a minimum of four rounds.



8.4. Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Promoters.

8.5. Best Newcomer shall be decided at the organisers discretion.

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8.7. Championship prize giving will be announced online at a venue to be advised.