



# STANDARD REGULATIONS FOR ALL NON-CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS EVENTS

(inc. Loose Surface and Grass Surface)

## 1. CLASSES.

At discretion of clubs:

1.1. All Specials and Buggy Drivers must be Minimum 17 Years of age, except for J600 Junior Buggy Class is 13 years for Grass Surface ONLY.

1.2. J1000 Drivers must be 13 to 18 years old respectively on the 1st Day of the Championship Year.

## 2. PENALTIES.

A penalty of 5 seconds will be imposed for knocking, striking, displacing or passing on the wrong side of a Penalty Marker. Penalty Markers must be indicated by event organisers at competitor briefing. In the case of a baulk only, penalties incurred in the original run will be carried forward to the re-run in all cases. Where Penalty Markers have been knocked down during a run and not replaced competitors are still required to follow the intended course otherwise penalties as above will be applied.

## 3. COURSES.

### 3.1. Starts.

Flying starts from a dummy grid placed approximately 5 yards behind the Timing/Start line. Timing to commence when the front of the car crosses the Timing/Start line. Start and finish lines must be clearly defined and should be on a reasonable level.

3.2. The club must provide a safe cordoned off area for spectators. Forbidden ground signs must be displayed where spectators are not allowed.

3.3. Changes to a course during an event between timed runs in the interest of safety to be at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course acting in consultation with the event Safety Delegate and MI stewards. The Clerk of the Course must then call drivers and advise them of changes to the course.

## 4. CARS ON COURSE.

There shall be no overtaking and cars will be started singly at such intervals as will ensure that not more than 4 cars are on the course at any one time, and that the possibility of baulking is reduced to a minimum. In dusty conditions organisers should satisfy themselves that the visibility is adequate for all competitors and if it is not they must reduce the number of cars on the course to rectify the position. Corners should be

of a flowing nature, thereby avoiding tight turns and preventing rutting and undue damage.

## 5. BAULKING.

Claims for baulking must be made at the end of the run in which the baulk occurred and before the next run begins.

## 6. CARS AND EQUIPMENT

6.1. Also to be read in conjunction with Appendix 2, Scrutiny Requirements.

### 6.2. Modifications.

All forms of tuning and lightening permitted and cars fitted with super-chargers, turbo-chargers and forced induction carburettors will have their capacity multiplied by 1.7.

6.3. Twin engines NOT permitted.

### 6.4. Tyres.

6.4.1. Deleted 1.1.11.

6.4.2. Use of Quad or Agricultural and Unimog tyres are not permitted. No gap between two blocks measured perpendicularly or parallel to the tread may exceed 15 mm.

6.5. Limited slip and locked differentials are permitted as a modification.

6.6. Cars and equipment must comply with MI Scrutiny Requirements for speed events, including the use of roll bars in all cars and laminated windscreens in saloons.

6.7. Competitor numbers should be displayed on both sides of the car. Numbers should be a minimum of 6" high, black on white background.

6.8. Crash Helmets must comply with MI specification as listed in Appendix 2.

6.9. Fire Extinguishers must be min 1.75 litre AFFF or equivalent as per Appendix 2.

6.10. Vehicle logbooks are compulsory.

6.11. All cars must be fitted with mudflaps on driven wheels.

6.12. Protective clothing must comply with the standards set out in Appendix 2 and 3 for autocross events.



## 7. DRIVERS.

Driving to a maximum of 3 drivers per car is permitted. Competitors must advise COC of change of competition car and be inspected in the driving position by scrutineer or Safety Delegate.

## 8. POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS.

Where weather conditions make the running of an event doubtful the decision for or against running shall rest with the Club concerned up to midday of the day prior to the event. In the event of a sudden deterioration on the day of the event, the decision shall rest with the Clerk of the Course in consultation with the Stewards of the Meeting. In these circumstances organisers must make every possible effort to notify intending competitors of the cancellation. Any Club cancelling an event on the advertised date shall be required to satisfy the Motor Sport Council that the decision could not have been taken before midday on the previous day, and in default of such evidence shall be liable for a fine of €150. The Clerk of the Course at an event in conjunction with the Stewards of the Meeting may cancel an event if requested to do so by the land owner, or in the case of Force Majeure.

## 9. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ORGANISERS OF ALL AUTOCROSSES.

9.1. Drivers briefing must be held before practice begins.

9.2. The attention of Specials Drivers and Scrutineers should be drawn to MI regulations covering speed events, with particular emphasis on fireproof bulkheads and bodywork.

9.3. Awards to be given out at Clubs discretion.

9.4. Adequate signposting from the nearest town(s) to the venue should be arranged and clubs make adequate efforts to publicise the events locally especially via local radio and press.

9.5. Organisers are requested to have a properly laid out paddock for cars.

9.6. Organisers must provide an up to date results board on display throughout the event.

9.7. Timing shall be at least 1/100th of a second. The Timekeeper must be in line with the start and finish line when timing.

9.8. No alcohol should be allowed and smoking is strictly prohibited in the paddock area.

## 10. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

It is now mandatory for organising clubs to provide adequate fire extinguishers around the course at every event. A suitable all terrain vehicle (eg tractor or 4x4 Jeep) must be provided. A suitable telephone communications system must be provided by the club for emergency use.

## 11. FAMILIARISATION RUN.

11.1. All cars should complete a minimum of 1 lap of a familiarisation run. Junior Licence holders will be allowed a minimum of 2 laps of a familiarisation run. allowed by any driver or driver representative in any form of vehicle or ATV. Penalty of Exclusion shall be applied.

## 12. DOCTORS AND AMBULANCES.

Organisers should note that one approved Ambulance (see Appendix 109) must be in attendance throughout.

Clubs must provide an emergency route for the ambulance which must be kept clear at all times during the event. The organising club must provide the ambulance crew with route notes and a map to the nearest Hospital. The Safety Delegate should ensure that a person with knowledge of the route to the hospital, be assigned to the ambulance crew for the duration of the event.

Refer to Appendix 109 for further information.

## 13. SAFETY PLAN.

A safety plan is compulsory for all autocross events. A sample plan showing the minimum requirement is available from Motorsport Ireland. Each club must appoint a Safety Delegate for their event, and are requested to submit the safety plan with the permit application to Motorsport Ireland. No permit shall be granted until a satisfactory plan has been received.

## 14. COURSE INSPECTION.

All Courses must be inspected well in advance by arrangement with a member of the MI Autocross commission in conjunction with the Club's Safety Delegate. A Course Inspection Report must be completed and returned to MI when the applying for the event organising permit.

The MI stewards and the Club Safety Delegate should jointly inspect the course prior to the commencement of practice.

## 15. COURSE ADDITIONAL.

15.1. Paddock should not be in the centre of the track.

15.2. Paddock should be clearly defined separately from Spectator parking areas.



15.3. No spectators should be located opposite the end of the straights.

15.4. Paddock exit/entry should have "holding lanes" for competitors leaving and entering the paddock, with a marshal in charge.

15.5. A separate area away from the paddock should be allocated for parking competitors' trailers.

15.6. All standing and dangerous objects must be adequately protected by straw bales or tyres.

15.7. Where possible, organising Clubs should avail of the services of qualified personnel. Where heavy plant and machinery is utilised, only certified drivers can operate the equipment.

15.8. All individuals involved in the preparation of a venue should be signed on.

## 16. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

Competitors not adhering to the safety requirements whilst competing will not be allocated a time for that run.

## 17. PASSENGERS.

No passengers allowed in competition vehicles during competition or practice, except that junior drivers may carry a parent/mentor in the vehicle during practice, subject to the parent/mentor:

- (a) holding the appropriate competition licence,
- (b) NOT COMPETING ON THE DAY,
- (c) signing an indemnity form,
- (d) paying the Competitors Personal Accident Insurance fee.

## 18. COMPETITOR CHECKS DURING EVENT.

Clubs are requested to appoint an individual(s) to check the readiness of Competitors at the Start of each timed run (goggles, helmet fastening, harness, gloves, suits, fire extinguisher etc.).

This should be carried out at random and at a reasonable distance or time before cars are allowed approach the start line so as not to interfere with the competitors and timekeepers as they prepare to start their timed run.

Competitors should not be released to the start line if they do not comply.