



2013 DUNLOP NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1.

1.1. FORMAT. COUNTING EVENTS IN THE 2013 CHAMPIONSHIP

24 February	<i>Birr Stages Rally</i>
21 April	<i>Monaghan Stages Rally</i>
26 May	<i>Cavan Stages Rally</i>
30 June	<i>Carrick Ravens Rock Rally</i>
14 July	<i>Connacht Sligo Stages Rally</i>
11 August	<i>Tipperary Stonethrowers Rally</i>
1 September	<i>Galway Summer Rally</i>
27 October	<i>Skibereen Fastnet Stages Rally</i>

1.2. Best performance in 6 out of 8 events will count. Juniors: Best performance in 4 out of 8 events only will count. **Historic: Best performance in 4 out of 8 events to count.**

1.3. Events are arranged into 2 regions. To qualify for a championship award competitors must register for and start a minimum of four events, at least one of which must be in each region. A fee of €7.50 per crew per event will be charged and will be included in the entry fee for each event.

1.4. The following will be regarded as the two regions:

Region One: **Monaghan, Cavan, Sligo, Galway.**
Region Two: **Birr, Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary, Skibereen.**

ARTICLE 2.

2.1. CLASSES.

The Championship will include the following classes:

Class 1.	Group N up to 1400cc
Class 2.	Group N 1401cc to 1600cc.
Class 3.	Group N 1601cc to 2000cc.
Class 4.	Group N over 2000cc.
Class 5.	Group A up to 1400cc.
Class 6.	Group A 1401cc to 1600cc.
Class 7.	Group A 1601cc to 2000cc.
Class 8.	Group A over 2000cc.
Class 9.	Modified cars up to 1450cc - 2 wheel drive.
Class 10.	Modified cars 1451cc to 1650cc, 2 wheel drive, with not more than 2 valves per cylinder.

Class 11.	Modified cars 1451cc to 1650cc, 2 wheel drive, with more than 2 valves per cylinder.
Class 12.	Modified cars 1651cc to 2100cc, 2 wheel drive, with not more than 2 valves per cylinder.
Class 13.	Modified cars 1651cc to 2100cc, 2 wheel drive, normally aspirated with more than 2 valves per cylinder.
Class 14	Modified cars 2101cc to 3500cc, 2 wheel drive.
Class 15	Four wheel drive whose homologation has expired.
Class 16 Juniors	Cars up to 1650cc, 2 wheel drive. Drivers to be under 26 on the 1st January of the year in which the event takes place and contested over a limited number of stages.
Class 18	Historic (See Appendix 29 Articles 17- 21) .
Class 20	4Wheel Drive (4WD) cars (See notes on classes Appendix 29).

2.2. Notes on Classes.

2.2.1. These classes must be included in all Championship events but Clubs may subdivide them if they so wish and/or include additional classes subject to the overall limitation that Clubmans cars are restricted to a maximum engine capacity of 3500 cc.

2.2.2. See also 'Notes on Classes', Appendix 29 standard regulations for all Stage Rallies Rule Nos. (1) to (16) inclusive

ARTICLE 3.

3.1. AWARDS.

1st Overall

Driver: Cecil Vard Trophy (perpetual)
and replica.

Co-driver: Noel Smith Trophy (perpetual)
and replica.

2nd Overall

Driver: Trophy. Co-driver: Trophy.

3rd Overall

Driver: Trophy. Co-driver: Trophy.

Rally.ie National Two Wheel Drive Award.

To the driver achieving the highest overall placing in a two wheel drive car, the best 6 scores from 8 to count.



Winners of the above award are eligible for overall but not for class awards.

GROUP N AWARD

To the Driver achieving the highest placing in the overall classification using only points scored in a Group N car. Only the best **six** scores out of **eight** to count.

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To the Driver achieving the highest points in an MK2 Escort. The best 5 scores from 8 to count. Winners of the above award are ineligible for class awards.

JUNIOR CLASS

The Winner of Class 16, the Junior Class will qualify for the selection process for the Billy Coleman Award.

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To the Class Winner with the greatest number of Class Points from his/her eight eligible rounds, excluding those classes from which 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall are derived.

3.2. Class Awards.

1st in each Class

Driver: Trophy. Co-driver: Trophy.

2nd in each Class

Driver: Trophy. Co-driver: Trophy.

3rd in each Class

Driver: Trophy. Co-driver: Trophy.

3.3. The number of awards in any class may be reduced if entries during the year are insufficient.

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL RULES.

4.1. Substitution of events, or alteration of dates will be permitted in the case of 'force majeure' at the discretion of the Motor Sport Commission (MSC). (GCR 12)

4.2. The Championship will be open to the following categories of licence holders:

4.2.1. Motorsport Ireland National 'A' and International Licence holders.

4.2.2. Motorsport Ireland National 'B' Licence holders who may only drive in cars up to 1650cc.

4.2.3. MSA Licence holders, of a grade not lower than National "B", who may be resident in either Ireland or Britain with Medical Certificates.

4.2.4. Co-drivers must hold Driver or Navigators Licences.

4.3. All cars complying with the classes as per Article 2 of these regulations are eligible for the Championship. Commercial vehicles are not eligible.

4.4. Promoting Clubs Responsibilities:

4.4.1. Accommodation on night prior to event in **Rally Headquarters** for Championship Registrar for two people, plus evening meal.

4.4.2. The club must provide a suitable location, to be agreed with Registrar, for registration and information which will take place during the times specified in the event regulations for documentation on the evening before the event.

4.4.3. The club will provide the Registrar with a class-based list of entries and reserves prior to the publication of the entry list.

4.4.3.1. Note: This will allow the Registrar to assist clubs in determining which drivers are entitled to priority. In so doing clubs must afford the Registrar a reasonable period within which to revert to them with comments. Minimum 48 hours.

4.4.4. The travelling expenses will be paid directly by Motorsport Ireland to the Registrar.

4.4.5. The Club must also provide sufficient copies of the up to date Championship Results for distribution on the event.

4.4.6. Once the results have been declared final the organisers must provide to the Registrar the following information:

1. Full list of starters.
2. Full list of Overall Results.
3. Full list of Class Results.

4.5. The interpretation of these rules in case of doubt, shall rest with the Registrar in consultation where necessary with Motorsport Ireland National Stages sub committee. This decision will be subject to the approval of the Motor Sport Commission, subject to the overriding right of appeal under the GCRs of MI.

4.6. The Championship Registrar is:

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34 Dawson St
Dublin 2
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The National Championship Sub Committee Chairman is Richard Talbot
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Telephone 087 2680732
E-mail: nationalrallychampionship@gmail.com

4.7. Scrutiny Requirements.

See Appendix 2.

4.8 Championship Bulletins.

The Promoters may issue Competitor Bulletins by email to all registered competitors. The information contained will also be included in the MI Monthly Bulletin. Such notices will form an integral part of the Championship Regulations from date of publication.

ARTICLE 5. POINTS SCORING.

5.1. Points will be awarded as follows on the basis of results from each round. In addition, each class will be marked separately as per 5.1.2.

**5.1.1. Overall Points:**

20/18/16/14/13/12/11/10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3

5.1.2. Class Points:

10/8/7/6/5/4/3/2/1

5.1.3. Dunlop Mk2 Escort Championship Point Scoring :

20/18/16/14/13/12/11/10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3

5.2. In addition one point will be awarded to each registered finisher not receiving points from 5.1.1 or 5.1.2 above.

5.3. Championship points will be awarded on the basis of the finishing order of Registered Competitors (i.e. 1st placed registered competitor 20 pts, 2nd placed registered competitor 18pts and so on. Class points will be awarded on the same basis).

5.4. If the number of counting rounds is reduced, for any reason, the Registrar of the championship will in consultation with the Motorsport Ireland National Stages Sub-Committee, make a recommendation to the Motorsport Ireland Motor Sport Commission as to what amendments should be made to the regulations for the championship. This will take into account at what point during the championship the number of counting rounds is reduced. All registered competitors will be notified in writing within 14 days of the MSC reaching a decision. Ties in either the overall or class placing will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of wins, and failing this, the greatest number of second places etc, until the tie is resolved. If further ties remain they will ultimately be decided on the basis of performance in the sequential order of events, i.e. the first event will count first, and so on. (See Appendix 15 No. 6.10).

5.5. Registration for the championship will close immediately after it no longer becomes possible for a competitor to comply with the regulations in accordance with Art. 1.3. Competitors who have registered prior to this but cannot comply with Art. 1.3 will not be awarded any further points.

5.6. The following rules will apply to handling of entries for each championship round.

5.6.1. Entry forms to be available 10 days before the official opening date. Official entry forms should be made available to all registered drivers. Labels are available on request from championship registrar. The onus will be on the competitor to ensure that he is in receipt of the regulations prior to the relevant priority dates.

5.6.2. Regulations for National Championship events must not open earlier than a date calculated as Monday, five weeks prior to the last Monday before the event, e.g. (Sunday event 42 Days).

5.6.3. There will be a common date for the closing of entries ,including priority entries as per Art 7.1. In the event of the closing date being

extended priority entries must be secured by the original closing date.

5.6.4. Cheques must not be lodged before closing date for all entrants who are awarded an entry. A reasonable number of reserve entries may also have their cheques lodged at closing date. Clubs are encouraged to state on regulations that cash should not be sent with entry.

5.6.5. Where a club starts a maximum entry, no money can be withheld from the non-starters.

5.6.6. Where a club does not start a maximum entry due to the withdrawal of entries, the club may impose financial penalties to the last cars that withdraw from the starters' list.

5.6.7. All non starters are to be refunded their cheques not later than fourteen days after the event.

5.6.8. National Championship Events will be allowed to start 140 cars on a 3 x 3 stage format or 160 cars on a 4 x 2 stage format provided there are 60 priority places afforded to National Championship Registered Competitors as per Art 7.1.

5.6.9. Historic Competitors must compete as part of the main field on the first 6 stages on each event.

5.6.10. All National Rally Championship events will be timed to the nearest tenth of a second from a standing start to a flying finish.

ARTICLE 6. REGISTRATION.

6.1. Competitors are required to register for the championship at documentation of the first qualifying round that they enter.

Once registered it is not a requirement that you sign on at subsequent rounds. Drivers and Co Drivers register and score points on an individual basis. On registering competitors agree to be bound by these regulations and any amendments subsequently issued. Competitors who wish to change class during the championship must re register in the class they are moving to.

6.2. The nominated driver must drive all competitive sections of each event.

6.3. To be eligible as a counting round each event's route must comprise not less than 104 stage kilometres as defined in the published road book.

ARTICLE 7. ENTRY PRIORITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTERED COMPETITORS.

7.1. The First Five. Registered drivers in the Overall standings.

The First Two. Registered drivers in Classes 1 and 5.

The First Three. Registered drivers in Classes 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 15.

The First Four. Registered drivers in Classes 11 and 13.



The First Five. Registered drivers in Classes 6 and 8.

The First Nine. Registered drivers in Class 4 will be entitled to priority provided that their entries are in order on the closing date as defined below. In the event of the registered drivers entitled to priority in each of the classes above not having a valid entry in by the closing date, the priority will pass to the next registered driver in that class who has a valid entry submitted. This will facilitate a maximum of 60 Registered Drivers receiving priority entries for the events.

Event Closing Date for ALL entries

Birr Stages Rally	14 February
Monaghan Stages Rally	8 April
Cavan Stages Rally	13 May
Carrick on Suir Rally	17 June
Tipperary Stonethrowers Rally	29 July
Galway Summer Rally	19 August
Skibereen Rally	14 October

7.2. Priority for Championship Registered Drivers for Round 1 and 2 will be the Award Winners from the **2012** Championship. On Round 2 should the award winners from **2012** not make up the 60 places provided for the national championship the shortfall will be taken from the class positions after Round 1. (For example if 40 places on round 2 are taken by **2012** awards winners the remaining 20 places will be made up from the final results after round 1.) These remaining places will be decided by class winners from Round One first, followed by 2nd and 3rd in class.

Priority for the remaining eight rounds will be based on a Registered Driver's Championship position at the closing date for entries for that event, provided that their entry is in order and subject to the following:

7.3. Drivers who cannot improve their awards position by competing in additional rounds will not be granted priority for those rounds. Priority will then pass to the next registered driver in that class and so on. A listing showing competitors entitled to priority will be supplied to the Clerk of the Course of the events by the Registrar.

7.4. Where a registered driver, by virtue of the fact that he has won his class, is not entitled to priority but is in contention for the Michael Farrell Memorial Trophy, he will also be entitled to priority, provided that his entry is in order on the closing date as defined above.

ARTICLE 8.

8.1. All events must be run in accordance with the General Competition Rules and Appendix 25, 29 and 31 of this Yearbook.

8.2. Competitors must provide an area under the windows on each front door of the car for the Official championship logo, as supplied.

Competitors should also provide an area on both sides of car for any Advertising proposed by championship event organisers.

8.3. Each Club must appoint a Public Relations Officer to promote the interests of their rally, who should work in close liaison with the Promoters and the Championship Media Co-Ordinator. Each club to furnish the Media Co-ordinator with event information as soon as it is available. Full seeded entry list and Time and Distance Schedule must be issued to the Media Co-ordinator no later than the Thursday week prior to the event, Media Co-ordinator to be advised of any withdrawals.

Media Co-ordinator contact details:

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Mobile 086 8212023,
e-mail: mwmsport@yahoo.co.uk

8.4. The championship logo must be included on the front of all event regulations. Each club must ensure that the sponsor is given advertising space in the event programme, as follows: full A4 colour page and Championship logo on the front cover (artwork to be supplied by the sponsor).

ARTICLE 9. RESULTS.

9.1. Interim results will be available on the MI website, www.motorsportireland.com and the **Championship website** www.nationalirishrallychampionship.com, following each round. They will also be available via email. Competitors wishing to avail of this service should furnish the Registrar with their email address when they register.

9.2. Provisional and final results will also be posted on the Motorsport Ireland website and the **Championship website**. Competitors wishing to receive a hard copy through the Post should inform the Registrar.

ARTICLE 10.

10.1. Two Championship decals will be provided by the Registrar to each registered competitor. These must be fixed to the competing car in a position approved by the Registrar. Championship decals must remain affixed to the competing car for the duration of each counting round. Breach of this regulation will result in no points being awarded to the relevant competitors.

10.2. The Top 3 overall in the final classification of the event (driver and navigator), along with the driver and navigator winning the Group N and the 2 wheel drive category, shall wear the caps provided by the championship organisers for any interviews, photographs, video recording, or any other publicity or promotional purpose required by the sponsor. The winner's caps will be provided by the sponsor. Failure to do so may result in a fine of €500 being imposed by the



Registrar, and/or the loss of Championship points for that event. Before deducting championship points from any competitor the Registrar of the championship will consult with the Motorsport Ireland National Stages Sub-Committee.

10.3. Regional Championships consisting of rounds of the National Championship and Events forming part of the National Championship shall not have a conflicting Title Sponsor to that of the National Championship Sponsor.

10.4. Events who wish opt out of the National Rally Championship will do so for a period of 3 years and will be reviewed on year 3 for inclusion the following year.

