

BIRR & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD

**ABBEYLEIX MANOR HOTEL
STAGES RALLY 2016**

REGULATIONS

Sunday 21st February 2016

Round 1

**TOP PART
WEST COAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
&
LOUGHRANSIGNS.COM
MIDLANDS EAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Rally HQ: Abbeyleix Manor Hotel,
Abbeyleix Co Laois. (057) 8730111

ORGANISED AND PROMOTED BY

BIRR & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD

www.birmotorclub.com

ORGANISATION

1) The Birr Stages Rally is promoted and organised by Birr & District Motor Club Ltd (hereinafter called the promoters.)

2) The Rally is a qualifying round of the following championships:

Top Part West Coast Rally Championship,

Loughransigns.com Midlands East Rally Championship

3) The Rally will take place over a route of 90 stage kilometres

4) These regulations have been submitted to and approved by Motorsport Ireland and the necessary permit for holding of the competition has been granted .

MI Permit Number: **16/020**

Article 1.

The Competition will be held under the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A, the General Competition Rules of Motorsport Ireland and Appendices 25, 29 & 29.1 of the Motorsport Ireland Year book and these supplementary Regulations. All Competitors who forward completed Entry Forms agree to be bound by these rules.

Article 2.

(A) The Supplementary Regulations for the Rally are stated by Motorsport Ireland Regulations and Definitions 2016 Year Book. Copies of the book can be obtained From Motorsport Ireland, Competitions Department, 34 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

(B) Final Instructions will form an integral part of the Supplementary Regulations.

Article 3.

(A) Entries open on the 11th of January 2016.

(B) All completed entry forms must be sent to the Entries Secretary with the appropriate fee:

Entries Secretary: Clodagh Henehan Woodlands, Barrymore, Athlone, Co Roscommon.

Clodagh Henehan Tel: (087) 9117707 or (090) 6490397 NO CALLS AFTER 9.30pm

Entry Fee **€395 plus €180 insurance levy**, (Total €575) including Personal Accident Insurance and Standard IRDS Insurance. **Junior & Historics €395 plus €125 insurance levy (Total €520).**

*All cheques to be made out to: **Birr & District Motor Club.***

Juniors and Historics will complete all stages with main field.

Cheques may only be post dated to the 11th February 2016

(C) All drivers must have IRDS/BRDS Insurance Schemes. This information is available from www.motorsportireland.com. NO LISTING = NO START.

(D) The Club reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason
Closing Date for entries is on Wednesday 10th February 2016.

Article 4.

(A) Pace notes will be available for sale from Third Parties. The club has no involvement with their preparation or sale and **accepts no responsibility** for their accuracy or otherwise.

(B) Entries are confined to 131. Should more than 131 fully paid up entries be received, entries will be allocated as follows:

(a) Priorities in **Top Part West Coast Rally Championship** and **Loughransigns.com Midlands East Rally Championship**, as per Championship Regulations.

(b) Ten at organisers discretion.

(c) The remainder will be drawn on a ballot.

TIMETABLE (Subject to Change)

Entries Open: 11th January.

Entries Close: Wednesday 10th February.

Final Instructions Posted: Monday 15th February

Entry List Published: Monday 15th February.

Saturday 20th February

08:15am to 11:30am Recce Sign-On in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel

08:30am to 16:00pm Recce, maximum 3 runs per stage

(Penalty of exclusion for exceeding this number)

14:00pm to 19:30pm Mechanical scrutiny in Oliver Stanley's Texaco Garage, Cork Rd., Durrow.

15.00pm to 20:00pm Paper Scrutiny in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel.

Sunday 21st February

8.30am Competitors Safety Briefing in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel. (Compulsory for all crews)

9.30am First Car Away

16:00pm First Car Finishes

Full Provisional Results no later than 19.00pm.

Final Results half hour later if no queries.

Prizegiving will take place no later than 30 Minutes after final results.

Entries:

Closing Date: Wednesday 10th February 2016

LIST OF OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course:

Bill Ryan

Deputy Clerk of the Course:

John Tynan

Assistant Clerk of the Course:

Mick Boland

Motorsport Ireland Stewards:

Aidan Kelly & Marty Sherlock

Motorsport Ireland Safety Officer:

Rosemary Walsh

Club Safety Officer:

Benny Kennedy

Club Steward:

Dermot Kelleher

Spectator Control:

Aiden Harper

Event Secretary:

Clodagh Henehan

Chief Medical Officer:

Dr Pdraig Conneally

Chief Marshall:

Eoin Longworth

Deputy Chief Marshall

Ger Brophy

Chief Scrutineer:

Gerry Keyes

Radio Controller:

Mary Fitzgerald

Press Officer:

Ronan Shanahan

Results Officer:

Ian O'Brien

Results Provider

Angus Sealy

Competitor Liaison Officer:

Robert Nolan

Car Accountability:

Paddy Quigley & Richard Friday

Sweeper Car

Eoghan & Iarla McCarthy

Equipment Officer:

Mick Culleton

Chief Rescue Officer:

Frank Henehan

Road Closed:

Niall Kearney

Chief Time Keeper:

Eamon McGee

Service Area Manager

Connie Delaney

Rally 2 Co-Ordinator

Ray Fitzpatrick

Emergency Services Liaison Officer

Sean Henehan

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); Group R5; S2000 Rally (2.0 Atmospheric)

Class 6 All cars homologated in FIA R-GT

Class 7 Group A over 2000 cc (Previously A8); 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 Appendix J articles 252 – 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R)

AWARDS

Overalls 1st 2nd & 3rd overall – 2 trophies per crew.

Classes 1st 2nd & 3rd, 2 trophies per crew.

John Finnegan Memorial Trophy – Highest Finishing BADMC Co Driver in the Overall Results.

Other Awards (for those who have not already won an award)

Please note your eligibility on your entry form.

Best Galway, Clare, Limerick & Kerry Crew.

Best Ladies Crew.

Biofuel Award.

1st. 2nd & 3rd Birr & District Motor Club Crews.

Best Co Laois Crew. Note to be eligible for this award Both Crew Members must reside in County Laois.

Other awards at Club's discretion.

The onus is on competitors to ensure that they are entered for the appropriate awards.

All Trophies not Collected/Claimed by April 7th 2016 will be forfeited.

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.