

# CARLOW STAGES RALLY 2017

7th May

## REGULATIONS

ENTRIES €529 + €270 LEVY

JUNIORS €300 + €188 LEVY

120 KMS OF STAGES IN A 3 X 3 LAYOUT,  
RD3 SUIRWAY SOUTH EAST CHAMPIONSHIP,

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## CLERK OF THE COURSE , WELCOME

It is a great pleasure, on behalf of myself the Committee and the members of Carlow Car Club, to extend a warm invitation to each and every one of you to the 2017 Carlow Stages Rally Sponsored by the seven oaks hotel and also featuring or famous MK11 challenge once again, this year it gives me great pleasure to welcome O'Brien Cement as the sponsor of the famous MK11 challenge. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors involved in this event.

This is proving to be a challenging year for all clubs in the country but as other years we have put together a compact route and challenging stages and some new faces to the organising team but we still have our old friends and the headquarters will continue to be at the Seven Oaks Hotel and the rally will once again be a round of the Suirway Group Southeast Stages Rally Championship.

We will be running a very tight group of stages this year with servicing located in Gowran racecourse, We will have three stages run three times, this format will allow for a fairly early finish on Sunday evening while still delivering approx 120 km of stages that can be recced in a few short hours. We will of course have a restart procedure the details of which can be found in these regulations and Historic entries and junior entries also.

So please get your entries in early and come and enjoy the challenging stages that we have laid on this year and while you're here sample the good food and hospitality that the county has to offer.

*Brendan Harpur*

Brendan Harpur,  
Clerk of the Course

### Rally Launch

Our Rally launch will take place in the Seven oaks hotel on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March

## ORGANISATION

- (1) **Carlow Stages Rally** is promoted and organised by The Carlow Carsports Club Ltd. hereinafter called the Promoters.
- (2) The rally is a qualifying round of the following:  
Round 3 The South East Stages Rally Championship sponsored by Suirway Group.  
Carlow Car Club members
- (3) The Rally will take place over a competitive route of approximately 120 Km's.
- (4) These regulations have been submitted to and approved by Motorsport Ireland and the necessary permit for the holding of the competition has been granted. **permit number :17/058**

### 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 these Supplementary Regulations, including appendix 25, 29, 29.1 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook. All competitors who forward completed entry forms agree to be bound by the rules.

### ARTICLE 2:

- (a) The Supplementary regulations for the rally are as stated by the Motorsport Ireland Regulations and definitions Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.
- (b) Final instructions form an integral part of the supplementary regulations.

### ARTICLE 3:

- (a) Entries open on publication of the regulations
- (b) Entries may be made on line at [www.mkiichallenge.com](http://www.mkiichallenge.com) preferred method or paper entry form available on request from [www.carlowcarclub.ie](http://www.carlowcarclub.ie)

This is an on line process to EVO On-Line Entry. On completion you will be presented with a completed entry form and indemnity you must print, sign and sent to Rally entry secretary **Brid Harpur ,Heavenstown ,Murntown Co Wexford . Along with your entry fee by regular post, when payment is received you will be notified by e-mail or text of your acceptance. Queries to be e mailed to [bridharpur@gmail.com](mailto:bridharpur@gmail.com) or 086-8403017 Between 7pm and 9pm**

(c) To ensure a safe and successful running of the event we will request you to submit us with the name of 1 person and their contact phone number as a marshal for the event. Our chief marshal will make direct contact with your nominated marshal. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

(d) The Organisers decline liability in any accident caused by or to competitors and the competing cars during the whole of the event. The Organisers also decline any liability for breach of the laws and regulations of the country covered by the rally. Competitors shall be held entirely responsible for any accident or breach of laws in which they may be involved and shall declare to the Organisers particulars from any accident from which liability may arise and shall indemnify the organisers in regard to any liability. An entrant or driver(s) shall have no claims against the Organisers arising out of any action of the Organisers, their servants or officials, during the course of the rally

**Entry Fee: Entry Fee for Main Field and Historics €529 plus €270 insurance levy, (Total €799) including Personal Accident Insurance and Standard IRDS Insurance. Juniors €300 plus €188 insurance levy (Total €488).** Alternative payment plans available by contacting the organisers. No entries will be seeded unless we have received at least a 60% Deposit of entry fee. All CHEQUES made

Payable to Carlow Car Club Ltd .Historics will compete on all stages with main field  
Entries are limited to 131

#### **ARTICLE 4**

- (a) Pace notes will be allowed on this event and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May only, between the hours of 9<sup>am</sup> and 4:30<sup>pm</sup> Reconnaissance is limited to a maximum of three passes per stage or any part thereof, in accordance with the regulations as printed in the current M.I. Yearbook.
- (b) Competitors making pace notes are obliged to register at Rally Headquarters, **Seven Oaks Hotel Carlow**, between the hours of 8.00<sup>am</sup> and 12.00 Noon, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- (c) Pace Notes may 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.
- (d) The rally will operate Rally 2 (Restart after Retirement) in accordance with Appendix 29 Article 13 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook (as published on MI Website)

#### **Article 5. Rally 2 (Restart after Retirement)**

**5.1.1** The rally will operate Rally 2 in accordance with Art 13, Appendix 29 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook **(as published on MI Website)**

**5.1.2** A crew retiring from the rally between Parc Fermé Out and Arrival Control SS3, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 3 stages, or Service Out Control after 6 stages.

Cars retiring from the rally on Special Stages 3, 4 & 5 or the following road sections, may only restart from Service Out Control after 6 stages.

No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 6, 7, 8 & 9.

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.

**5.1.3** Competitors must register for Rally 2 if they wish to restart from Service Out Control after 3 stages or from Service Out Control after 6 stages 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.

**5.1.4** Competitors availing of Rally 2 must present themselves at Service Out Control after 3 stages or Service Out Control after 6 stages, 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.

**5.1.5** 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.

**5.1.6** The organisers reserve the right to disallow restart on safety grounds or if the restart would interfere with the running of the rally.

#### **5.2 Penalties:**

**5.2.1** Penalties will be applied as per Article 13.5, Appendix 29 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook (**as published on MI Website**)

### **5.3 Award Eligibility:**

**5.3.1** In order to be classified as a finisher the crew must complete a minimum of 5 special stages, which must include the final loop of stages and the finish control.

**5.3.2** Crews completing the rally under Rally 2 regulations **will** be eligible to score points in Championships.

## **LIST OF OFFICIALS**

|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Motorsport Ireland Steward 1      | Sean Cahill                |
| Motorsport Ireland Steward 2      | Paul Hughes                |
| Motorsport Ireland Safety Officer | Ger Healy                  |
| Motorsport Ireland Scrutineering  | Pat Sheil                  |
| Club Steward                      | Coleman Hegarty            |
| Clerk Of The Course               | Brendan Harpur 087-9652566 |
| Deputy C.O.C.                     | Alan Corrigan.             |
| Assistant C.O.C                   | Terrence O Shaughnessy     |
| Secretary of the event            | Brid Harpur 086-8403017    |
| Club Safety                       | Brian Hutton .             |
| Press Officer                     | Dave Hughes                |
| Chief Timekeeper                  | David Walsh                |
| Results                           | Angus Sealy.               |
| Chief Marshal                     | Michael Comerford.         |
| Chief Medical Officer             | Dr. TBA                    |
| Comp Liaison Officer              | Pat M Sheil.               |
| Rally 2 coordinator               | Winnie Sheil.              |
| Chief Rescue                      | Leinster Rally Rescue.     |
| Radio Controller                  | Mary Fitzgerald.           |
| ESLO                              | Padraig Dooley.            |
| Spectator Control                 | Aidan Harpur               |
| Car Accountability                | Stefan Comerford           |
| Sweeper Car                       | Gary Hade                  |
| Stage Commander SS1               | Billy Collins              |
| Deputy Stage Commander SS1        | Michael Brady              |
| Stage Commander SS2               | Martin Comerford           |
| Deputy Stage Commander SS2        | Ger Comerford              |
| Stage Commander SS3               | Graham Scallen             |
| Deputy Stage Commander SS3        | Adrian Codd                |

## **TIMETABLE**

On publication of these regulations

26<sup>th</sup> April

4<sup>th</sup> May

6<sup>th</sup> May

[www.mkiichallenge.com](http://www.mkiichallenge.com)

Entries open.

Entries close.

Final instructions posted on

8:00 – 12 Noon. Register for recce.

### **Mechanical Scrutineering**

**3.30<sup>pm</sup> – 7.30<sup>pm</sup>**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May Scrutineering for all crews.**

In **Cental ( Formally Lapple)**, O'Brien road Carlow.

Sunday Scrutineering applications may be submitted to COC.

**Trailer park :** Cental (formally Lapple) O'Brien road,

**4.30<sup>pm</sup> - 8-00<sup>pm</sup>** Documentation scrutiny at Rally HQ

**Parc Fermé :** Burnside Eurocyl Ltd. (off O'Brien road) near NCT Centre, Carlow

07:15<sup>am</sup> Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May A Competitors Safety Briefing is compulsory for all events.  
 Drivers Briefing will be held in the Seven Oaks Hotel (Rally HQ)  
 The briefing must highlight safety requirements particularly the procedure dealing with SOS & OK boards. A two minute penalty may be applied if at least one member of each crew has not attended this briefing.

08.32<sup>am</sup> First car away from Parc Ferme  
 17:05<sup>pm</sup> First car finish,

Provisional results no later than 18:30 Prize giving 19:00 (approx.)

The Promoters reserve the right to postpone cancel or abandon the event or any part thereof The Promoters reserve the right to refuse an entry without having to assign a reason.

## CLASSES

### As per Appendix 29.1 of MI Yearbook

#### Additional Classes

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 21 Ford Escort MK11 | Up to 1450 cc  |
| 22 Ford Escort MK11 | 1451 cc to 1650cc, 2 – wheel drive normally aspirated and with not more than 2 valves per cylinder |
| 23 Ford Escort MK11 | 1451cc to 1650cc , 2 – wheel drive normally aspirated and having more than 2 valves per cylinder   |
| 24 Ford Escort MK11 | 1651cc to 2100 , 2 – wheel drive normally aspirated and with not more than 2 valves per cylinder   |
| 25 Ford Escort MK11 | 1651cc to 2100 , , 2 – wheel drive normally aspirated and having more than 2 valves per cylinder   |
| 26 Ford Escort MK11 | 2101cc to 2500 , 2 wheel drive normally aspirated  |

For further details on requirements for cars in classes 1 – 7 refer to [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) Appendix J articles 252 – 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R)  
 Entries: **Escort MkII Challenge cars** priority entry are limited at the discretion of the directors of Carlow Car Club. To qualify for the MkII Challenge the car must have the Mc Pherson type struts (front) & Beam axle (rear).

#### OVERALL AWARDS

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall | 2 Trophies |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall | 2 Trophies |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall | 2 Trophies |

#### CLASS AWARDS

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> In Class | 2 Trophies |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> In Class | 2 Trophies |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> In Class | 2 Trophies |

#### Special Awards:

**Mark II Challenge awards these are deemed to be manufactures additional awards**

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Best Club Member (driver) | 2 Trophies.                          |
| Best NI Crew              | 2 Trophies.                          |
| Kelly Award               | Highest placed club member (driver). |
| Ladies award              | 2 Trophies.                          |
| Best Overseas Crew        | 2 Trophies.                          |

If 5 or more entries are not received in each class the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate Classes or reduce awards accordingly. Competitors may qualify for only one award except Escort Mark II Challenge awards and the Kelly award.