

BIRR & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD

ABBEYLEIX MANOR HOTEL

STAGES RALLY 2020

In Association With



REGULATIONS

Sunday 23rd February 2020

ROUND 1

TOP PART

WEST COAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

&

HUGO LOONAM MOTORS CLOGHAN

MIDLANDS EAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

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

www.abbeyleixmanorhotel.com

ORGANISED AND PROMOTED BY

BIRR & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB LTD

www.birrmotorclub.com

1. Announcement

The Abbeyleix Manor Hotel Stages Car Rally is promoted by Birr & District Motor Club and will be held on the 23rd February 2020. The competition will be held under the International Sporting Code of the FIA, the General Competition Rules of Motorsport Ireland including Appendix 25, Appendix 26, Appendix 28, Appendix 29 and Appendix 29.1 of the 2020 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook and these Supplementary Regulations. Amendments to these Supplementary Regulations will be issued by Numbered Bulletins or Final Instructions. All competitors who submit completed entry forms agree to be bound by these regulations.

2. Organisation

- 2.1 These regulations have been submitted to and approved by Motorsport Ireland who have issued **Permit Number 20\016** for the holding of the competition

The Rally is a qualifying round of the following championships:
Top Part West Coast Rally Championship
Hugo Loonam Motors Cloghan Midlands East Rally Championship

2.2 Officials

Motorsport Ireland Stewards:	Patrick Haughey/John Carroll
Club Steward:	Cyril Rollins
Clerk of the Course:	Bill Ryan
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate:	Ger Healy
Chief Scrutineer:	Tommy Doody
Deputy Clerk of the Course:	Gerard Hyland
Assistant Clerk of the Course:	Ger Brophy & Mick Boland
Secretary of the Event:	Clodagh Henehan
Club Safety Delegate:	John Tynan
Chief Marshall:	Eoin Longworth
Chief Time Keeper:	Eamon McGee
Radio Controller:	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer:	Sean Keown
Youth Liaison Officers	Eoin Longworth & Noelle Horan
Competitor Liaison Officer:	Pat Sheil
Results Provider	Angus Sealy
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	Derek Brannigan
Chief Medical Officer:	Dr Paul Rea
Service Area Manager	Ger Conroy
Spectator Control	Aiden Harper
Stage Commanders	Darren Delaney (SS1) & Kieran O'Brien (SS2)
Deputy Stage Commanders	Cathal Mansell (SS1) & David Percy (SS2)
Car Accountability:	Paddy Quigley
Sweeper Car	Trevor O'Callaghan & Patrick O'Leary
Rally 2 Co-Ordinator	Winnie Sheil
Chief Rescue Officer:	Fergal Henehan
Equipment Officer:	Mick Culleton
Road Closed:	Niall Kearney
Accident Scene Assessor	Sean Byrne
Family Liaison Officer	Marie Ryan

- 2.3 Rally HQ: Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Cork Road, Abbeyleix, Co Laois. (057) 8730111 www.abbeyleixmanorhotel.com

2.4 Entries Secretary Details: Clodagh Henehan, Woodlands, Barrymore, Athlone, Co Roscommon, N37 N2F6. Tel: (087) 9117707 or (090) 6490397 email: happyhenehan@gmail.com

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be situated in Rally Office in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel and will be in operation from 10pm Friday 21st February until 9pm Sunday 23rd February.

3. Programme

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations available	10/1/20		www.birrmotorclub.com
Entries open	11/1/20		
Entries close (including priority)	17/2/20		
Final Instructions Posted	19/2/20		www.birrmotorclub.com
Reconnaissance Registration	22/2/20	8.30am to 11.30am	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel
Mechanical Scrutineering	22/2/20	2.00pm to 6.30pm	Oliver Stanley Motors Cork Road, Durrus
Documentation Scrutineering	22/2/20	2.30pm to 7.00pm	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel
Competitors Safety Briefing	23/2/20	8.15am	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel
Rally Start	23/2/20	9.15am	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel
Rally Finish	23/2/20	4.44pm	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel
Full Provisional Results	23/2/20	Not later than 7:30pm	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel
Prizegiving	23/2/20	15 Minutes after Final Results Declared	Abbeyleix Manor Hotel

4. Entries

4.1.1 Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA Competition Licence or Commercial Entrants Licence as issued by a recognised ASN.

4.1.2 All entries must be made on the Official Entry Form, be fully completed and signed by the entrant, driver and navigator, accompanied by the appropriate fee and forwarded to the Entries Secretary. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned.

4.1.3 Entries from other (non MI/MSUK) ASN INTERNATIONAL grade STAGE RALLY licence holders from abroad may be accepted provided:

4.1.3.1 The licence holder has written permission from his/her ASN (National Governing Body) to compete in the declared "national competition organised abroad".

4.1.3.2 The licence holder holds an FIA INTERNATIONAL grade STAGE RALLY licence.

4.1.3.3 The Motorsport Ireland (MI) office has been contacted in the first instance and has given PRIOR approval for each individual competitor before an entry can be accepted. Written proof of which must be provided to the organisers.

Note: The licence holder must be listed on the IRDS/ BRDS Database Published weekly on MI Website. BRDS can be applied for via the MI website or by contacting the MI office. This must be applied for a minimum of 2 weeks before the event.

The number of starters in the main field will be limited to 140 Starters including Juniors & Historics. Juniors and Historics will compete on all 6 Stages. Demonstration Run Cars will traverse SS1-4 ONLY.

4.2 Entry Fees:

The Main Field entry fee is €650.
The Historic (Classes 17-19) Entry Fee is €650
The Junior (Class 16) Entry Fee is €650
Demonstration Run Cars Entry Fee is €440

The entry fee includes:

- Personal Accident Insurance.
- IRDS / BRDS Insurance at standard rate.
- Tracker Devices.
- €10 Benevolent Fund Donation.

All competitors should ensure they are listed on the IRDS / BRDS Data Base, as published by Motorsport Ireland on the Thursday prior to the event. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries +353 (0)1 6775628.

Cheques / Bank Drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to: Birr & District Motor Club.

Entries to be sent to:

Clodagh Henehan
Woodlands, Barrymore, Athlone, Co Roscommon, N37 N2F6.
Tel: (087) 9117707 or (090) 6490397.
Email. happyhenehan@gmail.com

An online/credit card payment facility is also available: Please Contact Eoin Longworth 086 8179297 or eoinlongworth@eircom.net to arrangement payment.

4.3 Entry Criteria:

In the event of an excess of 140 main field entries being received the following criteria will be applied to all entries received from the opening to the closing date of entries.

- (a) Priorities in **Top Part West Coast Rally Championship & Hugo Loonam Motors Cloghan Midlands East Rally Championship**, as per Championship Regulations.
- (b) 10 at organisers discretion.
- (c) The remainder will be drawn on a ballot.

5. Classes

5.1 The event will include classes, as per Appendix 29.1 of the 2020 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook

5.2 Notes on Classes:

For further details on requirements for cars in classes 1 to 7, refer to www.fia.com, Appendix J, articles 252 to 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R).

Refer to Appendix 29.1, Notes on Classes, Articles 1 to 24, 2020 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for further information on class eligibility.

6. Reconnaissance

6.1 Information:

Pace notes will be allowed on the event and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on **Saturday 22nd February from 9am to 4.30pm**

Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at:

Location: Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Cork Road, Abbeyleix, Co Laois.
Time: 8.30am to 11.30am

Recce stickers must be displayed on the reconnaissance car windscreen.

6.2 **Pace note providers:**

Pace notes will be available for sale by third parties. The club has no involvement in their preparation and accepts no responsibility or liability for their accuracy or otherwise.

6.3 **Restrictions:**

Your attention is also drawn to Appendix 29, Article 4 of the 2020 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook referring to a competitor found on a stage outside the reconnaissance period.

6.4 **Penalties:**

As per Appendix 29, Article 4 of the 2020 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook. Reports of breaches of above regulations will be submitted to Motorsport Ireland who may convene a tribunal of inquiry.

7. Administrative Checks

Administrative checks:

- ✓ Documentation scrutineering is located at Abbeyleix Manor Hotel from 2.30pm to 7pm
- ✓ Competition licences, IRDS or BRDS compliance and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering.

8. Scrutineering

- ✓ Mechanical Scrutiny will take place on Saturday 22nd February 2020 at Oliver Stanley Motors, Cork Road, Durrow, Co Laois.
- ✓ Post Event Mechanical Scrutiny will take place by invitation at Oliver Stanley Motors, Cork Road, Durrow, Co Laois.
- ✓ Refer to Appendices 2 and 29.1 of the 2020 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for scrutiny requirements.

9. Servicing

- ✓ There will be a designated fixed Service Area in Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.
- ✓ Outside of the Service Area, Support / Service is expressly forbidden (Article 11.5, Appendix 29 2020 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook).
- ✓ Judges of Fact will monitor the route.
- ✓ Ground sheets must be utilized by all crews.
- ✓ Waste/Recycling bins will be provided in the Service Area and all crews are requested to place all rubbish and recyclable items in the bins.
- ✓ Competitors are requested to remove all oil / fluids and tyres from the Service Area.

10. Features of the Rally

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be held on Sunday 23rd February in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel @8.15am. It is compulsory for at least one member of the crew to attend. (Appendix 25, Article 3.2).

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 110 Stage kilometres and 50 road kilometres and will comprise of Tarmac stages with service after SS2 and SS4.

Cars in the Junior Class (Class 16) will compete over all stages, SS1 to SS6

Cars in the Historic Classes (Class 17, 18 and 19) will compete on all stages, SS1 to SS6.

Demonstration Run Cars will transverse stages, SS1 to SS4.

11.1 General

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

11.1.2 A crew retiring from the rally between Parc Ferme Out and Arrival Control of SS2, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 2 stages, or Service Out Control after 4 stages (subject to compliance with 11.1.3 below).

Cars retiring from the rally on Special Stages 2 and 3 or the following road sections, may only restart from Service Out Control after 4 stages (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below). 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.

11.1.3 Competitors must register for Rally 2 if they wish to restart from Service Out Control after 2 stages or from Service Out Control after 4 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.

11.1.4 Competitors availing of Rally 2 must present themselves at Service Out Control after 2 stages or Service Out Control after 4 stages, with their car, for re-scrutineering.

Due time is 10 minutes before their original due time at that Control, and 15 Minutes maximum lateness will apply.

11.1.5 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.

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

11.2 Penalties:

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

11.3 Award Eligibility:

11.3.1 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.

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

12.1 Award Details

Overalls 1st 2nd & 3rd overall – 2 trophies per crew sponsored by Shannon Trophies, Corofin, Co Clare.
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, Connacht & Kerry Motor Club Crews.
Best County Laois Crew – Both Crew Members must be Resident in Co Laois.
Best Ladies Crew.
Biofuel Award.

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

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 2020 will be forfeited.***

12.2 Notes:

Overall winners are not eligible for class awards.

If 5 or more entries are not received in each class, the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes or reduce the awards accordingly.

13. Judges of Fact

- ✓ List of Judges of Fact will be advised in final instructions and will be posted on the official notice board.
- ✓ The decision of a Judge of Fact will be final.

14. Provision Regarding Postponement, Abandonment or Cancellation of the event

The organizers reserve the right to postpone, cancel or abandon the event in circumstances such as

- Insufficient entries received at the closing date for entries
- On safety grounds (upon consultation with the MI Stewards reference GCR 129.11)
- Force Majeure (upon consultation with the MI Stewards reference GCR 129.11)

14.1: If a decision to postpone, cancel or abandon the event is made, the organisers will communicate this decision using one of or a combination of the following:

- Final instruction posted on club website www.birrmotorclub.com
- Final instruction posted on official notice board in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Cork Road, Abbeyleix.
- Final instruction posted or emailed directly to the crew member nominated as official contact on entry form.
- Direct instruction to at least one of the crew from an official of the event.

Every effort will be made by the organisers to communicate such a decision in a timely manner however, in circumstances of force majeure or on safety grounds, it may be necessary to make such a decision during the running of the event. In such cases, this decision will be communicated via direct instruction from an official of the event. In the event of cancellation or postponement for more than 24 hours, entry fee shall be refunded in accordance with GCR 51.2.

15. Demonstration Run Cars

- The Demonstration Run will take part over the opening four stages of the event i.e in the morning stages. Demonstration event participants are allowed to drive no more than two thirds of the route.
- The Demonstration Run will run as per Appendix 25.5 of the 2020 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook
- Both occupants must possess a current competition licence of the following grade. Drivers must hold a minimum of National B (or ASN equivalent). Co Drivers must hold a Navigators Licence. IRDS/BRDS compulsory for Drivers.
- No Competitors Personal Accident cover is provided for the drivers and navigators in the demonstration run as they are not considered competitors. Permit and Insurance charges will apply.
- All demonstration cars are fully subject to passing scrutiny requirements.
- Crews must attend the Competitor Safety Briefing.
- No start times should be issued at the start of the stages, but the group should be controlled by using the time controls along the route so that we can assure that they remain under the control of the club.
- The OO cars to be used with the demonstration will be subject to the normal OO rules.
- The PPE of the driver and navigator will be the same as that of the main field – i.e. current rules apply in respect of items such as Suits, Hans Devices, Boots etc.
- The Stewards of this meeting will monitor this very closely on the day of the event.
- The cars will be required to install event safety trackers at the required cost
- While it is not obligatory for the demonstration cars to contribute to the Competitor Benevolent Fund, they may volunteer a contribution.
- Entrants must submit Entry Forms prior to Official Closing Date 17/2/20.
- **Entry Fee: €440 including Tracking Device for Demonstration Run Cars Only.**

16. Marshalls

All assistance with the safe running of the rally would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Chief Marshall Eoin Longworth 086 8179297 if you can or know somebody that can assist. All Marshalls must be Over 18.

17. Competitors Incentive Draw

In order to offset competitors cost, the Club are again running our incentive draw which proved very popular last year. Tickets will be issued to each crew once an entry has been submitted. The more tickets you sell the better for you. Or how about giving them to your sponsor as a thank you? The possibilities are endless. Each crew will be posted 60 tickets and a pre-addressed envelope will be provided for their return or hand them in at recce sign on. You must still pay the full entry fee, but the more tickets you sell the less your days sport will cost you. We have one CONDITION. Each year Birr and District MC contribute to a selected charity. We will have a bucket in Rally Office and we ask you to support this by making a generous contribution. Our chosen charity this year is Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. A worthy cause we hope you agree. Cash prizes are 1st €750 2nd €500 and 3rd €250.

If you wish to pay using on line banking please use the following quoting Drivers and Co Drivers Names.

An online/credit card payment facility is also available: Please Contact:

Eoin Longworth 086 8179297

or email

eoinlongworth@eircom.net to arrangement payment.

ENTRY FEE: €650 – Main Field, Historics & Juniors

ENTRY FEE: €440 - Demonstration Run Cars ONLY.

CLUB PAYMENT DETAILS

**Please make payments payable to
Birr & District Motor Club**

For payments directly into our Bank;

Bank Identifier Code: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE51BOFI[90167781213189](#)

Branch Code: 901677

A/c Name: Birr & District Motor Club Ltd

A/c Number: 81213189

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