

2018

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15th – 17th June 2018

Ulster International Rally
17th – 18th August 2018

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1.0 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:

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2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2.1 The ***Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd (TROA)*** in association with Rally Sports (Killarney) Ltd, Cork Motor Club, Ulster Automobile Club, Donegal Motor Club Ltd, the Northern Ireland Motor Club Ltd. and the Munster Car Club Ltd. hereafter called the Organisers, will organise the 2018 ITRC Rally Championship which will be contested during the 2018 Motorsport seasons. The Championship will be run in accordance with these Regulations, which will constitute the Supplementary Regulations for the Championship and Appendix 15 of the 2018 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook. The Organisers reserve the right to issue additional statements clarifying items in these Regulations.

Championship Permit number: **08/2018** has been granted by Motorsport Ireland.

2.2 The Championship will be known as the:

“2018 ITRC Rally Championship”

These regulations have been approved by Motorsport Ireland.

2.3 The Championship is promoted by the Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd **(T.R.O.A.)**.

2.4 Championship Points positions will be published on the Championship Website www.irishtarmac.com after each event. Queries regarding allocation of points should be referred to the Championship Registrar **within 10 days** of the date of such publication. In the event of no queries regarding the allocation of points being received

by the Championship Registrar individual event results and overall Championship standings will be deemed final 10 days following publication of the results as referred to above.

2.5 The Organisers of qualifying events retain the sole right to select and accept entries for their event and the Championship Organisers cannot be held responsible for the refusal of an entry.

2.6 Queries & Protests:

2.6.1 Queries: Complaints and queries in relation to the Championship shall be made in writing to the Championship Registrar who shall publish a decision on the matter/s within seven days.

2.6.2 Protests: Protests may be made in relation to matters which have been the subject of a decision by the Registrar of the Championship. Such protests shall be subject to a time limit of 14 days after the publication of the decision of the Registrar. Such protests shall be addressed to the Championship Stewards c/o Motorsport Ireland and must be in writing and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

2.7 These Regulations supersede all previous Regulations Issued by the Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY:

3.1 Eligibility for the Championship is open to all competitors who hold suitable competition licences valid for these events, have the approval of their ASN (National Sporting Authority) and M.I where applicable and drive a car eligible for the particular counting round and listed in Article 5, Vehicle Categories and Classes.

3.2 The **TROA** have appointed Rab McDonald to act as eligibility scrutineer for the Championship. Additional eligibility scrutineers may be appointed by **TROA** as required.

4.0 REGISTRATION:

4.1 Drivers and Co-Drivers will be required to register for the Championship and also will be required to carry Championship Logos on their car throughout the series. **These Championship stickers must be displayed only on the door panels and the front of the bonnet of competing cars. In the event the front of the bonnet having been sold to a sponsor an alternative position on the bonnet may be used. This alternative position MUST BE AGREED WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER.**

The onus is the Competitor to comply with this regulation.

Failure to display the required championship stickers / decals will result in a fine of €100.00.

Competitors must register on or before the 15th June 2018 (i.e. before the start of the fourth round of the Championship). Only registered competitors will be awarded points. **Points will not be awarded retrospectively.**

Registration will be available online at www.irishtarmac.com and at events documentation scrutiny where competitors will be expected to complete registration. The final deadline for completion of registration on any event will be the conclusion of the Competitor Safety Briefing. If no Competitor Safety briefing is held, the deadline for registrations will be the due start time of the first competitor. **All registration fee's owed must be paid at the time of registration or prior to the competitor safety briefing on the first event. If there is no safety briefing, then registration fee's owed must be paid before the due start time of the first competitor.**

- 4.2 The Registration fees will be as per outlined on the registration forms.
Drivers: Euro €200 / Stg. £180 Co-Drivers: Euro €100 / Stg. £90
- 4.3 Once a competitor has had registration accepted it will not be possible to disclaim any points for which he has become eligible.
- 4.4 The Championship is confined to cars complying with Article 5 Vehicle Categories & Classes. Competitors best scores in **5 out of 6 rounds** will be used to calculate the final positions. In the event of only 5 rounds being run only the best 4 will count. If only 4 or 3 rounds are run then all 4 or 3 rounds will count. If less than 3 rounds are run, this element of the championship shall be abandoned for the current year. The ITRC reserve the right to cancel the Championship at any time.
- 4.5 In the event of the abandonment of any element or all of the Championship, all funds and registration fees accruing shall be held within the ITRC accounts. There shall be no refunds under any circumstances.
- 4.6 In registering for the Championship all competitors are bound by these Regulations.

5.0 VEHICLE CATEGORIES:

5.1 Class Structure

Class	Description
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)
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)
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
4	(N4 FIA Group N over 2000 cc Appendix J 254)
5	Group R4 (Appendix J 260); Group R5; S2000 Rally (2.0 Atmospheric)
6	All cars homologated in FIA R-GT
7	Group A over 2000 cc (Previously A8); WRC (1.6T) ; WRC (2.0T); S2000 Rally 1.6T 28mm Restrictor (also known as Regional Rally Car - RRC)

5.2 Championship Category Classifications:

- **ITRC 1:** Cars running in Class 5, Group R5 **ONLY** will be categorised as **ITRC 1**
- **ITRC 2:** Cars running in the following classes will be categorised as **ITRC 2**
 - Class 4
 - Class 5, Group R4
 - Class 5, S2000 Rally
- **ITRC 3:** Cars running in Classes 1, 2 and 3 will be categorised as **ITRC 3**
- **WRC Trophy:** Cars running in Class 7 will be eligible for the **WRC Trophy**
- **ALL other classes** will be eligible for their respective class awards.

5.3 To be eligible for the **Best Overseas Crew** only the Driver must reside outside the Island of Ireland for the duration of the Championship. Points will be scored in this category only as a combined crew.

5.4 To be eligible for the **Best Mixed Crew Award** one member of the crew must be male and the other female. Points will be scored in this category only as a combined crew.

6.0 SCORING:

6.1 The scoring of points will be confined to registered competitors whose scores will be counted towards their final positions. Points will be awarded separately to drivers and co-drivers.

6.2 Scoring Divisions in the 2018 ITRC Rally Championship shall be:

Overall ITRC 1	To the Overall positions in the qualifying events classifications for Class 5, Group R5 <u>ONLY</u> .
Overall ITRC 2	To the Overall positions in the qualifying events classifications for Class 4, Class 5-Group R4 & Class 5-Group S2000 Rally.
Overall ITRC 3	To the overall positions in the qualifying events classifications for Classes 1, 2 & 3
Categories	To the overall positions in each category in the qualifying events Classifications. Cars competing in Class 7 will qualify for an additional award - the WRC Trophy.
Classes	To the overall positions in each class in the qualifying events classifications

- 6.3** Points will be awarded as follows for all events except the **Cork 20 International**,
(ref: art. 6.4)

Overall Classification:

17 / 14 / 12 / 10 / 8 / 7 / 6 / 5 / 4 / 3 points will be awarded for overall classification – first to tenth place respectively. 1.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher.

Class Awards:

17 / 14 / 12 / 10 / 8 / 7 points will be awarded for class positions – first to sixth respectively. 1.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher in each respective class.

- 6.4** In addition to regulation 6.3, **5 bonus points** will be awarded to all registered competitors who **START** the **Cork 20 International Rally**. These Bonus points will be in addition to the best counting rounds scores for overall points.
Bonus points will be awarded for both the overall and category classifications.

- 6.5** **Category and Overall Points:** will be awarded in accordance with the qualifying events signed official and **FINAL** classifications. This final classification will include crews who have completed the event under Rally 2 Regulations.
Crews who complete the event under Rally 2 Regulations will be eligible for the awarding of **50%** Championship points.

In order to be eligible to score championship points under Rally 2 rules on Motorsport Ireland permitted events, Rally 2 finishers must comply with Appendix 29 Article 13 of the Current M.I yearbook.

- 6.6** Where a round of the Championship includes both International and National sections, which compete over exactly the same route, results from both sections will be combined for the purpose of calculating Championship points.
- 6.7** Alterations to the number of counting rounds or dates shall be decided by the ITRC Management. (*Appendix 15, Article 2.4 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook applies*).
- 6.8** If an event or part of an event is cancelled due to Force Majeure, Championship Points will only be eligible to be awarded once **50%** of the **“Total Stage Mileage”** of the said Event is completed.

7.0 PENALTIES:

7.1 In accordance with the individual event regulations, the individual qualifying event organisers reserve the right to seal and examine cars to prove their eligibility in their class. Should any car be deemed to be ineligible for its class by the organisers of either the qualifying event or the Championship, then irrespective of any action taken by event organisers, the Championship promoters shall exclude the driver and co-driver concerned from the scoring of Championship Points in relation to that event and they shall forfeit all points gained on the event.

7.2 Any competitor who is excluded from the results of an event for a breach of servicing / support regulations or a breach of reconnaissance regulations or whose vehicle is excluded from the results of an event for a breach of technical regulations must count that event as one of the events contributing to his/her total championship score, thus forfeiting all championship points, prize money and awards associated with that event. These penalties will be applied automatically by **ITRC** after the process of protest and appeal has been completed.

8.0 TIES:

8.1 Ties will be resolved by reference to the tying competitor's results within the General Classification, the Category or Class where the tie exists by applying the four tests in the table below in the following order.

- **Test 1:** In favour of the competitor with the highest number of highest scores, second highest scores and so on taking into account all relevant rounds of the Championship.
- **Test 2:** In favour of the competitor with the highest score in his / her first scoring event in relevant rounds.
- **Test 3:** In favour of the competitor with the highest position in the Overall Results of his / her first relevant scoring event.
- **Test 4:** In favour of the competitor with the highest position in the Overall Results in the first relevant qualifying event in the series as run.

9.0 AWARDS:

9.1 To qualify for any of the following awards competitors must start at least three rounds and be classified as a finisher in two rounds of the championship. Winners of Overall awards will not be eligible for class awards. If a Ford Fiesta R5 should win the 2018 Championship then M-SPORT will provide a prize drive on a round of the 2019 British Rally Championship in a Fiesta R5 run by M-Sport.

- **ITRC 1 Overall Category:**
 - **1st Overall ITRC 1** **2 Trophies + Fisher Perpetual Cup**
 - **2nd Overall ITRC 1** **2 Trophies**
 - **3rd Overall ITRC 1** **2 Trophies**

- **ITRC 2 Overall Category:**
 - **1st Overall ITRC 2** **2 Trophies + Meegan Motors Perpetual Cup**
 - **2nd Overall ITRC 2** **2 Trophies**
 - **3rd Overall ITRC 2** **2 Trophies**

- **ITRC 3 Overall Category:**
 - **1st Overall ITRC 3** **2 Trophies**
 - **2nd Overall ITRC 3** **2 Trophies**
 - **3rd Overall ITRC 3** **2 Trophies**

- **Best Oversea's Crew:** **2 Trophies**
- **Best Mixed Crew:** **2 Trophies**
- **Best Lady Driver:** **1 Trophy**
- **Class Awards:**
 - **1st in each Class** **2 Trophies**
 - **2nd in each class** **2 Trophies**
 - **3rd in each class** **2 Trophies**

Additional awards may be added to the above list at the discretion of **ITRC**.

10.0 EVENT

The ITRC will not be responsible for the issue of event regulations to registered competitors, although competitor's names and addresses will be forwarded to event organisers in order that they may update their mailing lists.

11.0 REGISTRATION:

Application forms for registration are available from the Championship Registrar/ Manager or online (including online registration) at www.irishtarmac.com

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