



**TEAC Bhillie**  
Gort a' Choircé

# DONEGAL HARVEST MINI STAGES RALLY

**SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023**



**2 X 3 FORMAT  
CENTRALISED SERVICE  
LOW ROAD MILEAGE  
85KM OF CLASSIC DONEGAL TARMAC**

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## 1. Introduction

The Harvest Stages Rally is promoted by Donegal Motor Club and will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. 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, Appendix 29.1 and Appendix 31 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook, and these Supplementary Regulations Amendments to these Supplementary Regulations will be issued by numbered bulletins. 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 has issued Permit No: 23/167 for the holding of the competition.

### 2.2 Officials:

Stewards appointed by Motorsport Ireland	Brendan Harpur, Trevor O Connell
Steward appointed by Organising Club	Damien Crawford
Clerk of the Course	Tony Boyle
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate	Aidan Kelly
Chief Scrutineer	Robert Corrigan
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Eamon McGee
Assistant Clerks of the Course	John Crumlish, Paul Lyons
Secretary of the Event	Suzanne McClafferty
Club Safety Officer	Shaun Boyle
Chief Marshal	TBC
Chief Timekeeper	Elizabeth Devine
Radio Controller	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer	Kevin Glendinning
Competitors' Relations Officer	Michael Chance
Serious Incident Officer	Attracta McCay
Results Provider	Angus Sealy
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	Ann Theresa Boyle
Chief Medical Officer	Declan O'Brien
Service Area Coordinator	Shaun McMurragh
Spectator Safety	Alan Verso
Stage Commanders	Sean Meehan/Ted Murphy
Deputy Stage Commanders	Francie Fox/Keith Leonard
Assistant Stage Commanders	Liam Branley
Car Accountability	Martin Boyle
Sweeper	Brendan McDaid
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	Philip Nicholson
Equipment Officer	Albert Moore
Chief Rescue Officer	Fergal Heneghan
Parc Ferme Official	Paddy Coyle
Safety Cars	001 Patrick Haughey/ James McEananey
	002 Pat Bonar/ Michael Doherty
	003 Joseph Doherty/Tony Gallagher
	004 Cartha Boyle/ Alan Moore

### 2.3 Rally Headquarters:

Teac Bhillie, Gort a Choirce

### 2.4 Entries Secretary Contact Details:

Suzanne McClafferty, Swillybrin, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal

E- mail: [harvestrally2023@gmail.com](mailto:harvestrally2023@gmail.com)

Phone/Text: 087 7700015

### 2.5 Official Notice Board:

The Official Notice Board will be the Digital Notice board on the Sportity App. This will be in operation from publication of these regulations until final results on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

Sportity App password: HARVESTRALLY2023

## 3. Programme

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations available	On publication of these regulations		Sportity App www.donegalmotorclub.com
Entries open	On publication of these regulations		<a href="#">EVO On-line Entry - Login (shannonsportsit.ie)</a>
Entries close (including priority)	18/10/23		
Final Instructions Posted	22/10/23		Sportity App
Reconnaissance Registration	05/11/23	09:00 - 11:00	Máire Ruas Falcarragh
Reconnaissance	05/11/23	09:30 - 17:00	
Mechanical Scrutineering	10/11/23	16:00-20:30	Sweeneys Garage, Carrowcannon, Falcarragh
Documentation Scrutineering	10/11/23	16:30-21:00	Máire Ruas, Falcarragh
Competitors Safety Briefing	11/11/23	07:15	Pobalscoil Chloch Cheann Fhola
Rally Start	11/11/23	09:00	Scoil Fhionnain
Rally Finish	11/11/23	17:00	Scoil Fhionnain
Results	11/11/23	19:00	Sportity App
Prizegiving	11/11/23	21:00	Rally HQ

## 4. Entries

### 4.1 Information:

Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA Competition License or Commercial Entrants License as issued by a recognized ASN.

Entries are confined to Donegal Motor Club members only. Note this only applies to drivers, co-drivers do not have to be Donegal Motor Club members.

All entries must be made online, via [EVO On-line Entry - Login \(shannonsportsit.ie\)](#) and must be fully completed by the driver and navigator. The Entry Fee must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer or by credit/debit card by calling 087 7700015. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned.

**\*\*\*Please note that Entries will be deemed incomplete unless accompanied by the full entry fee\*\*\***

Note: The driver must be listed on the IRDS/BRDS Database published weekly on [www.motorsportireland.com](http://www.motorsportireland.com). BRDS (for non Motorsport Ireland licence holders) 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, including juniors. The number of starters in the Junior Class will be limited to 25.

#### **4.2 Entry Fee:**

The entry fee for all classes is €700

The entry fee includes the Personal Accident Insurance, IRDS / BRDS Insurance at standard rate. The fee is also inclusive of fee for Rally Tracking System

***Entry Fee can be transferred to the account below;***

**Account name and address;** Donegal Motor Club, Permanent TSB , Letterkenny, Co Donegal

**BIC:**IPBSIE2D

**IBAN:** IE24IPBS99064621538810

All competitors should ensure they are listed on the IRDS / BRDS Database, as published weekly by Motorsport Ireland. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries +353 (0)1 6775628.

#### **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.

1. Up to 10 entries allocated at organizer's discretion.
  2. Up to 25 entries allocated to D.M.C members of the basis of points accumulated for marshalling (subject to no change of crew)
  3. First time national B licence holders
  4. Finishing in the top 20 o/a in a Mini Stages Rally
  5. Finishing in the first 3 in class in a Mini Stages Rally.
  6. Finishing in the first 20 O/A on a National Stages Rally.
  7. Finishing in the first 3 in class on a National Stages Rally.
  8. Finishing in the first 20 O/A on an International Rally.
  9. Finishing in the first 3 in class on an International Rally.
  10. Finishing in the first 3 in class on any other speed event (e.g. Hillclimbs, Sprints).
- Results from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to closing date of entries to count except in relation to no's 1, 2 & 3 above.
  - Only results attained by the driver as a driver will be taken into consideration.
  - The onus will rest with the competitor to provide documentary proof of results stated if requested to do so by the organizers.
  - Any false declaration of results will result in the entry being placed at the end of the list.

## 5. Classes

**5.1** The event will include classes, as per Appendix 29.1 of the current 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](http://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 of the current 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 Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 between 09:30 and 17:00

Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at:

Location: Máire Ruas, Falcarragh

Time: 09:00-11:00

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 current 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 current 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 Máire Ruas, Falcarragh on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 16:30 – 21:00

Competition licences, and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering.

## 8. Scrutineering

Mechanical Scrutiny will take place on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at Sweeneys Garage, Carrowcannon, Falcarragh from 16:00-20:30.

Post Event Mechanical Scrutiny will take place by invitation at Sweeneys Garage, Carrowcannon, Falcarragh.

Refer to Appendices 2 and 29.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for scrutiny requirements.

## 9. Servicing

- There will be a designated fixed Service Area.
- Outside of the Service Area, Support / Service is expressly forbidden (Article 11.5, Appendix 29 of the current 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.
- Please refer to Appendix 25, Art. 2.10.2 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook regarding fire extinguishers requirements and signage in the Service Area.
- Smoking by competitors or service crews is prohibited within the Service Area.

## 10. Features of the Rally

### 10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be held at 07:15 on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November in Pobalscoil Chloich Cheannfhaola. 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 85 stage km and 95 road km and will comprise of 6 stages with service after ss2 and ss4.

Cars in the Junior and Historic classes (Class 16, 17, 18 and 19) will compete over all stages.

### 10.3 Super Rally:

A restart after retirement facility (Super Rally), as per Art 13, Appendix 29 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook, will be operated on the rally.

## 11. Super Rally (Restart After Retirement)

### 11.1: General

11.1.1 The rally will operate Super Rally in accordance with Art 13, Appendix 29 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

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 11.3.1 below).

Cars retiring from the rally on Special Stages 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 / SRC (Super Rally 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 SRC as proof of stages completed.

11.1.3 Competitors must register for Super Rally if they wish to restart from Service Out Control after 2 stages or from Service Out Control after 4 stages by contacting the SRC 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 organizers will, where possible, endeavor 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 Super Rally 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 SRC, 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 / SRC.

11.1.6 The organizers 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.

## 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.

## 12. Awards

1 <sup>st</sup> Overall	2 trophies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall	2 trophies
3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall	2 trophies
1 <sup>st</sup> in Class	2 trophies
2 <sup>nd</sup> in Class	2 trophies
3 <sup>rd</sup> in Class	2 trophies

## 12.2 Notes:

Overall winners are not eligible for class awards.

If 5 or more entries are not received in each class, the organizers 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 organizers will communicate this decision using one of or a combination of the following:

Final instruction posted on club website and on the Sportity app. Every effort will be made by the organizers 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 an 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.