



## McCafferty's Bars Donegal Forestry Rally 2025

## Notice of Postponement

It is with regret that Donegal Motor Club announce the postponement of the 2025 McCafferty's Bars Donegal Forestry Rally, which was scheduled to take place on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Following consultation with Motorsport Ireland and other stakeholders, the club have taken the difficult decision to postpone the event, owing to damage caused by Storm Éowyn to parts of forest complex where the event was to run.

Speaking on the club's decision, Clerk of the Course Johnny Baird said; "As an active competitor, I wanted to try and ensure that the rally went ahead as planned, but following an inspection of our route with an engineer from Coillte, it became clear that it would not be safe to send competitors, officials, marshals, spectators into the forests in the coming weeks. We will work with Motorsport Ireland and representatives from the Sligo Pallets Irish Forestry Championship to find an alternative date to run the event later in 2025."

Baird continued; "I wish to pay tribute to all the support I have received from Donegal Motor Club, our title sponsor McCafferty's Bars, all other sponsors, as well as the residents and businesses who had gone out of their way to welcome the rally back to the Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Pettigo areas. I wish to thank Motorsport Ireland and Coillte for their support. To all the officials and marshals who had already volunteered their time for the event, a massive thank you. Finally, I want to thank the competitors who had entered the rally and shown their desire to compete in record numbers on our event. Just over two weeks out from the event, we had already exceeded the permitted number of starters. We hope to be able to announce a new date in due course and look forward to welcoming everyone back to Donegal."

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