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ALMC HELLFIRE STAGES RALLY 2025 - SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

Message from the Clerk of the Course

Welcome to the Regulations for the 2025 ALMC Hellfire Stages Rally!

We're thrilled to invite you to this year's event, taking place on **Sunday, 17th August 2025**, and proudly centered in the vibrant town of **Oldcastle, Co. Meath**. Rally HQ will be located at the **Castle Cinema** right in the heart of town, with Scrutineering, the Start, and the Finish all taking place in or near Oldcastle — keeping everything close, convenient, and full of energy!

We can't wait to welcome competitors, crews, supporters, and fans for what promises to be a high-octane weekend of motorsport.

A huge shout-out and heartfelt thanks go to our amazing sponsors — Wilton Recycling, Respa, Flood Group, Fáilte Ireland, and Meath County Council — for their continued support. We're also especially grateful to our local event partners, the fantastic Hellfire Rally Supporters Group. Their enthusiasm and dedication have been key to bringing the rally to life in its new home.

Of course, an event like this doesn't happen without incredible backing. We're sincerely grateful **to all our sponsors, associate advertisers, and stage supporters.** Your support keeps the wheels turning, and we encourage everyone to return the favour by supporting these businesses throughout the year.

The 2025 ALMC Hellfire Stages Rally is a counting round of the Triton Showers National Rally Championship, the Top Part West Coast Rally Championship, the Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championship, and the exciting new Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or a rising star, there's something here for everyone!

Competition kicks off on Sunday morning, with the final stage bringing us right back into the buzz of Oldcastle Town Centre on Sunday evening for a memorable finish.

We're sticking with our **compact and competitor-friendly format**, with everything from **Parc Fermé** to **Rally HQ** based in town. The **Service Park & Refuel Area** is just outside Oldcastle in **BD Floods** working quarry/block yard — a great location, but please be aware: **no servicing is allowed outside this area**, **and space is limited**, **so only one service vehicle per entry is permitted**.

Important Safety Reminder: The Service Park is a live industrial site. A strict **No-Smoking policy** is in place and will be strictly enforced. Any violations could result in the service crew being removed — and may even lead to the competitor's exclusion from the event. Let's keep it safe and respectful for everyone.

Finally, a massive thank-you to the Organising Committee, who've put in months of hard work to make this event possible. We're also deeply grateful to the residents, landowners, Garda Síochána, Meath and Westmeath County Councils, Government Departments, Tailte Eireann, the media, and everyone else who has helped make the 2025 rally a reality.

So, buckle up for a weekend of thrills, teamwork, and motorsport magic. On behalf of ALMC Motor Club, we wish you a safe, competitive, and unforgettable experience — and we'll see you at Rally HQ and out on the stages!

John Carroll

John Carroll, Clerk of the Course ALMC Hellfire Stages Rally 2025

1. Announcement

The **ALMC Hellfire Stages Rally** is promoted by **ALMC Motor Club** and will be held on **17**th **August 205**. 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 29.1 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: **25/097** for the holding of the competition.

The Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

- 1. Triton Showers National Irish Rally Championship
- 2. Top Part West Coast Rally Championship
- 3. Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championship
- 4. Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup

2.2 Officials:

Motorsport Ireland Steward [Chair] Motorsport Ireland Steward [Observer] **Club Steward** Clerk of the Course Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate **Club Safety Delegate** Motorsport Ireland Chief Scrutineer Deputy Clerk of the Course Assistant/Deputy COC for Tracking Assistant Clerk of the Course – Stage Setup Secretary of the Event **Entries Secretary Chief Marshal** Assistant Chief Marshal Chief Timekeeper **Radio Controller** Press Officer **Communications Officer** Childrens' Officer Competitors' Relations Officer **Results Provider Results Officer Emergency Services Liaison Officer Chief Medical Officer** Spectator Control Chief Rescue Officer Service Area Co-Ordinator **Refuel Area Co-Ordinator** Parc Ferme Co-Ordinator Scrutiny Area Co-Ordinator Equipment Officers Stage Commanders **Deputy Stage Commanders Assistant Stage Commanders** Road Closed Car Accountability Sweeper Super Rally Co-Ordinator 001 Safety Car 002 Safety Car 003 Safety Car 004 Safety Car

Brendan Harpur Kevin O'Riordan **Damian Crawford** John Carroll Stephen Kellett Noel Devlin **Brecan McBreen Brian Byrne** William Kelly **Kieran Ambrose Helen Shortt Deirdre Doyle Ray Scullion** Marie O'Donoghue Liam Hayes **Mary Fitzgerald** Andy Bull **Bill Fitzgerald Conor Crowley** Paul McLoughlin **Angus Sealy** Pat O'Sullivan **Aaron Cullen** Dr Moti Rahman **Cathal MacArtain** Arthur Walshe **Ray Murray** Tommy O'Neill **Ray Brady Padraig Sherry** Steve Davis, Jim Healy Micheal O'Connor, Paul Callaghan, Declan Tansey Padraig Murray, Conor Coggins, Darren Moore Niall Maguire, Keith Farrell, John Corrigan **Kevin Fagan Eoin Longworth Kieran Hayes** Seamus McTigue Christy Carey / Richard Talbot Paul Casey / Johnny Kenneally Gerry Hyland / Meadhbh Hyland Gerry Kelly / Joey Finneran

2.3 Rally Headquarters:

Castle Cinema, Oldcastle, Co Meath

2.4 Entries Secretary Contact Details: Deirdre Doyle_ M: +353 87 2755730 [After 7pm – Not during working hours] E: <u>deirdre@almc.ie</u>

2.5 Official Notice Boards:

The official notice board will be situated in the Rally Office in the Castle Cinema, Oldcastle and will be in operation from 06:00 hrs. on the 16^{th of} August until 30 minutes after Prizegiving on 17th August 2025. There will also be a live Notice Board on the Sportity App, which will be deemed to be supplementary to the Official Notice board. The Password to the Sportity app is **ALMCRALLY** [now live]

3. Programme

Event	Date	Time	Location
			Shannonsportsit.ie and <u>www.almc.ie</u>
Supplementary Regulations			Sportity App: Password: ALMCRALLY
available	On Publication		
Entries open	July 1st	12 Noon	Shannonsportsit.ie
Digital Notice Board [DNB]	July 1 st - Aug 17 th	00:01 - 23:59	Sportity app
Entries close (including priority)	Aug 6 th	18:00	
Bulletin No. 1 -: Final Instructions	Aug 8 th		Sportity app and <u>www.almc.ie</u>
Official Notice Board [NB]	Aug 16 th	12:00	Castle Cinema, Oldcastle
Issuing of the Road Book, Maps	Aug 16 th		At Reconnaissance Registration
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Trailer Park Opens	Aug 16 th	08:00 - 18:30	RESPA , Oldcastle, Co. Meath
Reconnaissance Registration	Aug 16 th	08:30 - 11:00	Castle Cinema, Oldcastle
Reconnaissance	Aug 16 th	09:30 - 16:00	
Mechanical Scrutineering	Aug 16 th	13:00 - 18:00	Kellett [Oldcastle] Ltd., Co. Meath
Collection of rally safety tracking system	Aug 16 th	13:00 - 18:00	Kellett [Oldcastle] Ltd., Co. Meath
Parc Ferme	Aug 16 th	13:00 - 19:00	RESPA , Oldcastle Co Meath
Documentation Scrutineering	Aug 16 th	13:30 - 18:30	Castle Cinema, Oldcastle
Service Park Opens	Aug 16 th	09:00 - 18:00	BD Flood , The Murrens, Oldcastle
Refuel Area Opens – Fuel Drops	Aug 16 th	14:00 - 18:00	BD Flood , The Murrens, Oldcastle
Competitors' Safety Briefing	Aug 16 th	20:00	Castle Cinema, Oldcastle
Service Park Opens	Aug 17 th	06:30 - 19:30	BD Flood, The Murrens, Oldcastle
Rally Start	Aug 17 th	09:00	Parc Ferme Out – RESPA Oldcastle
Rally Finish (first car)	Aug 17 th	18:00	Finish Ramp/PF – Centre of Oldcastle
	Aug 17	10.00	
Provisional Results	Aug 17 th	After last car enters Parc Fermè	HQ Notice Board and Sportity app
Prizegiving	Aug 17 th	30 Mins after Final Results	Lakeside Manor Hotel, Dublin Road, Virginia Co Cavan

4. Entries

4.1 Information:

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

4.1.2 All entries must be made on the Official Online / Paper 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 ignored**.

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

- 4.1.3.1 The license 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 a STAGE RALLY licence of an appropriate grade
- 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 license 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 **165 including Juniors & Historic**. The number of starters in the Junior Class will be limited to **25. The number of starters in the Dacia** Sandero Challenge Cup will be limited to **25 but these are in addition to the total amount of starters as they are not starting at the first control.**

4.2 Entry Fee:

The Main Field entry fee is **€825** The entry fee for Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup entrants is **€577**

The entry fee includes Personal Accident Insurance, IRDS / BRDS Insurance at the standard rate.

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 or email <u>info@motorsportireland.com</u>

Bank Drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to: ALMC MOTOR CLUB LIMITED NO CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Payment of an entry fee must be made within 48hrs of submitting an entry. Entries not paid within this timeframe will not be considered a valid entry. Incomplete or illegible forms will be ignored.

Entries to be sent to:Name:Deirdre DoyleAddress:116 Moyville Rathfarnham, Dublin 16D16 DK63Tel:+353 87 2755730Email:deirdre@almc.ieAn online/credit card payment facility is also available:

Contact Noel Devlin [+353 (0)86 2620771] for a Credit Card payment link to be sent via email. This facility will attract an admin fee of 2.2% of the entry fee amount e.g., €825 entry fee, link will be for €843 or the €577 entry fee, link will be for €590 [Credit Card Company Admin fees are not refundable if there is an entry withdrawal]

<u>Withdrawals</u>: If an entry is withdrawn in writing via an email before 18.00 hrs. on Thursday 7th August 2025, the core entry fee will be fully refunded. Entries withdrawn after 23:59 hrs. on Thursday 7th August and before 18:00 hrs. on Thursday 14th August 2025 will have 25% of total entry withheld, e.g., €206 / €144. After that time there will be NO refund issued. Withdrawal of entry will only be accepted from the entrant by email. NO PHONE OR TEXT MESSAGES. Any refunds due will be issued within two weeks after the rally.

ALL payments to be paid directly into our Bank by EFT/ Lodgment. A/c Name: ALMC MOTOR CLUB LIMITED Branch Code: 931187 Account Number: 30685136 BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE57AIBK93118730685136 Bank Address: AIB plc. 60 Clonskeagh Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14 Bank Transfers: <u>Closing date Wednesday 6th August 2025 at 18:00hrs</u> Please ensure all EFT Payments start with your Evo Online ID number (OL/xxxxxx) and your <u>DRIVER Surname</u> is included as a reference on your payment. Unmatched /Unidentified / Un-referenced payments will not be deemed a valid entry and will be put aside.

4.3 Entry Criteria:

In the event of an excess of 165 main field entries being received the following criteria will be applied to all entries received from the opening to the closing date of entries.

- Appendix 31 Article 7 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.
- Top Part West Coast Championship: As per Championship Regulations.
- Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championship: First two registered drivers in each class
- 15 places for ALMC Motor Club working Members.
- 20 places at the discretion of the organisers
- Remaining entries on a first come first served basis.

If more than 165 entry applications are received the organisers will nominate reserve entries. Such reserves may replace withdrawn entries up to a maximum of 165 starters. Reserve entries will be taken in numerical order for this purpose. Re-seeding of reserve entries will be done after Rally Office documentation closes on Sat 16th August

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, 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.

Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup cars will run in Class 23.

6. Reconnaissance

6.1 Information:

Pace notes will be allowed at the event, and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on Saturday August 12th between 09:30 and 16:00.

Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at:

Location: Rally Office, Castle Cinema, Oldcastle Co Meath

Time: 08:30 – 11:00

Recce stickers must be displayed on the reconnaissance car windscreen, visible for checking.

6.2 Pace note providers:

Pace notes will be available for sale from third parties. The club is not involved 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.
- The maximum speed allowed on a stage during the reconnaissance is 60 KPH unless a

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lower limit is indicated by a traffic sign or a written instruction issued by the organisers.

- Traversing the stage in the wrong direction is expressly forbidden.
- A maximum of three runs per stage are permitted, competitors will be signed in and out of each stage.
- The special stages will be open to normal traffic therefore the safety and rights of other road users must be respected, and due care must be shown to other traffic.
- The organisers will monitor the behaviour of competitors on the reconnaissance route.

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 court of inquiry.

7. Administrative Checks

Administrative checks:

- Documentation scrutineering is located at Rally Office, Castle Cinema, Oldcastle. between 13:30 and 18:30 on Saturday 16th August 2025.
- Competition licenses, and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering including active mobile numbers for crew and next of kin.
 * IMPORTANT – COMPETITORS UNDER 18
- Competitors under 18 years of age (Minor) must be entered in the event by the holder of a Minor Entrant Licence who must countersign the entry form. A Minor Entrant who is not the parent/legal guardian of the Minor, must be Garda Vetted. Where an adult sits in the same car as a Minor competitor, the adult must be the holder of a Minor Entrant Licence, if they are not the Minor's Parent/Legal Guardian this licence must include Garda Vetting. It is not permitted to have two minors in the same vehicle

8. Scrutineering

- Mechanical Scrutiny will take place on August 16th, 13:00-18:00 at Kellett Group, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.
- Post Event Mechanical Scrutiny will take place by invitation at Kellett Group, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.
- 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. Access will be controlled by the use of wristbands issued to the competing crew and nominated service personnel [4]. Security will be on the gate to control access to the Service Area. Once your crew leave, no re-admittance.
- 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 are compulsory and must be utilised 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. No Tyres or Fuel Drums to be dumped in the bins.
- Competitors are required to remove all oil / fluids and tyres from the Service Area. Failure to do so will result in crew exclusion. The Marshals in the service area are all appointed Judge of fact.
- In the Service Park Area, all competitors are required to have 2 fire extinguishers visible with displayed signage. The minimum requirement for the extinguishers is: 1 X 6 kg ABC Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced) 1 X 6 Litre AFFF(Foam) Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced).
- Smoking by competitors or service crews is prohibited within the Service Area.
- A refuel area will be in operation and all competitors are reminded that cars are not refueled outside of this area other than at designated commercial filling stations on the rally route. <u>Refuel crew must be wearing</u> <u>ALMC Motor Club issued wristbands to gain entry to the Refuel Area.</u>

10.1 Competitors' Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be **held at 20:00 on Saturday 16th July 2025 in the Castle Cinema, Oldcastle, Co Meath.** It is compulsory for both members of the crew to attend the safety briefing as per Appendix 25, Article 3.2 (no excuses accepted). To ensure full attendance, timecards can be collected **in the Cinema at 19:15** prior to the safety briefing. Failure to attend the safety briefing will result in a non-start for the competitor(s) in question and they will forfeit their entry.

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 99 stage kilometers and 131 road kilometers and will comprise 9 stages with service after SS 3 and SS 6. Cars in the Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup will compete over stages SS 4 to SS 9.

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 SS3, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 3 stages, or Service Out Control after 6 stages (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below).

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 (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below). No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 6, 7, 8 or 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 / SRC (Super Rally Co-Ordinator).

On retirement the crew must hand in their timecards to Car Accountability or the marshal / timekeeper at the next available location / Time Control.

Crews must retain the duplicate copy of the timecard, 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 3 stages or from Service Out Control after 6 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 organisers will, where possible, endeavor to move 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 3 stages or Service Out Control after 6 stages, with their car, for re-scrutineering.

Due time is 10 minutes before their original due date 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 timecards 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 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.

11.3 Award Eligibility:

11.3.1 In order to be classified as a finisher the crew must complete a minimum of 4 special stages, which must include the final loop of stages and the finish control.

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

Competitors Relations Officer [CRO]

Paul McLoughlin is appointed as CRO for the event.

- 1 The function of a CRO is to liaise with competitors and play the role of mediator at all times.
- 2 This post is entrusted to an official who has a knowledge of the regulations and the GCR's, and the CRO may be invited to attend meetings of the panel of the Stewards in order to keep informed of all decisions taken.
- 3 He must be easily identifiable to the competitors. To this end it is advisable that he be introduced to the competitors at the competitor's safety briefing.
- 4 The Competitor Relations Officer shall refrain from saying anything or taking any action which may give rise to a protest.

Competitors' Relations Officer's Schedule

Saturday 16th August 2025

- Final Administrative Checks Rally HQ Castle Cinema, Oldcastle.
- Competitors Safety Briefing

Sunday 17th August 2025

- Parc Ferme OUT Control A
- Service 1 IN TC
- Service 2 IN TC
- Parc Ferme IN TC
- At the HQ Official Notice Board during the Provisional Results Publication, until the end of the protest/appeal period

Contact details: Mobile number will be provided in Final Instruction Documentation.

Super Rally Co-Ordinator [SRC]

Seamus McTigue is appointed as SRC for the event.

The function of SRC is to assemble, check and in conjunction with COC determine a competitor's eligibility for a re-start under super rally regulations.

Super Rally Co-Ordinator's Schedule

Sunday 17th August 2025

- Service 1 OUT TC
- Service 2 OUT TC

Contact details: Mobile number will be provided in Final Instruction Documentation.

2 Trophies
2 Trophies
2 Trophies: Fastest in Class 4 on Stage 9
2 Trophies: Highest placed Class 13 Crew Overall.
2 Trophies : Fastest Cavan Crew in Class 14
2 Trophies : At Organisers discretion

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.

Other awards may be added at the Club's discretion.

All trophies not collected/claimed by the 17th of Sept 2025 will be forfeited.

13. Judges of Fact

List of Judges of Fact will be advised/updated in Final Instructions and will be posted on the Official Notice Board along with on the Sportity App. [Digital Notice Board]

The decision of a Judge of Fact will be final.

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

The organisers 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.almc.ie
- Final instruction posted on both the Official Notice Board in Rally HQ and on the Digital Notice Board
 Sportity app <u>Password:</u> ALMCRALLY
- Final instruction may be 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 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.