

# Loughrea Plant & Tool Hire Clare Stages Rally

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# **Supplementary Regulations**

# 1. Announcement

The Loughrea Plant & Tool Hire Clare Stages Rally is promoted by Clare Motor Club and will be held on the 7<sup>th of</sup> September 2025. 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 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 No. 25/109 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

- 1. Triton Showers Motorsport Ireland National Rally Championship
- 2. Top Part West Coast Rally Championship
- 3. Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championship
- 4. Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup
- 5. Clare Motor Club Championship

# 2.2: Officials

Motorsport Ireland Steward (Chair)	Anthony O'Connor	
Motorsport Ireland Steward (Observer)	Brendan Harpur	
Clare Motor Club Steward	Kevin O'Riordan	
Clerk of the Course	Aiden Connolly	
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate	Aidan Kelly	
Clare Motor Club Safety Delegate	Kieran Ambrose	
Motorsport Ireland Chief Scrutineer	Robert Corrigan	
Deputy Clerk of the Course	David Murphy	
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Pat Diviney	
Secretary of the Event	Catherine Connolly	
Entries Secretary	Triona Hassett	
Chief Marshal	Maria O'Donoghue	
Chief Timekeeper	Eamon McGee	
Radio Controller	Mary Fitzgerald	
Press Officer	Sinead Canny	
Communications Officer	Bill Fitzgerald	
Children's Officer	Bríd Harpur	
Competitors' Relations Officer	Pat Sheil	
Results Provider	Angus Sealy	
Results Officer	Alan Corrigan	
Deputy COC for Tracking	Greg McCarthy	
<b>Emergency Services Liaison Officer</b>	Tom O'Riordan	
Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Declan O'Brien	
Service Area Coordinator	Pat Killeen	
Spectator Control	Pat Healy	
Stage Commanders	Tim Casey, John Fergus, Eoghan McMahon	
Deputy Stage Commanders	Aodhán Neylon, Martin Leahy, Ray Hassett	
Car Accountability	Gerry O'Brien	
Sweeper	Alan Kelly	
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	Winnie Sheil	
Chief Rescue Officer	Jason Brick	
Road Closed	Pat Canny	
Equipment Officer	Tom McGarry	

# **Safety Cars**

001 Safety Car	Christy Carey & Richard Talbot
002 Safety Car	Stephen Kellett & David McCormack
003 Safety Car	Michael Conneely & Michael Doc Doherty
004 Safety Car	Gerry Kelly & Joey Finneran

**2.3 Rally Headquarters:** Hotel Woodstock,

Shanaway Road, Ennis, Co. Clare Phone: 065-6899800

2.4 Secretary Contact Details: Catherine Connolly,

Newtown, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare

Phone: 086-0714564 (Strictly 7-9pm Only)

clarestagesrally1@gmail.com

# 2.5 Official Notice Board:

The Official Notice Board is on the Sportity App. The Supplementary Notice board will be situated in Rally Office in Hotel Woodstock.

The Password to the Sportity app will be CSR2025

# 3. Programme:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations Available	On publication of these regulations		Shannonsport.ie / Sportity
Entries Open	25 <sup>th</sup> July	18:00	Shannonsport.ie
Entries Close (including priority)	20 <sup>th</sup> August	21:00	
Final Instructions Posted			Sportity
Reconnaissance Registration	6 <sup>th</sup> September	09:00 – 12:00	Hotel Woodstock
Reconnaissance	6 <sup>th</sup> September	09:00 – 16:30	
Mechanical Scrutineering	6 <sup>th</sup> September	12:00 – 17:30	Auto Body Repairs, Clare Marts Complex. V95 C586
Documentation Scrutineering	6 <sup>th</sup> September	12:30 – 18:00	Hotel Woodstock
<b>Competitors Safety Briefing</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> September	20.30	Hotel Woodstock
Rally Start	7 <sup>th</sup> September	09.00	Parc Fermè Out
Rally Finish (first car)	7 <sup>th</sup> September	16.42	Parc Fermè In
Provisional Results	7 <sup>th</sup> September	After last car enters Parc Fermè	Rally HQ & Sportity
Prize giving	7 <sup>th</sup> September	30 mins after results final	Rally HQ

#### 4. Entries:

**Entries Secretary:** Triona Hassett

Carrownacloughy,

Crusheen, Co. Clare

087-9822092 (Strictly 19:30 – 21:30)

clarestagesrally1@gmail.com

#### 4.1 Information:

**4.1.1** Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA competition licence or Commercial Entrants Licence by a recognized ASN.

**4.1.2** All entries must be made on the official **online** Entry Form, via EVO Online Entry (<a href="https://www.shannonsportsit.ie/evo/Login?event">https://www.shannonsportsit.ie/evo/Login?event</a>) to be fully completed and signed by the entrant, driver, and navigator with the appropriate fee submitted by Electronic Funds Transfer, with the entrant's name as reference to the account details below.

Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned. Entry fee bank transfers must have a reference included otherwise they cannot be accepted as payment of entry fees.

Please note: Entries will be deemed incomplete and will not be accepted unless accompanied by the full entry fee.

**4.1.3** Entries from other (non-MI/MSUK) ASN 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 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 licence holder must be listed on the IRDS/BRDS database published weekly on <a href="https://www.motorsportireland.com">www.motorsportireland.com</a>. 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

# 4.2 Entry Fee:

The entry fee is **€825** 

The entry fee for Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup entrants is €577

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

All competitors should ensure they are listed on the IRDS/BRDS database prior to the event, as published weekly on <a href="www.motorsportireland.com">www.motorsportireland.com</a>. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries on +353 (0)1 6775628 or email <a href="mailto:info@motorsportireland.com">info@motorsportireland.com</a>

#### **Electronic Funds Transfers to be made to:**

Payment Method	Bank Transfer (EFT)	
Beneficiary Details	Clare Motor Club	
Bank	Bank of Ireland	
Branch	Ennis, Co. Clare	
IBAN	IE90B0Fl90421037050212	
BIC	BOFIIE2D	

Ensure all Payments made online start with your Evo online ID number (OL/xxxxxx) and <u>DRIVER</u> name are included as a reference on your payment.

#### INCOMPLETE BANK DETAILS WILL RESULT IN ENTRY NOT BEING ACCEPTED

#### 4.3 Entry Criteria:

The number of starters will be limited to 165, including Juniors & Historics. 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. In the event of an excess of 165 entries being received, a reserve list will be compiled in order of receipt of entries. The following criteria will be applied to all **FULLY PAID** entries received from the opening to the closing date of entries.

**ONLY FULLY COMPLETED** entries will be accepted on a **first come first served basis**.

Please note: Entries will be deemed incomplete and will not be accepted unless accompanied by the full entry fee.

In the event of an excess of 165 entries being received, a reserve list will be compiled in order of receipt of entries.

The Club will allocate priority to the following entries only:

- (a) National Rally Championship As per Appendix 31 Article 7 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.
- (b) Border Rally Championship Priority given to the first 3 drivers in each class.
- (c) West Coast Rally Championship As per Article 3 of the Top Part West Coast Regulations 2025.
- (d) 20 Entries allocated at the organiser's discretion.

# Notes:

- In all above cases "Competitors" refers to driver only.
- The onus will rest with the competitor documentary proof of results stated.
- Any false declaration will result in the entry being refused.
- Qualifying under any of the above criteria does not guarantee an entry.
- The club reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

#### **Late Withdrawal of Entries:**

These fee penalties will be enforced. Failure to withdraw an entry in the correct manner i.e. by contact the entries secretary by email may result in loss of full entry fee. All withdrawal refunds are at the discretion of the COC. Any refunds will be issued with two weeks of the event.

Please note: Withdrawal of all entries must be completed via email to the Entries Secretary.

#### 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 on the event, and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 09:00 to 16:00. Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at:

Location: Hotel Woodstock, Ennis, Co. Clare

Time: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September between 09:00 – 12:00

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

Recce stickers must be displayed on the reconnaissance car windscreen on the top left-hand corner on the outside of the 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 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 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 any of the above regulations will be submitted to Motorsport Ireland who may convene a court of inquiry.

#### 7. Administrative Checks:

• Documentation scrutineering is located at Rally Office between 12:30 – 18:00 on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

#### \* 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 Scrutineering will take place at Autobody Repairs, Clare Marts Complex, Ennis between 12:00 and 17:30 on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- Post Event Mechanical Scrutineering will take place by invitation at the same location.
- 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 are compulsory for each crew.
- 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 LEAVE THE AREA AS YOU FOUND IT.

- 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 AFFFF(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 to be refuelled outside of this area other than at designated commercial filling stations on rally route.

# 10. Features of the Rally:

# 10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 20.30 in Hotel Woodstock. 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 at 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 110 Stage kilometres and 121 Road kilometres and will comprise of 9 sealed surface stages with service after SS3 and SS6. Cars in the Junior Class (Class 16) and Historic Classes (17, 18, 19) will compete over all stages. Car in the Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup (Class 23) will start the event after first service and compete over the final two loops of 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. Super Rally (Restart After Retirement)

# 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 Feirme Out and Arrival Control of SS 3, 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 or 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, 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 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 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 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



#### 12. Awards:

#### 12.1 Award Details:

1<sup>st</sup> Overall 2 Awards

2<sup>nd</sup> Overall 2 Awards

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall 2 Awards

1<sup>st</sup> in each class 2 Awards

2<sup>nd</sup> in each class 2 Awards

3<sup>rd</sup> in each class 2 Awards

**Noel McCullough Award** - Award to the highest placed Clare Motor Club Crew. Both must be paid up members of Clare Motor Club before the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

**Dermot Molloy Trophy** - Award goes to the highest placed non-homologated normally aspirated cars up to 1650cc. Both must be paid up members of Clare Motor Club before the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

**Colin McRae - "If in doubt, flat out" Perpetual Cup** will be awarded to the first overall 2-wheel drive modified car.

**Dougie Hughes Memorial Trophy** - is awarded to first in a class selected at random by the Organisers.

Please note that the Noel McCullough, Dermot Molloy and Colin McRae "if in doubt, flat out" cup are not class awards.

# PLEASE CLAIM YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR ABOVE AWARDS ON YOUR ENTRY FORM

# **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

# 13.1 Judges of Fact:

A list of Judges of Fact will be advised in Final Instructions and will be posted on the official notice board and Sportity. 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 Sportity App
- 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 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



