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AND THE NEW WALSH SCHOOL FURNITURE MKII HISTORIC CHALLENGE**



DACIA SANDERO
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Motorsport Ireland Junior Rally Series

STELLANTIS
RALLY CUP IRELAND

Motorsport Ireland
2026 National Rally Championship

TRITON
SHOWERS

The Seven Oaks Carlow Stages Rally & O'Brien Cement MKII Challenge

Supplementary Regulations

1. Announcement

The Seven Oaks Hotel Carlow Stages & O'Brien Cement MK11Challenge Rally is promoted by Carlow Car Club and will be held on the 17th of May 2026. 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. 26/056 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

1. Triton Showers Motorsport Ireland National Rally Championship
2. Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup
3. Stellantis Rally Cup Ireland
4. Motorsport Ireland Junior Rally Series (MIJRS) Championship

2.2: Officials

Motorsport Ireland Steward (Chair)	Damien Crawford
Motorsport Ireland Steward (Observer)	Anthony O'Connor
Club Steward	Alan Cullinan
Clerk of the Course	Michael Comerford
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate	Kevin O'Riordan
Club Safety Delegate	Dave McCormack
Motorsport Ireland Chief Scrutineer	Raymond Knox
Deputy Clerk of the Course	William Cecil
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Michael O'Connor
Assistant COC Responsible for Tracking	Brendan Harpur
Secretary of the Event	Charlotte Egan
Chief Marshal	Martin Comerford
Chief Timekeeper	Eamon McGee
Radio Controller	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer	Aine Phelan
Children's Officer	Chris Dermody
Competitors' Relations Officer	Pat Sheil
Results Provider	Angus Sealy
Results Officer	Alan Corrigan
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	Padraig Dooley
Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Declan O'Brien
Service Area Coordinator	Dermot Gargen
Spectator Control	Aidan Kelly
Stage Commander SS1/4/7	Kenneth Treacy
Deputy Stage Commander	Michael Murphy
Stage Commander SS2/5/8	Paul Fitzpatrick

Deputy Stage Commander	Simon Reid
Stage Commander SS3/6/9	Brendan Hayden
Deputy Stage Commander	Noel Wall
Car Accountability	Barry Hayden
Sweeper	Colm Donoghue/Alex Davenport
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	Winnie Sheil
Chief Rescue Officer	Arthur Walsh
Road Closed	Martin Delaney
Equipment Officer	Paddy Murphy

Safety Cars

001 Safety Car	David Forde/TJ O'Brien
002 Safety Car	Gerry Hyland/Maeve Hyland
003 Safety Car	Michael Conneely/Michael Doherty
004 Safety Car	Francis Kelly/Colin O'Toole

2.3 Rally Headquarters:

The Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow
Phone: 059 91 31308
Email: info@sevenoakshotel.com

2.4 Secretary Contact Details:

Charlotte Egan
Gilbertstown
Rathoe
Carlow, R93 YX81
Phone: 086 8905657 Between 7pm - 9pm only
Email: charlotteegan710@hotmail.com

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be a Digital Notice Board (DBN), available in the Sportity App. There will be no physical Official Notice Board. All competitors will be informed only by Sportity of notifications about the publication of any documents on the Digital Notice Board.

Sportity app is downloadable for IOS devices on Appstore and for Android devices on Google Plat

The Password to the Sportity app will be **CCCMK11**

3. Programme:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations available	<i>On Publication</i>		www.shannonsportsit.ie/ / www.carlowcarclub.ie
Entries open	<i>On Publication</i>		
Entries close	<i>1st of May</i>		
Final Instructions Posted	<i>7th May</i>		www.carlowcarclub.ie
Reconnaissance Registration	<i>Sat 16th May</i>	<i>08.00 to 12.00</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel Rally Office</i>
Reconnaissance	<i>Sat 16th May</i>	<i>09.00 to 17.00</i>	
Mechanical Scrutineering	<i>Sat 16th May</i>	<i>15.00 to 18.30</i>	<i>Carlow Mart R93V0R1</i>
Documentation Scrutineering	<i>Sat 16th May</i>	<i>15.30 to 19.00</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel Rally Office</i>
Ceremonial Start	<i>Sat 16th May</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Tullow Street</i>
Competitors Safety Briefing			<i>Online (see 10.1)</i>
Rally Start	<i>Sun 17th May</i>	<i>08.55 (FCD)</i>	<i>Parc Ferme</i>
Rally Finish	<i>Sun 17th May</i>	<i>17.09 (FCD)</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel</i>
Provisional Results	<i>Sun 17th May</i>	<i>After last car enters Parc Ferme</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel Rally Notice Board, Sportity App</i>
Prizegiving	<i>Sun 17th May</i>	<i>30 Minutes After Final Results</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel</i>

4. Entries:

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 www.shannonsportsit.ie to be fully completed and signed by the entrant, driver, and navigator with the appropriate fee submitted by Electronic Funds Transfer, **with the OL Reference No and 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 www.motorsportireland.com. 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 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.

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 www.motorsportireland.com. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries on +353 (0)1 6775628 or email info@motorsportireland.com

Cheques, Bank Drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to:

Carlow Carsports Club CLG

Payments can also be made using our online link on www.carlowcarclub.ie

Electronic Funds Transfers to be made to:

Account Name: Carlow Carsports Club CLG

IBAN: IE10 AIBK 9331 0408035047

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IMPORTANT - Ensure competitor name is included as the reference

Cash should not be sent with an entry

Withdrawals:

If an entry is withdrawn before 5pm on 13th of May 2026 the entry fee will be fully refunded. Entries withdrawn after that time will be refunded at the discretion of the Clerk of the Court. All withdrawn entries will be subject to a €50 administration charge

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

4.3 Entry Criteria:

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) Appendix 31 Article 7 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

(b) MK II Challenge

(c) 20 Entries at the Clubs discretion

Note:

The club reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

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.

5.3 MK II Challenge Classes

Ford Escort MkII Competing Cars in Classes 9-14 **ONLY** will be eligible for inclusion in the Mark II Challenge.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall Prizes will be awarded in the Mark II Challenge.

5.3 MK II Historic Challenge Award

Ford Escort MkII Competing Cars in Classes 17-19 **ONLY** will be eligible for inclusion in the Mark II Historic Challenge Perpetual Award. This Perpetual Award will be awarded to the highest placed eligible Historic Mark II Escort

Entries: Escort MkII Challenge cars priority entry are limited at the discretion of the directors of Carlow Car Club. To qualify for the MKII Challenge the car must have the McPherson type struts (front) & Beam axle (rear).

6. Reconnaissance

6.1 Information:

Pace notes will be allowed on the event and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on Saturday 16th of May 2026 from 9am to 5pm. Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at:

Location: Seven Oaks Hotel

Time: 16th of May 2026 between 08.00 – 12.00

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 The Seven Oaks Hotel between 15.30 – 19.00 on 16th of May 2026
- Competition licences, and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering.

*** 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 Carlow Mart between 15.00 and 18.30 on 16th of May 2026.
- Post Event Mechanical Scrutineering will take place by invitation at Carlow Mart.
- 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 AFFF(Foam) Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced).
- Smoking by competitors or service crews is prohibited within the Service Area.
- A refuel zone will be in operation and all competitors are reminded that cars are not 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 will be requested to log onto the Sportity channel for the event and click on the link to watch the competitor safety briefing online. This video must be viewed by both Driver and Co-driver prior to documentation scrutiny. At documentation scrutiny, when completing the event declaration, crews will be asked to tick a box confirming that both crew members have watched the video in full.

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 106 stage kilometres and 104 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 Ferme 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, 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 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 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 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 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 st Overall	2 Awards
2 nd Overall	2 Awards
3 rd Overall	2 Awards
1 st in each class	2 Awards
2 nd in each class	2 Awards
3 rd in each class	2 Awards
1 st Overall Mark II Challenge	2 Awards
2 nd Overall Mark II Challenge	2 Awards
3 rd Overall Mark II Challenge	2 Awards

MK II Historic Challenge Award – Perpetual Award

Special Awards:

Mark II Challenge awards these are deemed to be manufactures additional awards

Best Club Member (driver)	2 Trophies.
Kelly Award	Highest placed club member (driver).
Ladies award	2 Trophies.
Overseas Crew	2 Trophies

Competitors may qualify for only one award except Escort Mark II Challenge awards and the Kelly award. Competitors Must be present to Collect their award or have a person nominated. If not, you will forfeit your award

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 Sportivity. 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.Carlowcarclub.ie
- Final instruction posted on official notice board in the Seven Oaks Hotel
- 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

**PLEASE ENTER BELOW RECENT RESULTS ACHIEVED BY
NOMINATED DRIVER**

EVEN	YEAR	CLASS	POS. O/A

INDEMNITIES, DECLARATIONS & UNDERTAKINGS BY ENTRANTS, DRIVERS & PASSENGERS

(a) I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them and by the General Competition Rules and Regulations of MI including the guidelines and regulations contained in Motorsport Ireland's Code of Conduct for Children's Sport. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry or of my being permitted to take part in this event I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Carlow Car Club Irish Automobile Club Ltd. t/a Royal Irish Automobile Club, Irish Motorsport Federation Ltd. t/a Motorsport Ireland and their respective officials, servants, representatives and agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of death, injury, loss of or damage to the person or property of myself, my driver(s), passenger(s) or mechanic(s) (as the case may be) howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with this entry or my taking part in this event and notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, their officials, servants, representatives or agents. Furthermore, in respect of any parts of this event on ground where Third Party Insurance is not required by law, this Agreement shall in addition to the parties named above extend to all and any other competitor(s) and their servants and agents and to all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of loss of or damage to the person or property of myself, my driver(s), passenger(s) or mechanic(s).

If under 18 years of age, My age (driver) is My age (co-driver) is

(b) I declare that to the best of my belief the driver(s), passenger(s) possess the standard of competence necessary for an event of the type to which this entry relates and that the car entered is suitable and roadworthy for the event having regard to the course and the speeds which will be reached. I declare that the use of the car hereby entered is covered by Insurance as required by the Road Traffic Act, which is valid for such part of this event as shall take place on roads as defined in the Act.

(c) I understand that should I at the time of this event be suffering from any disability whether permanent, temporary or otherwise which is likely to affect prejudicially my normal control of my automobile, I may not take part unless I have declared such disability to MI, who have, following such declaration issued a licence which permits me to do so.

(d) I undertake that at the time of the event to which this entry relates I shall be in possession of a current certificate of medical fitness. In the case of MI Licence Holders, only certificates on the official MI or FIA Medical Forms will be accepted.

(e) Any indemnity and/or declaration as prescribed by sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above which is signed by a person under the age of 18 years shall be countersigned by that person's parent or guardian, whose full names and address shall be given. Furthermore, the parents and/or guardians of persons under 18 years of age shall grant permission to MI and Sport Ireland to carry out tests in accordance with the Irish Anti-Doping Rules (Rule No 139) in the following form:

"I/We hereby grant permission to MI and Sport Ireland to carry out tests as set out in Rule No 139 of the GCRs in accordance with the Irish Anti-Doping Rules."

(f) I agree to abide by and be bound by the Motorsport Ireland Social Media Policy of conduct as per Appendix 126 of the current MI Yearbook

Signed Driver _____
Signed Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____

Signed Navigator _____
Signed Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____

Signed Entrant _____
Signed Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____

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Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature _____

Date _____

Minor Entrant Licence No. _____