



LAOIS FORESTRY RALLY 2026

2025
IRISH FOREST
RALLY CHAMPIONS
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SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER



— REGULATIONS —



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IDS Laser Laois Forest Rally 2026 October 4th 2026

1. Announcement

The IDS Laser Laois Forestry Rally is promoted by Laois Rallysport Club and will be held on Sunday the 4th October 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 32 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. 26/135 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

Trailer Parts & Spares Irish Forest Rally Championship

Motorsport Ireland Junior Rally Series (J1000, Rally 4 & R2)

Suirway Group South East Stages Rally Championship

2.2 Officials:

Motorsport Ireland Steward (Chair):	Gerry O'Brien
Motorsport Ireland Steward (Observer):	Paul Browne
Club Appointed Steward:	Noel Devlin
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate:	John Tynan
Club Safety Delegate:	Ruadhri Nash
Chief Scrutineer:	Wayne Keogh
Clerk of the Course:	Pat O'Connor
Deputy Clerk of the Course:	Michael O'Connor
Assistant Clerk of the Course (Tracking):	Susan Sheehan
Assistant Clerk of the Course:	Eoin Langton
Secretary of the Event:	Laura Hannon
Entries Secretary:	Louise Moffitt
Chief Marshal:	Brendan Dowling
Chief Timekeeper:	Eamon McGee
Radio Controller:	Mary Fitzgerald
Communications Officer:	Bill Fitzgerald
Equipment Officer:	Eddie Moffitt / John Breen

Press Officer:	Paul Downey
Children's Officer:	Laura Hannon
Competitors' Liaison Officer:	Johnny Baird
Results Provider:	Angus Sealy
Emergency Services Liaison Officer:	Tony Walshe
Chief Medical Officer:	Dr Declan O'Brien
Service Area Coordinator:	Brendan Downey
Spectator Control:	Dave McCormack
Super Rally Co-Ordinator:	Greg Shinnors
001 Safety Car	TBA
002 Safety Car	TBA
003 Safety Car	TBA
004 Safety Car	TBA

2.3 Rally Headquarters: Maldron Hotel, Midway, Portlaoise.

2.4 Secretary Contact Details: Lousie Moffitt

Phone: 087-090 3664

Email: lou.moffitt59@gmail.com

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be a digital notice board on the Sportity App. The Password to the Sportity App will be ***IDSLAOIS2026***

3. Programme

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations Available	On publication of these regulations		www.laoisrallyclub.ie & Sportity
Entries Open	On publication of these regulations		https://www.shannonsportsit.ie/evo
Entries Close (including priority):	September 25 th	20:00	
Final Instructions Posted	October 1 st		Sportity
Mechanical Scrutineering	October 3 rd	14:30 – 19:30	Clonminam Industrial Estate Portlaoise
Documentation Scrutineering	October 3 rd	15:00 – 20:00	Rally HQ
Competitors Safety Briefing (Main Field)			Online
Competitors Safety Briefing (J1000)	October 3 rd	6:00 pm	Clonminam Industrial Estate Portlaoise
Rally Start – TC 0 (First Car)	October 4 th	08:30 am	Clonminam Industrial Estate Portlaoise
Rally Finish – TC 8B (First Car)	October 4 th	15:30 pm (expected)	Clonminam Industrial Estate Portlaoise
Provisional Results	October 4 th	After last car enters Parc Ferme	Sportity
Prize Giving	October 4 th	Immediately after final results	Service Area, Clonminam Industrial Estate, Portlaoise.

4. Entries:

4.1 Information

- 4.1.1 Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA competition license or Commercial Entrants License by a recognized ASN.
- 4.1.2 All entries must be made on the official online Entry Form, via EVO Online Entry <https://www.shannonsportsit.ie/evo> 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. 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 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 license holder holds a STAGE RALLY license 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 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.

4.2 Entry Fee:

4 Wheel Drive: **€850**

2 Wheel Drive: **€820**

J1000: **€670**

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

Payments must be made on the Laois Rallysport Website:

Check out the Laois Forest Rally 2026 Page -> Direct Link -> https://laoisrallyclub.ie/?page_id=375

IMPORTANT - Ensure Shannon sport OL reference number and driver name is included in the reference. Payment currency in EURO only. EFT payments must include all charges associated with the transfer. No Cash Payments accepted.

Entries Secretary: Louise Moffitt **Phone:** 087-090 3664 **Email:** lou.moffitt59@gmail.com

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. The max Number of Starters will be 120.

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

4.4 Withdrawal of Entries:

Withdrawals from Friday 25th September to Tuesday 29th September - 20% of entry fee withheld

Thereafter - 50% of entry fee withheld

Entries must be withdrawn by email to the entries secretary. Failure to withdraw an entry by contacting the event secretary directly, may result in the loss of the full entry fee.

5. Classes

5.1 The event will include classes, as per Appendix 29.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

The organisers may amalgamate classes. This will be notified on Sportity.

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.

6. Safety Notes

- 6.1 Information: Safety Notes will be allowed on this event. Competitors will not be permitted to Recce the stages before the event.
- 6.2 Safety notes providers: Safety 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 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

- Documentation scrutineering will take place at Rally Headquarters from 15.00 – 20:00 on Saturday 3rd October.
- Competition licenses, 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 License 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 License, if they are not the Minor's Parent/Legal Guardian this license must include Garda Vetting. It is not permitted to have two minors in the same vehicle.

8. Scrutineering

Mechanical Scrutineering will take place at Clonminam Industrial Estate between 14.30 – 19:30 on Saturday 3rd October.

Post Event Mechanical Scrutineering will take place by invitation.

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), as per Appendix 25, Article 2.10.2 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

Smoking by competitors or service crews is prohibited within the Service Area, as per Appendix 25, Article 2.10.2 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

A refuel area will be in operation near the exit of the service park and all competitors are reminded that cars are not be refuelled outside of this area

10. Features of the Rally

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be on line for main field with a further briefing for J1000 crews held on Saturday 3rd October, at 6 pm.

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately approx. 65 stage kilometres and approx. 165 road kilometres and will comprise of 6 loose surface stages with service before SS1 and after SS3

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 only restart the rally from Service Out Control after 3 stages subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below.

No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 3, 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 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, 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 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 3 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

Awards will be made as follows:

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. In classes with 4 or less entries awards will only be made for first and second position.

If Competitors are not present at the prizegiving to collect their awards they will be forfeit.

1 st Overall	2 Trophies	
2 nd Overall	2 Trophies	
3 rd Overall	2 Trophies	
1 st in each class	2 Trophies	
2 nd in each class	2 Trophies	
3 rd in each class	2 Trophies	
Ladies Award	2 Trophies	To the highest placed ladies' crew
LRSC Award	2 Trophies	To the highest placed Laois Rallysport Club member crew

13. Judges of Fact

A list of Judges of Fact will be advised in Final Instructions and will be posted on 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)

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.