

Garda Siochana Motor Club Ltd.



**Germaines Hotel
Mini Stages Rally 2026**

**Regulations
Sunday 8th November 2026**

**A counting round of the
Hugo Loonam Motors
Midlands East Rally Championship**

Rally HQ: Germaines Hotel Baltinglass

Organised and promoted by
Garda Siochana Motor Club Ltd

1. Announcement

The GSMC Baltinglass Stages Rally is promoted and organised by Garda Siochana Motor Club Ltd (herein after called the promoters.) and will be held on 8th November 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, 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: 26/151 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

1. Hugo Loonam Motors Midlands East Rally Championship

2.2 Officials

Motorsport Ireland Steward (Chair):	Alan Cullinan
Motorsport Ireland Steward (Observer):	John Carroll
Club Nominated Steward:	David Fitzgearld
Clerk of the Course:	David Mc Cormack
Motorsport Ireland Safety Officer:	Noel Devlin
Club Safety Officer:	Stephen Kellett
Deputy Clerk of the Course:	Brendan Harpur
Assistant Clerk of the Course	William Cecil
Spectator Control:	Glynn McCarthy
Event Secretary:	Mark Shortt
Chief Medical Officer:	Dr Declan O'Brien
Chief Marshal:	Pat Lordan
Chief Scrutineer:	Pat O'Dowd
Radio Controller:	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer:	Padraig Reddington
Results Provider	Angus Sealy
Competitors' Relations Officer:	Pat Sheil
Car Accountability:	Eoin Longworth
Sweeper Car	Gerry O'Brien
Equipment Officer:	Adam Farrelly
Road Closed:	Hugh Fleming
Chief Timekeeper:	Eamon McGee
Service Area Manager	Ronan Judge
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	Winnie Sheil
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	Tom Smithers

001	<i>Cyril Wharton Anthony O'Connor</i>
002	<i>Michael Connelly Michael Doherty</i>
003	<i>Gerry Hyland Madbh Hyland</i>
004	<i>John Naylor Sophie Naylor</i>

2.3 Rally Headquarters: Germaine's Hotel, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow

2.4 Entries Secretary
Email:

Mark Shortt
gsmcbaltinglassrally@gmail.com

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will appear on the ***Sportity Mobile phone app*** and will be in operation when entries open
Traditional notice board will be located at Rally Headquarters: Germaine's Hotel, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow and will be in operation from 1st November 2026 until 9th November 2026.

3. Programme

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations available	On publication of these regulations	00:00	Rally.ie
Entries open	On publication of these regulations	00:00	Shannosports.ie
Entries close	3/11/2026	23.59	Entries may be accepted after this date subject to Appendix 23.3
Clerk of the Course Instructions Posted	4/11/2026	00:00	Sportity & Rally.ie
			GSMC mini stages 2026 Password (GSMC2026)
Reconnaissance Registration	7/11/2026	08.15 - 11.30	Rally Office, Germaine's Hotel
Reconnaissance	7/11/2026	08.30 - 16.00	
Mechanical Scrutineering	7/11/2026	14.00 - 19.30	D.O.E. Centre, Baltinglass
Documentation Scrutineering	7/11/2026	14.30 - 20.00	Rally Office, Germaine's Hotel
Competitors' Safety Briefing	Online	Online	Online
Rally Start	8/11/2026	07.46	Scoil Chonglais, Baltinglass
Rally Finish (first car)	8/11/2026	17:09	Germaine's Hotel
Results (provisional)	8/11/2026	After last car enters Parc Fermè	Sportity
Results (final)	8/11/2026	Half an hour after publication of provisional results subject to no queries	Sportity
Prizegiving	8/11/2026	30 mins after final results	Germaine's Hotel

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 as issued by a recognized ASN.

4.1.2. All entries must be made on the official online Entry Form, found at; www.shannonsports.ie 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 INTERNATIONAL grade 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 license holder holds a STAGE RALLY license of the 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

Completed entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. In the event of an excess of 140 entries being received, a reserve list will be compiled in order of receipt of entries.

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

The number of starters will be limited to 140.

4.2 Entry Fee:

The entry fee is €699

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 by Motorsport Ireland. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries +353 (0)1 6775628.

Electronic Funds Transfers to be made to:

Bank Details; AIB. 9 Terenure Road East, Rathgar, Dublin 6.

Account Name; The Garda Siochana Motor Club Limited.

IBAN; IE13AIBK93107117608084

BIC; AIBKIE2D

IMPORTANT - PLEASE ENSURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND YOUR EVO ENTRY REFERENCE NUMBER IN THE REFERENCE FIELD OF THE PAYMENT BANK TRANSFER

Withdrawals: If an entry is withdrawn in writing via an email before 20.00 hrs. on Saturday the 31st of October 2026 the entry fee will be fully refunded. Entries withdrawn before 20:00 hrs. on Monday the 2nd of October will have €50 admin fee, Entries withdrawn after this time shall have 50% of total entry withheld. Any refunds will be issued within two weeks after the rally.

4.3 Entry Criteria:

In the event of an excess of 120 entries being received the following criteria will be applied to all entries received from the opening to the closing date of entries:

Priorities in Hugo Loonam Motors Midlands East Rally Championship, as per Championship Regulations.

10 entries at the organiser's discretion.

The remainder will be drawn on a ballot.

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:

Refer to Appendix 29, Notes on Classes, Article 2.6 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for further information on class eligibility in Mini Stage Rallies.

Historic cars in classes 17, 18 & 19 must have an HRVIF or HTP (as appropriate) which must be produced at scrutineering. Cars without a valid HRVIF or HTP will not be permitted to start the event.

If 5 or more entries are not received in each class, the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes or reduce awards accordingly.

6. Reconnaissance

6.1 Information:

Pace notes will be allowed on the event, and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on 7th November 2026 from 08.30-16.00 hrs.

Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at:

Location: Rally Office, Germaines Hotel

Time: 08.15-11.30 hrs.

Recce stickers must be displayed on the reconnaissance car 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 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.

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 tribunal of inquiry.

7. Administrative Checks

Administrative checks:

- Documentation scrutineering is located at Rally Office, Germaines Hotel on 7th November 2026 from 14.30 -20.00 hrs.
- Competition licences and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering.
- 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 7th November from 14.00-19.00 hrs. at NCT Centre, Baltinglass.
- Post Event Mechanical Scrutiny will take place by invitation at NCT Centre, Baltinglass.

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, At Baltinglass Industrial Estate, W91 FNK6
- 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 must be utilized 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,
- Competitors are requested to remove all oil / fluids and tyres from the Service Area, failure to comply will incur penalties.
- Please refer to Appendix 25, Art. 2.10.2 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook regarding fire extinguishers requirements and signage in the Service Area.
- Smoking by competitors or service crews is prohibited within the Service Area.

9A REFUELING

- Fuel is not permitted to be stored in, or dispensed from, the Service Park. All competitors must refuel in the designated Refuel Area, or by written prior permission from the organisers, from commercial filling stations indicated in the event road book. More Information may follow in Final Instructions or In Bulletins.
- Crews using their own refuelling systems must use the designated Refuel Area.
- Each crew is responsible for the actions of their service crew and any breach of these regulations.
- **There is No access to the Refuel Area, except for the competitors availing of the refuel rig (if available) or competitors self-refuelling and nominated personnel.**
- All competitors must exit the car while refuelling is in operation, and they must follow the instructions of the refuelling operators and marshals.
- Refuelling is only allowed in Refuelling Area and designated commercial fuel station.
- Failure to comply with these refuelling regulations will be reported to the COC and penalties may apply.
- Penalties – As per the current MI Regulations.

10. Features of the Rally

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

The Competitors Safety Briefing will be held online via Motorsport Ireland Portal with receipt of completion provided to Event Secretary, accompanying their entry. It is compulsory for both crew members to attach receipt of safety briefing as per Appendix 25 Article 3.2.

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 88.08 stage kilometers and 148.42 road kilometers and will comprise of 2 stages run 3 times with service after SS2 and SS4.

Cars in the Junior Class (Class 16) will compete over all stages.

Cars in the Historic Classes (17, 18 and 19) will compete over all 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.

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 2, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 2 stages, or Service Out Control after 4 stages (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below).

Cars retiring from the rally between Service Out Control after 2 stages and Arrival Control of SS4, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 4 stages (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below). No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 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 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 2 stages or from Service Out Control after 4 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 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 2 stages or Service Out Control after 4 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 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

12.1 Award Details

1 st Overall	2 Trophies (Sean Eiffe Memorial Cup)
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
Spirit of Rally 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. The onus is on competitors to ensure that they are entered for the appropriate awards.

All Trophies not collected/claimed by November 9th, 2026, will be forfeited.

13. Judges of Fact

- List of Judges of Fact will be advised in a Clerk of the Course Bulletin, which will be posted on the official 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

- CoC Bulletin posted on club website
- CoC Bulletin posted on official notice board
- CoC Bulletin 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.

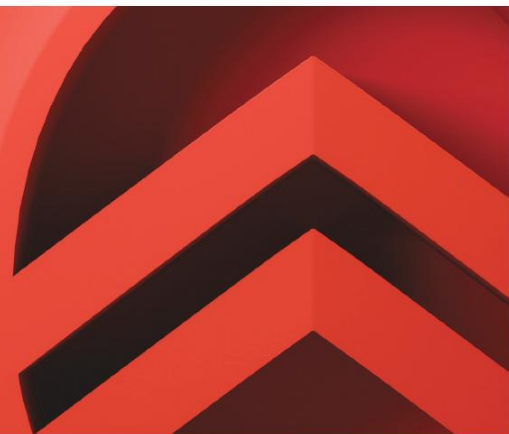
In the event of cancellation or postponement for more than 24 hours, entry fee shall be refunded in accordance with GCR 51.2.

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