

THE SEVEN OAKS HOTEL

CARLOW STAGES RALLY

incorporating
20 YEARS ANNIVERSARY of **MKII CHALLENGE**



REGULATIONS

2024



Keep The Race
In Its Place



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

1. Announcement

The Seven Oaks Hotel Carlow Stages & O'Brien Cement MK11 Challenge Rally is promoted by Carlow Motor Club and will be held on the 19th of May 2024

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 of the 2024 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. Organization

2.1 These regulations have been submitted to, and approved by Motorsport Ireland who has issued Permit No: **24/052** for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round: Motorsport Ireland National Rally Championship

2.2 Officials:

Motorsport Ireland Stewards	Kevin O 'Riordan / Paul Lyons
Club Steward	Pat Fox
Clerk of the Course	Brendan Harpur
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate	Noel Devlin
Chief Scrutineer	Robert Corrigan
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Michael Comerford
Assistant Clerk of the Course	William Cecil
Assistant C.O.C for Tracking	Alan Corrigan
Secretary of the Event	Brid Harpur
Club Safety Delegate	Dave McCormick
Chief Marshal	Michael Brady
Chief Timekeeper	Eamon McGee
Radio Controller	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer	Aine Phelan
Childrens Officer	Chris Dermody
Competitor Relations Officer	Pat Shiel
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 Commanders	SS 1/4/7 Ken Treacy SS 2/5/8 Declan O Leary SS 3/6/9 Adrain Codd
Deputy Stage Commanders	SS 1/4/7 Martin Comerford SS 2/4/6 Ryan Cox SS 3/6/9 James Doran
Car Accountability	Martin Casey
Sweeper	Richie Gamble
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	Winne Shiel
Chief Rescue Officer	Arthur Walshe

00 Safety Cars

004 Brain Doyle / Sly Shaughnessy
003 Francis Kelly / Charlotte Egan
002 Stephan Kallet / James McEnaney
001 Graham Scallen / Ciara Griffan

2.3 Rally Headquarters: The Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow R93V4K5

2.4 Entries Secretary Contact Details: Brid Harpur 0868403017

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be the Sportity App for the event with a display board situated in Rally Office in the Seven Oaks Hotel and will be in operation from 8am on the 18th of May 2024 until 8pm on the 19th of May 2024

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>8th May</i>		www.carlowcarclub.ie
Reconnaissance Registration	<i>Sat 18th May</i>	<i>08.00 to 12.00</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel Rally Office</i>
Reconnaissance	<i>Sat 18th May</i>	<i>09.00 to 17.00</i>	
Mechanical Scrutineering	<i>Sat 18th May</i>	<i>14.00 to 18.30</i>	<i>Carlow Mart R93V0R1</i>
Documentation Scrutineering	<i>Sat 18th May</i>	<i>14.30 to 19.00</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel Rally Office</i>
Ceremonial Start	<i>Sat 18th May</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Tullow Street</i>
Competitors Safety Briefing	<i>Sun 19th May</i>	<i>07.30</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel Rally HQ</i>
Rally Start	<i>Sun 19th May</i>	<i>08.55</i>	<i>Parc Ferme</i>
Rally Finish	<i>Sun 19th May</i>	<i>18.55</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel</i>
Provisional Results	<i>Sun 19th May</i>	<i>No Sooner Than 30 Minutes after The Last Car</i>	<i>Seven Oaks Hotel Rally Notice Board , Sportity App</i>
Prizegiving	<i>Sun 19th 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 License or Commercial Entrants License as issued by a recognized ASN.

4.1.2 All entries must be made on the Official 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 returned.

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 organized 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 organizers

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 (including juniors) may be limited to 165. The number of starters in the Junior Class will be limited to 25.

4.2 Entry Fee:

The Main Field entry fee is € 795.

The Historic (Classes 17-19) entry fee is € 795.

The Junior entry fee is € 795.

The entry fee includes Personal Accident Insurance, IRDS / BRDS Insurance at standard rate. All competitors should ensure they are listed on the IRDS / BRDS Data Base, as published weekly by Motorsport Ireland. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries +353 (0)1 6775628.

Cheques / Bank Drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to: **Carlow Car Club Ltd**

Payments should be made using our online link on www.Carlowcarclub.ie

Entries to be sent to:

Name: **Brid Harpur**

Address: **Heavenstown ,Murntown , Co Wexford , Y35D234**

Tel: **086-8403017**

Email: **bridharpur@gmail.com**

Withdrawals: Entries withdrawn by 5pm on Saturday the 4th of May 2024 will receive a full refund. Entries withdrawn by 5pm on Wednesday 8th of May 2024 will receive a refund less 50 % of their entry fee. Entries withdrawn after the 5pm on Wednesday the 15th of May 2024 will not receive a refund. **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 11 Challenge

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 2024 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook

5.2 MK11 Challenge Classes:

Ford Escort MK11	Up to 1450 cc
Ford Escort MK11	1451 cc to 1650cc, 2 – wheel drive normally aspirated and with not more than 2 valves per cylinder
Ford Escort MK11	1451cc to 1650cc, 2 – wheel drive normally aspirated and having more than 2 valves per cylinder
Ford Escort MK11	1651cc to 2100, 2 – wheel drive normally aspirated and with not more than 2 valves per cylinder
Ford Escort MK11	1651cc to 2100, 2 – wheel drive normally aspirated and having more than 2 valves per cylinder
Ford Escort MK11	2101cc to 2500, 2-wheel drive normally aspirated

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).

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).

Refer to Appendix 29.1, Notes on Classes, Articles 1 to 24, Motorsport Ireland Yearbook 2024, for further information on class eligibility.

6. Reconnaissance

6.1 Information:

Pace notes will be allowed on the event and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on Saturday 18th of May. Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at: Rally Office

Location: ***The Seven Oaks Hotel***
Time: ***08.00 to 12.00***

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 2024 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 2024 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 The Seven Oaks Hotel from 14.30 to 19.00
- *** 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 Saturday the 18th of May at Carlow Mart 14.00 to 18.30
- Post Event Mechanical Scrutiny will take place by invitation at Carlow Mart

- Refer to Appendices 2 and 29.1 of the 2024 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for scrutiny requirements.

9. Servicing

- There will be a designated fixed Service Area in Dan Morrissey & Company Ltd Quarry
- Outside of the Service Area, Support / Service is expressly forbidden (Article 11.5, Appendix 29 2024 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 tires from the Service Area.
- 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.

10. Features of the Rally

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be held at 07.30 on Sunday the 19th in The Seven Oaks Hotel
It is compulsory for Both members of the crew to attend. (Appendix 25, Article 3.2).

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 110 stage kilometers and 122.4 road kilometers and will comprise of 9 stages with service after SS 3 and SS 6.
Cars in the Junior Class will compete over 9 stages.
Cars in the Historic Classes (Class 17, 18 and 19) will compete over 9 stages.

10.3 Super Rally:

A restart after retirement facility (Super Rally), as per Art 13, Appendix 29 2024 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 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook (as published on MI Website).

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 6stages (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 6,7,8,9

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 Rally 2 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 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 organizers 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 (as published on MI Website)

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:

OVERALL, AWARDS

1 st Overall	2 Trophies
2 nd Overall	2 Trophies
3 rd Overall	2 Trophies

CLASS AWARDS

1 st In Class	2 Trophies
2 nd In Class	2 Trophies
3 rd In Class	2 Trophies

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

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

13. Judges of Fact

- List of Judges of Fact will be advised in final instructions and 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 organizers 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 organizers 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

EVENT	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 the Irish Sports Council 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 the 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. _____