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THE MOONRAKER FOREST RALLY 2026

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IRISH FOREST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATIONS

18TH APRIL 2026
DUNGARVAN

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EARS Motorsport Moonraker Forest Rally – Saturday 18th April 2026

Supplementary Regulations

1. Announcement

The Ears Motorsport Moonraker Forest Rally 2026 is promoted by Munster Car Club and will be held on the 18th of April 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 . 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.26/040 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

- Trailer Part & Spares Irish Forestry Rally Championship 2026
- Motorsport Ireland MIJRS Championship 2026 (J1000, Rally4 &R2)
- Suirway Group South East Stages Rally Championship 2026

2.2 : Officials

Motorsport Ireland Steward (Chair)	**Gerry O'Brien**
Motorsport Ireland Steward (Observer)	**Declan O'Keeffe**
Club Steward	**Alan G Verso**
Clerk of the Course	**Gavin Walsh**
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate	**Micheal Boland**
Club Safety Delegate	**Jim Murphy**
Chief Scrutineer	**Becky Hollinshead**
Deputy Clerk of the Course	**Paul Browne**
Assistant Clerks of the Course	**Kevin O Riordan**
Secretary of the Event	**Lisa Fitzgerald**
Entries Secretary	**Susan Sheehan**
Chief Marshal	**Marie O Donaghue**
Chief Timekeeper	**Eamon McGee**
Radio Controller	**Mary Fitzgerald**
Press Officer	**Carol O Keefe**
Communications Officer	**Bill Fitzgerald**
Children's Officer	**Sheila Casey**
Competitors' Relations Officer	**Pat Shiel**
Results Provider	**Angus Sealy**
Results Officer	**Liam Hayes**

Assistant COC for Tracking	**Greg McCarthy**
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	**Tom O'Riordan**
Chief Medical Officer	**Dr. Declan O'Brien**
Service Area Coordinator	**Bill Sheehan**
Spectator Control	**Anthony O Conor**
Stage Commanders	**Ger Hayes / Sean Daly / Flor Corcoran**
Deputy Stage Commanders	**Sean Hayes / John Buckley / Aaron Browne**
Car Accountability	**Brian Manning**
Sweeper	**Brian O'Riordan**
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	**Winnie Shiel**
Chief Rescue Officer	**Paddy Russell**
Equipment Officer	**Finbarr Hanratty**

Safety Cars

001 Safety Car	**Mark Nagle/ Pat O Dowd**
002 Safety Car	**Stephen Sheehan / Paul Sheehan**
003 Safety Car	**Mick Linehan / Eillish Dunne**
004 Safety Car	**Johnny Kennelly/ Nicky Hegarty**

2.3 Rally Headquarters:

Walter Raleigh Hotel,
O Breins PL, Youghal-Lands,
Youghal, Co. Cork.
P36RX22
Phone no:00353(0)24 92011

Email; info@walterraleighhotel.com

2.4 Secretary Contact Details:

Susan Sheehan, (Entry Secretary),
Phone: 087-3108735
Email: moonrakerforestrally@gmail.com

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be a live digital Notice Board on the Sportity Platform and will be in operation from the opening of entries until 30 minutes after prize giving on 18/04/26

The Password to the Sportity app will be : **MRKFR26**

3. Programme

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations Available	On publication of these regulations		Sportity: MRKFR26
Entries Open	On publication of these regulations	On publication of these regulations	https://www.shannonsportsit.ie/evo/Entry?event=IE-MUNS-MK26 Sportity: MRKFR26
Entries Close (including priority)	Fri 10th April	17:00	
Final Instructions Posted	Mon 13th April	13:00	Sportity: MRKFR26
Mechanical Scrutineering	Fri. 17th April	13:30 – 18:30	"Store-All" Facility, Aglish Road, Springmount, Dungarvan, X35 AP83
Documentation Scrutiny	Fri. 17th April	14:00 – 19:00	Walter Raleigh Hotel, Youghal
Competitors Safety Briefing	online	online	online
Rally Start	Sat. 18th April	09:30	Parc Fermè Out
Rally Finish	Sat. 18th April	16:15	Parc Fermè In
Provisional Results	Sat. 18th April	After last car enters Parc Fermè	Rally Office, Walter Raleigh, Hotel Sportity: MRKFR26
Prize giving	Sat. 18th April	30 mins after results final	Rally Office, Walter Raleigh, Hotel

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 Entry link https://www.shannonsportsit.ie/evo/Entry?event=IE-MUNS-MK26 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/MSK) 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 an **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

4.2 Entry Fee:
The entry fee is: **€ 850 .....4wd**
€ 820.....2wd
€ 670.....J1000

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 can be made by direct lodgement Electronic Funds Transfer. All payments must be paid prior to closing date of entries. Payments to be made to:

Account Name: **Munster Car Club** IBAN: **IE77 AIBK 9341 7829 7960 97** BIC: **AIBKIE2D**

IMPORTANT - Ensure competitor name is included as the reference. Payment currency in EURO only. EFT payments must include all charges associated with the transfer.

Entries Secretary: Susan Sheehan
Phone: +353 87 3108735
Email: moonrakerforestrally@gmail.com

Withdrawals:
Entries withdrawn more than 7 days before the event will receive a full refund. Entries withdrawn between 7 and 4 days before the event will receive a 75% refund but entries withdrawn less than 4 days before the event will not be eligible for any refund. All refunds will be made after the event. An administration charge of €50 will be deducted from all withdrawals from the seeded entry list excluding reserves after Monday 13h April 2026. Clerk of the Course's decision is final on all refunds. **Please note: Withdrawal of all entries must be completed via email to the Entries 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.

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

5. Classes

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.

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 note 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 Office, Walter Raleigh hotel, O'Briens PL, Youghal-Lands,Youghal,Co. Cork, P36RX22 between the hours of 14:00 to 19:00.

- 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 **"Store-All" Facility, Aglish Road, Springmount, Dungarvan, X35 AP83** between **13:30-18:30** on **Friday 17th April 2026**

• 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 located at **"Store-All" Facility, Aglish Road, Springmount, Dungarvan, X35 AP83**
● 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 zone will be in operation in accordance with Motorsport Ireland refuelling regulations and all competitors are reminded that cars are not to be refuelled outside of this area other than at a designated commercial filling stations on rally route.

10. Features of the Rally

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be held online on link:

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 64 stage kilometres and 157 road kilometres and will comprise of 6 No 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 SS 3, 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 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 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

12.1 Award Details:

1st Overall	2 Trophies & The Kathlyne Hegarty Memorial Perpetual Trophy
2nd Overall	2 Trophies
3rd Overall	2 Trophies
1st in each Class	2 Trophies
2nd in each Class	2 Trophies
3rd in each Class	2 Trophies 1st Highest placed

Lady Driver 1 Trophy

Additional Awards at organisers discretion.

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

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