



Southern 4 Rally Championship Regulations 2026

Article 1 – Format

1.1 Counting Rounds

There are 10* counting rounds in the Southern 4 Rally Championship, which are as follows:

- March 13th to 15th West Cork Rally - Round 1 (Friday & Saturday) & 2 (Sunday)
- May 2nd & 3rd Killarney Rally of the Lakes - Round 3 (Saturday) & 4 (Sunday)
- May 31st Circuit of Munster Stages Rally - Round 5
- July 5th Kerry Mini Stages Rally - Round 6
- July 19th Stonethrowers Rally – Round 7
- September 26th & 27th Cork '20' Rally - Round 8 (Saturday) & 9 (Sunday)
- November 28th Killarney Historic Stages - Round 10 (Historic Only)

Please note that the West Cork Rally, Rally of the Lakes and Cork 20 Rally will each count as two separate rounds. With regard to the West Cork Rally both Friday & Saturday together count as round 1 and Sunday counts as round 2.

**The Killarney Historic Stages Rally will only count as a round for competitors registered in the Historic classes. The other 9 counting rounds will apply to registered competitors in non-historic classes.*

1.2 Rounds Quota

1.2.1 Main field and Historic

Main field and Historic competitor's best 6 rounds will count for the championship results. A driver or navigator may nominate one class for scoring on each event. Points will not be transferable from class to class.

1.2.2 Juniors

Juniors have a total of 6 rounds to obtain points in, with the best 4 rounds to count for the championship results.



1.3 Qualification for Award

To qualify for a championship award, competitors must start a minimum of four events.

Article 2 – Championship Information

2.1 Championship Personnel

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Liam Hayes – Munster Car Club

Edwin Walsh – Killarney & District Motor Club

Tony O'Driscoll – Imokilly Motor Club

Susan Sheehan – Tipperary Motor Club

2.2 Motorsport Ireland Permit

Motorsport Ireland Permit Number: P005/26

2.3. Sportify

The Sportify code for the championship is: S4RC

Article 3 – Registration

3.1 Registration

Competitors are required to register for the championship prior to the beginning of a qualifying event. Only competitors who have registered prior to the event may score points on that event. Championship registration fee of €50.00 per competitor. Registration may be done on the Sportity page, or through the registrar (contact details in Article 2). Once registered, it is not a requirement that you sign on at subsequent rounds. Drivers and navigators register and score points on an individual basis. On registering for the championship, competitors agree to be bound by these regulations and any amendments subsequently issued.

3.2 Deadline for Registration

Registration for the championship will close immediately after it no longer becomes possible for a competitor to comply with the regulations in accordance with Article 1.3.



Article 4 – Classes

4.1 Classes

Classes as per Appendix 29.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland yearbook.

4.2 Class Eligibility

The eligibility scrutineer for the championship is listed in Article 2. In the event they are unable to attend an event, they will nominate a replacement eligibility scrutineer. This will be published on Southern 4 Sportity.

4.3 Change of Class during the championship.

If a competitor, Driver or Navigator, changes class during the championship, they must inform the registrar by email and re-register in the new class entered. No fee applies. They will start at zero points.

Article 5 – Advertising to Comply with Registration

5.1 Advertising

In order to score points. competitors are required to carry advertising on their car as supplied to publicise the championship. A total of **3 stickers** will be required to be carried: 1 sticker on the right-hand side of the car, 1 sticker on the left-hand side of the car and 1 sticker in a forward-facing position. The only exception to this is Appendix K cars who are not permitted to display a forward-facing sticker as per Appendix K regulations. There will be spot checks during the year on each event. NO STICKERS, NO POINTS.

Article 6 – Points Scoring

6.1 Points Scoring

Points will be awarded as follows on the basis of results from each round. In addition, each class will be marked separately as per 6.1.2. Championship points will be awarded on the basis of the finishing order of Registered Competitors i.e. 1st placed registered competitor 20 points, 2nd placed registered competitor 18points and so on. Class points will be awarded on the same basis.



6.1.1 Overall Main field, Historic and Junior

Overall points are awarded as follows: 20/18/17/16/15/14/13/12/11/10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3/2. 1 point will be awarded for all other finishers (per day) and 1 point will be awarded to all registered starters (per day).

6.1.2 Class Points

Class points will be awarded as follows: 10/9/8/7/6/5/4/3/2. 1 point will be awarded for all other finishers (per day) and 1 point will be awarded to all registered starters in the class (per day).

6.1.3 Super Rally

Competitors availing of Super Rally will get 100% of the normal points given for finishing the event. To be eligible for championship points, Super Rally finishers must comply with event Regulations and Appendix 29 Article 13 of the current MI Yearbook.

6.1.4 Amendment to Amount of Counting Rounds

If the number of counting rounds is reduced, for any reason, the championship committee have the discretion to issue an amendment to these regulations, as per appendix Article 15 2.4. This will take into account at what point during the championship the number of counting rounds is reduced. All registered competitors will be notified of same via Southern 4 Sportity.

6.2 Publication of Provisional Points

Provisional points will be published on Sportity 7 days after the event.

6.3 Points Queries

Any queries regarding points must be referred to the championship registrar in writing by email within 7 days of the publication of points on Sportity.

10 days after first publication, if no queries are received, the championship standings that were published will be considered as final for that event.

6.4 Points for Marshalling

10 class points will be awarded to a competitor if they marshal on 1 round of the Championship. Evidence of marshalling (e.g., text from chief marshal), along with stage and location details, must be submitted to the registrar by email within 5 days of the event in order for the points to be added to the published class standings.



6.5. Ties

Ties in either the overall or class placing will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of wins, and failing this, the greatest number of second places etc, until the tie is resolved. If further ties remain, they will ultimately be decided on the basis of performance in the sequential order of events, i.e. the first event will count first, and so on.

Article 7 – Awards

7.1 Awards

7.1.1 Award Eligibility

To be eligible for an award, a registered competitor must have completed the minimum event requirements as outlined in Article 1.

7.1.2 Overall Awards

Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Overall Driver and Navigator in Main field, Historic and Juniors. Competitors are not eligible for a class award if they have been awarded an overall award.

7.1.3 ‘2 Wheel Drive’ Award

The 2 Wheel Drive Award will be given to the highest placed registered driver and navigator of a 2-wheel drive car outside of overall awards.

7.1.4 Class Awards

Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Driver and Navigator in each class.

7.1.5 Junior Awards

Along with the awards mentioned above, over all Junior competitors will also receive as follows:

- **Driver**
 - **1st Overall Junior Driver:** Voucher to the value of €350 for three junior rally entries to the events of the 2026 Southern 4 Rally Championship (prize winners’ choice).



- **2nd Overall Junior Driver:** Vouchers to the value of €350 for two junior rally entries to any counting rounds of the 2026 Southern 4 Rally Championship (prize winners' choice).
- **3rd Overall Junior Driver:** A Voucher to the value of €350 for one junior entry to any counting round of the 2026 Southern 4 Rally Championship (prize winners' choice).

- **Navigator**
 - **1st Overall Junior Navigator:** Vouchers to the value of a set of junior rally pace notes for three events included in the 2026 Southern 4 Rally Championship (prize winners' choice).
 - **2nd Overall Junior Navigator:** Vouchers to the value of a set of junior rally pace notes for two events included in the 2026 Southern 4 Rally Championship (prize winners' choice).
 - **3rd Overall Junior Navigator:** A voucher to the value of a set of junior rally pace notes for one event included in the 2026 Southern 4 Rally Championship (prize winners' choice).

**To obtain the voucher to the value of the junior rally entry, the Driver should contact the Registrar prior to entries opening to arrange same. Please note that the entry voucher may be used for a junior entry(s) to 2027 Southern 4 Rally championship events only and will cover the club costs of the entry only. All insurance levies, IRDS/PA costs and additional MI Charges for each event are not included in the value of the voucher(s).*

The vouchers will be non-transferrable and may not be redeemed for cash.

*** To obtain the voucher to the value of a junior set of pace notes, the Navigator should contact the Registrar prior to recce to arrange same.*

Article 8 – Results

8.1 Queries and Protests



8.1.1 Queries

Queries in relation to the Championship itself shall be made in writing to the Championship Registrar who will revert with a decision on the matter/s within seven days. The timeline for queries regarding points is outlined in Article 6.

8.1.2 Protests

Protests may be made in relation to matters which have been the subject of a decision by the Registrar of the Championship. Such protests shall be subject to a time limit of 14 days after the issuing of the decision of the Registrar. Such protests shall be addressed to the Championship Stewards c/o Motorsport Ireland and must be in writing and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

Article 9 - General Rules

9.1 Substitution of Events/Reduction in Counting Rounds

Substitution of events, or alteration of dates will be permitted in the case of 'force majeure.'

9.2 License Holders

The Championship will be open to the following categories of licence holders:

- Motorsport Ireland National 'A', National 'B' and International Licence holders.
- Motorsport UK Licence holders, of a grade not lower than RS Inter Club Stage Rally.
- Navigators with a Navigators licence or a driver license as listed above.

9.3. Amendment to Regulations

The organisers reserve the right to issue additional statements clarifying items in these Regulations subject to Appendix 15 art. 2.4 of Motorsport Ireland Yearbook 2025.

9.4 Interpretation of Regulations

The interpretation of these regulations in case of doubt, shall rest with the championship chairman. This decision will be final, subject to the overriding right of appeal under the GCRs of Motorsport Ireland.



Article 10 – Club Requirements

Responsibilities of the Promoting Clubs are as follows:

10.1 Promoting Club Contribution

The promoting club must contribute a fee of €350.00 to the championship to help with the running costs. This fee should be paid 7 days after the event. Bank details can be obtained from the registrar.

10.2 Priority Entries

The promoting club should give priority to registered competitors of the Southern 4 Rally Championship, on the premise that the competitor fully complies with the club entry process/procedure as set out in the event Regulations.

10.3 List of Entries (Pre-publication)

The registrar will provide the club with a list of entries and reserves prior to the publication of the entry list in order for the registrar to assist clubs in determining registered competitors who are entitled to priority. In so doing, clubs must afford the registrar a reasonable period within which to revert to them with comments. Minimum 48 hours.

10.4 Accommodation Requirements

Accommodation to be provided for the event in Rally Headquarters for the Championship Registrar (or another in the registrar's absence).

10.5 Area at Sign On

The club must provide a suitable location at documentation scrutiny to allow for championship registrations.

10.6 Advertising

10.6.1 Advertising Co-ordinator Pack

The promoting club will arrange for a pack to be prepared for the Advertising Co-ordinator with a road book and service pass in order for the advertising co-ordinator to enter the stage to erect championship signage along the stage.



10.6.2 Launch Information

The promoting club should advise the Advertising Co-ordinator of the launch date well in advance to allow for championship advertising to be made available for the launch.

10.6.3 Logo on Event Regulations

The championship logos must be included on the front of all event publications.

10.6.4 Event Programme Requirements

Each promoting club must ensure that the championship is given the following in the programme:

- Championship sponsor logo on the front cover of the programme.
- Full colour page ad for the championship sponsor.
- Minimum of two pages allocated for an article on the championship.

Artwork and article to be supplied by the championship PRO.