

NATIONAL ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP 2026



REGULATIONS

ART. 1 FORMAT:

THE 2026 CHAMPIONSHIP WILL CONSIST OF THESE EVENTS:

REGION	DATE	CLUB EVENT
1	MUNSTER CAR CLUB	APR 26
2	ALMC MOTOR CLUB	MAY 10
1	CORK MOTOR CLUB	MAY 24
1	SKIBBEREEN MC	JUNE 7
2	MONAGHAN MC	JULY 26
2	WESTMEATH MC	AUG 16
1	KERRY MC	SEPT 20
2	BIRR MC	OCT 11

ART. 2 REGULATIONS

- Motorsport Ireland will host an Endurance Championship in 2026, based on the result of the events classified as Endurance Trials, as defined in Appendix 35 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook. The Championship will consist of **EIGHT [8]** Rounds with best **SIX [6]** to count. Each round will be in a **ONE [1] Day format**. **Each round must contain a Minimum of 16 selectives TWO EVENTS IN EACH REGION MUST BE ATTEMPTED.**
- The **SKODA Parts Ireland National Endurance Championship Overall Winners** will only be open to drivers and navigators of cars which conform to **Class A1 (up to 1000cc)** and **Class A2 (1001cc-1400cc)** cars which conform to Appendix 35 Art. 27 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook regarding technical regulations for Endurance specification cars.
- The **SKODA Parts Ireland National Endurance Championship** will also have two further **Overall Group Winners**:
 - Overall A1 Award:** Class A1 (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
 - Overall Combined Classes Award :** Combined B, C, D, E and F (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

4. The competition is open to all holders of Motorsport Ireland competition licences and holders of MUK competition licences.
5. The interpretation of these rules in case of any doubt shall rest with the Registrar of the Championship in consultation with the National Navigation Sub Committee, subject to the overriding right of protest under the General Competition Rules of Motorsport Ireland.
6. If a query regarding the championship raises the possibility of a conflict of interest involving the Registrar, the matter will be considered by the full committee.
7. **To qualify for a Championship Award at the end of the season, a competitor must register and start a minimum of 2 events in each region. No Priority entries will apply.**
8. A competitor may drop their two worst scores. For clarity, this means that the maximum number of events that a competitor can count will be two less than the number of Endurance Trials held. i.e. Best of 6 (if 8 held) or Best of 5(if 7 held) etc.
9. **(a)** Scoring will be as follows –subject to Art 8 above. (for both a driver and navigator):

Overall points for both A1 & A2 Combined Endurance ; A1 and Non-Endurance Combined Classes

15 Points for first overall
13 Points for second overall
11 Points for third overall
10 Points for fourth overall, 9 points for fifth overall and so on down .

Class

10 Points for first place
9 Points for second place
8 Points for third place
7 Points for fourth place, 6 points for fifth place and so on down to one point for tenth place.

Overall and class points are separate and cannot be combined.

(b) In addition, a competitor starting a minimum of SIX [6] counting rounds of the Championship will be awarded an additional THIRTY (30) bonus points both in class and overall positions.

(c) If you are a competitor and choose to marshal on any event, you will receive TEN [10] points each time, subject to a maximum of THREE (NOT FOLLOWING RETIREMENT) events.

(Verification from "Marshal sign-on sheets" and CoC)

10. Should there be a tie for any place; the crew with the highest points on the first event (excluding start bonus points) will be awarded the place. Should this fail to break the tie (for example if both crews scored same points), then the points on the second, third and subsequent events will be considered until the tie is broken. If these measures fail to resolve the tie, the Registrar may award equal points to both crews **subject to approval of the Navigation Sub Commission.**

11. If any registered competitor takes a prominent role in the running of a Championship event, he/she will receive **18 points (overall)** and **10 points (class)** as his/her score for this event, subject to a maximum of one event per Championship.
Bonus points (Art. 9(b)) will also be awarded provided that the competitor starts a minimum of **five** other counting rounds. A "prominent role" has been defined as that of Clerk of the Course or Assistant Clerk of the Course as per the Regulations.(Must be nominated in advance to the Registrar for the Championship), both will receive the points.
12. Championship points will be awarded based on the finishing order of Competitors. Class points will be awarded on the same basis.

13. **REGISTRATION.**

[a] All drivers and navigators competing in any event will be automatically registered for the Championship provided they have entered ; started AND completed an individual registration form at their first event.

[b] A SKODA PARTS IRELAND Championship decal will be provided to each competitor. This must be fixed to the competing cars front windscreen position. Decals must remain affixed to the competing car for the duration of each counting round. Breach of this regulation will result in no points being awarded to the relevant competitors.

14. **AWARDS**

Main Overall:

The OVERALL National Endurance Champion Driver and Navigator will be the crew with the highest points from the combined registered crews in Class A1 and A2.

- First Overall Driver/ First Overall Navigator – 2 trophies.
- Second Overall Driver/ Second Overall Navigator – 2 trophies.
- Third Overall Driver/ Third Overall Navigator – 2 trophies.

The Championship will also have two further group winners:

- **Overall A1 Award:** Class A1 (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- **Overall Combined Classes Award :** Classes B, C, D, E and F (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

A competitor winning an overall award will not be eligible for class awards.

Class Awards:

Class A1 – No subdivisions apply

Class A2 – Will be divided into * **Master / Expert / Semi Expert / Novice / Beginner**

Class B & C – No subdivisions apply

Class D /E /F – No subdivisions apply

The organisers reserve the right to re-classify a competitor considered ineligible for a class, and/or amalgamate as required. Classification will be based on the performance of the Driver in the previous year. You must enter that class.

Navigators in Class A2 will assume the sub - classification of the Driver they compete alongside on an event. If you change class, you will assume the driver's classification.

- **Driver Sub Classifications in A2 Class only.**

* Master	This class qualification is Finishing in the first three overall in an Endurance Trial or Targa Rally in the previous 12 months, or winning any event, except a Navigation Trial or Rally, promoted under an MUK or MI Permit.
Expert	This class qualification is Finishing in the first six overall in an Endurance Trial or Targa Rally in the previous 12 months, or winning any event, except a Navigation Trial or Rally, promoted under an MUK or MI Permit
Semi Expert	This class qualification is Finishing in the first fifteen overall in an Endurance Trial or Targa Rally in the previous 12 months, promoted under an MUK or MI Permit
Novice	This class qualification is: No class wins in an Endurance Trial or Targa Rally in the previous 12 months, or any event promoted under an MUK or MI Permit
Beginner	First year of Endurance Trials or Targa Rallies -subject to the approval of the Championship Registrar

15. All Drivers [in Endurance classes] will be allocated a grade at the start of the 2026 year based on past performance and you will be required to enter in that category for the complete season. The Registrar will have the authority to move competitors, if entered in the wrong class **subject to approval of the Navigation Sub Commission.**
16. Any competitor whose retirement (in the opinion of the Stewards of the event) is due to an incorrect route instruction by the organisers shall, at the end of the championship, be awarded points based on their average points over the other rounds of the championship, excluding the event in question.
17. Entry fees will be set by each organising clubs, with the objective of attracting younger drivers into the sport.
18. Complaints and queries in relation to the championship must be made in writing to the Championship Registrar, who will publish a decision on the matter(s) within seven days of receiving the complaint/query.
19. Protests will be heard by the Championship Stewards in matters which have been the subject of a decision by the Registrar. Such protests must be in accordance with the General Competition Rules of Motorsport Ireland and be addressed to the Championship Stewards C/o Motorsport Ireland and must be in writing and accompanied by the appropriate fee.
20. To assist with the smooth running of each championship round, it is strongly recommended that each organising club appoint a Competitor Liaison Officer. Ideally, this person should be known to competitors, is respected by them and who has a very good knowledge of the rules.

21. The National Registrar for the Championship is: Noel Devlin

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