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2026 NAPA Autoparts Irish Tarmac
Junior Rally Championship Regulations

1.0 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS:

- ***Rd 1:*** ***Galway International Rally*** ***31st January – 1st February 2026***
- ***Rd 2:*** ***West Cork Rally*** ***13th – 15th March 2026***
- ***Rd 3:*** ***Circuit of Ireland Rally*** ***3rd – 4th April 2026***
- ***Rd 4:*** ***International Rally of the Lakes*** ***2nd – 3rd May 2026***
- ***Rd 5:*** ***Donegal International Rally*** ***19th – 21st June 2026***
- ***Rd 6:*** ***Ulster Rally*** ***7th – 8th August 2026***
- ***Rd 7:*** ***Cork 20 Rally*** ***26th – 27th September 2026***

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2.1 The ***Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd*** **(TROA)** in association with Galway Motor Club, Rally Sports (Killarney) Ltd, Cork Motor Club, Ulster Automobile Club, Donegal Motor Club Ltd, the Northern Ireland Motor Club Ltd. and the Munster Car Club Ltd. hereafter called the Organisers, will organise the 2026 NAPA Autoparts ITRC Junior Rally Championship which will be contested during the 2026 Motorsport seasons. The Championship will be run in accordance with these Regulations, which will constitute the Supplementary Regulations for the Championship and Appendix 15 of the 2026 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook. The Organisers reserve the right to issue additional statements clarifying items in these Regulations.

Championship Permit number: **P010 /26** has been granted by Motorsport Ireland.

2.2 The Championship will be known as the:

"2026 NAPA Autoparts Irish Tarmac Junior Rally Championship"
These regulations have been approved by Motorsport Ireland.

2.3 The Championship is promoted by the Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd **(T.R.O.A).**

2.4 Championship Points positions will be published on the Championship Website www.irishtarmac.com after each event. Queries regarding allocation of points should be referred to the Championship Registrar **within 10 days** of

the date of such publication. In the event of no queries regarding the allocation of points being received by the Championship Registrar individual event results and overall Championship standings will be deemed final 10 days following publication of the results as referred to above.

2.5 The Organisers of qualifying events retain the sole right to select and accept entries for their event and the Championship Organisers cannot be held responsible for the refusal of an entry.

2.6 Queries & Protests:

2.6.1 Queries: Complaints and queries in relation to the Championship shall be made in writing to the Championship Registrar by registered competitors only at who shall publish a decision on the matter/s within seven days. Queries only in writing to the Championship Manager via email at seanhaydetroamanager@gmail.com

2.6.2 Protests: Protests may be made by registered competitors only 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 publication 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.

2.7 These Regulations supersede all previous Regulations Issued by the Tarmac Rally Organisers Association
Ltd.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY:

3.1 Eligibility for the Championship is open to all competitors who hold suitable competition licences valid for these events, have the approval of their ASN (National Sporting Authority) and M.I where applicable and drive a car eligible for the particular counting round and listed in Article 5, Vehicle Categories and Classes.

3.2 Where the driver is **under** 26yrs of age on the 1st January 2026 (Date of birth must not be before 1st January 1999)

3.3 The ITRC have appointed Mick Linehan to act as Eligibility Scrutineer for this Championship. Additional Eligibility Scrutineers may be appointed by ITRC as required

3.4 **FUEL:** Fuel regulations for the 2026 ITRC Modified Championship will be in accordance with Motorsport Ireland and event regulations.

3.5 **Tyres:**
All competing championship cars will be subject to random tyre checks.
Competitors will only be able to use spare wheels/tyres carried in the competing vehicle between official service halts.
A failure to provide or facilitate tyre checks when reasonably requested by the designated eligibility Scrutineer or other designated official will result in the cancellation of any ITRC junior championship points scored and the removal of the crew from the championship results of the event where such failure or breach of rules occurs.

4.0 REGISTRATION:

4.1 Drivers and Co-Drivers will be required to register for the Championship and also will be required to carry Championship Logos on their car throughout the series **These Championship stickers must be displayed on the door panels, the front of the bonnet of competing cars and sunstrip on windscreen visor. In the event the front of the bonnet having been sold to a sponsor an alternative position on the bonnet may be used. This alternative position MUST BE AGREED WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER.**

The onus is the Competitor to comply with this regulation.**Failure to display the championship stickers / decals will result in a fine of € 100.00.**

Competitors must register on or before the **2nd May 2026** (i.e. before the start of the Fourth round of the Championship). Only registered competitors will be awarded points. **Points <u>will not</u> be awarded retrospectively.**

Registration will be available online at www.irishtarmac.com & www.rallyscore.com and at documentation scrutiny where competitors will be expected to complete registration. The final deadline for completion of registration on any event will be 22:00hrs on the eve of the start of the respective event, a full list of registered competitors will be posted on the championship Sportity channel prior to the start of each event. All registration monies owed must be paid at the time of registration or prior to the registration deadline of the competitors first event.

4.2 The Registration fee for each competitor will be **€50.00 Euro**.

4.3 Once a competitor has had registration accepted it will not be possible to disclaim any points for which he/she has become eligible.

4.4 The Championship is confined to cars complying with Article 5 Vehicle Categories & Classes. Competitors best scores in **6 out of 7 rounds** will be used to calculate the final positions. In the event of only 6 rounds being run only the best 5 will count. If only 5, 4 or 3 rounds are run then all 5, 4 or 3 rounds will count. If less than 3 rounds are run, this element of the championship shall be abandoned for the current year. The ITRC reserve the right to cancel the Championship at any time. **Bonus starters points for ALL rounds started will be eligible for all rounds started and will factor as part of the final overall points positions**.

4.5 In the event of the abandonment of any element or all of the Championship, all funds and registration fees accruing shall be held within the ITRC accounts. There shall be no refunds under any circumstances.

4.6 In registering for the Championship all competitors are bound by these Regulations.

5.0 VEHICLE CATEGORIES:

5.1 The 2026 NAPA Autoparts ITRC Junior Championship will be split into 2 Junior Category Championships as follows:

- **Homologated Junior Championship** (RC4 – restricted to Group R2 Cars **ONLY**)
- **Modified Junior Champion** (Class 16)

and so will be open to competitors in the following classes outlined below:

HOMOLOGATED JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	
Class	**Description**
RC4	Rally4 (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 927cc and up to 1333cc) **(RESTRICTED)** **N/A** - ~~Group Rally4 cars homologated from 01/01/2019 and conforming to the 2023 Appendix J, Art. 260~~ Group R2 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 and conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260

MODIFIED JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	
Class	**Description**
16	Peugeot 106 Super Cup Cars – Complying with FIA homologation form number A5565* Peugeot 206 Super Cup Cars – Complying with FIA homologation form number A5627* Ford KA Cars – Complying with FIA homologation form number A5567* **Note these cars are permitted to use non-homologated, 3-way adjustable, remote canister shock absorbers on the rear axle only. All other components must comply with the cars original FIA homologation papers and super cup technical specifications.* All **Normally Aspirated** 2wd modified cars up to 1650cc which comply with the Junior Technical regulations as posted on the MI Website and in accordance with Appendix 2 & 29.1& MI Junior Class (16) Technical Regulations of the current 2024 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

5.2 The 2026 ITRC Junior Championship will have a Control tyre regulation as per outlined in Art. 3.4 of these regulations . Competitors attention is drawn to the regulations governing tyres as published in the event regulations for each event in the series.

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6.0 SCORING:

6.1 The scoring of points will be confined to registered competitors whose scores will be counted towards their final positions in there respective championship. Points will be awarded separately to drivers and co-drivers.

6.2 Scoring Divisions in the 2026 NAPA Autoparts ITRC Junior Rally Championships shall be as follows:

Homologated Championship Overall	To the overall positions in the qualifying events classifications
Modified Championship Overall	To the overall positions in the qualifying events classifications

6.3 **All Category and Overall Points** will be awarded in accordance with the qualifying events signed official and **FINAL** classifications. This final classification will include crews who have completed the event under Super Rally Regulations**.**

Crews who complete the event under Super Rally Regulations will be eligible for the awarding of **full** Championship points.

In order to be eligible to score championship points under Super Rally rules on Motorsport Ireland permitted events, Super Rally finishers must comply with Appendix 29 Article 13 of the Current M.I yearbook.

6.4 Points will be awarded as follows for all events:
Overall Classification: (Homologated Junior Championship)
Except for the Final Counting Round of the Championship)

21 / 16 / 12 / 10 / 8 / 7 / 6 / 5 / 4 / 3 points will be awarded for overall classification – first to tenth place respectively. 1.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher.

Overall Classification: (Modified Junior Championship)
Except for the Final Counting Round of the Championship)

21 / 16 / 12 / 10 / 8 / 7 / 6 / 5 / 4 / 3 points will be awarded for overall classification – first to tenth place respectively. 1.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher.

6.5 Final Counting Round of the Championship – FIFTY PERCENTAGE BONUS POINTS (50%) will be awarded on the final counting round of the championship. As a consequence, points awarded on the Final Counting round will be awarded as follows.

Allocated Points for the **Final Counting Round** of the Championship:
Overall Classification:
31.5 / 24 / 18 / 15 / 12 / 10.5 / 9 / 7.5 / 6 / 4.5 points will be awarded for overall classification and overall categories – first to tenth place respectively. 2.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher

Allocated Points for the **Final Counting Round** of the Championship:
Class Awards:
31.5 / 24 / 18 / 15 / 12 / 10.5 / 9 / 7.5 / 6 / 4.5 points will be awarded for class classification – first to tenth place respectively. 2.5 points will be awarded to every other classified finisher

6.6 BONUS STARTER points: Each crew who enters and starts a respective event will be eligible for scoring 1 bonus point per event for starting an event. Criteria for eligibility for awarding of **1pt bonus** starting point will require a crew to competitively start a stage of the respective event. All rounds will be equal in the allocation of awarding of just 1pt bonus starting point.

Bonus starters points for ALL rounds started will be eligible for all rounds started and will factor as part of the final overall points positions.

Bonus Starters points will be the same for ALL counting rounds

6.7 Alterations to the number of counting rounds or dates shall be decided by the ITRC Management. (Appendix 15, Article 2.4 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook applies).

6.8 If an event or part of an event is cancelled due to Force Majeure, Championship Points will only be eligible to be awarded once 50% of the "Total Stage Mileage" of the said Event is completed.

7.0 PENALTIES:

7.1 In accordance with the individual event regulations, the individual qualifying event organisers reserve the right to seal and examine cars to prove their eligibility in their class. Should any car be deemed to be ineligible for its class by the organisers of either the qualifying event or the Championship, then irrespective of any action taken by event organisers, the Championship promoters shall exclude the driver and co-driver concerned from the scoring of Championship in relation to that event and they shall forfeit all points gained on the event.

7.2 Any competitor who is excluded from the results of an event for a breach of servicing / support regulations or a breach of reconnaissance regulations or whose vehicle is excluded from the results of an event for a breach of technical regulations must count that event as one of the events contributing to his/her total championship score, thus forfeiting all championship points, prize money and awards associated with that event. These penalties will be applied automatically by **ITRC** after the process of protest and appeal has been completed.

8.0 TIES:

8.1 Ties will be resolved by reference to the tying competitor's results within the General Classification, the Category or Class where the tie exists by applying the four tests in the table below in the following order.

Test 1: In favour of the competitor with the highest number of highest scores, second highest scores and so on taking into account all relevant rounds of the Championship.

Test 2: In favour of the competitor with the highest score in his / her first scoring event in relevant rounds.

Test 3: In favour of the competitor with the highest position in the Overall Results of his / her first relevant scoring event.

Test 4: In favour of the competitor with the highest position in the Overall Results in the first relevant qualifying event in the series as run.

9.0 AWARDS:

9.1 To qualify for any of the following awards competitors must start at least three rounds and be classified as a finisher in two rounds of the championship in their respective class.
Overall winners will not be eligible for class awards.

HOMOLOGATED JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	
1st Overall	2 Trophies
2nd Overall	2 Trophies
3rd Overall	2 Trophies
MODIFIED JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	
1st Overall	2 Trophies
2nd Overall	2 Trophies
3rd Overall	2 Trophies

10.0 EVENT REGULATIONS:

The ITRC will not be responsible for the issue of event regulations to registered competitors, although competitor's names and addresses will be forwarded to event organisers in order that they may update their mailing lists.

11.0 REGISTRATION:

Application forms for registration are available from the Championship Registrar/ Manager or online (including online registration) at www.irishtarmac.com

ITRC REGISTRAR / MANAGER DETAILS:

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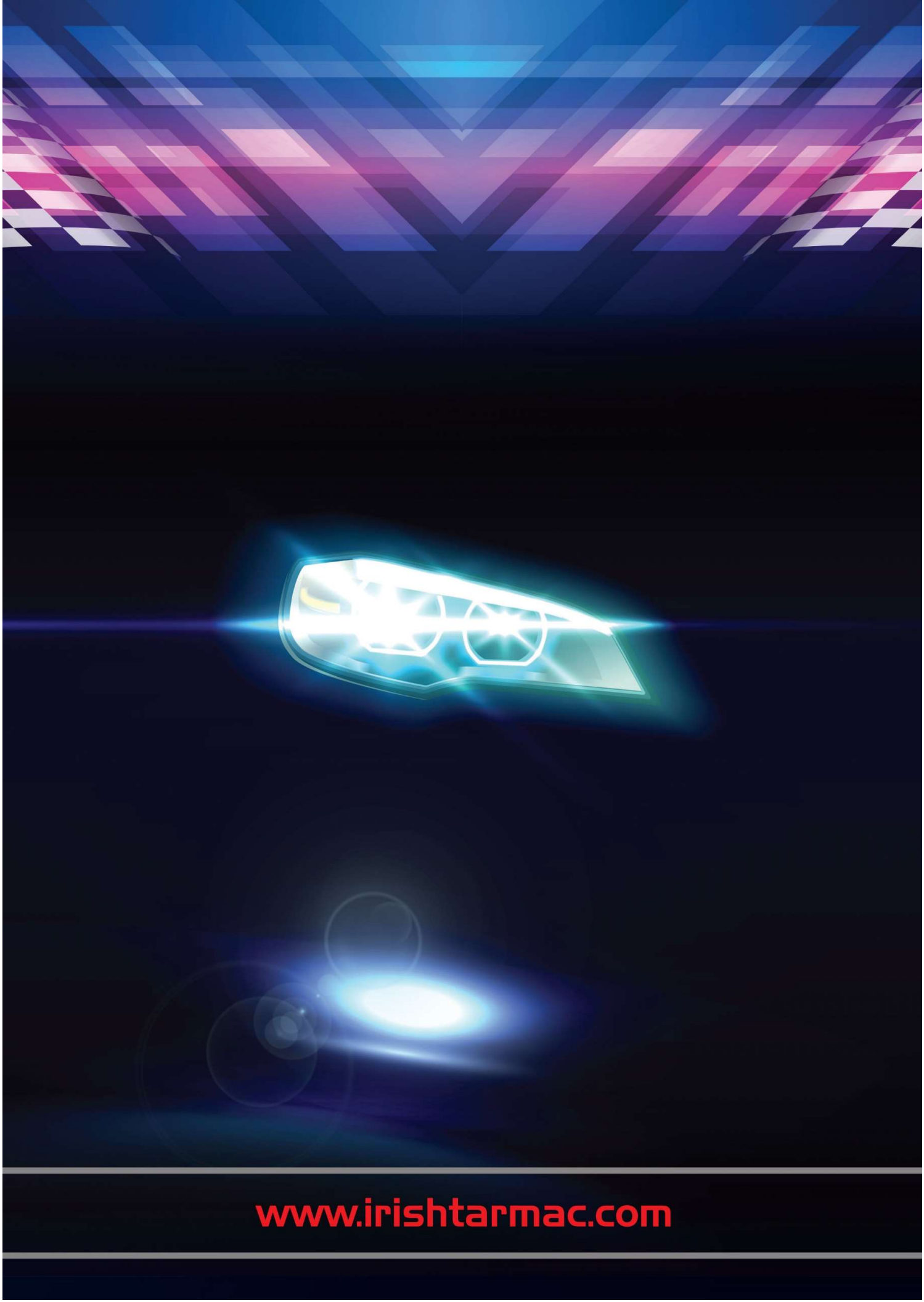

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