



Final Instructions 2

30th May 2025

Refuel Area / Refuelling Procedure

Dear Competitor,

Please note the following important information in relation to refuelling and operation of the Refuel Area.

A Refuel Area will be in operation at the event in accordance with Motorsport Ireland refuelling guidelines and regulations. The event Refuel Area is based in the Service Park, located at Mayo Sligo Livestock Mart, Crossmolina Road, Ballina, Co Mayo.

GPS: 54° 06' 46.3" N 9° 10' 20.3" W. Eircode: F26 NN25.

There will be strictly **NO REFUELLING allowed** within the main service area. This will be strictly monitored for compliance. Access to the Refuel Area is restricted to competing crews and/or their service/refuel crew as required.

The **Refuel Area Manager** is **JJ Bradley**, Tel: **087 1741655**.

The Motorsport Ireland appointed **Compliance Officer** is **Anthony O'Connor**, Tel: **087 1360242**.

The following are listed as Judges of Fact for the purposes of monitoring refuelling: JJ Bradley, Anthony O'Connor, Mark Parsons, Kieran Ambrose, Trevor O'Connell, Matthew Garrett, Greg Shinnors, Elaine Shinnors, Ruthann O' Connor.

Fuel Drop Off / Collection Times

Saturday 31st May: 06:30 – 18:00 only.

Please note:

There will not be a fuel drop off facility on Friday. A Refuel Form RF1 (copy attached below in Appendix 1) must be completed by competitors and submitted at Documentation Scrutiny.

Refuel Zone Operational Information:

There will be 6 numbered Refuel Bays set up in the Refuel Area, numbered Bays 1 to 6 (see layout diagram in Appendix 2 below).

Bay 1 will refuel cars with competition numbers ending with 1 & 6

Bay 2 will refuel cars with competition numbers ending with 2 & 7

Bay 3 will refuel cars with competition numbers ending with 3 & 8

Bay 4 will refuel cars with competition numbers ending with 4 & 9

Bay 5 will refuel cars with competition numbers ending with 5 & 0

Bay 6 will refuel cars under the direction of Refuel Area Marshals.

Please follow the direction of marshals in the Refuel Area.

For crews fuelling at the nominated Commercial Fuel Station along the rally route, there is one fuel station permitted for use, located between Service Out and SS1/4 and is included in the Road Book:

Top Service Station, Crossmolina Rd, Ballina, Co. Mayo, F26 E0X3.

Please follow the Motorsport Ireland published guidelines on Refuel Areas and Refuelling which are contained hereunder for reference.

1. Regulations for Competitors using Commercial Filling Stations:

- 1.1:** Competitors must submit an application via an RF1 form at paper scrutiny when opting to use a commercial filling station. The RF1 form should be posted on the official notice board for competitors in advance of sign-on.
- 1.2:** Commercially available pump fuel dispensed from pumps at commercial filling stations marked in the road book may be used. This fuel must be dispensed directly into the competing car's tank.
- 1.3:** Crews must use pumps without external assistance.
- 1.4:** Cars equipped only with FIA-specified refuel couplings and using fuel from commercial filling stations should carry the adaptor in the car and must show it at pre-rally scrutineering.
- 1.5:** Mixing Fuel Additives with Pumped Fuel in a commercial filling station is prohibited.
- 1.6:** The organisers will appoint Judges of Fact to monitor compliance with refuel regulations in this area.

2. Regulations for Competitors (or their agents) who are Self Refuelling in the Refuel Area:

- 2.1:** Competitors are responsible for ensuring their crew follow the regulations.
- 2.2:** The RA manager and marshals will be Judges of Fact for compliance around RA and will deny entry to those in noncompliance. Any breaches will be reported to the COC or Stewards where applicable.
- 2.3:** Only individuals who are 18 years or older may dispense fuel.
- 2.4:** Smoking and any other sources of ignition are prohibited in the RA.
- 2.5:** Refuelling must take place in the open air.
- 2.6:** Competitors are allowed controlled access for two team members per crew to assist with self-refuelling and they must be wearing the correct PPE as per 2.7.
- 2.7:** All personnel involved in refuelling operations must wear PPE clothing, including long trousers, long-sleeved tops, closed shoes, gloves, and a balaclava while in the RA.
- 2.8:** Only pumps suitable for dispensing petrol-based products should be used in the RA to prevent spark or ignition.
- 2.9:** Failure to comply will result in penalties.
- 2.10:** The competitor is responsible for removing combustible materials (used absorbent mats etc.) or ignition sources before entering the refuelling bay.
- 2.11:** Competitors are solely responsible for using the correct fuel.
- 2.12:** Pumping aids and all competition fuel drums must be in the RA 20 minutes before the first car leaves the control before the RA and remain there for the duration of the car's time in the event.
- 2.13:** Fuel is to be stored in clearly labelled steel drums or certified fuel supplier plastic drums and only in the designated fuel set down area in RA when not in use.
- 2.14:** No other type of plastic drums will be allowed access to the RA.
- 2.15:** Your competition number for the event must be labelled on all your fuel drums, and it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that labels are maintained in a legible

condition.

2.16: Engines must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.

2.17: The crew must remain outside the car while its refuelling and remain in the muster area unless they carry out the task themselves.

2.18: Where fuel spills happen, absorbent mats provide must be used and spillages reported to the RA manager.

2.19: Refuelling must only take place in the designated bays.

2.20: To eliminate spillages, pumps must be drained and packaged before removal from the RA.

2.21: Pumps can only be removed from the area after the car has finished or withdrawn from the event. The remaining fuel is not allowed into the service area when the service area is active.

2.22: Cars may be pushed out of the RA without penalty, provided all involved are wearing proper PPE as per 2.7.

2.23: To avoid fuel spills the use of funnels is strictly prohibited.

2.24: There are no time controls in or out of RAs.

2.25: The only exceptions to these requirements are as follows:

When necessary, as part of service (i.e., changing of the fuel tank, changing of the fuel pump, changing of the fuel filter, changing of any other item of the fuel circuit), emptying and/or refilling is permitted in a service park provided that the following criteria must be followed:

- The work is conducted with the knowledge of the organiser.
- A fire extinguisher with an operator on standby will be provided by the competitor.
- No other work is conducted on the car while the fuel circuit is open and/or during the emptying and/or refilling operation.
- A suitable safety perimeter is established around the car.
- Only sufficient fuel is added to reach the next refuelling area.

2.26: Where any skin irritation from a fuel spill or splash has occurred seek medical advice from event medical services.

2.27: All empty containers must be removed from the RA after the event.

3. Use of fuel for ancillary items such as generators or compressors within the service area by Competitors/service teams/event suppliers:

3.1: Competitors are responsible for ensuring their crew follow the regulations.

3.2: Failure to comply will result in penalties.

3.3: To avoid fuel spills the use of funnels is strictly prohibited.

3.4: Equipment engines must be switched off throughout refuelling.

3.5: Where a competitor or their service crew carries a generator, compressor, etc., they may bring an additional 20-litre per day fuel container into the service area solely for refuelling this equipment.

3.6: Where this applies to a competitor or service team, this is per service vehicle per day, not per entry where several entries are serviced by the same service crew.

3.7: Fuel must be dispensed using a pump or pumped into a measurement jug with a flexible nozzle.

- 3.8:** Fuel must be transported in a steel fuel drum or certified plastic fuel drum.
- 3.9:** Equipment refuelling must be done per manufacturer instructions, and a fire extinguisher must be present.
- 3.10:** All other sources of ignition must remain off while refuelling.
- 3.11:** No other fuel containers are allowed in the service area. It will not be a defence to say that other containers are half full, empty, or used to tie down awnings, etc.

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Clerk of the Course

Appendix 1: RF 01

FORM RF1



Drivers Name

Car Number

Fuel Type

I will be using a Commercial Fuel Station

Please provide name and location of commercial filling station.

Driver / Entrants Signature

RF1



Drivers Name _____

Car Number

Please tick correct box

Fuel Type

commercial pump fuel ☐

98 octane ☐

102 octane ☐

other ☐

If commercial pump fuel being used please provide name and location of commercial filling station.

If other explain e.g what fuel and ratio of additive

Drivers / Entrants Signature _____

Appendix 2: Refuel Area Layout

