

RALLY GUIDE 1



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1 INTRODUCTION AND EVENT DESCRIPTION

This document has no regulatory power – for information only.

This Rally Guide has been created to aid competitors in pre-event planning. We hope that you find this early information useful in planning your trip to the inaugural Overmountain Rally Tennessee. All contents are subject to correction in the Supplementary Regulations.

Clerk of the Course
Andrew D. Frick

1.1 FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome!

We're glad that you're interested in competing in the first ever Overmountain Rally Tennessee! This event is a test of skill and endurance as you attack the gnarly gravel stages of Southern Appalachia. The rally builds on the successful Bristol Forest Regional Rally (2021-2023) and now includes an additional full day of competition in Newport, TN. The all-new stages in Newport have much the same character as the roads used in past years, but none have ever been rallied. We're proud to bring you these exciting new stages, and I expect the Newport roads to become driver favorites.

Competitors can generally expect much improved road surfaces this year compared to previous years but should still plan for a mix of stages ranging from fast and smooth to extremely twisty and technical. Competition will be based in Newport on Saturday, Sept 14th with a tarmac super special on the high banked Newport Speedway short track under the lights. Sunday competition will be familiar to anyone who has competed at the Bristol Forest Rally, but 3 stages (App Tarmac – Holler Puts – Countersink) have now been combined into one monster 21-mile stage, *the Hellbender*.

The Cherokee National Forest has graciously allowed us to use these great roads for the day, so if you see a forest ranger around, make sure to let them know that we're all thankful for their support. A practical way to show them some appreciation is to practice "pack-in pack-out;" let's leave the area looking better than we found it. Please also thank the volunteers that are helping us go rally. Without them we'd all be sitting at home without a rally, so they deserve all our appreciation!

If you're a social media type, please tag [@ara_rally](#), [@VisitJohnsonCity](#), [@northeastenn](#), and [@9lakeseasttn](#) in your posts, and remember to use the hashtags [#GoAllOut](#), [#RallyAllOut](#), [#ARArally](#), [#OVRMTN24](#) and [#OvermountainRally](#) so we can all follow along!

Chairman
Dave Matheson



1.2 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

This event will be held under the current General Competition Rules, Rally Technical Rules, and Rally Competition Rules of the American Rally Association (ARA). The 2024 American Rally Association Rules and Regulations can be found at <https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/rulesandbulletins>.

1.3 INTRODUCTION

Name of the event: Overmountain Rally Tennessee
 Place of the event: Johnson City & Newport, TN \ Cherokee National Forest
 Date of the event: September 14th – September 15th 2024
 Time Zone of the event: Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4)

1.4 TITLE FOR WHICH THE RALLY COUNTS

ARA National Championship
 ARA East Regional Championship

1.5 ROAD SURFACE

Packed Gravel 60% / Dirt 30% / Tarmac 10%

1.6 ROUTE OVERVIEW

	National Entry	Regional Entry
Total Distance of Course	392.5* miles	338.3* miles
Number of Special Stages	14	13
Total Distance of Special Stages	130.5* miles (33%)	115.5* miles (34%)

* Mileage is estimated; final route mileages will be released in the Supplementary Regulations

2 ORGANIZATION

2.1 ORGANIZING GROUPS

Name of the organizing body: **Appalachian Rallysport LLC**

2.2 ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFO

Appalachian Rallysport LLC	
Mail	179 Frank Hilbert Rd. Jonesborough, TN 37659
Phone	423.747.3040
Email	Chairman@Overmountain-Rally.com

2.3 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairman	David Matheson	Chairman@Overmountain-Rally.com 423.747.3040
Clerk of the Course	Andrew Frick	Andrew.d.frick@gmail.com 864.735.5301

2.4 STEWARDS OF THE MEETING

ARA Steward	Alan Perry	AlanP@snowmoose.com 1-206-499-5501
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2.5 SENIOR OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course	Andrew Frick	Andrew.d.frick@gmail.com 864.735.5301
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Chief Scrutineer	Walter Clark	WalterClark171@gmail.com 781.540.9134
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Volunteer Coordinator	Kim Creek	volunteer4rally@gmail.com 423.503.9697
Chief Safety Officer	Isaac Robinette	isaacrobinette3@gmail.com 423.557.2122
Chief Medical Officer	TBD	TBD
Chief of Controls	TBD	TBD
Event Safety Coordinator	Matt Reese	themattreese@gmail.com 781.771.0167

2.6 ARA OFFICIALS

Competition Director	Preston Osborn	preston@ara-rally.com
Business/Marketing Director/ Registrar	Marni Nagy	ara@ara-rally.com
Technical Director	Doug Nagy	doug@ara-rally.com
Safety Delegate	Lee Sorenson	lsn6sti@gmail.com
Safety Delegate	Antoine L'Estage	

2.7 LOCATION OF RALLY HEADQUARTERS

[See Supplementary Regulations]

2.8 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

There will be no physical notice board. All competitor documents will be distributed via the Sportity App.

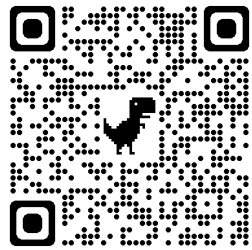
Links to desktop versions of the notice board:

<https://overmountain-rally.com/competitors>

<https://webapp.sportity.com/channel/OVRMTN24>

ENTER PASSWORD: OVRMTN24

All official documents, bulletins, start orders, provisional results, inquiries, and responses will use the Sportity App.



Download the Sportity App by scanning the QR code or

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE APP](#)

3 SCHEDULE

3.1 SCHEDULE BEFORE RALLY WEEK

All times and dates in the schedule below are estimated and subject to change.

All times are Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4)

WEDNESDAY JULY 31			
12:00		Regular Entry Opens	www.enterrally.com
MONDAY AUGUST 26			
00:00		Late Entry Opens/ Regular Entry Closes	www.enterrally.com
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28			
Advance Packet available on or before this date			Sportity
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9			
00:00		Entry Closes	www.enterrally.com

3.2 SCHEDULE DURING RALLY WEEK

All times are Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9			
Provisional Leg 1 Start List Published			Sportity
19:00	21:00	Novice Competitor Virtual Meeting	Online Teams Meeting
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11			
18:00	21:00	Competitor Check-in	Yee-Haw Brewing Johnson City
18:00	21:00	Welcome Party/ Pre-Event Social	Yee-Haw Brewing Johnson City
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12			
6:30	20:30	Reconnaissance (must check in first)	Special Stages
9:00	13:00	Competitor + Crew Check-in	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Johnson City
13:30	16:30	Test Session #1	Test Location – Bluff City, TN
16:30	19:30	Test Session #2	Test Location – Bluff City, TN
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13			
6:30	20:30	Reconnaissance (must check in first)	Special Stages
9:00	12:00	Late Competitor Check-in	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Johnson City
9:00	16:00	Rally Office Open	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Johnson City
9:00	16:00	Scrutineering	TBD
23:30		Leg 1 Start Order Finalized	Sportity

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14			
7:00		Service Park Opens	Newport Fairgrounds
8:30*		Cars must be present in Parc Expose'	Newport Fairgrounds
9:30*		Driver's Safety Meeting <i>Delivered by ARA Steward</i>	Newport Fairgrounds Pavilion
10:00*		FCO – Start Leg 1	Newport Fairgrounds
22:00*		FCI – End of Leg 1	Newport Speedway
23:30*		Leg 2 Start Order Finalized	Sportity
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15			
7:00		Service Park Opens	Downtown Johnson City Service Area
7:30*		Cars must be present in Parc Expose'	Downtown Johnson City Parc Expose'
8:00*		FCO – Start Leg 2	Downtown Johnson City Parc Expose'
17:30*		Regional Scores Posted/ Podium	Downtown Johnson City Parc Ferme'
19:45*		National Scores Posted/ Podium	Downtown Johnson City Parc Ferme'
17:00*	22:00	After Party at Yee-Haw!	Yee-Haw Brewing Johnson City
*Denotes approximate time			

4 ENTRIES

4.1 TITLES FOR WHICH THE RALLY COUNTS

ARA National Championship
 or
 ARA East Regional Championship

4.2 ENTRY PROCEDURE

Entry and payment must be made online at www.enterrally.com. ARA will send an email blast to ARA license holders announcing the opening of entry. For assistance with online event registration, contact ara@ara-rally.com or the event registrar. Entry payments cannot be accepted at the event.

4.3 NUMBER OF ENTRANTS ACCEPTED

Due to the nature of the event and limited space, the number of **entrants will be capped at 60**. Entries after the cap can be placed on a first-paid-first-in waitlist. Waitlisted competitors who are not allowed entry will receive a full refund.

4.4 DATES AND FEES

Including Optional Organizer’s Advertising		
	Regular*	Late*
Regional Championship Entry	\$1300	\$1400
National Championship Entry	\$1700	\$1800
Not Including Optional Organizer’s Advertising		
	Regular*	Late*
Regional Championship Entry	\$2300**	\$2400**
National Championship Entry	\$2700**	\$2800**

*Early and Late dates are in the [Schedule](#)

**See [Section 9](#)

Entry fees include: Recce participation, tulip route book, one Service Packet, and use of a single, standard service site.

Competitors may pay \$10 during the online registration process to reserve a hard copy of organizer-provided stage notes.

4.5 EVENT CANCELLATION

The organizer reserves the right to cancel the event for any reason up to the end of the Late Entry period or up to the day of the rally due to force majeure. Registered competitors will be given a full refund.

The organizer reserves the right to raise the number of entries accepted.

4.6 WITHDRAWAL POLICY AND REFUNDS

Entrants may revise or withdraw their entry prior to the closing date by completing the Entry Update/Withdrawal form available on the Sportity app in the Registrar folder. Withdrawal policy and refunds per ARA GCR Section 4.9.

Refunds Policy:

Withdrawal before the end of Early Entry Period: Full

Withdrawal after the end of Early Entry Period: Entry fee less \$500

No refunds will be made after entry closes. [See schedule.](#)

Withdrawing during the event can be actioned by completing the online NCE/RAR/Withdraw form that will be in the Sportity inquiry folder.

5 SERVICE PARK

5.1 LOCATION

Saturday September 14

Newport Fairgrounds

GPS Location: [35.973186, -83.216985](#)

Sunday September 15

Downtown Johnson City

GPS Location: [36.318598, -82.343995](#)

5.2 ACCESS TIMES

Saturday September 14

Newport Fairgrounds

7:00-22:00

Sunday September 15

Downtown Johnson City

7:00-22:00

5.3 SURFACE

Saturday September 14

Newport Fairgrounds

Grass with paved transit road

Sunday September 15

Downtown Johnson City

Broken concrete or grass

5.4 SIZE

Standard service areas are 20 feet by 40 feet per race vehicle. An additional, connected standard service area can be reserved during the online registration process for \$100. This fee covers an additional service area at both service locations.

5.5 SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

[See Supplementary Regulations]

6 TWO-WAY RADIOS

6.1 REGISTRATION AND PROCEDURE

The use of Amateur Radio frequencies is governed by the FCC. For details, see [FCC.gov](https://www.fcc.gov).

7 FUEL AND TIRES

[See Supplementary Regulations]

8 PARC EXPOSE

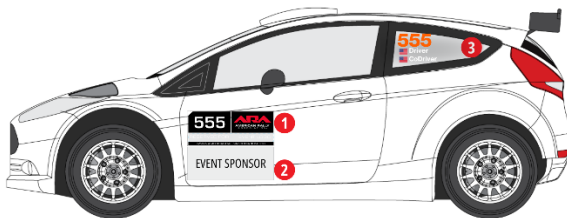
[See Supplementary Regulations]

9 ADVERTISING

9.1 ORGANIZER SUPPLIED

The Overmountain Rally Tennessee will use the optional organizer's advertising space allowed by the current ARA rules. Teams may refuse the optional organizer's advertising at any point before TC0 by contacting the event Chairman and paying a \$1000 fee. This can be completed during online registration by choosing the "Not Including Optional Organizer's Advertising" entry.

All ARA series advertising must be properly displayed on competition cars.



- 1 Door Placards: 24" w x 10" h
- 2 Event Sponsor: 24" w x 10" h
- 3 Rear Window Decals

10 COMPETITOR CHECK-IN

[See Supplementary Regulations]

11 HOTELS AND CAMPING

11.1 OFFICIAL RALLY HOTEL

Once again, the official host town is Johnson City, TN. Please consider staying in Johnson City for the duration of the event. The official host hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Johnson City. Staying here will give you the best rally experience since it is also the location of the rally office for the majority of the event.

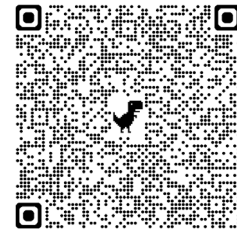
[DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Johnson City](#)
[211 Mockingbird Ln.](#)
[Johnson City, TN 37604](#)

Group discount Rate: \$149/ night

Group Rate Booking by Phone:
 Call: 1-423-929-2000

You must tell them you're with the 'Overmountain Rally Tennessee' group to receive the discount rate.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM ONLINE](#)



Open Hotel location
in Google Maps by
scanning the QR

11.2 OTHER HOTELS

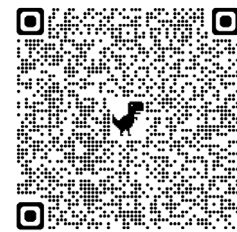
Johnson City also has many other hotel options on varying budgets, as well as many Air BNBs to pick from. We recommend you book early as mid-September is a busy time of year.

Visit Johnson City TN has compiled a list of hotels within the city limits at [visitjohnsoncitytn.com/stay/](https://www.visitjohnsoncitytn.com/stay/).

11.3 CAMPING

The rally has arranged a camping option at Lady's Campground in Bristol, TN. The rate is \$30/night for campers w/ hookups. \$25/ night for tent camping. You can call the campground to book; tell them you're with the Overmountain Rally for our group rate.

[Lady's Campground](#)
[3077 HWY 11E](#)
[BLUFF CITY, TN 37618](#)
campatbristol.com
 Call: 1-423-571-3782



Open Camping
location in Google
Maps by scanning

12 RECONNAISSANCE

Open Reconnaissance will be available on the dates and times specified in the [Schedule](#).

Online recce is available at Overmountain-Rally.com/online-recce-2024.

Password: OVRMTN24recce

[See Supplementary Regulations]

13 SCRUTINEERING

[See Supplementary Regulations]

14 SHAKEDOWN AND TESTING

14.1 TESTING

Pre-event testing will be provided for an additional \$300 entry fee payable during online event registration. Reference [Schedule](#).

[See Supplementary Regulations]

15 START PROCEDURE

[See Supplementary Regulations]

16 FINISH PROCEDURE

[See Supplementary Regulations]

17 PR ACTIVITIES

[See Rally Guide 2]

18 MEDIA

18.1 SERIES MEDIA CONTACT

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18.2 ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE / CRITERIA AND DEADLINE

All media accreditation is completed through the series. Please read the ARA policies and procedures for event media at ARA-Rally.com/media.