

THE SEVEN OAKS HOTEL

CARLOW STAGES RALLY

incorporating **20 YEARS ANNIVERSARY** of **MKII CHALLENGE**



Final Instructions No. 1 Issued on Part 1

Dear competitors,

We thank you for your entry for the event. Your seeded number can be found in the entry list as published on www.Carlowcarclub.ie The entry list will be kept up to date here as much as possible. If you are unable to start the event, please inform the event secretary **Brid Harpur, Ph.086-8403017 email bridharpur@gmail.com** as soon as possible.

1. Competitors, please bring their Competition Licence to Recce Sign On where your licence will be Checked. This will help us greatly speed up document scrutiny later that day.

PLEASE NOTE: Our rally office will open on Friday evening between the hours of 6pm to 8pm and then again on Saturday morning at 8.00am for Recce Sign on.

2. Document and mechanical scrutiny will be at times as stated in event regulations. Mechanical Scrutiny will be held in **Carlow Mart (R93V0R1)** from **14.00pm** please try and be as early as possible for scrutiny. Sunday Scrutineering applications may be submitted to the COC only. **Competitors are reminded that there will be no service vehicles allowed in the scrutiny area unloading of cars will be strictly at trailer park only & also to make sure and have your car details filled out on line to speed up scrutiny, No Parking of any cars will be allowed outside the scrutiny area this area will be patrolled by the local garda on the day.**

3. Please attend paper scrutiny promptly after you finish mechanical scrutiny which starts from 14.30pm to 19.00pm.

4. Trailer Park will be located in **Fitzpatrick's Opel (R93N6K0)** please park in a reasonable manner as not to impede others in this area marshals will be there to police this area please unload your car and proceed from here to scrutiny.

5. On passing mechanical scrutiny Cars Must proceed immediately into and remain in Parc Ferme in Carlow Mart, Please Park in a tidy manner. Absolutely No Working on Rally Cars will be allowed in the Scrutiny Area and in the parc ferme area Not even Tyre Changing. Your Car Must Be Ready to Compete when You Arrive In.

6. A Competitor Safety briefing (**compulsory for all crews as per Appendix 25 art 3.2**) will now be at **7.30am** on Sunday morning and will be held in the function room in the HQ this might be subject to change please see official notice board on Saturday. **Timecards will be issued on the morning at the entrance to the safety briefing please arrive in sufficient time to collect your timecards so briefing may start on time. Timecards will be available for collection from 7am.**

7. Service Area will be located in **Dan Morrissey & Company Plazmont Ltd Quarry Fenniscourt Bagenalstown (R21R252)** Service area will be open on Saturday evening between the hours of 15.00 till 20.00 and will reopen on Sunday Morning at 7.00am. Please do not leave any litter behind in the service area or any other area used by the event. Leave it as clean as it was when you arrived as we will want to go back there again, also each competitor must use ground sheets in this area. **Under no circumstances are any service vehicles to enter the area before 15.00 hrs as the lane down to the service area has to be kept clear at all times for local access.**

8. It would be advisable for competitors, especially overseas crews, to familiarize themselves with the scrutiny requirements for Irish events and check their relative IRDS/BRDS insurance.



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Part 2

9. In accordance with current regulations, you will only be allowed three passes per stage or any part thereof during recce.
10. Competitors are reminded that no outside assistance is allowed on Irish events (other than to re-join a stage). Servicing will only be allowed in the area defined as the service area in the event's road book. Each stage exit will be checked for team vehicles and if team vehicles are found to in this area penalties will be applied to the competitor involved.
11. We would kindly ask that, if possible, not to use any large vans or 4x4 jeeps for recce to keep inconvenience to other road users to a minimum and to respect the residents and farmers on all stages messing will not be tolerated on recce.
12. This year's event will once again allow a restart procedure (Super rally). Please familiarize yourself with the details published in the event regulations.
13. **NON-POROUS GROUND SHEETS MUST BE USED IN THE SERVICE PARK AND COVER THE ENTIRE GROUND AREA UNDER THE RALLYCAR AND BE CAPABLE OF CATCHING ALL SPILLAGES. SERVICE CREWS NOT COMPLYING WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SERVICE AREA.**
14. REMEMBER all competing cars are required to enter and remain in Parc Ferme for 30minutes after their "scheduled time in" at the conclusion of the event.
15. **THE EVENT SCRUTINEERS WILL BE CARRYING OUT SPOT CHECKS AT STAGE STARTS AND WILL PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE PROPER FASTENING OF SAFETY HARNESES AND WEARING OF HANS DEVICES.**
16. Prize giving: If you are not attending prize giving, please ensure you get someone to collect your prize on the night or you may forfeit your awards
17. Pace Notes may be available for sale from Michael Patterson & Killian Duffy the club has no involvement with their preparation or sale and accepts no responsibility for their accuracy or otherwise.
18. **Requests for re-seeding must be lodged with the Secretary of the meeting by 1.00pm on Saturday afternoon.**

19. Judges of Fact

All Event Official's Listed in the Safety Plan

Judges of fact for Recce will be as listed below.

(Stage 1/4/7) George Nolan

(Stage 2/5/8) Martin Flanagan

(Stage 3/6/9) Pa Rowan



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Part 3

20. Safety Tracking System (STS)

General

All cars must be fitted with the STS equipment as issued by the MI appointed system provider. The STS devices will be distributed to competitors at the scrutineering venue and must be fitted prior to attending mechanical scrutineering.

Installation and Inspection.

The crew are responsible for the installation of the STS equipment and the information stickers in the rally car, as indicated in the STS User's Guide attached. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure the equipment has been fitted correctly and is functioning. Please contact Terry (086 8133228) in SVS if you have any concerns on fitting. Incorrectly fitted equipment must be rectified before the start of SS 1.

Operation of the Safety Tracking System.

If a crew stops in a special stage, it is vital that either the "OK", "Stage Blocked" or the "SOS" button is activated as soon as possible but within a maximum of 30 seconds. For infringement in the usage of "SOS" and "OK" signals, the team/crew may be subject to penalties as per App. 29, Art. 3.5.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook. In a situation where a crew receives an electronic Red Flag (Stage Stopped) signal, the "OK" button must be activated in order to confirm 'message received' to rally control centre. The crew must immediately reduce speed and proceed non-competitively to the stage finish or as directed by an official. Please view the instructional videos – links in the attached document "Safety Tracker System - Helpful Information".

Return of STS equipment.

The complete STS equipment must be removed from the car by the crew in Parc Fermé at the end of the rally and returned to the system provider, SVS, in the Parc Ferme. In the case of an earlier retirement, the competitor must remove and return the complete STS equipment to the system provider SVS in the Service Area

21. Tracker will be available for collection at the scrutiny area

22. This Year the event will include a Ceremonial Start that will start at 19.30hrs this will include 40 cars , Car numbers for the Ceremonial Start will be updated at a later date

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Trailer Park

Located at Fitzpatrick's Opel Garage R93N6K0



- Trye Trucks and parts lorries located in blue shaded area inside trailer park.
- When approaching the trailer park entrance please do from the Carlow town side as per diagram
- Strictly **No Parking** will be allowed on the foot path outside of trailers as per yellow line area on diagram.
- **Please unload you car here and proceed to mechanical scrutiny, as the unloading of cars will not be permitted at or near the scrutiny area.**

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Scrutiny Area & Parc Ferme Carlow Mart R93V0R1



-  Red Arrow defines the entrance for the Scrutiny area.
-  Orange arrow defines Parc Ferme Out gate.
- Scrutiny will take place in the area shaded blue , Trackers can be collected in the front yard as you enter the Mart.
- Parc Ferme will be in the shaded green area , Competitor's will enter PF on exit from Scrutiny , if a Competitor leaves the PF area after the completion of scrutiny then that competitor will have to represent there car for scrutiny again.
- Competitors are reminded that only the crew of the competition car are allowed in the PF area after scrutiny.
- !! There is no parking allowed outside along the road of the scrutiny area this will be patrolled by the garda.

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