

# FIA European Historic Rally Championship:

# Season 2024.

Introducing new changes for the 2024 season.





#### NEW: FIA European Historic Rally Champion Title(s) for Driver/Co-Driver.

- A new, overall champion(s) title based on performances across <u>all</u> qualifying rounds in 2024.
- In a new 'twist', scores from the Top 10 finishing EHRC drivers/co-drivers on all rounds will count for the titles.
- Points will follow the traditional allocation of points, based on the top 10 registered EHRC finishers on each round.
- For clarity, the driver/co-driver with the highest accumulation of total scores will be crowned as EHRC champion(s).
- Reason: An additional focus for our faster and more competitive crews, and to keep battles alive across the whole season.



#### NEW: FIA Historic FWD (Front Wheel Drive) Trophy.

- Open to <u>all</u> front wheel drive cars from Categories 1-4.
- Points will be awarded to eligible cars based on their finishing order, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> FWD car scores max points, 2<sup>nd</sup> scores 2<sup>nd</sup> points, etc.
- Maximum of Six best scores to count.
- Reason: To encourage participation with front wheel drive cars across the championship, with many cars eligible.



#### NEW: FIA Historic 1600cc Rally Trophy.

- Open to <u>all</u> front, rear and 4 wheel drive cars from Categories 1-4 up to a maximum of 1600cc.
- Points will be awarded to eligible cars based on their finishing order, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> FWD car scores max points, 2<sup>nd</sup> scores 2<sup>nd</sup> points, etc.
- Maximum of Six best scores to count.
- Turbocharged, supercharged or compressor engines are <u>not</u> eligible. Natural aspiration of engine only permitted.
- *Reason*: To demonstrate that EHRC values smaller capacity cars and to give them something viable to compete for.





#### Sporting Regulations



## NEW: 'EHRC on TOUR'.

- Opportunity for a social event(s), connected to a rally, i.e. joint dinner and visit to something rally related at an event.
- Options can include a unique experience, for example, contesting a snow rally.
- Relaxed, fun experience, but following FIA safety processes as normal where revolving around events.
- Reason: To build on the excellent atmosphere and enjoyable ambience in the championship across competitors and teams.

# EHRC Sporting/Technical Regulations: Consistency from 2023.

- Focus on maintaining technical regulations, points systems and FIA safety processes, for better consistency.
- Reworked tyre proposals sent for consultation within FIA Historic Technical Working Group to improve tyre regulations.
- Remote Service locations and Remote Refuel zones all to be <u>retained</u> as in 2023.
- Event formats to remain 1.5 days, with around 130/140km of stages.
- Earlier finish on one leg retained from 2023.
- In 2024, a return to an FIA dedicated Championship Prize Giving not one combined with an event prize giving.



# **NEW: Bonus Starting Points System.**

- All registered competitors in EHRC eligible.
- Additional bonus points to be awarded for starting two separately nominated events in 2024.
- <u>10</u> starting bonus points given on <u>two events</u>, instead of the usual <u>2</u> points.
- One event towards the start of the season, and the final round of the calendar.
- 2024 bonus points events to be notified when calendar is published.









## NEW: FIA EHRC 'Rally Ready Guide' for each round.

- A new improved pre-event communication process for our international FIA EHRC competitors.
- All Stage maps in A4/A5, key city/rally location points, recce schedule and HD video of stage routes available pre-event.
- Information to be published at least 7 days before commencement of recce day 1.
- Reason: Improvements are needed for competitors in how information is provided from some EHRC rounds.

#### **NEW: Change to Finish Podium Requirement from FIA.**

- Increased focus on EHRC finishing positions, not just the current 'random' mix of local and EHRC crews.
- Top 3 EHRC podium is the priority at the event finish, following event winner on podium (if not EHRC).
- EHRC Category winners to be all recognised on the podium.
- *Reason*: Not enough focus in some events on the EHRC finishing positions, too much emphasis on national crews at the podium.

## NEW: Commercial Partnerships open for 2024.

- Sponsorship opportunities now open to develop/support the championship overall.
- Funding partners are required to develop a championship media channel, i.e. EHRCTV on YouTube/Facebook.
- *Reason*: FIA Historic championship budgets are getting smaller year on year, and EHRC is not an exception to this challenging financial situation. Improvements to funding will be focused on media coverage.



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