

## FIA European Historic Rally Championship - 2026.

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### Hot Weather Rallies / Cooling Systems for Competitors Permitted.

The FIA Historic Department would like to inform competitors of the following in relation to hot/warm weather rallies running under FIA EHRC Sporting Regulations in 2026. Within the sporting regulations, there is no mention of what is allowed in terms of cooling systems for the crew inside the vehicle in hot weather events. The FIA is happy to clarify the following:

#### Cool Suits/Body Cooling Technology

The use of 'Cool Suits' or temporary body cooling systems **IS permitted**. Competitors should note the following from FIA Appendix L:

Art. 2 of Chapter III of 2025 Appendix L:

*Substances which may circulate in any cooling system worn by a driver/co-driver are restricted to water, or air at atmospheric pressure. Water systems must not require the saturation of a garment to function. For competitions taking place in extreme heat, it is recommended that a cooling system be used (connected, for example, to the underwear designed for that purpose and homologated according to the FIA 8856-2000 standard or to the FIA 8856-2018 standard).*

#### Temporary Vehicle/Cabin Air Conditioning Systems.

There is no sporting regulation that prevents the use of a temporary Air Conditioning or Air Cooling System inside a historic vehicle. An air conditioning unit/system fitted inside the vehicle for the purpose of cooling the cabin environment **IS permitted**.

Competitors should note that as the definition of extreme heat is open to debate, the above systems can be used by a competitor **on any event** where they feel it is appropriate for them to do so. The safety and medical wellbeing of competitors remain the priority for the FIA.



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