

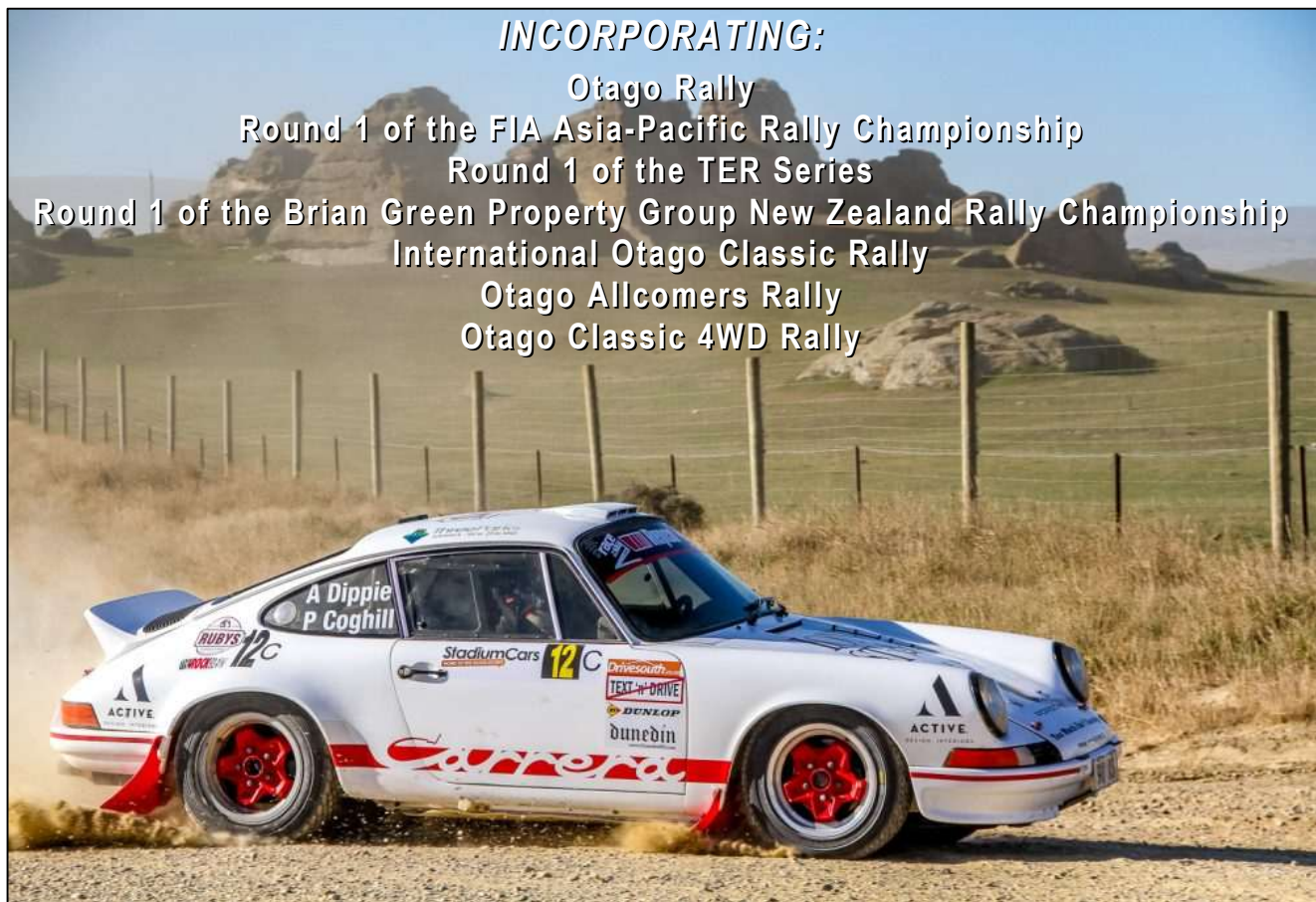


10 – 12 APRIL 2026



CENTRAL MACHINE HIRE OTAGO RALLY

Rally Guide 2 incorporating Supplementary Regulations Part 1 and 2



INCORPORATING:

Otago Rally

Round 1 of the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship

Round 1 of the TER Series

Round 1 of the Brian Green Property Group New Zealand Rally Championship

International Otago Classic Rally

Otago Allcomers Rally

Otago Classic 4WD Rally

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preamble

This event will be run under two permits as described below:

- a. **The International Rally** will be run in compliance with the FIA International Sporting Code (ISC) including appendices, the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations including appendices (RRSR), the 2026 New Zealand Rally Championship (NZRC/NZ Rally Championship) Articles (for those competitors registered in that competition, the ASN Technical Regulations (only when related to National cars), the WADA/NADA Codes and the FIA Anti-Doping Regulations as amended from time to time. Unless provided otherwise by these Supplementary Regulations, the provisions of the above Rules and Regulations shall apply.

In the event that a conflict is noted between the RRSR and the 2026 NZ Rally Championship Articles for an APRC competitor, the wording contained within the RRSR will apply

Any modifications, amendments and/or additions to the Rules and Regulations shall be made in the form of numbered and dated Bulletins. Additional information will be published in the Rally Guide. All FIA Regulations can be found at <http://www.fia.com/Regulations>

- b. **The National Rally** will be held under these Supplementary Regulations, the 2026 NZ Rally Championship Articles, the MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its Appendices and Schedules particularly Appendix 3, Schedule R being the Standing Regulations Applicable to all Rallies and Schedule A – Driver and Vehicle Safety.

1.2 Road Surface

The event will be run on gravel with the exception of SS 8 which is a Super Special Stage run on tarmac. SS8 is 2.15 km in length.

1.3 Overall Special Stage Distance and Total Distance of the Itinerary

The overall Special Stage distance is scheduled to be 284.26 km and the total distance of the event is scheduled to be **665.96** km.

2. ORGANISATION

2.1 FIA titles for which the rally counts

- FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- FIA Junior APRC Championship for Drivers
- FIA Master APRC Championship for Drivers
- FIA APRC3 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
- FIA APRC4 Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers

Other Titles:

- 2026 TER Series (All entrants in the APRC and NZRC are automatically included in the TER Series)
- 2026 New Zealand Rally Championship

2.2 Visa Numbers – FIA and ASN

FIA Visa No: 01APRC/260130

ASN Visa No: 250485

2.3 Organiser's Name, Address and Contact Details

National Sporting Authority: MotorSport New Zealand Inc.

Organising Club: Otago Sports Car Club (Inc)

Postal Address: International Otago Rally
P O Box 100, Dunedin 9054, New Zealand

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Email: norman@oakleygray.co.nz

Website: www.otagorally.com

2.4 Organisation Committee Event Committee

Norman Oakley (Chairman)	Malcolm Budd
Daniel Cresswell	Nikita Gibson
Alison Glover	Tony Johnston
Corin Dawson	Becky Ladbrook
Jason Lamb	Rob McConachie
Roger Oakley	Cory Saxton
Garth Tyrrell	Ian Warren

2.5 Stewards of the Meeting FIA Asia-Pacific Championship

Chairman of the Stewards	Mr Colin Trinder
2 nd FIA Steward	Mr Alain Rolly
ASN Steward	Mr Wayne Scott
Secretary to the Stewards	Mr Karl Buchanan

National Permitted Event

Chairman of the Stewards	Mr Wayne Christie
Steward	Mr Wade Paterson
Steward	Mr Wayne Scott

2.6 FIA Delegates and Observer

Delegate	Mr Dale Moscott
FIA Technical Delegate	Mr Stu Andrews

2.7 Senior Officials

Clerk of the Course	Mr Norman Oakley
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Mr Garth Tyrrell
	Mr Jim Anderson
	Mr Steve Foster
	Mr Craig Jessop
	Mr Roger Laird
	Mr Karl Buchanan
	Mr Allan Baird
	Mr Graham Buchanan
	Mr Malcolm Budd
	Mr Cory Saxton
	Mr Denis Deidrich
Secretary of the Event	Mr Norman Oakley
Chief Scrutineer	Mr Daniel Cresswell
NZRC Championship Scrutineer	Mr Stu Andrews
Competitor Relations Officers	Ms Sue Baird
	Mr Dave Remmerswaal
	Mr Steve Cattermole
Chief Safety Officer	Mr Jim Anderson
Chief Medical Officer	Mr Steve Yanko

Chief Timing Marshal
Communications Chiefs
Service Park Manager
Recovery Team Co-ordinator
Results Co-ordinator
Judge of Fact (Tyres SS8)
Accident Investigator
NZRC Coordinators

Mr Garth Tyrrell
Mr Charlie Brensell
Mr Mark Baxter
Mr Bob Holmes
Mr Chris Grant
Mr Cory Saxton
Mr David Clearwater
Mr Blair Bartels
Mr Simon Bell
Mr Carl Fenn

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EVENT PROGRAMME

3. Schedule before the Rally Week

November 2025

'Intention to Enter' Forms made available

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Entries open. Supplementary Regulations published. Documents will be available at www.otagorally.com

Thursday 12th March 2026

Early Entries (at reduced fee) close at 1700 hours

Thursday 19th March 2026

Close of Entries 1700 hours

Closing date for requesting extra space in Service Park

Thursday 26th March 2026

Publication of Entry List in Seeded Order. Rally Guide 2 Published.

Monday 6th April 2026

Road Book Published

3.1 Schedule during the Rally Week

Wednesday 8th April 2026

1200 – 2000 hours Administrative Checks and Documentation available for those undertaking Media Day and Recce. Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel, High Street, Dunedin.

1300 – 1600 hours Media Day (separate registration required for those who wish to participate).

Thursday 9th April 2026

0700 – 1700 hours Two pass Reconnaissance

1200 – 1600 hours Headquarters Open, Southern Cross Hotel. Administrative checks and Documentation available by appointment.

1930 hours (TBC) Pre rally 'Dinner with the Stars' and 50th Anniversary Dinner – Toitu Otago Settlers Museum, Queens Gardens, Dunedin

Friday 10th April 2026

0700 – 1500 approx Reconnaissance continues west and south of Dunedin

0830 – 1500 hours Scrutineering, Technical Checks and collection of RallySafe tracking unit– Venue : Otago Polytechnic, Donald St, Dunedin
(Refer to Supplementary Regulations Part Two for designated times)

1500 – 1630 hours Re-scrutineering (if required)

1200 – 1500 hours Administrative Checks and Documentation – Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel – for those not doing recce

1630 hours First Meeting of Stewards (FIA and National) – Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel

1700 hours Publication of Start List – Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel

1730 hours Cars to be in place in the Octagon

1730 – 1830 hours Motorshow and Ceremonial Start: the Octagon, Dunedin

1800 – 1830 hours Autograph Session (APRC, NZRC and other invited competitors) – the Octagon. Competitors available to the media

1830 hours Official Opening of Event – the Octagon

1845 hours First Car departs from Ceremonial Start in the Octagon. All remaining cars follow

2000 hours	Novice Briefing for those who have done fewer than 3 rallies.– Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel. Note: there is no compulsory briefing for all crews however a full written briefing will be published in the Road Book
2030 hours	RallySafe Briefing – Rally HQ. Southern Cross Hotel. Attendance compulsory for all APRC competitors.

Saturday 11th April 2026

* 0645 hours	Leg One commences – First Car departs TC0, Teviot Street, Dunedin
* 0750 hours	Stage 1 commences
1633 hours	First Car arrives at Parc Ferme, Taylormade Cars, Midland Street, Dunedin
1900 hours	Provisional Unofficial Classification published for Leg One Publication of Start List for Leg Two

Sunday 12th April 2026

* 0700 hours	First Car departs Leg Two
* 0750 hours	First Car starts SS9
1515 hours	First Car arrives at Finish Ramp – Brighton Domain, Competitors available to the media.
1630 hours	Final/Re-Scrutineering – Pit Stop, Hillside Road, Dunedin
1830 hours	Provisional Classification published – Rally HQ, Southern Cross Hotel
1900 hours	Prize Giving Venue Open – Dunedin Town Hall
2000 hours	Prize Giving Ceremony Commences

* **Note:** Exact times will be contained in the published Road Book

Secretariat and Media Centre Opening Hours:

Wednesday 8 th April	1200 – 2000 hours
Thursday 9 th April	1200 – 1600 hours
Friday 10 th April	1200 – 1600 hours
Saturday 11 th April	0630 – 1900 hours
Sunday 12 th April	0600 – 1800 hours

Official Digital Notice Board (DNB):

There will be no physical Official Notice Board.

The Official Notice Board can be found on the Sportity app as detailed below:

SPORTITY APPLICATION: PASSWORD: OTAGO26

Download Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sportity/id1344934434>

Download Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sportity.app&hl=en&gl=US>

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Closing Date for Entries

Thursday 12th March at 1700 hours (at reduced fee)
Thursday 19th March at 1700 hours (final closing)

4.2 Entry Procedure

Those wishing to take part in the International Otago Rally shall enter by using the MotorSport New Zealand online platform. Drivers and Co-Drivers who do not hold a MotorSport New Zealand

Competition Licence may still enter online – contact Becky Ladbrook: becky363@gmail.com for assistance with this.

Those wishing to contest the APRC shall register using the registration form available from the APRC secretariat . Contact Olivia McGregor at olivia@rallynz.org.nz

In addition, they shall indicate their intention to contest the APRC at the Otago Rally on the online entry and remittance forms.

The entry application will be accepted only if accompanied by the total entry fee.

4.3 Number of Competitors Accepted

The maximum number of entries (including the National Permitted Event) is 150. If more than 150 entries are received the organisers reserve the right to extend this number and to decide which entries (among the non-priority drivers) will be accepted.

The organisers reserve the right to increase this number by adding wildcard entries at their sole discretion.

The following priority order will apply to competitors provided that they supplied a fully completed entry form **and paid their entry fee** by the close of normal entries (**Thursday 19th March 2026**).

NOTE:

Entry fees must be paid or credit card details provided before any entry is accepted unless alternative arrangements have been agreed in writing.

- (1) Competitors granted a wildcard entry by the organisers.
- (2) Competitors contesting the Asia-Pacific Rally Championship.
- (3) Competitors registered for the New Zealand Rally Championship.
- (4) Competitors from overseas [No. 1 Drivers]. Note: Foreign participants may enter in the event and score points in the New Zealand Rally Championship in accordance with MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code Appendix One, Schedule L, Article 6.1.
- (5) Competitors registered for the 'Mainland Series' prior to Round 1.
- (6) Competitors who have forwarded an 'Intention to Enter' form prior to entries opening.
[Note: entries in this category will be accepted in order of receipt].

Any additional entries will be placed on a reserve list in order of receipt.

4.4 Eligible Cars and Classes

A. International Rally Permit

Eligible cars are the ones that comply with Article 12 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations and Article 12 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations V4 (APRC), including FIA approved National and Regional cars as well as FIA ISC Appendix J – Article 253. These include cars approved by MotorSport New Zealand.

B. National Rally Permit

All competing vehicles shall comply with Appendix 2 Schedule A and Appendix 3 Schedule R of the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code unless stated otherwise in these Supplementary Regulations.

Vehicles registered for road use in countries other than New Zealand shall comply with MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code Schedule A, Part One, Article 1.2(3).

NOTE:

Aluminium alloy roll cages are prohibited in New Zealand and will not be accepted – no exceptions can be made.

4.4.1 Entrants in the 2026 New Zealand Rally Championship

Competing vehicles shall comply with the provisions as outlined in the 2026 NZ Rally Championship Articles and supporting Schedules.

Vehicles will be divided into categories as outlined in the NZ Rally Championship Articles.

4.4.2 Entrants in the Otago Classic Rally

Competing vehicles shall be constructed prior to 1st January 1987 and shall be 2WD.

The organisers reserve the right to include additional vehicles (that fall outside this eligibility criteria) into the field if satisfied that the car/driver combination is in keeping with the spirit of the event.

Subject to the above competing vehicles shall comply with the following provisions.

- (a) Be in compliance with the provisions of FIA Appendix K with respect to international historic rallies
OR,
- (b) Be in compliance with MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code Appendix Six, Schedule RH
OR,
- (c) Vehicles that were in Series Production prior to **1st January 1987** modified in accordance with the provisions of Clauses C1 to C8 below:

C.1 Engines

The engine may be substituted with another but must be an engine that was available prior to 1st January 1987.

The engine block and head must be as per the original or substituted engine.

Pistons, connecting rods, crankshafts and associated parts are free.

Explanatory Notes:

- This provision allows for – say – the transplant of a V8 into an Escort provided that the V8 was obtainable prior to 1st January 1987 and retains the original type of block and head(s). It can, however, have modern pistons and con rods.
- A 16-valve 4AGE head complies with this rule but a 20-valve 4AGE head does not comply.

C.2 Induction

Forced Induction is not allowed unless standard on the vehicle at the time of manufacture i.e. A turbocharged or supercharged engine may not be transplanted into another make or model of car.

Intercoolers are only allowed if standard on the vehicle or homologated.

C.3 Fuel Injection

Fuel injection is not allowed unless standard on the vehicle or engine prior to 1st January 1987. An electronic system may not be substituted for a mechanical system.

Variable valve timing is not allowed unless standard on the vehicle or engine prior to 1st January 1987.

C.4 Gearbox

The gearbox may be substituted with another. Ratios are free. Sequential and electronically activated gearboxes are prohibited.

C.5 Differential

The differential may be substituted.

C.6 Brakes and Suspension

Brakes and suspension are free.

C.7 Wheels and Tyres

Wheel sizes are free provided they can be housed inside the wheel arches or flares (Refer to Article 8.3).

Tyres are free but must comply with the provision of Appendix 2, Schedule A.

C.8 Body Modification

C.8.1 **Preamble:** Competitors are strongly encouraged to maintain the original appearance of their vehicle.

C.8.2 **Body Panels:** May be lightened in accordance with Appendix 2, Schedule A however Carbon Fibre and Kevlar are prohibited.

C.8.3 **Wheel Flares:** May be fitted providing they do not protrude from the original line of the body work by more than 150 mm.

C.8.4 **Wings:** Wings or other aerodynamic appendages are not permitted.
"Bobtail" or boot mounted spoilers are acceptable if it can be shown that these were common on the car as rallied prior to 1st January 1987.

Vehicles will be divided into the following classes:

- (a) 0-1300 cc
- (b) 1301-1700 cc
- (c) 1701 cc and over

4.4.3 Entrants in the Otago Allcomers Rally

Vehicles shall comply with Schedule A and Appendix Three Schedule R of the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code.

Vehicles will be divided into the following classes:

- Class A 0 – 1300 cc**
- Class B 1301 – 1600 cc**
- Class C 1601 – over**
- Class D 4WD**

4.4.4 Entrants in the Otago Classic 4WD Rally

Vehicles shall comply with either:

- (a) The 2025 Group A Classic 4WD Challenge regulations as published by Rally NZ *OR*
- (b) The Classic 4WD or Subaru H6 regulations as published by the convenors of the Mainland Series *OR*
- (c) As approved by the Otago Sports Car Club Rally Committee as being in the spirit of the event.

If you have any questions or wish to check technical specifications, please send the details to the International Otago Rally Secretariat email: norman@oakleygray.co.nz

4.5 Entry Fees (All fees are in NZD\$)

International Permitted event		
	Fee with Organisers' Advertising (incl GST)	Fee without Organiser's advertising (incl GST)
FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship	\$2,930	\$3,500

The entry fee includes:

- Registration for Reconnaissance
- 4 Spectator Passes to the Super Special Stage
- 2 Route Maps
- 1 set of Road Books
- 2 Rally Guides
- 2 Service Vehicle Plates – these must be affixed to the vehicle before admittance to the Service Park
- Vehicle Livery Pack
- Rally Safe Tracking Fee
- 2 Meal Tickets to the Prizegiving Dinner (Sunday 12th April)
- Cover for the excess of NZD\$3,500 applicable to the MotorSport New Zealand Public Liability Policy as per Article 5.2.
- 2 soft cover copies of the book written to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Otago Rally

Additional fees

- Change of Crew Member NZD \$50.00
- Additional Road Book NZD \$25.00
- Stage Notes to be ordered direct from the MotorSport New Zealand authorised supplier.

National Permitted event			
	Base Fee	Rally Safe	Total (incl GST)
NZRC Categories 1-4	\$2,090	\$230	\$2,320
NZRC Category 5 (Two Days)	\$1,600	\$230	\$1,830
NZRC Category 5 (Sat only)	\$1,250	\$230	\$1,480
Otago Classic Rally	\$1,550	\$230	\$1,780
Otago Allcomers Rally	\$1,550	\$230	\$1,780
Otago Classic 4WD Rally	\$1,550	\$230	\$1,780
Saturday Only	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,380

The entry fee includes:

- 2 Route Maps
- 1 set of Road Books
- 1 Service Vehicle Plate – these must be affixed to the vehicle before admittance to the Service Park
- Vehicle Livery Pack

- Rally Safe Tracking Fee
- 2 Meal Tickets to the Prizegiving Dinner (Sunday 12th April) – except for Saturday only entrants
- 2 soft cover copies of the book written to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Otago Rally

Additional fees

- Change of Crew Member NZD \$50.00
- Additional Road Book NZD \$25.00
- Extra meal tickets NZD \$75.00
- Recce Fee NZD \$80.00
- Stage Notes to be ordered direct from the MotorSport New Zealand authorised note provider.

4.6 Payment details

Payment of entry fees can be made by:

- Bank Draft, Electronic Transfer
- Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard only)
(A fee of 2% will be added to all credit card transactions)

The bank account details for sending a Bank Draft or Electronic Transfer are:

- Bank: Bank of New Zealand
- Address: Dunedin Branch
- Account Name: Otago Sports Car Club Rally Account
- Account Number: 02 0900 0071330 02
- Swift code: BK NZ NZ 22

Please use the Driver's surname as a reference when making the payment.

When paying by Bank Transfer or Direct Credit it is essential that you provide details of this payment to the Rally Office to ensure that payment is receipted prior to the close of entries.

4.7 Refunds

Entry Fees will be refunded in full only:

- (a) To candidates whose entry has not been accepted
- (b) In the case of the rally not taking place

Any competitor who withdraws from the event prior to 5:00 pm Thursday 26th March, will forfeit 25% of their entry fee.

Any competitor who withdraws from the event later than 5:00 pm Thursday 26th March, but prior to the commencement of Documentation, will forfeit 50% of their entry fee.

Any competitor who withdraws after the start of Documentation will forfeit 100% of their entry fee.

4.8 Competitor Requirements – National Permitted event

- (1) **Knowledge and Understandings:** In signing the entry forms competitors (Entrant and Drivers) are deemed to fully understand the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its relevant Appendices and Schedules.

Particularly,

- (a) The National Sporting Code articles pertaining to protests and competitor's obligations, and
- (b) Appendix Three, Schedule R, Article 8 pertaining to Stage Notes, Pace Notes and Reconnaissance.

(2) **Licence Requirements:**

- (a) **New Zealand Competitors** : Both No. 1 and No. 2 drivers shall hold a R1 or R2 Grade or higher MotorSport New Zealand issued Competition Licence.
- (b) **Australian Competitors** : Shall hold a Rally Licence plus a Trans-Tasman Visa issued by Motorsport Australia.
- (c) **International Competitors** : Shall hold a FIA International D-R Licence or a National Rally Licence together with a Visa (in English) issued by their ASN and a Medical Clearance Card.

If the Entrant is other than a driver, an Entrants' Licence in the name of the Entrant is required.

- (3) **New Competitors:** Any driver(s) who have not previously competed in three or more rallies must attend the new competitor special briefing. Details of venue and time will be announced with the Acceptance of Entry.

NOTE:

1. **Australian Competitors must have a "Trans-Tasman Visa" before arriving in New Zealand. Contact Motorsport Australia for further details.**
2. **Competitors from countries other than Australia must have an International Rally Licence or a National Rally Licence and Visa (in English) issued by their ASN.**

5 INSURANCE

5.1 Personal Insurance

All New Zealand residents and overseas visitors to New Zealand are covered by 24 hour no-fault personal injury accident insurance, where that accident is deemed to be an accident as defined in the Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2001. Overseas visitors are recommended to have personal travel and medical insurance.

Third Party or Comprehensive Vehicle Insurance is the responsibility of the entrant/competitor.

The service vehicles, management vehicles and reconnaissance vehicles including those bearing special plates issued by the organisers may never be considered as official participants in the rally. They are therefore not covered by the insurance policy of the rally and will remain the sole responsibility of their owner.

5.2 Public Liability

Competitors and all crew members are covered for Public Liability under a master policy held by MotorSport New Zealand for an amount of **NZ\$ 10 million** (approximately 5 million Euro) for the entire event.

Details may be obtained from the MotorSport New Zealand website:
<https://motorsport.org.nz/organisers-resources/>

5.3 Accidents

In the event of an accident the competitor or his/her representative must notify the Clerk of the Course in writing within 4 hours. The competitor must provide full details including the names and addresses of those involved and any witnesses.

6 ADVERTISING AND IDENTIFICATION

6.1 Regulation Numbers, Advertising and Identification

International permitted event

Competition numbers, advertising and Driver's and Co-Driver's names will be in accord with Articles 27 and 28 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations and Article 27 of the 2026 V4 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship Regulations. See Appendix 4.

National Permitted event

Competitors registered for the NZ Rally Championship should refer to the Championship Articles.

6.2 Organiser's Optional Advertising

International Permitted event

Refer to Appendix 4

National Permitted event

Refer to Appendix 4.

Appendix 4 contains a diagram depicting the layout of the advertising supplied by the organisers which is to be affixed to each competing car in the positions shown. (Refer also to the NZRC Articles).

The advertising is mandatory with the exception of areas A1 to A4 which the competitor may elect not to carry on payment of a fee of \$500.00.

This fee must be paid to the organisers prior to the commencement of Documentation.

6.3 Placement of Numbers, Advertising and Identification

Competition numbers, rally plates and advertising must be fixed to the car before Scrutineering. Organiser supplied service vehicle plates shall be placed on the top left hand corner of the Service Vehicle front windscreen before admittance to the Service Park.

7 TYRES

7.1 Tyres specified for use during the Rally

The use of studded or spiked tyres is prohibited under pain of exclusion. Refer also to Article 60 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

Competitors competing in the 2026 NZ Rally Championship shall use tyres that comply with the 2026 NZRC Championship Articles.

7.2 Tyres for use on Reconnaissance

The tyres used during Reconnaissance must be either an FIA approved road tyre or an equivalent standard road tyre designed primarily for normal road use meeting the following criteria.

Tyres must not exceed a tread depth of 8.5 mm. Straight circumferential grooves may be no wider than 10 mm. All other grooves at any angle to the circumference may be no wider than 7 mm.

8 FUEL

8.1 Fuel Specification

Fuel shall comply with the provisions of the FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix J Article 252.9. The use of unleaded commercial petrol available at petrol filling stations complying with Article 252 is permitted.

The FIA have granted a waiver for the use of bio fuel to help local drivers to participate in their home rally.

Fuel may be ordered from Race Fuels NZ: www.racefuels.co.nz

Latest date for ordering fuel is Friday 6th March.

All competitors shall familiarise themselves with the [Code of Practice for Motorsport – Fuel Storage and Handling](#) and be aware of their obligations under this code, particularly with respect to the transportation and handling of fuel.

8.2 Distribution during the rally:

Optional Remote Refuel Zones (RZ)

- Leg 1 – Tuapeka Mouth (between SS4 and SS5)
Mitchells Flat Road (after SS6)
- Leg 2 – Forsyth Road. (between SS10 and SS11)

Note: All Competitors will need to make their own supply arrangements.

Full details will be shown in Rally Guide 2 and the Road Book.

9 RECONNAISSANCE

9.1 Procedure for Reconnaissance

The use of Stage Notes will be permitted provided that they are original copies as created for this Event and supplied by the MotorSport New Zealand authorised provider, Rally Notes New Zealand. An opportunity exists for competitors who purchase the approved Stage Notes to take part in a two-pass Reconnaissance. This opportunity is **NOT** available to those who do not purchase these Notes.

Notes shall be ordered directly from the supplier using the order form on their website www.rallynotes.nz

The deadline for ordering Stage Notes is **two weeks** prior to the event.

NOTE: The cost for stage notes and reconnaissance is not included in the entry fee.

INFORMATION:

The Stage Note system uses an automated computer program to generate a description of the special stage road using sensors fitted to a vehicle driven through each stage.

Such notes describe the route in more detail than the Road Book and can be used without reconnaissance.

The purchase and use of the stage notes is a direct contract between the competitor and Rally Notes New Zealand with the Otago Sports Car Club's involvement being limited to authorising the use and facilitating the preparation and distribution on behalf of Rally Notes New Zealand.

There is no obligation on any competitor to purchase these stage notes.

Suggested Reconnaissance Programme:

Thursday 9th April

Suggested order.

Stages: 9,10,14,11,9,10,14,11,1,2,3,3,4,5,12,13,6,7

557km, South & West of Dunedin between 0700 and 1630 hours approx.

Friday 10th April

Stages: 1,2,4,5,12,13,6,7,15,16,15,16

391km, South & West of Dunedin between 0700 and 1400 hours approx.

More details are provided in Appendix 2.

9.1.1 Registration for Reconnaissance

Before starting Reconnaissance all crews must register at the Rally Secretariat to get the necessary documentation. Registration for Reconnaissance is available on Wednesday 8th April between 1200 hours and 2000 hours.

Crews may have another team member collect their documentation ONLY if their entry form is fully completed. If this is not the case they must register in person.

Each crew will be issued with three sets of numbers. The 2 x large numbers will be displayed on the rear side windows of the Reconnaissance car. The 1 x small number will be displayed on the Co-Driver's side top corner of the front windscreen.

9.2 Running of Reconnaissance

9.2.1 Timetable

The most efficient Reconnaissance sequence is given in Article 9.1. however competitors are free to select their own route over both days of Reconnaissance provided that all other provisions of Article 9.2 are adhered to.

Competitors are required to download the **RallySafe Lite App** which shall be used to monitor recce activity (Refer to Appendix 6 for instructions on how to download and use the App).

The cost of this is included in the Reconnaissance fee.

Marshals may be placed at the start of Special Stages to record entry times.

It is not permitted to travel in the opposite direction to that described in the Road Book on any Special Stage.

Note:

- SS8 (Tarmac Super Special Stage) will not form part of the Reconnaissance. Competitors may walk around this stage at a time of their choosing.
- Reconnaissance of SS9 (Otokia) may only take place on Thursday 9 April
- Reconnaissance of SS16 (Kuri Bush) may only take place on Friday 10 April. (This is to avoid recce cars travelling in both directions on the same road at the same time).
- There is a short section of SS2 that forms part of the touring route between SS6 and SS7 in the reverse direction. Ensure that you keep left at all times.

9.2.2 Respect of Reconnaissance Timetable

No entry into any Special Stage is permitted before 0700 hours or after 1700 hours (Thursday) or after 1500 hours (Friday).

9.2.3 Number of passages

Each crew is limited to two passages on each Special Stage. Crews will only be permitted to enter and leave Special Stages through the start and finish controls. Further checks may also be carried out within the Special Stage.

9.2.4 Speed during Reconnaissance

The maximum speed limit on Special Stages is 80 kph unless the traffic signs, the road book or bulletins indicate a lower speed limit.

9.2.5 Headlights

For safety headlights must be switched on while driving on ALL Special Stages.

9.2.6 Number of persons

During each passage through a Special Stage, only the competing crew is permitted in the car unless dispensation is given in writing by the Clerk of the Course.

9.2.7 Penalties for Breach of Speed Limits – International Permitted event

Refer Article 35 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

Speeding during Reconnaissance will incur a fine applied by the Clerk of the Course as follows: per km per hour over the speed limit, all drivers €25.

The amount of this fine will be unaltered by any fine imposed by the Police. The fine will be doubled in case of a second offence committed during Reconnaissance in the same Rally.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS

10.1 Documents to be presented

The following items will be checked at Administrative Checks:

- Competitor's (Entrant) Licence
- Driver's and Co-Driver's Competition Licences
- Driver and Co-Driver's valid Civil Driving Licences
- Driver and Co-Driver Passport or identification (APRC only)
- Driver's declaration and undertaking forms signed by the Driver and Co-Driver (APRC only)
- ASN authorisation for all foreign competitors and/or drivers
- Current affiliated Car Club Membership Card (New Zealand Competitors only)
- Completion of all details on the entry form
- Car registration papers (Non-New Zealand APRC cars only)

10.2 Timetable

Venue: Rally HQ, Scenic Circle Southern Cross Hotel, High Street, Dunedin

Times: Wednesday 8th April 1200 – 2000 hours

Thursday 9th April by arrangement

Friday 10th April 1200 – 1500 hours

Crews may have another team member collect their documentation only if their entry form is completed and signed otherwise they have to register in person.

To assist competitors, administrative checks may be completed outside these times by appointment.

11 SCRUTINEERING (Safety Audit), SEALING AND MARKING

Competition numbers, rally plates and advertising decals shall be affixed to the car before attending Scrutineering. RallySafe units will be issued at the Scrutineering venue.

11.1 Scrutineering (Safety Audit) Venue and Timetable

Competitors who wish to be allocated a Scrutineering time in conjunction with another competitor or at a certain time period must advise the Secretariat by Friday 16th March.

Venue: Otago Polytechnic, Donald Street, Dunedin

Time: Friday 10th April from 0830 – 1500 hours

All spare parts sealing will take place on Friday 10th April at the Scrutineering venue from 0830 – 1500 hours.

The Scrutineering schedule for APRC and NZRC competitors will be advised by email and will be posted on Sportity) on Thursday 26th March.

All APRC competitors will be required for technical inspection. All NZRC vehicles will be required to comply with their respective requirements under the NZRC Portfolio. Any NZRC competitor that wishes to take advantage of remote Scrutineering shall first contact the Championship Scrutineer, Stu Andrews (027 544 3336, or stuandrews52@gmail.com). Please note that NZRC competitors shall present their vehicle's logbook to the Championship Scrutineer at the Scrutineering venue at the times scheduled.

Remote Safety Audits will be available prior to the event. Further details will be included in the Supplementary Regulations Part Two.

11.2 Mud Flaps / Windows / Nets / Noise Level – International Permitted event

Refer to the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code Appendix J, Article 252.7.7, 253.11 for relevant details.

The use of transparent and colourless anti-shatter films (maximum thickness: 100 microns) is compulsory on side and sunroof windows, unless they are in polycarbonate. Rear side sunroof windows may use silvered or tinted films (see conditions below) in replacement of transparent and colourless anti-shatter films.

The use of silvered or tinted films is authorised on the rear side windows, on the rear windows and on the sunroof, on the following conditions:

- Silvered or tinted films fitted on rear side windows must have an opening equivalent to the surface of a circle of 70 mm in diameter so that the driver as well as the contents of the car may be seen from the outside.

11.3 Clothing and Safety Apparel

International Permitted event

It is a requirement that all competing crews comply with the regulations for safety in relation to overalls, approved frontal head restraint (FHR), balaclavas, gloves, boots and underwear. Refer Appendix L of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code.

National Permitted event

Refer to MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code. **Note: Approved Frontal Head Restraints are mandatory.**

11.4 Marking and Sealing

The FIA Technical Delegate will seal/mark all cars contesting the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship. Other cars will be sealed/marked at the discretion of the organisers.

11.5 RallySafe Tracking System

All Competitors must make provision in their competition vehicle for the RallySafe GPS and tracking system. An overview of the system and installation instructions is available on www.rallysafe.com.au

A RallySafe Briefing will be held at 2030 hours on Friday 10th April at Rally Headquarters. This briefing is for any competitors who have questions or who have not used the equipment before.

RallySafe wiring loom, antennae and mounting kit can be purchased for approx. AUD\$250.00 plus freight. Orders must be received by RallySafe to allow time for shipping to New Zealand.

The RallySafe GPS units and tracking systems will be available at Documentation and must be fitted prior to Scrutineering, where the correct functioning and installation will be checked.

Competitors who retire must return their RallySafe GPS unit to the Rally Secretariat. All other competitors must return them to the RallySafe Official at the Rally Finish, or before their cars are removed from Parc Ferme.

If the unit is damaged whilst in the care of the competitor, the competitor is responsible to pay for repairs or replacement as necessary. Insurance is available from RallySafe, see <https://shop.statusas.com/shop/category/rallysafe/damage-waivers/>

11.6 Final Scrutineering

Details of post-event/Final Scrutineering are shown in Section 15 of these Regulations.

12 OTHER PROCEDURES

12.1 Promotional Requirements, Ceremonial Start and Competition Start

This year, there will be a Motorshow and Ceremonial Start in the Centre of Dunedin on the evening of Friday 10th April. **All competitors are expected to take up the opportunity to display their cars and maximise publicity opportunities for their sponsors.** Dispensations for non-attendance will only be given in exceptional circumstances. A variety of activities are planned for this show including signing sessions, rally car displays, start ceremony, rally forum and much more.

The venue will be open from 1600 hours. All competing cars are to be presented at the start venue by 1730 hours (please arrive early if possible) and parked where directed by officials, Cars will leave the Ceremonial Start as directed with the first car scheduled to depart at 1845 hours.

A Media and Publicity Day (not part of the event) will be held on a 3 km loop road on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th April. There will be limited places available for those who wish to use it as testing however those doing so will need to take Media and Sponsors for a ride. Application to participate should be made to Roger Oakley (Roger.oakley@stantec.com).

12.2 Starting Interval and Start Order

The start order will be in divisions as follows:

- (a) 4WD Classic Vehicles (National Permitted Event)
- (b) 2WD Classic Vehicles (National Permitted Event) in reverse seeded order
- (c) FIA APRC / NZRC / Other Competitors

12.3 Time Cards

Time Cards will be issued at Documentation at the Rally Secretariat on Wednesday 8th April or Friday 10th April.

12.4 Starting System for Special Stages

The start will be by the in-car RallySafe unit that displays a countdown at the start of each Special Stage.

A start time will be allocated by the officials at the start line and the RallySafe unit in the competing car will count down to the start.

A false start will be detected by the RallySafe System.

At the Stage finish, the RallySafe unit will display the elapsed Stage time. Competitors may write that time on their timecard.

12.5 Early Check In

Competitors may book in early at TC8b, TC8c and TC16a without penalty.

12.6 Retirement

Any crew retiring permanently from the Rally must report such retirement to the Organisers as soon as possible using the telephone number in the Road Book and lodging the "Withdrawal Form" in the

road book with a Competitor Relations Officer, Sweeper or Post Chief. Failure to comply will be liable to a sanction at the Stewards' discretion.

No competitors may leave the Rally route until they have handed in a withdrawal form to the Sweeper or advised Rally HQ via phone. This includes withdrawing on a Touring Stage.

Competitors in the National Permitted event who have handed in a temporary withdrawal form may rejoin the rally at the start of the next leg or at the 'Out' Control of a Service Park or at a Time Control provided they present a completed rejoining form.

Competitors in the National Permitted event may change their Co-Driver in accordance with the provisions of Schedule R Part 1 Article 3(1).

12.7 Traffic Offence Notice and Accident Reporting

Upon entering every Parc Ferme, competitors are required to notify a Competitor Relations Officer in writing if they or any member of their team have received a Traffic Offence Notice. The submission of an entry is also an agreement that the New Zealand Police may advise the Organisers of the details of any notices issued.

12.8 Accident Procedures / Red Flags

Crews should refer to the page at the front of the Road Book which deals with the action that must be taken in the event of an accident. Failure to follow these procedures will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting.

12.9 Finish Procedures

The finish of the rally will be at TC16a. From there competitors must follow the directions of Officials to drive over the finish ramp and return to the final Parc Ferme.

The procedures and presentations for the awards set out in Article 14 of these Regulations shall be conducted in accordance with Appendix A of the 2026 FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship Media Facilities and Operations Guide.

12.10 Driving Conduct – International Permitted event

Competitors must note the provisions of the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations Article 34.

12.11 Official Time used during the Rally

The official time for the event will be New Zealand Time.

12.12 Super Special Stage (SS8)

Super Special Stage 8 will be a tarmac surface publicity stage in central Dunedin.

Please note that the road layout has changed since it was last used. The format for this will be the 'traditional format' consisting of 4 laps of a city block. Cars will be started at minute intervals and it should be noted that more than one car may be on the course at any one time.

Gravel Rally Tyres are to be used on any driven wheels on this stage. Tyres designed to be used predominantly on tarmac surfaces will not be allowed on any driving wheels. The Clerk of the Course is the sole Judge of Fact in this matter.

In the event of a waved red flag the competitor must immediately slow down. If assistance is not required and it is safe to do so, the competitor is to continue, in the correct direction of the Stage, straight to the Finish Control.

A tyre change zone is located immediately prior to TC8.

12.13 NZRC Competitors

The "Power Stage" for NZRC Categories 1-4 will be SS 16 Kuri Bush. If for any reason this Special Stage is interrupted or cancelled the "Power Stage" will then be SS 5 Tuapeka
The "Power Stage" for Category 5 competitors will be SS 5 Tuapeka.

Servicing

Servicing is only permitted within the designated Service Parks. This applies to **all competitors including 2WD Classics and Allcomers**.

12.14 Deceleration Area

In accordance with the Article 5.5.4.1 c) of the Appendix H of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, in order to reduce the arrival speed at the Stop Point on each special stage, the organiser will place two cones on the right and left sides of the road to force crews to slow down. These cones will be placed 100 metres before the Stop Point. The locations will be indicated in the road book and marked during reconnaissance.

13 IDENTIFICATION OF OFFICIALS

The Post Chiefs and other Officials will be identified as follows:

Post Chief	Blue Vest with black "POST CHIEF"
Other Post Officials	Fluro Green Vest with black "CONTROL"
Medical Officers	Green Overalls with yellow "MEDICAL"
Safety Marshals	Orange Vest with black "SAFETY"
Competitor Relations Officers	Red Vest with "COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER"
Scrutineers	Black Vest with "SCRUTINEER"

14 AWARDS

Trophy awards will be made on the Finish Ramp and at the event Prize Giving.

Venue: Dunedin Town Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin

Time: Sunday 12th April at 1900 – 2300 hours

Note: 2 Prize Giving Meal Tickets are included in the entry fee for competitors contesting two days of the event. Further tickets can be purchased at a cost of NZD\$75 each.

14.1 General Classification

- 1st Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver
- 2nd Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver
- 3rd Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver

Trophies will also be awarded to each Driver and Co-Driver placed 1st in each Class.

14.2 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship

- 1st Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver
- 2nd Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver
- 3rd Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver

14.3 Otago Classic Rally / Otago 4WD Classic Rally / Otago Allcomers Rally

- 1st Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver
- 2nd Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver
- 3rd Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver

Plus Class Trophies

14.4 New Zealand Rally Championship

As per the 2026 NZRC Articles.

15 FINAL SCRUTINEERING

Venue: Pit Stop, Hillside Road, Dunedin

Time: Sunday 12th April at 1630 hours (approximately)

A summons to attend the final checks will be given to the competitors selected by the Stewards (as per Article 33.2 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations). The cars will be collected from the Pick Up area after the Ceremonial Finish and taken to Final Scrutineering by the Driver or a Team Representative. A representative of the Entrant as well as mechanics with appropriate tools (in case of dismantling) must be present at Final Scrutineering.

16 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

16.1 Protest Fees – International Permitted event.

The Protest deposit fee set by the FIA is 1,000 euros. If the protest requires the dismantling and the reassembly of different parts of a car, the claimant must pay an additional deposit. Refer to 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations, Article 65 – Protests and Appeals.

16.2 Appeal Fees

- The National Appeal Fee (MSNZ) is **NZD\$3,250.00**
- The Appeal deposit for an International Appeal is published on the FIA website: <https://www.fia.com/international-court-appeal>. All Protests and Appeals must be lodged in accordance with Articles 13 and 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and, where applicable, with and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Appendix 1 – ITINERARY, STAGE DESCRIPTIONS AND RALLY MAP

ITINERARY

Leg One: Saturday 11th April 2026

2026 Otago Rally (last updated 16/03/26)						
LEG 1 - SECTIONS 1 & 2 (sunrise 07:09)				Saturday 11th April		
TC	Location	SS Dist.	Liaison Dist.	Total Dist.	Target Time	1 st Car Due
0	Rally Start: Dunedin					6:45
	Distance to next refuel	(27.99)	(56.32)	(84.31)		
			42.70	42.70	0:45	7:30
SS1	Waipori Gorge	11.56				7:35
2			13.62	25.18	0:25	8:00
SS2	Waipori Road	16.43				8:05
2A	Service IN		3.28	19.71	0:20	8:25
	Service A - Lawrence	(27.99)	(59.60)	(87.59)	0:40	
	Distance to next refuel	(29.80)	(23.92)	(53.72)		
2B	Service OUT					9:05
3			14.78	14.78	0:20	9:25
SS3	Athenaeum	13.23				9:35
4			8.53	21.76	0:25	10:00
SS4	Corkscrew	16.57				10:05
5			0.61			
RZ 1	Optional remote refuel - Tuapeka Mouth	(45.86)	(24.92)	(70.78)		
	Distance to next refuel					
			3.66			
SS5	Tuapeka	45.86		20.84	0:25	10:30
5A	Service IN		21.26	67.12	1:00	11:30
	Service B - Lawrence	(75.66)	(48.84)	(124.50)	0:40	
	Distance to next refuel	(31.69)	(24.22)	(55.91)		
5B	Service OUT					12:10
6			22.93	22.93	0:25	12:35
SS6	Mitchells Flat	31.69				12:45
			1.29			
RZ 2	Optional remote refuel - Mitchells Flat Road	(17.05)	(68.68)	(85.73)		
	Distance to next refuel					
			10.91	43.89	0:45	13:30
SS7	Lee Flat	14.90				13:35
			51.08			
	Tyre Changing Zone - Fryatt Street					
8	Neutralisation Zone IN		0.76	66.74	1:10	14:45
SSS8	Tarmac Super Stage	2.15				15:00
8a	Service In		5.93	8.08	0:20	15:20
	Service C - Victoria Rd	(48.74)	(92.90)	(141.64)	1:00	
8B	Service OUT					16:20
8C	Overnight Parc Fermé IN (NZRC only)*		2.5	2.5	0:08	16:28
	<i>All cars (except restarting crews) must enter Parc Fermé no later than: 19:00</i>					
	Leg 1 Totals	152.39	203.84	356.23		
	* Early arrival is permitted				Sunrise	07:09
					Sunset	18:10
v1.0	16/03/2026 0:00					

Leg Two: Sunday 12th April 2026

2026 Otago Rally (last updated 16/03/26)						
LEG 2 - SECTIONS 3 & 4				Sunday 12th April		
TC	Location	SS Dist.	Liaison Dist.	Total Dist.	Target Time	1st Car Due
8D	Parc Fermé OUT - Service IN (APRC and NZRC only)					7:00
	Service D - Edgar Centre				0:15	
	Distance to next refuel	(31.34)	(51.60)	(82.94)		
8E	Service OUT					7:15
9			27.68	27.68	0:30	7:45
SS 9	Otokia	18.32				7:50
10			14.67	32.99	0:35	8:25
SS 10	Akatore Road	13.02				8:30
			9.25			
RZ 3	Optional remote refuel - Forsyth Rd	(28.24)	(28.62)	(56.86)		
	Distance to next refuel					
10			8.27	30.54	0:35	9:05
SS 11	Table Hill	28.24				9:10
11A	Service IN		20.35	48.59	0:45	9:55
	Service E - Waihola	(59.58)	(80.22)	(139.80)	0:45	
	Distance to next refuel	(36.47)	(58.75)	(95.22)		
11B	Service OUT					10:40
12			31.59	31.59	0:35	11:15
SS 12	Burma Road	23.37				11:25
13			3.15	26.52	0:30	11:55
SS 13	Fallaburn	13.10				12:00
13A	Service IN		24.01	37.11	0:35	12:35
	Service F - Waihola	(36.47)	(58.75)	(95.22)	0:45	
	Distance to finish	(35.82)	(38.89)	(74.71)		
13B	Service OUT					13:20
14			8.25	8.25	0:15	13:35
SS 14	Cullen Road	12.06				13:45
15			16.40	28.46	0:25	14:10
SS 15	Taieri Beach	8.71				14:15
16			9.87	18.58	0:20	14:35
SS 16	Kuri Bush	15.05				14:40
16A	Finish Holding/ Media IN *		4.37	19.42	0:20	15:00
	Podium					15:15
Sunday Totals		131.87	177.86	309.73		
* Early arrival is permitted			Sunrise	07:10	Sunset	18:06
v1.0	16/03/2026 0:00					

TOTALS OF THE RALLY				
	SS	Liaison	Total	%
Saturday 11 April 2026				
Sections 1 & 2 - 8 Special Stages	152.39	203.84	356.23	42.78%
Sunday 12 April 2026				
Sections 3 & 4 - 8 Special Stages	131.87	177.86	309.73	42.58%
Total - 16 Special Stages	284.26	381.70	665.96	42.68%

STAGE DESCRIPTIONS

LEG ONE : Saturday 11th April 2026

SS 1 *Waipori Gorge* 13 km

A classic Otago stage run uphill. Run in this direction in 2023 (SS 9), 2020 (SS13), 2019 (SS 6) and 2015 (SS 12). It will be one of the slower stages run on a relatively twisty public road alongside the Waipori River. The stage has been shortened at the start since it was last run in this direction.

SS 2 *Waipori Road* 17 km

A slightly longer version by approximately 2km of SS 2 that was run in 2024. The first 1.5 km are new. Fast public roads with a couple of tricky descents. Has been used on the Lawrence rally several times and the last 15km is the same as the last 15km of the Manuka Hill stage last used for the Otago Rally in 2021

SS 3 *Athenaeum* 13 km

100% public roads run in the reverse direction to the 'Cockleshell' stage that was last run in 2024. This stage was last run in this direction at Otago in 2011 (SS 4) . Very fast public road with tricky brows. Medium gravel.

SS 4 *Corkscrew* 16 km

A stage familiar to competitors in the Lawrence rally that hasn't been used for the Otago Rally since 2021 (SS 5) and prior to that in 2011 (SS 6). An old favourite run on public roads with medium/heavy gravel on a hard base. A mixture of twisty sections and fast flowing roads. Finishes alongside a river on the left.

SS 5 *Tuapeka* 46 km

This is the longest stage of the rally. A new stage using wide public roads that have been used previously in different configurations. Like the rest of the day's stages it will be run on fast and wide roads with a hard base. Medium gravel.

SS 6 *Mitchells Flat* 24 km

A new configuration of previously used roads. Essentially the first 35km of the Manuka Hill stage, last used in 2021 (SS 3). Will be fast – very fast in places and will reward the brave. Medium gravel, heavy in places.

SS 7 *Lee Flat* 15 km

Very wide and fast flowing public roads that are a real favourite. Last run in 2025 (SS 2).

SS 8 *Tarmac Super Stage* 2 km

Like recent years this will be run in the traditional format first started in 1996. Four laps of a city block in front of a large crowd. Fast and exciting but watch for other cars, kerbs, power poles and tyre bundles. Gravel specification tyres must be used on all driven wheels.

STAGE DESCRIPTIONS

LEG TWO : Sunday 12th April 2026

SS 9 *Otokia* 18 km

Last used in this direction in 2024 (SS 9) and prior to that in 2018 (SS 2). 100% public road with 2.5 km tarmac section. The first 6.5 km was part of SS10 in 2021. It is the reverse of SS13 that was run in 2022. Generally fast gravel roads using part of the Kuri Bush stage in reverse hence plenty of crests.

SS 10 *Akatore Road* 12 km

New stage. Was used in the reverse direction in 2024 (SS15). Fast public roads bordering the Akatore Forest.

SS 11 *Table Hill* 28 km

Fast public roads very wide at the start, with a narrower middle section. This was last used in this format in 2021 (SS 11). The last 25 km (approx.) were the last 25km of SS 13 in 2024.

SS 12 *Burma Road* 23 km

Last used in 2020 (SS 1). Last used in the reverse direction in 2024 when it was called 'Gooseneck'. 100% public road. Slightly tighter roads for the first few kilometres but then opens out onto wide and fast flowing roads. Medium/heavy gravel.

SS 13 *Fallaburn* 13 km

Last used in 2020 (SS 2). Fast and flowing on medium/heavy gravel public roads. Watch out for the cautioned crest/jump at the finish.

SS 14 *Cullen Road* 12 km

Last used in 2024 (SS 14). First few kilometres form part of the Circle Hill Rallysprint.

SS 15 *Taieri Beach* 9 km

Used in both directions in most rallies. Last used in this direction in 2025 (SS 14.) Relatively twisty public roads

SS 16 *Kuri Bush* 15 km

Needs no introduction. Numerous in-car videos available online. This is the signature Otago stage starting at Kuri Bush on the Otago Coast. Huge crests requiring massive commitment rewarding the brave. In 2025 this was SS 15. This is how it's done... <http://www.otagorally.com/home/rally-media/otago-rally-videos/590-hayden-paddon-s-record-breaking-kuri-bush-stage>

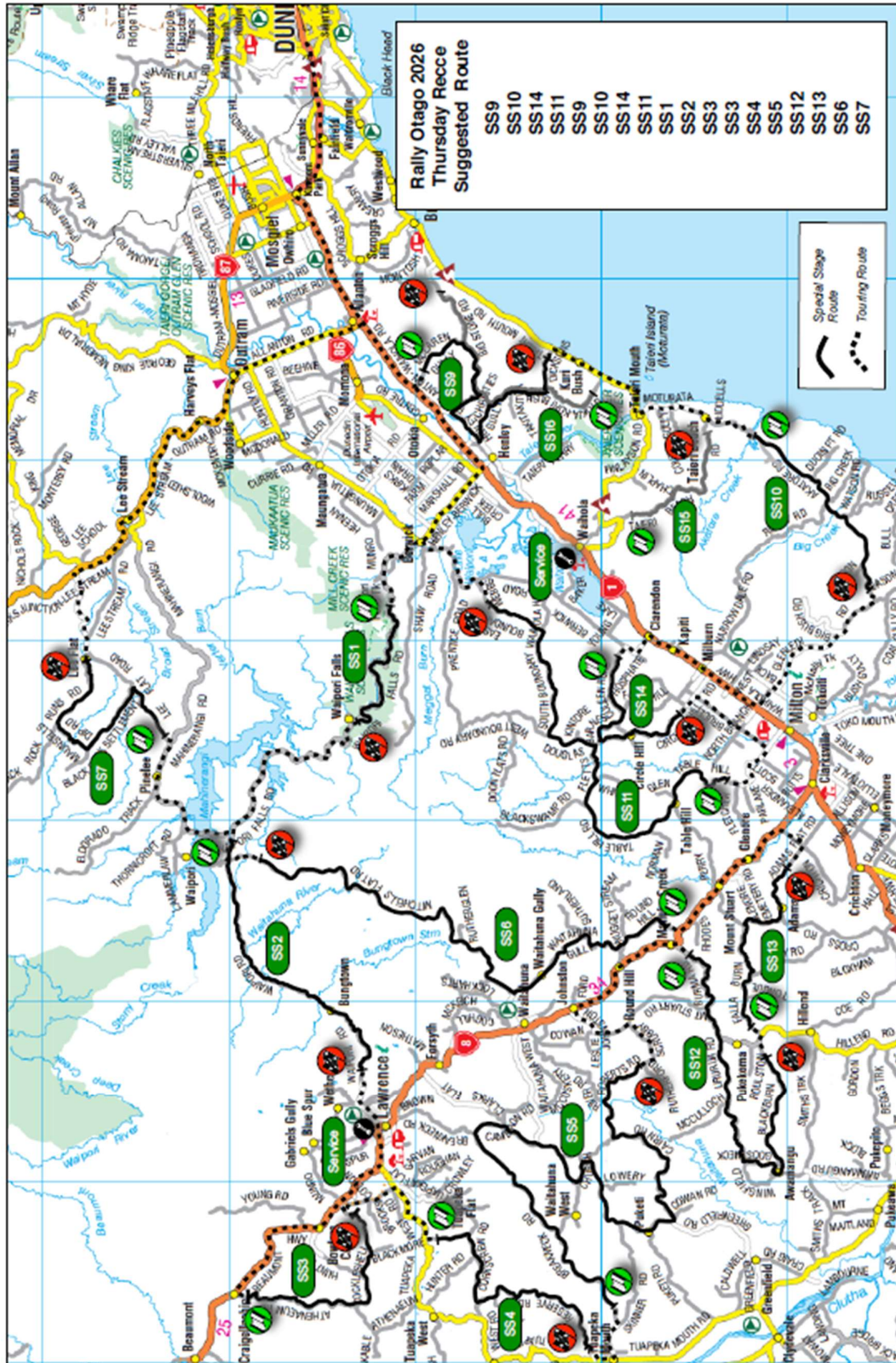
RALLY MAP

Refer to www.otagorally.com to download Rally Map

Appendix 2 – RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION

RECONNAISSANCE : Thursday 9th and Friday 10th April 2026

The following maps depict the Organisers' suggestion of the most efficient Reconnaissance route.



Appendix 3 – COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICERS (CROs)

Note: A CRO can be contacted at any time.

A CRO will be in attendance as follows:

Wednesday 8th April

- Rally Headquarters – administrative checking

Thursday 9th April

- Rally Headquarters

Friday 10th April

- Rally Headquarters
- Scrutineering Venue
- Ceremonial Start

Saturday 11th April

- Rally Headquarters
- Service Park

Sunday 12th April

- Rally Headquarters
- Service Park
- Ceremonial Finish

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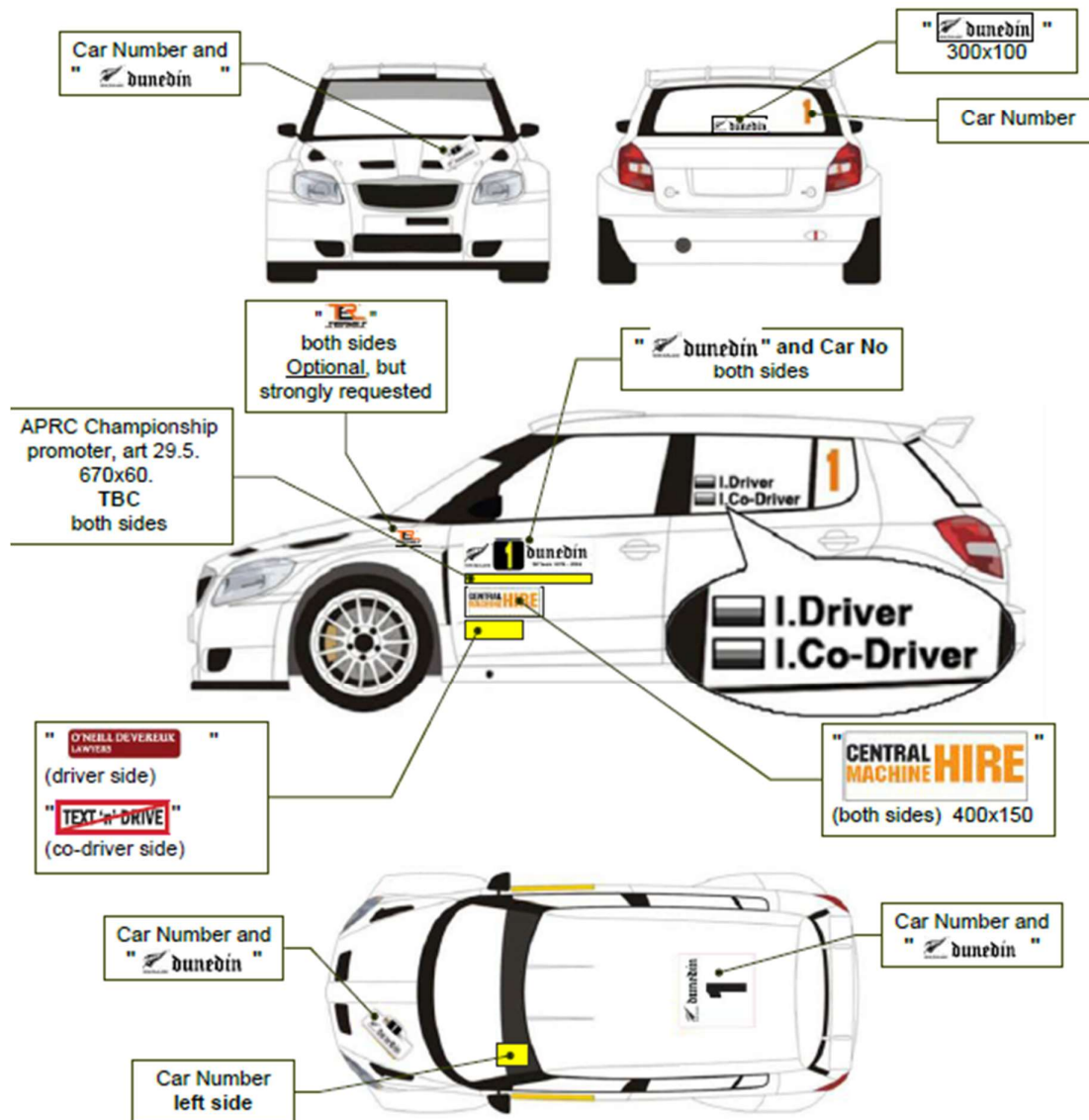


Appendix 4 – DECALS AND POSITIONING OF SUPPLEMENTARY ADVERTISING



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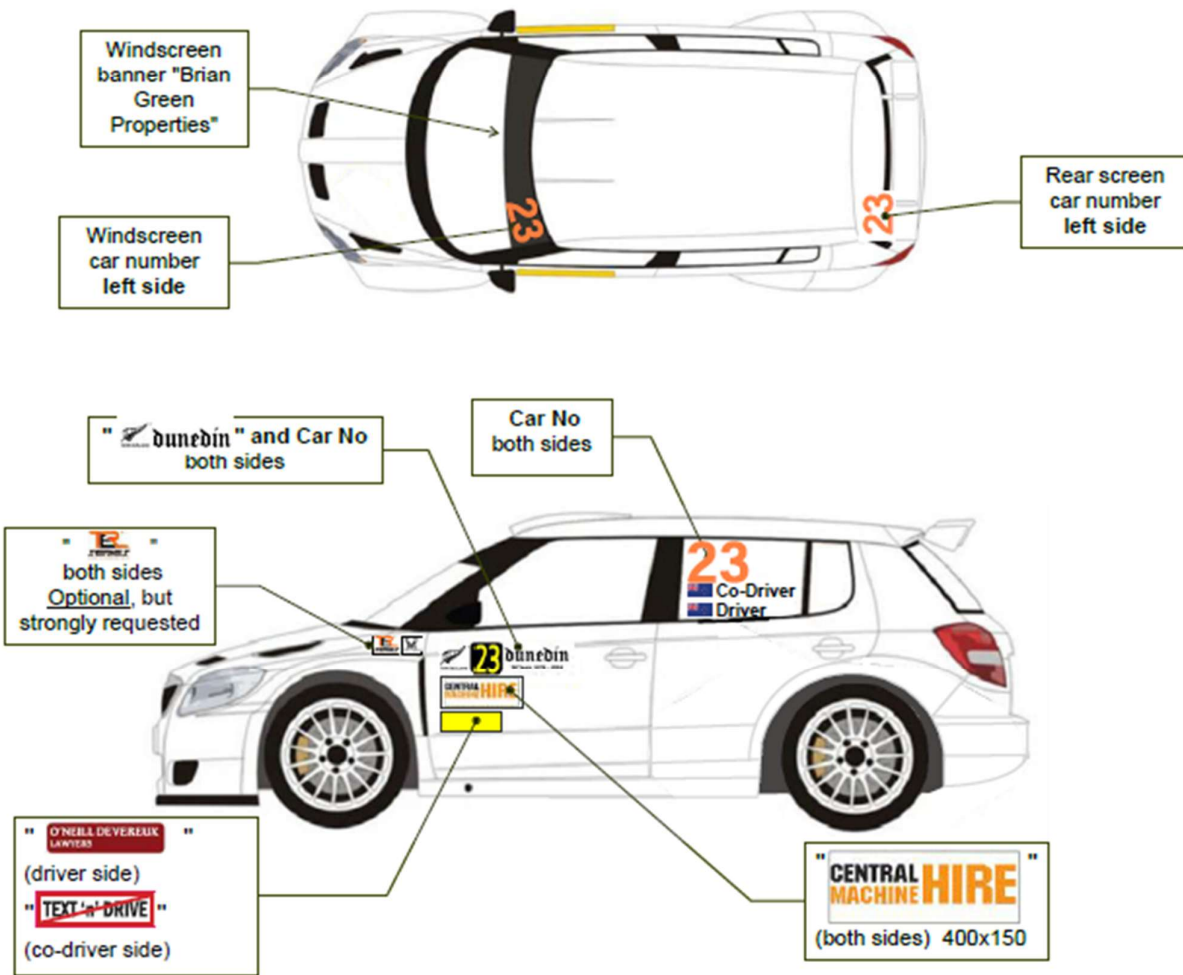
APRC COMPETITORS





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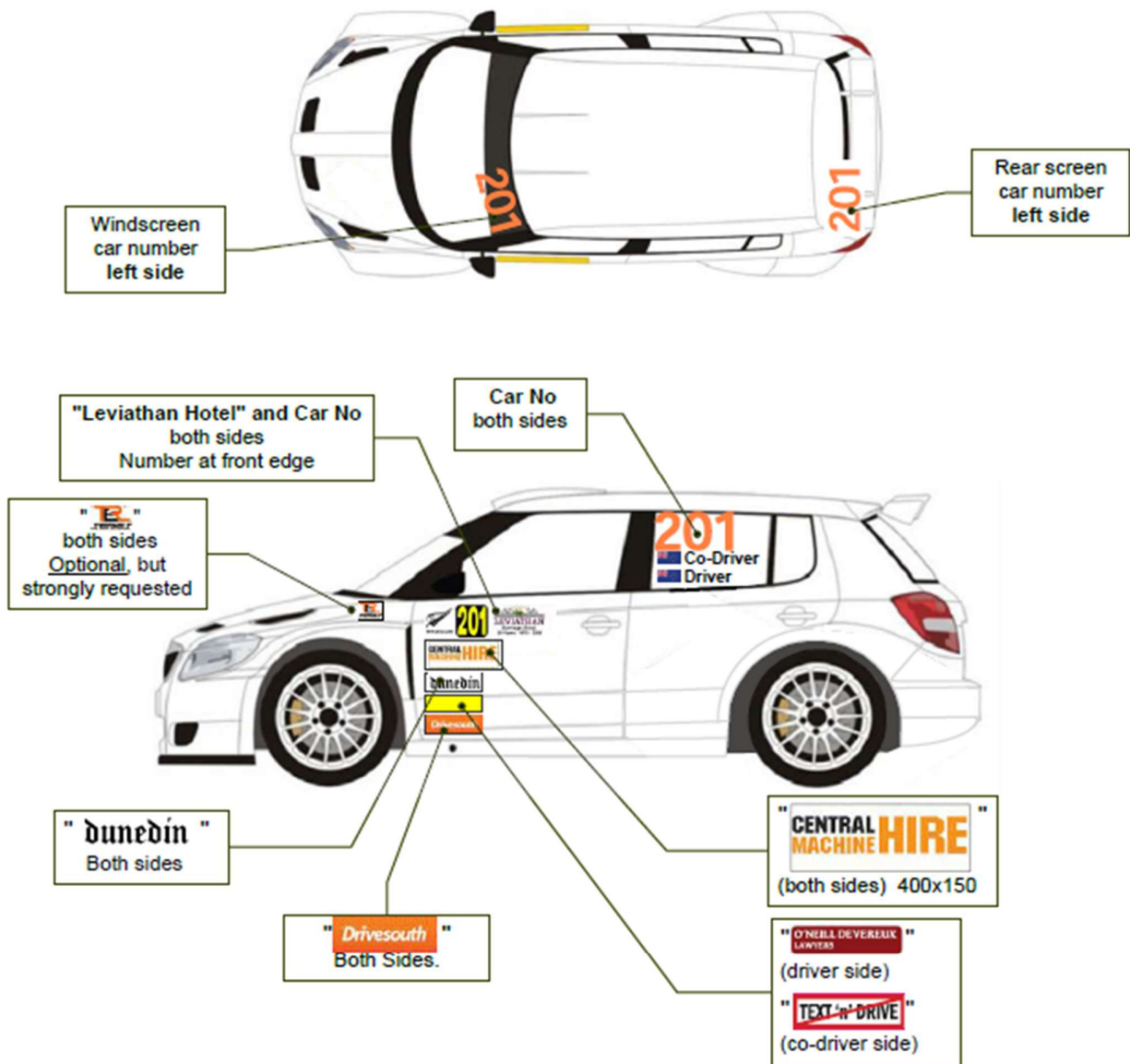
NZRC COMPETITORS





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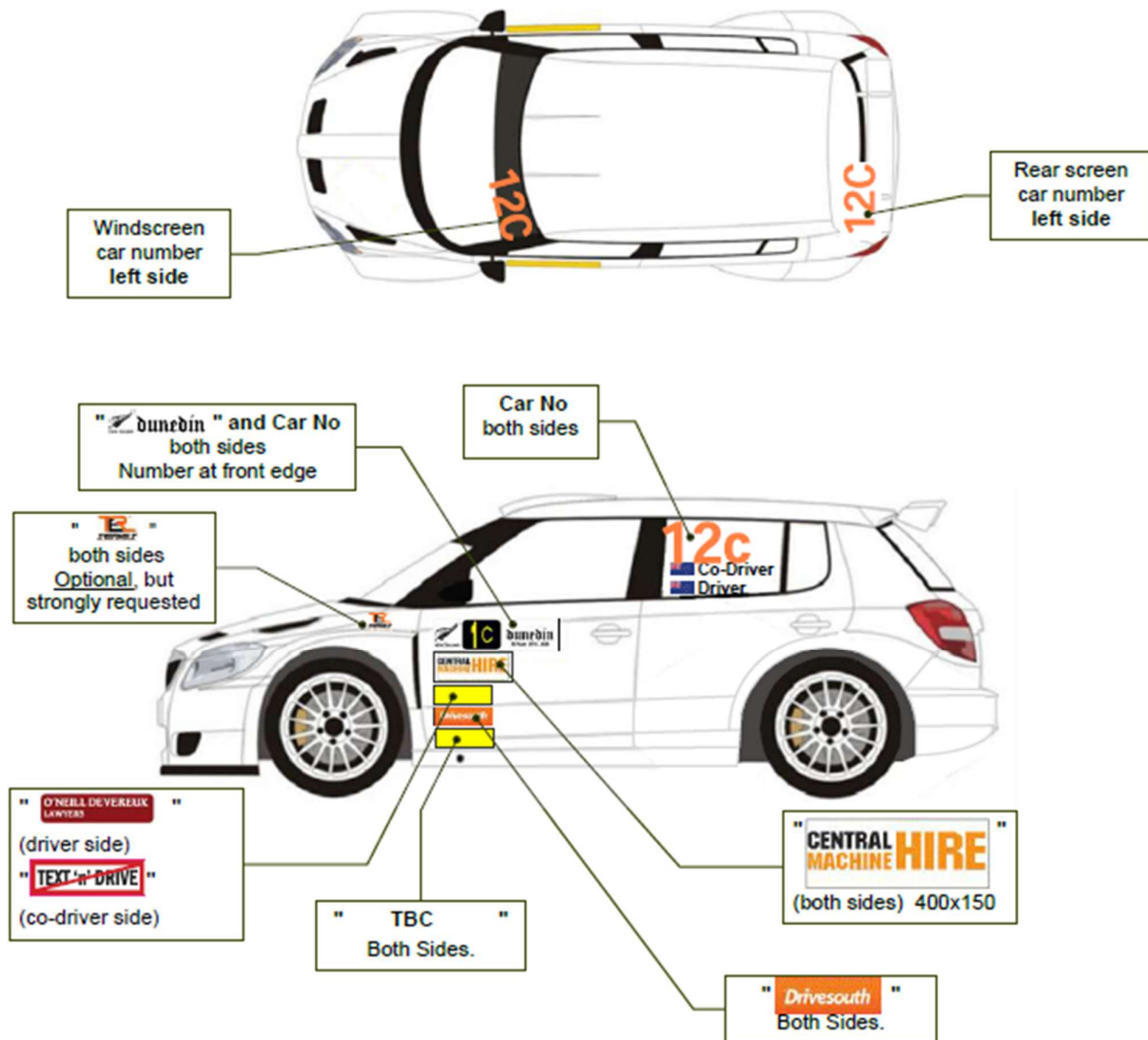
ALLCOMERS COMPETITORS





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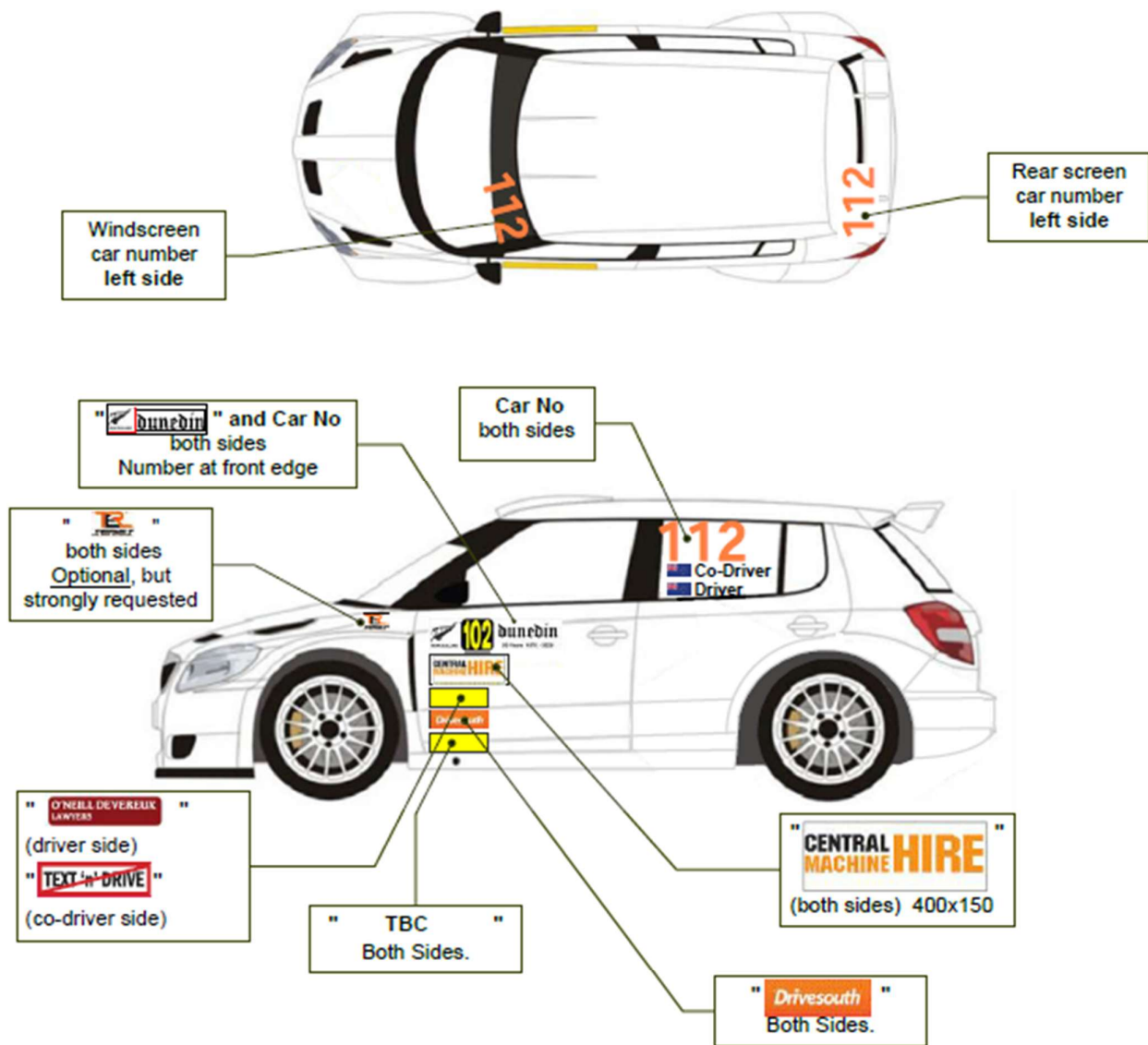
2WD CLASSIC COMPETITORS





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4WD CLASSIC COMPETITORS



Appendix 5 – SAFETY EQUIPMENT – International Permitted event

All Entrants and Drivers are reminded of the Appendix L to the 2024 International Sporting Code, in particular regarding Chapter III – Drivers' Equipment (helmets, flame-resistant clothing, frontal head restraint (FHR) and safety belts).

<http://www.fia.com/regulation/category/123>

Helmets

All crews must wear crash helmets which meet one of the standards listed in FIA Technical List No. 25.

Frontal Head Restraints (FHR)

FIA approved FHR systems are mandatory.

The wearing of any device intended to protect the head or neck and attached to the helmet is prohibited, unless the device has been homologated according to the FIA Technical List No. 29 and 41.

Flame-Resistant Clothing

All crews must wear overalls as well as gloves (optional for co-drivers), long underwear, a balaclava, socks and shoes (see also Art. 11.3 in these Regulations) homologated to the FIA 8856 2018 (FIA Technical List No. 74) or 8856-2000 standard (FIA Technical List No. 27).

Appendix 6

RS RecceLite® from RallySafe®.

While RallySafe Lite has been developed with the best intentions, we are not liable for individual phone performance, quality, or battery life. We recommend that competitors should carry a portable phone battery supply or have a charging cable fitted in the rally car.

An estimated 50MB of data is required for a 1-day event.

Competitor User Guide

The free app is available from the Google Play and Apple App stores.

Competitors are responsible for having a device capable of using the app with GPS tracking, connection to the available GSM network, and a battery capable of lasting for the entirety of the competition.

Considerations should be made to ensure the phone or tablet can be charged during the event and that there are no 3rd party applications enabled that may disable GPS tracking.

QR CODES



Google Play Store



Apple App Store

Phone Settings

The RSLite[®] mobile application requires access to your location for the use of transmitting your location to Race Control using your mobile device.

Ensure the application is correctly installed and updated prior to attending an event.

Ensure that the app is always running and in tracking mode during the event.

While RSLite the app should automatically prompt you to change the required settings, if you find that your mobile device is displaying warning dialogs on the tracking screen, follow these steps:

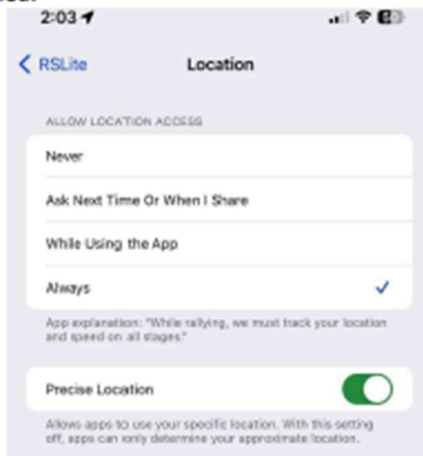
IOS Devices

The following settings must be set correctly in the Settings app (Settings/RSLite[®])

- Location: Always
- Background App Refresh: Enabled
- Mobile Data: Enabled



Another check – Select Location (on the RSLite settings page), make sure location services is set to always, and ensure that Precise Location is enabled.

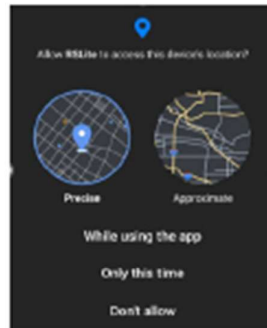


Android Devices

The following settings must be correctly set on your Android device.

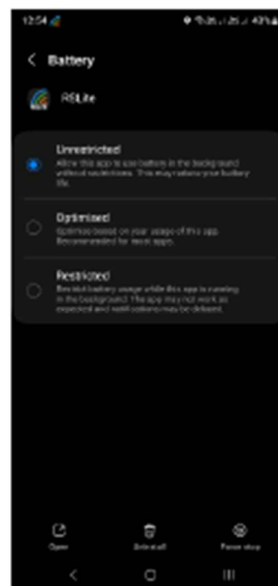
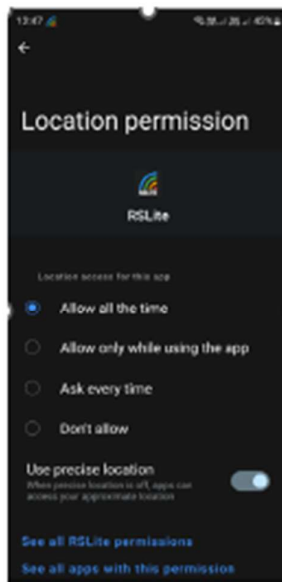
When first opening the application on an android device, the following screen should appear.

Please select "While using the app"



Shortly after making this selection, the following screen should display. Select "Allow all the time" for the tracking to be set up correctly.

Ensure the battery settings are set to "Unrestricted". The app should prompt this if it is not already set correctly.



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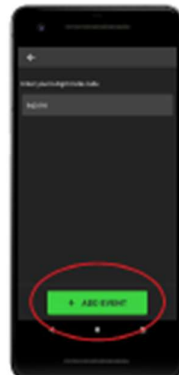
Upon arrival and checking in at the event, each competitor will be provided with a unique code to access the RSLite[®] app.



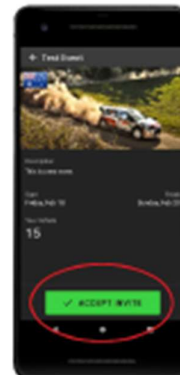
Main Screen when app is opened. Click "+ ADD EVENT".



Enter 6-digit code



"+ ADD EVENT".

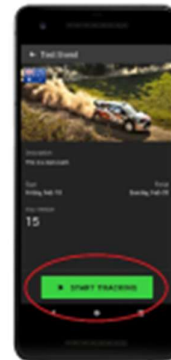


Click "ACCEPT INVITE."

The Event will now be displayed in the events list. Select the event.



Click start tracking when beginning the event.

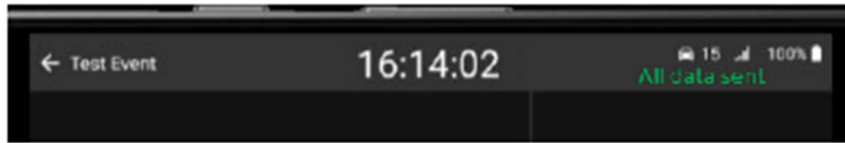


Main Screen when tracking.

When logged into the event with your code, the main screen will display your current speed, along with 2 trip meters for measuring distance. The bottom one can be reset by tapping at any time, but the top one can only be reset by pressing and holding while stopped.

Operation

The application will update automatically to have the latest information in your device; therefore, it is important to have an active data connection. Please check regularly that the data connection is still active using the information in the top bar as explained below.



On the top of your application, you can see the current status information. From left to right: [Back] [Event name] [Event time] [Car number] [Data connection] [Battery status].

On the right side the status of data is also shown as [All data sent] or [Waiting for server].

There is no input needed from the competitor to use the application once setup, the device will detect by itself if it is deemed to be on a section where speed limitation applies. Once you arrive to any stage the application will show you the speed limit on stage or section and warn you when you are speeding. Please keep in mind that this application works on GPS and all stages are considered active, depending on the layout it might be possible to see unexpected speed limitations when for example you drive on a highway close to a stage or even where the stages cross a main road.



When entering a stage, the speed limit is shown above the current speed. In this example the speed limit is set to 80km/h



When the device detects an overspeed this device will warn the user with an audio tone and a red bar as seen in this

For the best operating experience, it is highly recommended to always keep the RSLite application open at any time, being visible for driver and/or codriver. The placement of the phone in the car is important, it MUST be placed on a phone holder, with clear view of the sky to ensure all GPS data and locations are correct. Please do not minimize the application on stage. In transit sections the phone can be used for other purposes like texting or navigation, but the application should be visible and on as much as possible. At the end of the day the application can be closed by pressing the [back] button. Please do not forget to turn the application on again the next day.

If the app is intentionally disabled on stage, a report is generated in the RallySafe® web application, which may result in action being taken by Race Control.

Questions can be directed to info@statusas.com

APPENDIX 7 – Approved list of Remote Scrutineers

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Ron McMillan	Penrose, Auckland	ronroadrace@gmail.com	021 931 765
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Brandon Elder	Hamilton	elderclan@xtra.co.nz	027 288 2537
Maurice Thomson	Te Awamutu	taupomotorsport@gmail.com	027 475 4338
Don Brunt	Paeroa	bruntfarms@hotmail.com	027 473 9185
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Neil Madden	Winton	neil_shellee@xtra.co.nz	021 489 824
Alan O'Brien	Invercargill	obrienclan001@gmail.com	027 353 1463

Refuel Area Grid References

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RZ2 Mitchells Flat Road	GR: -45.849457S 169.884406E
Victoria Road Service C	GR: -45.907282S 170.503524E
RZ3 Forsyth Road	GR: -46.107926S 169.986541E
Waihola Service E & F	GR: -46.022780S 170.093714E

APPENDIX 9. Service Area Layouts. Note: This supersedes the layout in the Roadbook

