

1. Announcement

The Birr Stages Rally is promoted by the Birr & District Motor Club and will be held on the 21st April 2024. The competition will be held under the International Sporting code of the FIA, the General competition rules of Motorsport Ireland including Appendix 25, Appendix 26, Appendix 28, Appendix 29.1 and Appendix 31 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook and these Supplementary Regulations. Amendments to these supplementary Regulations will be issued by numbered bulletins. All competitors who submit entry forms agree to be bound by these regulations.

2. Organisation

2.1: These regulations have been submitted to and approved by Motorsport Ireland who have issued Permit No. 24/042 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

1. Triton Showers National Rally Championship
2. Top Part West Coast Rally Championship
3. Hugo Loonam Motors Midlands East Rally Championship
4. Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championship.

2.2: Officials

Motorsport Ireland Steward (Chair)	Paul Hughes
Motorsport Ireland Steward (Observer)	Brendan Harpur
Club Steward	David McCormack
Clerk of the Course	Eoin Longworth
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate	Rosemary Walsh
Club Safety Delegate	John Tynan
Chief Scrutineer	Mick Linehan
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Mick Boland
Assistant Clerk's of the Course	Kieran Ambrose, Eoghan McCarthy
Secretary of the Event	Clodagh Henehan
Chief Marshal	Ger Brophy
Chief Timekeeper	Eamon Magee
Radio Controller	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer	Susan Smyth
Communications Officer	Bill Fitzgerald
Children's Officer	Susan Smyth
Competitors' Relations Officer	Gerard McLoughlin
Results Provider	Angus Sealy
Results Officer	Ian O'Brien
Assistant COC for Tracking	Barry Duggan
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	Sean Henehan
Chief Medical Officer	Dr Declan O'Brien
Service Area Coordinator	Ronan Shanahan
Spectator Control	Aiden Harper
Stage Commanders	Chris Coleman, Kevin Maher & Darren Delaney
Deputy Stage Commanders	Christy Brummell, Aodhan Neylon & Eoin Hogan
Car Accountability	Stephen Carway
Sweeper	Trevor O'Callaghan
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	James Lowry

Chief Rescue Officer	Fergal Henehan
Road Closed	Declan Burke
Equipment Officer	Mick Culleton

Safety Cars

001 Safety Car	Christy Carey/Richard Talbot
002 Safety Car	Gerry Kelly/Conor Dolan
003 Safety Car	Michael Conneely/Michael Doherty
004 Safety Car	Pat & Noelle Horan

2.3 Rally Headquarters:
Offaly. **R42 N277.**

Garahy's Garage, Fortal, Birr, Co

Trailer Park:

Garahy Tractors, Miletree, Birr. R42 DP60

2.4 Secretary Contact Details:

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2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be situated in Rally Office in Rally HQ, Garahys Garage and will be in operation from 0800 on 20th April until 30 minutes after prize giving on 21st April 2024. There will also be a live Notice Board on the Sportity App, which will be deemed to be supplementary to the Official Notice board.

The Password to the Sportity app will be **BirrRally24**

3. Programme:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations Available	On publication of these regulations		www.birmotorclub.com / Sportity
Entries Open	19th March	1900	www.birmotorclub.com
Entries Close (including priority)	9th April	1500	
Final Instructions Posted	12th April		www.birmotorclub.com / Sportity
Reconnaissance Registration	20th April	0800-1130	Garahys Garage.
Reconnaissance	20th April	0900-1700	
Trailer Park/Unloading	20th / 21st April	0730	Mike Garahy Tractors, Mile Tree, Birr. R42 DP60
Mechanical Scrutineering	20th April	1400-1900	Garahys Garage
Documentation Scrutineering	20th April	1430-1930	Garahys Garage
Alternative	20th April	2000**	Garahys Garage

Competitors Safety Briefing**			
Competitors Safety Briefing**	21st April	0745**	Garahys Garage
Rally Start	21st April	0845	Garahys Garage
Rally Finish	21st April	1730	Finish Ramp / Parc Fermè
Provisional Results	21st April	No sooner than 30 mins after last car	Rally HQ & Sportity
Prize giving	21st April	No sooner than 30 mins after results final	Rally HQ

**** See Appendix 10.1 regarding Competitors Safety Briefings and Penalties. Attendance at one of the two briefings is mandatory for both crew members.**

4. Entries:

4.1 Information:

4.1.1 Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA competition licence or Commercial Entrants Licence by a recognized ASN.

4.1.2 All entries must be made on the official **online** Entry Form, via EVO Online Entry www.shannonsportsit.ie to be fully completed and signed by the entrant, driver, and navigator with the appropriate fee submitted by Electronic Funds Transfer, **with the entrant's name as reference** to the account details below.

Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned. Entry fee bank transfers must have a reference included otherwise they cannot be accepted as payment of entry fees.

Please note: Entries will be deemed incomplete and will not be accepted unless accompanied by the full entry fee.

4.1.3 Entries from other (non-MI/MSUK) ASN licence holders from abroad may be accepted provided:

4.1.3.1 The licence holder has written permission from his/her ASN (National Governing Body) to compete in the declared "national competition organised abroad".

4.1.3.2 The licence holder holds an **STAGE RALLY** licence of an appropriate grade.

4.1.3.3 The Motorsport Ireland (MI) office has been contacted in the first instance and has given **PRIOR** approval for each individual competitor before an entry can be accepted. Written proof of which must be provided to the organisers.

Note: The licence holder must be listed on the IRDS/BRDS database published weekly on www.motorsportireland.com. BRDS can be applied for via the MI website or by contacting the MI office. This must be applied for a minimum of 2 weeks before the event.

The number of starters will be limited to 150, including Juniors & Historics. The number of starters in the Junior Class will be limited to 25.

4.2 Entry Fee:

The entry fee is €795

The entry fee includes the Personal Accident Insurance, IRDS/BRDS Insurance at standard rate.

All competitors should ensure they are listed on the IRDS/BRDS database prior to the event, as published weekly on www.motorsportireland.com. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries on +353 (0)1 6775628 or email info@motorsportireland.com

Cheques, Bank Drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to: **Birr & District Motor Club Ltd**

Electronic Funds Transfers to be made to:

Account Name: Birr & District Motor Club Ltd
IBAN: IE51BOFI90167781213189
BIC: BOFIE2D

IMPORTANT - Ensure competitor name is included as the reference

Cash should not be sent with an entry.

Withdrawals:

If an entry is withdrawn before Wednesday 17th April at 1900 the entry fee will be fully refunded.

Entries withdrawn after that time will be refunded less the cost of insurance related to the entry.

Please note: Withdrawal of all entries must be completed via email to the Event Secretary.

4.3 Entry Criteria:

Completed entries will be accepted on a **first come first served basis**.

Please note: Entries will be deemed incomplete and will not be accepted unless accompanied by the full entry fee.

In the event of an excess of 150 entries being received, a reserve list will be compiled in order of receipt of entries.

The Club will allocate priority to the following entries only:

- (a) Appendix 31 Article 7 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.
- (b) Fully Paid-up Members of Birr & District Motor Club (both crew Members).
- (c) Priority Entries in the Top Part West Coast, Hugo Loonam Motors Midlands East and Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championships.

Note:

The club reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

5. Classes

5.1 The event will include classes, as per Appendix 29.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook

5.2 Notes on Classes:

For further details on requirements for cars in classes 1 to 7, refer to www.fia.com , Appendix J, articles 252 to 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R).

Refer to Appendix 29.1, Notes on Classes, Articles 1 to 24 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for further information on class eligibility.

6. Reconnaissance

6.1 Information:

Pace notes will be allowed on the event and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on Saturday 20th April from 0900-1700. Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at:

Location: Garahys Garage, Fortal, Birr, Co Offaly. R42 N277

Time: Saturday 20th April between 0800 -1130

Recce stickers must be displayed on the reconnaissance car windscreen on the top left hand corner on the outside of the windscreen.

6.2 Pace note providers:

Pace notes will be available for sale by third parties. The club has no involvement in their preparation and accepts no responsibility or liability for their accuracy or otherwise.

6.3 Restrictions:

- Your attention is drawn to Appendix 29, article 4 of the current Motorsport Ireland yearbook referring to a competitor found on a stage outside the reconnaissance period.
- The maximum speed allowed on a stage during the reconnaissance is **60 KPH** unless a lower limit is indicated by a traffic sign or a written instruction issued by the organisers.
- Traversing the stage in the wrong direction is expressly forbidden.
- A maximum of three runs per stage are permitted, competitors will be signed in and out of each stage.
- The special stages will be open to normal traffic therefore the safety and rights of other road users must be respected and due care must be shown to other traffic.
- The organisers will monitor the behaviour of competitors on the reconnaissance route.

6.4 Penalties:

As per Appendix 29, Article 4 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook. Reports of breaches of any of the above regulations will be submitted to Motorsport Ireland who may convene a court of inquiry.

7. Administrative Checks:

- Documentation scrutineering is located at Garahys Garage (Rally HQ) between 1430 - 1930 on Saturday 20th April 2024.
- Competition licences, and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering.

*** IMPORTANT - COMPETITORS UNDER 18**

Competitors under 18 years of age (Minor) must be entered in the event by the holder of a Minor Entrant Licence who must countersign the entry form. A Minor Entrant who is not the parent/legal guardian of the Minor, must be Garda Vetted. Where an adult sits in the same car as a Minor competitor, the adult must be the holder of a Minor Entrant Licence, if they are not

the Minor's Parent/Legal Guardian this licence must include Garda Vetting. It is not permitted to have two minors in the same vehicle.

8. Scrutineering

- Mechanical Scrutineering will take place at Garahys Garage (Rally HQ) between 1400 - 1900 on Saturday 20th April (Please arrive early to avoid large queues in the evening).

Tyre Trucks & Rally Equipment Sales/Hire vendors will be at the HQ during Mechanical Scrutiny.

- Post Event Mechanical Scrutineering will take place by invitation.
- Refer to Appendices 2 and 29.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for scrutiny requirements

9. Servicing:

- There will be a designated fixed Service Area. Location: J.Grennan & Sons, Rath, Birr, Co Offaly. R42YA49
- Outside of the Service Area, Support / Service is expressly forbidden (Article 11.5, Appendix 29 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook).
- Judges of Fact will monitor the route.
- Ground sheets are compulsory for each crew.
- Waste /Recycling bins will be provided in the Service Area and all crews are requested to place all rubbish and recyclable items in the bins.
- Competitors are requested to remove all oil / fluids and tyres from the Service Area. PLEASE LEAVE THE AREA AS YOU FOUND IT.
- In the Service Park / Area all competitors are required to have 2 fire extinguishers visible with displayed signage. The minimum requirement for the extinguishers is: 1 X 6 kg ABC Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced) 1 X 6 Litre AFFF(Foam) Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced).
- Smoking by competitors or service crews is prohibited within the Service Area.

The Service Park will open on Sunday Morning ONLY at 7.00am.

No Saturday Evening Admission by request from the owners.

Service Park Eircode: R42 YA49

Plenty overnight parking is available in Rath Village 300 Metres from the Service Park at Rath Church, Cemetry, J.Grennan & Son Car Park & the GAA Pitch.

10. Features of the Rally:

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefings will be held on **Saturday Evening 20th April at 2000 and Sunday Morning 21st April at 0745 at Garahys Garage.** It is compulsory for **both members** of the crew to attend **one** of the safety briefings as per Appendix 25, Article 3.2 (no excuses accepted). To insure full attendance, timecards can only be collected at the safety briefing. Failure to attend the safety briefing will result in a non-start for the competitor(s) in question and they will forfeit their entry.

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 105 stage kilometres and 100 road kilometres and will comprise of 9 sealed surface stages with service after SS3 and SS6. Cars in the Junior Class (Class 16) and Historic Classes (17, 18, 19) will compete over all stages.

10.3 Super Rally:

A restart after retirement facility (Super Rally), as per Art 13, Appendix 29 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook, will be operated on the rally.

11. Super Rally (Restart After Retirement)

11.1: General

11.1.1 The rally will operate Super Rally in accordance with Art 13, Appendix 29 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

11.1.2 A crew retiring from the rally between Parc Ferme Out and Arrival Control of SS 3, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 3 stages or Service Out Control after 6 stages, subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below.

Cars retiring from the rally on Special Stages 3, 4, 5 or the following road sections, may only restart from Service Out Control after 6 stages subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below.

No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 6, 7, 8 or 9.

A restart will not be permitted where a crew has been excluded for non-compliance with eligibility requirements, traffic violations or a decision of the COC / SRC (Super Rally Co-Ordinator).

On retirement the crew must hand in their time cards to Car Accountability or the marshal / timekeeper at the next available location / Time Control. Crews must retain the duplicate copy of the time card, to present to SRC as proof of stages completed.

11.1.3 Competitors must register for Super Rally if they wish to restart from Service Out Control after 3 stages, or from Service Out Control after 6 stages by contacting the SRC prior to a time that will be specified in Final Instructions. Service Vehicles will not be permitted to access the Stage or any closed road between runs. The organisers will, where possible, endeavour to remove any car to the nearest location where it can exit the stage. The transport of the car from that location is the responsibility of the competitor. The car must return by direct route to the Service Area.

11.1.4 Competitors availing of Super Rally must present themselves at Service Out Control after 3 stages or Service Out Control after 6 stages, with their car for re-scrutineering. Due time is 10 minutes before their original due time at that Control, and 15 Minutes maximum lateness will apply.

11.1.5 The SRC, once satisfied that the crew meets the conditions for a restart, will issue new time cards which will have a restart time and restart Control Number. The restart position within the field shall be at the discretion of the COC / SRC.

11.1.6 The organisers reserve the right to disallow restart on safety grounds or if the restart would interfere with the running of the rally.

11.2 Penalties:

11.2.1 Penalties will be applied as per Article 13.5, Appendix 29 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

11.3 Award Eligibility:

11.3.1 In order to be classified as a finisher the crew must complete a minimum of 4 special stages, which must include the final loop of stages and the finish control.

11.3.2 Crews completing the rally under Super Rally regulations will be eligible to score points in Championships.

12. Awards:

12.1 Award Details:

1st Overall	2 Awards
2nd Overall	2 Awards
3rd Overall	2 Awards
1st in each class	2 Awards
2nd in each class	2 Awards
3rd in each class	2 Awards

John Finnegan Memorial Cup: Highest placed Birr & District Motor Club Navigator in the Overall Classification.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Birr & District Motor Club Crews (Not receiving any other Award) 2 Awards

Best Mayo, Limerick, Tipperary, Galway & Kerry Crews 2 Awards

12.2 Notes:

Overall winners are not eligible for class awards. If 5 or more entries are not received in each class, the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes or reduce the awards accordingly.

13. Judges of Fact

13.1 Judges of Fact:

A list of Judges of Fact will be advised in Final Instructions and will be posted on the official notice board and Sportity. The decision of a Judge of Fact will be final.

14. Provision Regarding Postponement, Abandonment or Cancellation of the event.

The organisers reserve the right to postpone, cancel or abandon the event in circumstances such as:

- Insufficient entries received at the closing date for entries
- On safety grounds (upon consultation with the MI Stewards reference GCR 129.11)
- Force Majeure (upon consultation with the MI Stewards reference GCR 129.11)

14.1: If a decision to postpone, cancel or abandon the event is made, the organisers will communicate this decision using one of or a combination of the following:

- Final instruction posted on Sportity App **BirrRally24**
- Final instruction posted or emailed directly to the crew member nominated as official contact on entry form
- Direct instruction to at least one of the crew from an official of the event

Every effort will be made by the organisers to communicate such a decision in a timely manner however, in circumstances of force majeure or on safety grounds, it may be necessary to make such a decision during the running of an event. In such cases, this decision will be communicated via direct instruction from an official of the event. In the event of cancellation or postponement for more than 24 hours, entry fee shall be refunded in accordance with GCR 51.2