

# SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS



## ***2026 American Rally Association Central Region Rally***

***May 16, 2026***

Sanctioned by:  
American Rally Association

Organized and Promoted by:  
Rally Minnesota LLC

These Regulations are presented as supplements to the 2026 Edition of the GCR's, RCR's, RTR's, and associated bulletins as published by the American Rally Association.

### **1. Introduction**

1.1. The Headwaters Regional Rally will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026. The rally will consist of recce on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning with six stages on Saturday afternoon. The committee is very excited to announce that, thanks to a generous grant from Peter Farrow, we will include RallySafe this year!

The final details of the route, as well as time controls, regrouping points, and route controls are described on the time schedule contained in the Route Book. The Route Book and the final itinerary will be issued digitally prior to the event and in print at the event.

The Headwaters Regional Rally was a mainstay in the Minnesota Rally community for nearly two decades. The 2026 event will continue the rally in the Paul Bunyan Forest located at the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

1.2. The Headwaters Regional Rally will be held under the General Competition Rules, Rally Technical Rules, Rally Competition Rules, and 2026 Bulletins of the American Rally Association (ARA). The 2026 American Rally Association Rules and Regulations can be found at <https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/rulesandbulletins>

Modifications, amendments and/or changes to these Supplementary Regulations will be announced only by numbered and dated Bulletins posted to the online notice board.

1.3. The Headwaters stages are gravel with a sandy base. They are tighter forest roads lined by trees and can be easily rutted with rain or multiple passes of rally cars.

1.4. Overall SS Distance & Total Distances.

TOTALS OF THE RALLY				
	SS	TRANSIT	TOTAL	%
SATURDAY (Sections 1, 2)	37.54	62.54	100.18	37.5%
<b>Total -- 6 SS</b>	<b>37.54</b>	<b>62.54</b>	<b>100.18</b>	<b>37.5%</b>

## 2. Organization and Description

2.1. Organized by the Headwaters Rally Committee and Rally Minnesota, LLC

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## 2.3. Headquarters

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Walker Minnesota, 56484

## 2.4. Notice Board

The Official Notice Board is accessed with the Sportity App which is available for both Apple and Android devices. The password for this event is Headwaters2026. All official documents including bulletins, start orders, provisional results, inquiries and responses will use the Sportity App. Sportity is also available at:  
<https://webapp.sportity.com/channel/Headwaters2026>.

## 3. Schedule (All times in CDT)

Time (Central)	Description	Location
<b>Tuesday, April 7, 2026</b>		
	Supplemental Regulations Published	Sportity
<b>Wednesday, April 8, 2026</b>		
Noon	Entry opens	EnterRally.com
<b>Wednesday, May 6, 2026</b>		
23:59	Competitor Entry Closes	
<b>Sunday, May 10, 2026</b>		
18:00	Novice Briefing	MS Teams (jointly w/ Oregon Trail)
<b>Monday, May 11, 2026</b>		
	Final Entry List and Provisional start order posted	Sportity
<b>Wednesday, May 13, 2026</b>		
19:00	Media Briefing	MS Teams
<b>Friday, May 15, 2026</b>		
11:00 – 14:00	Team Check-in	Chase on the Lake
11:00 – 19:00	Reconnaissance	Paul Bunyan Forest Stages
19:00	Stewards Meeting	Chase on the Lake
19:30	Final Start Order Posted	Sportiy
<b>Saturday, May 16, 2026</b>		
8:00 – 11:45	Team Check-in	Chase on the Lake
8:00 – 12:00	Tech Inspection	Chase on the Lake
8:00 – 12:00	Reconnaissance	Paul Bunyan Forest Stages
11:00	Volunteer Meeting	Chase on the Lake
13:00-14:00	Parc Expose	Chase on the Lake
14:00	First Car Out	Chase on the Lake

16:33	Service	Chase on the Lake
18:26	First Car in – Finish	Chase on the Lake
19:15	Provisional Scores Posted	Chase on the Lake/Sportity App
19:30	Awards	Chase on the Lake

#### 4. Entries

4.1. Entry and payment must be paid online at <http://EnterRally.com>. ARA will send an email blast to ARA license holders announcing the opening of online entries. Contact [ara@ara-rally.com](mailto:ara@ara-rally.com) with issues with the online entry process.

Headwaters 2026 is limited to 25 cars. If more than 25 entries are received a waitlist will be used with priority based on time and date of entry and payment received.

#### 4.2.

Headwaters 2026	Regular Entry	Late Entry
	April 6 – May 1 @ 23:59	May 2 – May 6
	<b>\$675</b>	<b>\$725</b>
<b>Extra Service Space</b>	<b>\$100</b>	
<b>Rental RallySafe Fitting Kit</b>	<b>\$40</b>	

#### 4.3.

Entry fee includes recce participation, one service route book, single service spot and competitor route book. All competitors will receive printed and bound copies of all information necessary to complete the rally or follow the service route successfully. Printed materials can be picked up at event check in. All race documents will also be posted to Sportity as a digital download once finalized. Stage notes will not be provided or available.

4.4. Entrants may revise or withdraw their entry prior to the closing of entries 23:59 May 6 by completing the Entry Update/Withdrawal Form available in the Registrar folder on the Sportity App. All changes are required to be entered using this form.

#### 4.5. Refund Policy

An entry may be withdrawn, as defined by the GCR's:

- a) Without penalty, until 23:59 April 22, 2026.
- b) With \$200 of the entry fee in penalty from 00:00 April 23, to 23:59 May 6, 2026.
- c) With up to 100% of the entry fee in penalty after the closing of entry at 00:00 May 7, 2026.

#### 5. Insurance

5.1. Third party liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage, effective during the competition, will be provided by a policy secured by USAC and displayed on the Official Notice Board.

5.2. Competitors, service crews members and all event participants including officials, marshals, staff, stewards and all others who have signed an USAC waiver and have been issued and are in possession of an event wristband confirming the signature of

the waiver will be covered by a secondary USAC participant accident insurance policy which covers excess medical expenses to their primary medical insurance provider.

## **6. Advertising and Identification**

6.1. The Headwaters Rally will not use the event sponsor advertising space allowed by the current ARA rules. All ARA series advertising must be properly displayed on all competition cars.

## **7. Fuel**

- 7.1. Competitors are required to supply/purchase their own fuel and must be in compliance with the ARA fuel requirements noted in the ARA RTR.
- 7.2. Purchasing fuel from commercial gas stations located along transit sections of the route is permitted. All work involved in adding such fluids must be performed by the driver and/or co-driver if outside of the service area.
- 7.3. VP Fuel will not be available for Headwaters.

## **8. Reconnaissance (Recce)**

- 8.1. Drivers and co-drivers must check in at the scheduled check-in prior to participating in recce.
- 8.2. Recce Details
  - 8.2.1. Recce will be monitored using the RS Lite app. All competitors taking part in recce will be required to use RS Lite in accordance with Bulletin 2026-4.
  - 8.2.2. Recce will be open. Competitors may make as many passes as the time and recce speed limit allows.
  - 8.2.3. Speed limit during recce is 30mph on all forest roads. The posted speed limit shall be observed on paved and marked public highways.
  - 8.2.4. Recce roads are open to the public. Teams must drive responsibly and stay on the proper side of the road.
  - 8.2.5. Street vehicles must be used during recce. No lettering, advertising or livery can be on the vehicles. No other vehicles unless approved ahead of time by the Clerk of the Course.

## **9. Check-in**

- 9.1. All team members attending the event must check in during the time in the event schedule. Waivers must be completed online as part of the licensing process.
- 9.2. All participants (crew and service crew) must have completed the licensing process online.
- 9.3. The following items will be verified by the event registrar.
  - 9.3.1. Driver and Co-driver ARA competition licenses
  - 9.3.2. Service crew ARA licenses

## **10. Scrutineering**

- 10.1. Scrutineering will be held at The Headwaters Rally HQ, Chase on the Lake in Walker, MN.
- 10.2. Scrutineering will be at your service location in the service park as assigned by Chief of Service. Crews without Service Crew should contact the Chief of Scrutineering to coordinate their car's inspection time.
- 10.3. The competition vehicle must be clean inside and out when presented for scrutineering. Vehicles presented for inspection that are dirty will be refused until they are cleaned.

- 10.4. Per ARA rules all decals and identification must be on the car prior to arriving at scrutineering. ARA door panels, windshield banners and number packages can be purchased online in advance. They will not be available at the event.

## 11. Service

- 11.1. Service spaces will be assigned by the Chief of Service. Teams wishing to service together please contact Chief of Service by May 10.
- 11.2. Service will open Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 am.
- 11.3. Service spaces will consist of a designated area 20 ft wide by 40 ft long.
- 11.4. No alcohol use will be permitted in any service area. This includes everyone in the Service area, no matter what their connection to the rally - all teams, crews, guests, and volunteers.
- 11.5. Vehicles not officially registered with a team as a service vehicle will be not allowed in the service area. All officially registered vehicles must display registration cards with prominent car number on their dash at all times.
- 11.6. Vehicles without cards will be considered spectator vehicles and not permitted into the service area for any reason. Limited parking will be available outside the service area.
- 11.7. Tarps/spill cloths must be placed under cars for all servicing operations. Service areas not cleaned will be subject to \$200 fine.
- 11.8. No on-ground grills, or disposing of any charcoal, briquettes, etc., are permitted. Any non-gas grill ignition sources must be completely COLD or removed in a fire-proof container.
- 11.9. **Service crews must notify the Chief of Service when they leave the service area to retrieve a car.**
- 11.10. Follow the direction of the Rally volunteer staff when parking your service vehicle at all service locations. Teams will have an assigned location based on running order and space requirements.

## 12. Testing

- 12.1. The Headwaters organizers plan to make private testing in the White Earth State Forest available on Thursday May 14. Please contact event chair, Scott Putnam, if your team is interested. There will be no testing in the Paul Bunyan State Forest.
- 12.2. Practice or testing on any road in the Paul Bunyan State Forest is forbidden 90 days prior and 30 days following the Headwaters Rally. Teams found in violation will be barred from starting or excluded from finishing the Headwaters Rally. Their entry fee will not be refunded. The Clerk of the Course will be the sole arbiter of any potential violation.

## 13. Features of the Rally

- 13.1. Headwaters received a generous grant that allows us to use RallySafe this year. Crews are encouraged to familiarize themselves with RallySafe (see ARA bulletin 2026-3) as well as RS Lite which will be used for recce (see ARA Bulletin 2026-4)
- 13.2. There will Parc Expose near the service area again this year. A bulletin will be issues with final details prior to the rally.
- 13.3. The rally will start from Chase on the Lake in Walker, MN.
- 13.4. The official finish will be at Chase on the Lake in Walker, MN
- 13.5. Regional rallies awards points categories listed in Bulletin 2026-1. Trophies will be awarded in all categories with more than two finishers.



14. Competition Itinerary / Maps

14.1. Itinerary

2026 Headwaters Rally

Competition Itinerary

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 this document to anyone  
 outside the rally team  
 20 cars  
 Saturday, May 16, 2026

START Leg 1								Saturday, May 16, 2026
TC	LOCATION	SS DIST	TRANSIT DIST	TOTAL DIST	LATENESS TIME	TRANSIT TIME	FIRST CAR DUE	
0A	MTC 1 Chase on the Lake						14:00	
	Distance to next refuel	(18.77)	(31.28)	(50.10)				
1	Transit to SS #1		10.29	10.29		0:19	14:19	
<b>SS #1</b>	<b>Steamboat</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>0.25</b>		<b>0:10</b>		<b>14:22</b>	
2	Transit to SS #2		3.30	9.82		0:09	14:41	
<b>SS #2</b>	<b>Kabekona</b>	<b>5.04</b>	<b>0.22</b>		<b>0:08</b>		<b>14:44</b>	
3	Transit to SS #3		1.47	6.74		0:08	15:00	
<b>SS #3</b>	<b>Spur 2</b>	<b>7.48</b>	<b>0.23</b>		<b>0:12</b>		<b>15:03</b>	
	Transit to Walker		15.52	23.25		0:33	15:48	
3A	Service In Chase on the Lake						15:48	
3B	Walker Service					0:45	16:33	
<b>RZ</b>	Refuel (time is included on next transit)							
	Distance to next refuel	(18.77)	(31.26)	(50.08)				
4	Transit to SS #4		10.27	10.27		0:24	16:57	
<b>SS #4</b>	<b>Steamboat</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>0.25</b>		<b>0:10</b>		<b>17:00</b>	
5	Transit to SS #5		3.30	9.82		0:09	17:19	
<b>SS #5</b>	<b>Kabekona</b>	<b>5.04</b>	<b>0.22</b>		<b>0:08</b>		<b>17:22</b>	
6	Transit to SS #6		1.47	6.74		0:08	17:38	
<b>SS #6</b>	<b>Spur 2</b>	<b>7.48</b>	<b>0.23</b>		<b>0:12</b>		<b>17:41</b>	
	Transit to Walker		15.52	23.25		0:33	18:26	
6A	MTC 2 Chase on the Lake						18:26	
<b>Leg 1 Totals</b>		<b>37.54</b>	<b>62.54</b>	<b>100.18</b>				

Section 1

Section 2



14.3. Service Area

