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Title of Event: MRF Tyres Cork 20 Rally 2026

Date of Event: September 26th & 27th September 2026

Rally Headquarters: Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork

Stages: 14 Special Stages over 2 days featuring some of the Historical Iconic Cork 20 Classic Stages based around the Macroom area, stages such as Lough Allua, Mullaghanish, Coolea/Fuhiry, Butter Road and the famous challenging kilnamartyra stage all featuring in the 2026 event.

(P.S. note Kilnamartyra was the stage used in 2007 that Sebastien Loeb stated was the best tarmac stage he had ever competed on !!)

Service Park: Centralised Service Park in Macroom

Championship: Final counting round of the 2026 NAPA Autoparts Irish Tarmac Rally Championship (ITRC) with 50% bonus points on offer.

Also a counting round of the GK Print Southern 4 Rally Championship 2026.

Cork 20 Rally Background:

- Oldest Rally in Ireland dating back over 100yrs and the 2nd Oldest rally in Europe second only to the Monte Carlo Rally
- The Cork 20 Rally has earned a reputation for delivering some of the most iconic , challenging and exciting stages in Irish rallying.
- Renowned for its challenging stages, exceptional organisation, and passionate support from competitors, volunteers, and spectators, the rally has played a significant role in Irish motorsport for generations.
- The event continues to attract many of the country's leading drivers and co-drivers while showcasing some of the finest rally roads in the south of Ireland.

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Speaking on behalf of the Cork 20 Rally Organising Committee, Clerk of the Course, **Kevin O'Riordan** said:

"We are absolutely delighted to welcome **MRF Tyres** as the overall title sponsor of the Cork 20 Rally for 2026. MRF Tyres has a rich heritage in international rallying and motorsport and has become synonymous with success at the highest level of the sport. Their commitment to motorsport and passion for competition aligns perfectly with the ethos and core values of the Cork 20 Rally.

This partnership will help us continue to build on the rally's proud tradition while enhancing the experience for competitors, volunteers, sponsors, and spectators alike. We are looking forward to working closely with MRF Tyres to deliver a memorable event in 2026."

MRF Tyres has established itself as successful brand in international rallying, enjoying success in championships throughout Europe, Asia and beyond and we are delighted for the opportunity to form this partnership and collaboration with such an internationally accredited brand.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Vivek Ponnusamy for his support, encouragement and commitment and we look forward to building a strong partnership together.

Speaking on behalf of the Munster Car Club / Cork 20 Rally Organiser, Club Chairman, **Paul Browne** said:

"On behalf of Munster Car Club and the Cork 20 Rally organising team, I am delighted to welcome MRF Tyres as our new title sponsor of the iconic Cork 20 Rally for 2026. As our premier club event and one of the oldest and longest running rallies across Europe, we are delighted to align the event with such an international brand as MRF Tyres and one of the world's leading motorsport tyre manufacturers. The partnership with MRF Tyres represents a significant endorsement of the event and its future ambitions and we look forward to the 2026 MRF Tyres Cork 20 Rally.