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FINAL INSTRUCTIONS NO 2

CLARIFICATION ON LOCATION 12 SS 3 / 6 / 8 TORY BRAE.

The safety measures in place at location 12 on SS 3 / 8 / 8 have been updated since the Safety Note providers performed their reconnaissance and distributed their notes.

This location is now a 4 element chicane (Right Entry) as per the instruction in the Road Book. The markings on the road to indicate the location of the bales is correct.

Please amend your Safety Notes accordingly.

CLARIFICATION ON LOCATION 14 SS 1 / 4 / 7 THORNHILL.

This location remains a 4 element chicane but has been amended to **RIGHT ENTRY** from left entry as detailed in the Road Book. The markings on the road to indicate the location of the bales is correct.

Please amend your Safety Notes and Road Book accordingly.

RESEED REQUESTS.

Reseed requests can ONLY be made on the official form which can be downloaded from the Digital Notice Board (Sportity, using event code RKDR26). Competitors should submit actual results which support their reseeding request. Reseeding requests must be submitted by 12 noon on Fri 21 Aug 2026 to downrally26@gmail.com or to the Entries Secretary

VEHICLE PARKING FRIDAY 21 AUG 26

Please note that all recce vehicles should be parked in the main Boulevard car parks adjacent to the Range which is within walking distance of the service area. Only Service, Media or official plated cars will be allowed access



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by Security Personnel into the access road (Cascum Road) to the service area

SERVICE AREA AND TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park and Service area is located at Eagle Overseas, Cascum Rd, Banbridge BT32 4GL. What3Words /// adjusting.chap.reshape.

There will be no access before 1200 hours on Fri 21 Aug 26. Service vehicles will be issued with Service Plate decals at the security checkpoint on Cascum Road. Please follow marshals instructions for unloading and trailer parking when you first enter Cascum Road. There is a separate trailer park beside the Service Area.

Trailers will not be permitted to enter the Service Park. All competing cars can be placed in the Service Area following Scrutiny.

Competitors are reminded that only one service van per entry will be allowed. Only vehicles with the official service decal fitted will be allowed into the service park.

All service vehicles must be in place before 07.30 hrs on the morning of the event. The Service Area Risk management policy is available to download from the Digital Notice Board (Sportity – event code **RKDR26**)

Please note that there is no overnight Parc Ferme as per previous years. Cars & Service Vehicles can remain in the Service Park at the owners' risk however the organisers have engaged private Security which will remain in the immediate area overnight.

.Competitor decals will be available from the rally office located in the service area and must be fitted prior to entering the Scrutiny area. Tracking devices will be fitted to all cars within the Scrutiny Area. Any cars not left overnight in the service park must be in place by 07:30 hrs on 22 Aug 2026.

NOISE TEST & MECHANICAL SCRUTINEERING AND SERVICE PARK

Mechanical scrutineering and noise testing will take place between 14:00hrs & 20:00hrs on Friday 21st Aug 2026 at the Boulevard, Banbridge. Postcode BT32 4LF What3Words /// adjusting.chap.reshape

There will be no Scrutineering outside of these dates and times without prior approval. No specific Scrutiny times will be allocated however any car



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participating in the Fan Zone activities should be fully Scrutineered and in place at the Fan Zone area no later than 18:45 hrs. A list of attendees at the Fan Zone will be published in due course.

The Scrutiny location can be found on the attached map. All cars must be presented for Scrutiny at the appointed location.

Any competitor proposing to use an in-car camera at any time during the event must advise the Clerk of the Course and the Event Scrutineer in writing of their intentions and produce the notification (bearing your name and competition number) at Scrutineering.

The camera installation must be completed before the car is presented to the Scrutineer, and the installation must comply with current Health & Safety Regulations. In-car camera notification forms are available from the event Scrutineer and can also be downloaded from the Digital Notice Board (Sportity)

Competitors must present all necessary documentation at Mechanical Scrutiny relating to the eligibility of their vehicles. Competitors who wish to use auxiliary lighting if the weather and lighting conditions deteriorate during the event must have any lights fitted for presentation at Scrutiny.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE PRODUCED TO THE SCRUTINEER

- A MSUK OR MI Rally Car Logbook (any other document e.g. FIA passports cannot be accepted)
- Homologation Papers (if applicable)
- Letter requesting to use in-car camera (if applicable)
- An SOS/OK Board

Friday Fan Zone (Ceremonial Start) (12.1.1 of event regulations)

The Friday evening ceremonial event will be located within the Boulevard shopping area as shown on the attached map. Invited cars are asked to be there from 6.45PM (1845hrs) and the event will run from 7PM (1900 hrs) to 8PM (2000 hrs). Invited cars will include the top 20 seeds and certain other local crews. A separate list of those invited will be published on the Digital Notice Board (Sportity – event code RKDR26). If any local crew outside the



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top 20 wishes to attend the event please submit a request to the Clerk of the Course via e-mail on downrally26@gmail.com

SATURDAY SERVICE AREA OPENING TIMES AND DRIVERS BRIEFING

The service area will open from 7.00am on Sat 22 Aug 26. There **will not** be a drivers briefing, but all crews are required before they start the event to collect from the rally office and sign for their time cards and a written drivers briefing note which they are to read before they start the event. These will be available from 8.00am onwards.

JUDGES OF FACT

The following named persons are appointed Judges of Fact in relation to Driving Standards and Virtual Chicane compliance in line with the published Supplementary Regulations.

Appointed Judge of Fact:		
Alan Graham	Mark McGarrity	Ryan Kearney
Barry Savage	Paul Biggerstaff	Sam Magill
Bindi Lee-McQuade	Andy Gilmore	Stephen Kearney
Caroline McGuinness	Niall McGreevy	Thomas Murphy
Colin Lavery	Robert Harte (Virtual Chicane)	Tom Brown
Dylan Murphy	Barry Arundell	Malcolm Johnston
Gary Knowles	Gerard McConnell	Dessie Fair
Bernard O'Connor	William Wylie	
Lawrence Fair	Conrad Walls	



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Potential for Road Works diversion

We have been monitoring a road closure for essential road maintenance on the A50 at Moneyslane (road section from Hamilton's Folly to Tory Brae). It is hoped that work will be completed by Saturday but may still be in place for the Friday Reconnaissance. As a contingency please refer to the attachment map to show the preferred diversion route if needed **(do not follow the current diversion signage in place)**

In a case of having to divert at this location on Saturday, the time allowed to travel the applicable road section will be relaxed if required.

Revised Stage Bogey Times.

Please note the following amended 80mph Stage Bogey times which supersede those detailed on the Timecard.

SS 1, 4, 7 - Thornhill 06:26 (mm:ss)

Stage Maximum 18:00 (mm:ss) 30 mph

SS 2, 5 – Hamilton's Folly 05:20 (mm:ss)

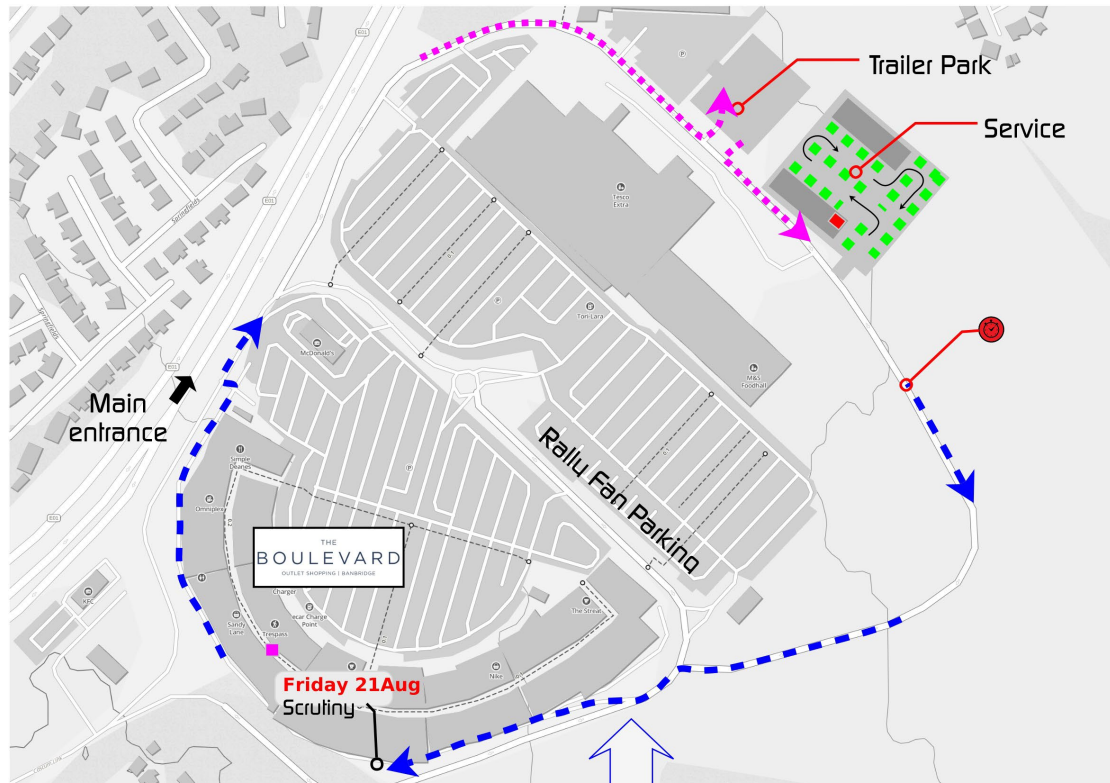
Stage Maximum 15:00 (mm:ss) 30 mph

SS 3, 6, 8 Tory Brae 05:05 (mm:ss)

Stage Maximum 14:00 (mm:ss) 30mph

Paul Biggerstaff
Clerk of the Course

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Event Secretary



SCRUTINY ENTRANCE

In service road behind the Boulevard

