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1	Introduction:
Name of the Event:	R Kings Down Rally
Date of the Event:	Saturday 22 August 2026
Status of the Event:	Interclub

1.1	Preamble:
The Down Rally will be run in compliance with the FIA International Sporting Code (ISC) including appendices, the FIA Regional Sporting Regulations including appendices, National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK, the WADA & NADA Regulations, and the FIA Anti-Doping Regulations, as amended from time to time The National Road Traffic Regulations shall apply. Unless provided otherwise by these Supplementary Regulations, the provisions of the above Rules & Regulations shall apply. Any modifications, amendments and/or additions to the Rules and Supplementary Regulations shall be made in the form of numbered and dated bulletins.	

1.2	Road Surface and Length of Special Stages:
Leg 1: Asphalt: 61.40 miles / 98.81 kilometres	

1.3	Overall Special Stage Distance & Total Distances of the Itinerary:
Number of Legs:	1
Number of Sections:	3
Number of Special Stages:	8
Total length of Special Stages:	61.40 miles / 98.81 kilometres (33.9 %)
Total Length of Liaison Sections:	119.60 miles / 192.47 kilometres (66.1 %)
Total Distance of the Itinerary:	181 miles / 291.2 kilometres

2.0 Organisation

2.1	Championships & Titles for which the Rally counts:
Brown & Brown Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship 2026 Championship Permit Number: CH2026/Rally003 Status: Interclub Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship 2026 Championship Permit Number: CH2026/Rally006 Status: Interclub	

2.2	Approvals:
Motorsport UK – Permit No. 205908 (Interclub)	

2.3	Organisers' Name, Address & Contact Details:
Organiser: Organiser's Representative: Email:	Rathfriland Motor Club Limited (MSUK ID 120102) Paul Biggerstaff DownRally@gmail.com

2.4	Organising Committee:		
	Alan Graham Andrew McCracken Andy Gilmore Anna Kelly Barry Savage Bernard O'Connor Bindi Lee-McQuaid Ciaran Gribben Colin Lavery Colum Feeney Conor Ervine Dermot McCartan Dylan Murphy	Emett Kelly Emmett Kelly Jr Gary Knowles Gillian Graham Glen Donnelly Grace Gribben Graham Morrow James Doran Johnny Strain Malcolm Johnston Mark McGarrity Martin Bryans Mo Downey	Molly-Jane Kelly Niall McGreevy Paul Biggerstaff Ryan Kearney Sam Magill Sean Topping Sorcha McConville Stephen Johnston Stephen Kearney Thomas Murphy Tom Brown Tommy McKee

2.5	Stewards of the Meeting:
Chairman of the Stewards:	Wilbert McIlmoyle (Appointed by Motorsport UK)
2nd Steward: 3rd Steward:	Des O'Loan Brian McConnell (Appointed by the Organisers)

2.6	ASN Delegates:
Safety Delegate:	Neil Fuller (Appointed by Motorsport UK)

2.7	Senior Officials:
Clerk of the Course:	Paul Biggerstaff (MSUK Licence 64749)
Deputy Clerks of the Course:	Andy Gilmore (MSUK Licence 110067) Grace King (MSUK Licence 296542)
Assistant Clerks of the Course:	Barry Savage (MSUK Licence 213900) Malcolm Johnston (MSUK Licence 23454) Mark McGarrity (MSUK Licence 948811)

	Ryan Kearney (MSUK Licence 307412) Stephen Kearney (MSUK Licence 274567)
Entries Secretary:	Gillian Graham (MSUK Licence 947552)
Chief Safety Officer: Deputy Safety Officer:	Barry Savage (MSUK Licence 213900) Sam Magill (MSUK Licence 207239)
Spectator Safety Officer:	Simon MacRory (MSUK Licence 88763)
Chief Scrutineer:	Gillian Magee (MSUK Licence 144096)
Environmental Scrutineer:	Kevin Haveron (MSUK Licence 179775)
Chief Marshal:	Bernard O'Connor (MSUK Licence 982546)
Service Park Manager:	Niall McGreevy
Chief Medical Officer:	Eamon Ferguson (MSUK Licence 176474)
Chief Timekeeper:	Declan McAleer (MSUK Licence 33361)
Chief Rescue Officer:	Micheal Marner (MSUK Licence TBC)
Competition Relations Officer:	Ian Porter (MSUK Licence 40669)
Safeguarding Officers	Caroline McGuinness (MSUK Licence TBC) Malcolm Johnston (MSUK Licence 23454)
Safety Tracking Officer	Craig Parry
Secretary of the Meeting:	Tom Brown (MSUK Licence 6603)



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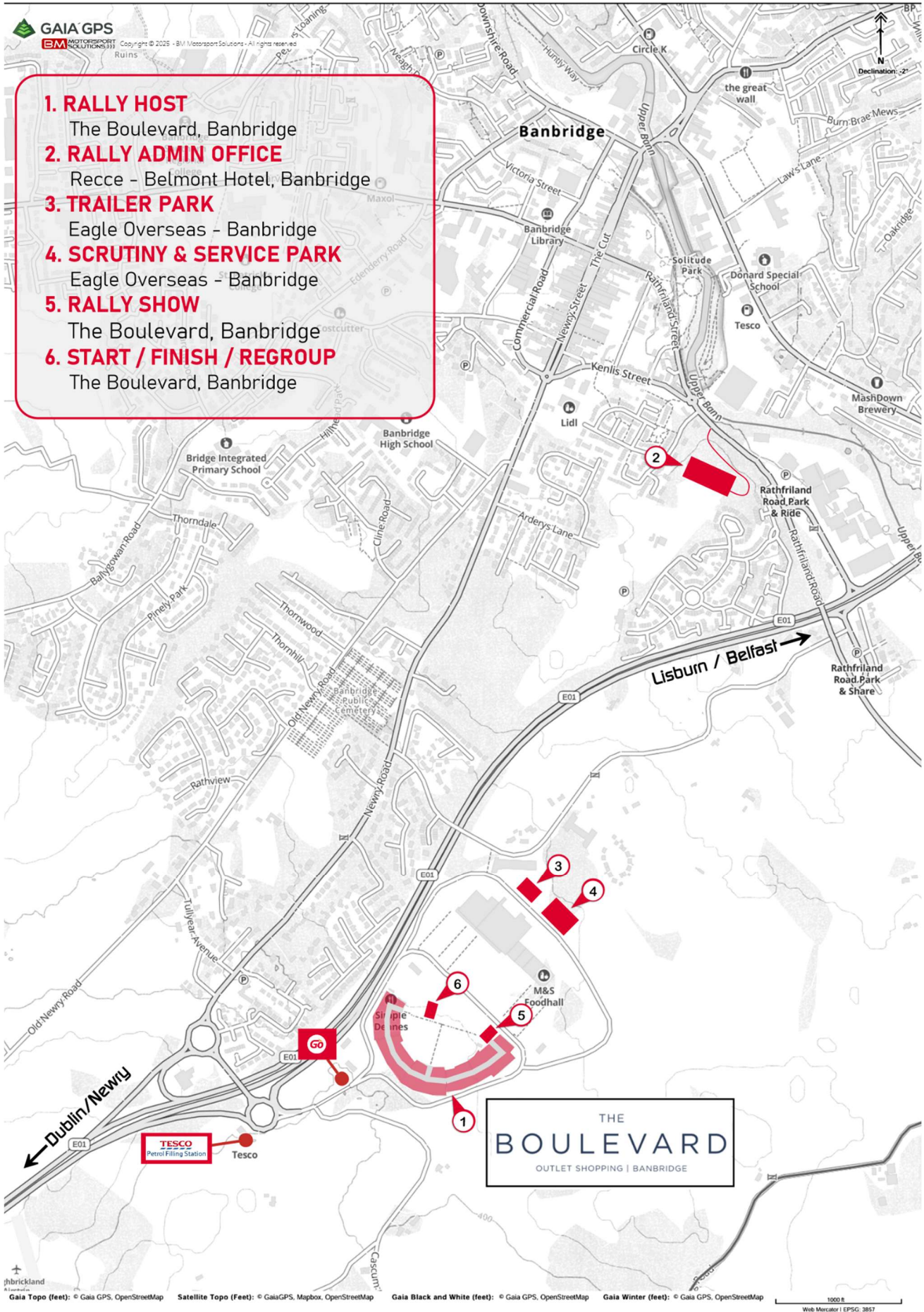


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2.8 Locations & Contact Details:



2.8.1 Location of Rally HQ & Administrative Checks:

Belmont Hotel, Rathfriland Rd, Banbridge, Co.Down, BT32 3LH
Postcode: BT32 3LH

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Email: info@belmontbanbridge.com

Phone: (028) 4066 2517

The Belmont Hotel is just 24 miles from Belfast and a 90 min drive from Dublin and is located conveniently close to the A1 carriageway and The Belmont Hotel is the perfect base for business and pleasure.

Opening Hours:

Sunday 16 August 2026 – 08:30 – 11:00

Friday 21 August 2026 - 08:30 – 11:00

2.8.2 Location of Trailer Park, Scrutiny & Service Park:

Trailer Park & Service Park - Eagle Overseas, Cascum Rd, Banbridge

Postcode: BT32 4GL

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Scrutiny – The Boulevard, Bridgewater Park, Banbridge

Postcode: BT32 4LF

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Opening Hours:

Friday 21 august 2026 16:00 – 23:00

Saturday 22 August 2026 – 07:00 – 21:00

2.8.3 Official Notice Board:

Belmont Hotel, Rathfriland Rd, Banbridge, Co.Down, BT32 3LH

Postcode: BT32 3LH

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Opening Hours:

Sunday 16 August 2026 – 08:00 – 11:00

Friday 21 August 2026 - 08:00 – 11:00

Competitor Info Hub:

Eagle Overseas, Cascum Rd, Banbridge BT32 4GL

Postcode: BT32 4GL

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Opening Hours:

Friday 21 August 2026 16:00 – 23:00

Saturday 22 August 2026 – 07:00 – 18:00

Digital Notice Board – Sportity

Access Code – RKDR26

Available from:

Friday 06 July 2026

3 Programme in Chronological Order & Location: *Subject to Change*

Date	Time	Activity	Location
06 July 2026	18:00hrs	Publication of Supplementary Regulations	DNB (Digital Notice Board) Downrally.com (Event Website)
07 July 2026	20:00hrs	Entries Open	Rallyscore.net
01 Aug 2026	12:00hrs	Entries Close	
10 Aug 2026	18:00hrs	Entry List Released	DNB
16 Aug 2026	08:30 – 11:00hrs	Rally HQ Open & Official Notice Board (ONB) Final Administrative Checks, Reconnaissance Registration & Collection of Reconnaissance Documents	Belmont Hotel, Banbridge
	09:00hrs	Start of Reconnaissance (Sunday Only Crews)	
	15:30hrs	End of Reconnaissance (Sunday Only Crews)	
21 Aug 2026	08:30 – 11:00 hrs	Rally HQ Open & Official Notice Board (ONB) Final Administrative Checks, Reconnaissance Registration & Collection of Reconnaissance Documents (Friday Only Crews)	Belmont Hotel, Banbridge
	09:00hrs	Start of Reconnaissance (Friday Only Crews)	
	15:30hrs	End of Reconnaissance (Friday Only Crews)	
	16:00 - 20:00hrs	Scrutineering, Sealing & Marking of Components	The Boulevard
	19:30 – 21:00hrs	Ceremonial Start (Top 20 Seeded Crews & invited Crews Only)	Rally Host – The Boulevard
	22:00hrs	Publication of Start List for Leg 1	DNB
22 Aug 2026	08:15 – 08:30hrs	Fitment of Rally Safety Tracking Systems	Service Park
	08:40hrs 09:01hrs	Prestart (TC 0 - Service Out) Start of Rally	Rally Host – The Boulevard
	16:45hrs (estimated)	Finish of Rally	
	17:00hrs	Podium Ceremony / Prizegiving	
	18:00hrs	Publication of Provisional Classification	DNB
	18:30hrs	Publication of Final Classification (estimated)	DNB

4 Entries:

4.1 Eligible Entrants:

The event is open to all fully elected members of Rathfriland Motor Club Limited, and all members of a club affiliated to Motorsport UK or Motorsport Ireland (MI).

Non-UK competitors holding a Competition Licence issued by their applicable ASN that is at least equivalent to RS Interclub – Stage Rally can enter and compete in this event.

All drivers must complete an on-line declaration that they hold a valid Motorsport UK RS Interclub, or above, Stage Rally Competition Licence or equivalent MI licence and a valid club membership card.

Co-drivers must complete an on-line declaration that they hold a valid Motorsport UK RS Interclub, or above, Competition Licence or equivalent MI licence and a valid club membership card.

Where applicable an entrant's licence must also be held.

4.2 Opening & Closing Dates for Entries:

Entry Opening Date: 20:00hrs on 07 July 2026

Entry Closing Date: 12:00hrs on 01 Aug 2026

4.3 Entry Procedure:

4.3.1 Submitting an Entry:

Electronic entry applications are to be submitted via www.rallyscore.net

All competitors are required to upload the following via the online system when entering the rally:

Entrant: (where applicable)

- Entrants licence

Driver:

- Competition licence front and back
- Valid MSUK or MI Affiliated Club membership card (both sides where applicable)

Co-Driver:

- Competition licence front and back
- Valid MSUK or MI Affiliated Club membership card (both sides where applicable)

Rathfriland Motor Club membership is available to purchase at £10 each if required.

Contact details for Entries Secretary:

Gillian Graham

Email: downrally26@gmail.com

Telephone Number: TBC

(7pm to 9pm weekdays and 1pm to 6pm weekends) Calls will not be answered outside these times.

4.3.2 Acceptance of Entry:

The online entry form (www.rallyscore.net) must be used to enter the event. Entries allocation procedure is as detailed in Appendix 7.

4.3.3 Withdrawal of Entry:

Entries can only be withdrawn by email to the Entries Secretary using the nominated email address detailed in 4.3.1.

4.3.4 Foreign Competitors:

Foreign competitors, drivers and co-drivers, must present an authorisation from their respective ASN subject to NCR 6.3.1.6.

4.4 Entry Procedure:**4.4.1 Maximum & Minimum Competitors:**

The maximum number of competitors shall be limited to 100. The minimum is 75. The minimum for each class for prizes is 3. A reserve list of up to 10 will be maintained over and above the maximum 100.

4.4.2 Classes:

NIRC	BTRDA	Description
1	1	Homologated (and formerly homologated) FIA Rally 2 and R5 cars and any derivatives*. FIA S2000 specification cars and any derivatives. All World Rally cars (must comply with their homologation) - Derivatives of Rally2/R5 specification cars permitted only until 31st December 2025. RHD conversions which retain all other aspects of the homologation will remain valid beyond this date. - Exceptionally, Motorsport UK may grant a dispensation to use non homologated parts to replace homologated components which are no longer available. Details on request from Motorsport UK Technical Department.
2	2	All 4-wheel drive cars not eligible for Class 1 & 4*. <i>*Not including derivatives of Rally2/R5 specification cars.</i>
3	3	2-wheel drive cars with normally aspirated engines over 2000cc or forced induction engines over 1500cc. Homologated (and formerly homologated) FIA RGT cars.
4	2	Homologated FIA Rally 3 cars and Group N4 that still comply with their homologation.
5	5	Homologated FIA Rally 4 and R2 cars with forced induction that still comply with their Homologation.
6	6	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc or forced induction engines up to and including 1500cc.
7	7	Homologated FIA Rally 5 and Rally 5-Kit cars.
8	8	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc, including R2, or forced induction engines up to and including 1000cc
9	9	Cars with normally aspirated engines up to and including 1400cc.
10	N/A	All cars complying with Motorsport UK Classes 10, 11, 12 and 13. Class 10: Rally Start: Cars over 1600cc that meet the current technical specification of Rally First (as published on Motorsport UK website) plus Road Rally cars as per Ch.13 App. 15 Art 1. Class 11: Rally Start: Cars over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc that meet the current technical specification of Rally First (as published on Motorsport UK website) plus Road Rally cars as per Ch.13 App. 15 Art 1.

		Class 12: Rally Start: Cars over 1000cc up to and including 1400cc that meet the current technical specification of Rally First (as published on Motorsport UK website) plus Road Rally cars as per Ch.13 App. 15 Art 1. Class 13: Rally Start: Cars up to and including 1000cc that meet the current technical specification of Formula 1000 (as published on ASN website).
H1	H1-H16	Historic Class: All cars complying with Motorsport UK Classes H1 to H16 inclusive.

4.5	Entry Fee & Packages:
Event Entry Fee: GBP £675 (<i>GBP £10.99 per mile</i>) The Entry Fee is fixed and includes the following: - One Roadbook - One set of Service Plates & Service Decals - One set of Reconnaissance Decals - All Obligatory Organiser's Competition Car Panels & Plates - Legal Liability Insurance Cover - Safety Tracker	

4.6	Payment of Entry Fees:
To secure the entry place, full payment of the entry is required.	

4.7	Entry Fee Refunds:
Notice to withdraw a confirmed or reserve entry must be made in accordance with Article 4.3.3 as soon as possible. The entry fee shall be refunded in full: • If the event does not take place • To teams whose entry is rejected • Provided a reserve entry is available to take the place For entries withdrawn before 12:00 noon on 09 Aug 2026 the organisers may partially refund entry fees if a competitor cannot take part in the event due to a duly proven case of force majeure. The organiser may retain up to £50.00 to cover administrative and printing expenses. Withdrawal must follow the procedure in Article 4.3.3 and detail the reason for the withdrawal. Late entry withdrawals may still appear in the event programme. There will be no refunds for entries withdrawn after 12:00 noon on 17 August 2026	

5	Insurance Cover:
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5.1	Description of Insurance Cover:
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5.1.1	Organiser's Arrangements:
The organisers have made arrangements to insure entrants and drivers against third party risks while taking part in such parts of the rally as are held on private lands or roads specifically closed for the purpose. The indemnity provided under this special insurance is GBP £100,000,000.00 covering any incident or occurrence. This insurance cover will come into effect from the start of the event and will cease at the end of the rally or at the moment of retirement, disqualification or exclusion.	

5.1.2 Entrants and Driver Requirements:**Insurance**

Competitors are responsible for ensuring they have appropriate insurance cover in place for their activities whilst travelling to and from the Event, as well as during the Event itself.

The Motorsport UK Master Public Liability policy provides third party cover for activities falling under the Event Permit, but this policy specifically excludes any form of Road Traffic Act liability.

An additional third party “top-up” insurance policy, administered by Motorsport UK, is available to add-on for this Event which offers cover for Road Traffic Act liability for any sections of the Permitted Event that take place on the public highway. This policy provides cover to compliment but not replace your own motor insurance.

The acceptance criteria for this scheme are as follows:

- Drivers must be aged 19 years or older
- Drivers must be UK residents for over 1 year, and have held a Full UK Car Licence for at least 6 months
- Drivers must have not been banned from driving in the last 5 years, and no criminal convictions
- Drivers must have no more than 6 penalty points on their Licence and/or no more than 1 fault motor claim in the last 3 years in their history
- Drivers must be a named driver on a valid motor insurance policy for the vehicle they are driving
- Drivers must not already have the 3rd Party Extension (top-up) for Road Sections cover already on their existing motor policy
- Vehicles must have a valid MOT and taxed for the road (unless exempt from doing so)
- Vehicles must be road going/road legal and have a UK Registration Plate assigned and attached
- Vehicles must be in the custody or control of the competitor and be participating in a motorsport event permitted by the Policyholder (Motorsport UK Association Ltd)

Competitors who do not comply with any of the above criteria must contact Kingfisher Motorsport at motorsportuk@kingfishermotorsport.com as early as practically possible in advance of the event to discuss their application to confirm whether cover can still be offered and whether there are any additional terms.

All Competitors will be required to sign a declaration before the Event to confirm that they either have adequate insurance cover for the Event or need cover under the Motorsport UK top-up policy. If they do not meet the minimum eligibility criteria, they must have referred themselves to and been approved by Kingfisher before the start of the Event.

Those Competitors who do require cover under the Motorsport UK top-up policy will be required to pay the organisers' an additional fee to cover the Motorsport UK permit surcharge.”

The basic cost of cover is **£50** (plus any additional top ups or loading where applicable).

6.0 Advertising & identification:**6.1. Organiser's Arrangements:**

Advertising and identification provided by the organisers is as follows:

- Rally Plate Front
- Rally Plate Rear Window
- Competition Door Plates for Driver and Co-Driver Doors
- High Visibility Competition Numbers on both Rear Side Windows
- Ancillary Sponsor side plates and rear window decal

All plates are mandatory. Alteration to any advertising and identification provided by the organisers is forbidden. Any competitor who's advertising and identification is altered in any way will be excluded from the event.

All Obligatory Organiser's Advertising must be affixed to each competing car before it is presented for scrutineering. Please refer to Appendix 5 "Decals and Positioning of Obligatory Advertising"

Competitors registered in the various championships are reminded of their requirement to display the appropriate championship decals to score points. Refer to the appropriate Championship Regulations or contact the respective Championship co-ordinator (Ref Appendix 3)

7.0 Tyres:

7.1 Regulations regarding tyres which may be used during the Rally:

All tyres used must comply with the National Competition Rules. Please note the restrictions imposed by 2026 MSUK National Competition Rules Ch13. App.16. Arts. 7.1-7.9 and NCR Ch13. App.16 Art. 7.11 The approved maximum number of tyres to be used by each competing car is restricted to 10 tyres.

7.2 Tyres for Reconnaissance Vehicles:

Only road tyres are permitted to be used on Reconnaissance vehicles. Competition tyres are prohibited.

8.0 Fuel:

Refuelling of competition vehicles is permitted in the Service Area and at commercial sites along the route. These will be identified in the Road Book.

A Fire Extinguisher must be on hand during refuelling in the Service Area. No persons should be in the vehicle when refuelling is taking place, and the engine should be switched off. Fuel should not be poured straight from a can and a hand pump must be used in the first instance, then either a funnel or other appropriate pouring attachment must be used. Refuelling should be the last action taken before leaving the Service Area.

When necessary, as part of service, that changing a fuel tank or any item of the fuel circuit, emptying and/or refilling is permitted in the service area, provided that:

- The work is carried out under the knowledge of the organisers, who are to be informed in writing in advance
- No other work is carried out on the car while the fuel circuit is open and/or empty and/or refilling
- A suitable safety parameter is established around the car.

9.0 Reconnaissance:

9.1 Reconnaissance Procedures:

9.1.1 Reconnaissance (Recce) Cars:

Recce cars must be registered with the organisers prior to the start of the event. Details of the car which they intend to use for Reconnaissance, mobile phone numbers for the crew, and the address at which they can be contacted during and after the Reconnaissance period. The recce car must be registered with its official licence plate.

Rally cars used in the event are not permitted to be used as recce cars.

Please refer to Article 3 of these Supplementary Regulations for details and times for Reconnaissance Registration & collection of documents.

9.1.2 Reconnaissance Cars Numbers:

The organiser will supply reconnaissance car identification numbers which must be affixed to the top centre of the front windscreen and to the rear screen and side windows. Please refer to the layout in Appendix 8 for positioning of these decals.

These must remain in place and be kept visible for the full duration of the Reconnaissance. Any crew who fails to display these decals in accordance with the instructions at all times during Reconnaissance will be disqualified from the Event, with no refund of Entry Fee.

Competitors are obliged to inform Rally HQ immediately of any changes to their recce car.

9.1.3 Number of Persons on Board during Reconnaissance:

Only the driver and co-driver of the entered crew are allowed to be onboard the car during the reconnaissance of the special stages.

9.1.4 Reconnaissance Monitoring:

The Organisers will be monitoring Competitor speeds throughout the Reconnaissance.

Penalties for breaking the speed limits or reported dangerous driving by a Judge of Fact or member of the public during the Reconnaissance are as follows:

1st Offence - Verbal warning from the Clerk of the Course

2nd Offence - Fine of GBP £100.00 (fee must be paid before start will be permitted)

3rd Offence - Disqualification from the Event, with no refund of Entry Fee and reported to the applicable ASN.

9.2 Specific Reconnaissance Regulations:

9.2.1 Reconnaissance Schedule:

Reconnaissance of the special stages is only permitted in accordance with Article 3 of these Supplementary Regulations and the Specific schedule detailed in further Numbered Bulletins.

9.2.2 Reconnaissance Speed Limit:

The maximum speed limit for competing crews on all special stages during Reconnaissance is **30 MPH / 50 KPH**.

Competitors must comply with all National speed limits on all non-competitive road sections during the Reconnaissance.

9.2.3 Driving Directions:

Crews may only drive through special stages in the direction of the rally. Crews may only enter the special stages at the start specified in the roadbook and exit at the stop control.

Note that crews will meet members of the public who may be travelling in either direction on stages during reconnaissance. When a crew meets members of the public coming in the opposite direction on any stage, the crew is obliged to stop immediately and if necessary, reverse to a safe place to enable the member of the public to pass them safely. Remember that all motorsport will be judged by your behaviour.

9.2.4 Restrictions of Reconnaissance:

Each driver and co-driver who has entered the rally or intends to enter the rally, and who intends to drive on the streets and roads that are or could be used as special stages requires prior written approval from the Clerk of the Course, after the publication of the Supplementary Regulations.

The approval can be dispensed if the driver or co-driver concerned lives along the aforementioned street or road. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the competitor being reported to the Stewards for penalty.

Competitors must note that the special stages will be open to the public during Reconnaissance. Organisers may reduce speed limits in certain areas, and this will be identified in the roadbook or by Official Instructions.

9.2.5 Number of Reconnaissance Passes:

Competitors may make a maximum of **THREE** passes of each special stage during the Reconnaissance period. This applies even if a stage is used more than once during the event.

Each Crew can choose **ONE** day from a choice of two (16 Aug or 21 Aug) to carry out their Reconnaissance. Please do not ask for any special reconnaissance requests outside of these arrangements as we will be unable to accommodate.

9.2.6 Subjective Route Notes:

Competitors may create their own route notes during Reconnaissance or may purchase subjective route notes from the providers stated in Appendix 6.

The organisers accept no responsibility or liability for the accuracy or content of subjective route notes provided by the note suppliers.

10 Administrative Checks:**10.1 Documents to be Submitted Online at www.rallyscore.net:**

To keep the time required for administrative checks to a minimum, please make sure that you upload the following documents to the Rallyscore Entry Hub online via your entry form:

Entrant: (where applicable)	Driver:	Co-Driver:
Entrants Licence	Competition Licence	Competition Licence
	Copy of 2026 Club membership Card	Copy of 2026 Club membership Card

10.2 Timetable:

Refer to Programme in Article 3 of these Supplementary Regulations.

11 Scrutineering, Sealing and Marking:**11.1 Scrutineering Venue and Time:**

Cars may be presented at scrutineering by a representative of the team. For times and venues, please refer to Article 3 of the Supplementary Regulations and future Official Instructions.

11.1.1	Mandatory items required for Scrutineering:
• Complete certified homologation documentation for the vehicle (where applicable) • SOS / OK Board (DIN A3 Format) • ASN Logbook for the Rally Car (NCR 7.1, 13.10.7.4, 13.16.2) The application of all Obligatory Organiser's Advertising (see also Article 6.1 and Appendix 5 of these Supplementary Regulations) will be checked at Scrutineering.	
11.1.2	Timetable for Scrutineering:
Please refer to Article 3 of these Supplementary Regulations for Scrutineering Timetable and future Official Instructions.	
11.2	Mud Flaps:
Please refer to Motorsport UK Rally Regulations (NCR'S: 13.16.3)	
11.3	Windows:
Please refer to Motorsport UK Rally Regulations (NCR's: 16.3.11)	
11.4	Drivers' Safety Equipment:
All items of clothing including helmets and FHR (Front Head Restraint) intended to be used, e.g. HANS devices must be presented for scrutineering.	
11.5	Noise Levels:
The organisers will conduct static sound tests prior to the start. For all cars, noise tests will be conducted in accordance with NCR 13.1.7 and 7.8.3. All competitors' vehicles must pass these tests which will allow for a maximum of 100dBA at 4500 RPM using the 0.5 metre test.	
11.6	Special National Requirements:
For all classes, the Technical Regulations of the Motorsport UK National Competition Rules (NCRs) shall apply. A copy of NCR's will be available to view via the DNB and event website.	
11.7	Installation of the Safety Tracking System:
In association with Sporttraxx the Down Rally will operate a GPS Safety Tracking system that will enable the speed and position of each competing vehicle to be monitored and logged. Before the start, all cars will be fitted with a tracking device at the exit of the Service Area (TC 0). The tracker will remain active throughout the event. This must be retained in the car until the finish of the event where it will be removed by the system providers. Further information will be available in the Final Instructions. Should you retire from the event, please return your tracking device to Rally HQ. Failure to return the Tracker or returning the tracker in a damaged state will result in a GBP £300 penalty for replacement of the unit. If the tracking device is not returned or payment has not been made to the supplier for loss or damage, the crew will be reported to Motorsport UK (NCR 1.1.7) and your competition licences will be suspended until payment is made or the undamaged tracking device is returned.	

12.0 Other Procedures and Regulations:

12.1 Start Order & Procedures:

12.1.1 Ceremonial Start

The Friday evening Ceremonial Event will be located within the main shopping precinct at The Boulevard, Banbridge. The top 20 seeded Competitors and a number of invited competitors will be displayed after completing Scrutineering, with the first seeded competitor due at 19:30 on Friday 21 August.

All crews required to attend the Ceremonial Event will be notified in advance of the event and details will be posted on the ONB & DNB one week before the Event. If any Competitor specifically wishes to participate in the Ceremonial Start, please contact the Event Secretary.

12.1.2 Start Order:

The starting order will be in accordance with Motorsport UK National Competition Regulations (in order of anticipated performance).

12.2 Electronic Start Procedure:

The start for special stages will be given by means of “Start Lights” which will work as follows:

30 Seconds: RED light will be displayed

15 Seconds: RED and AMBER lights will be displayed 10 Seconds: RED light will go out

5 Seconds: AMBER Countdown 5-4-3-2-1

START TIME: GREEN light goes ON

5 Seconds after start time: GREEN light goes out.

The system is electronically coupled to a start line detection device that records any situation where the car leaves the start line ahead of the correct signal.

In the event of failure of the electronic system, the timekeeper will count down aloud: 30 seconds; 15 seconds; 10 seconds and the last 5 seconds one by one and then raise a flag or hand for the competitor to start the stage.

Any car not starting from the start line within 20 seconds after the start signal will be considered as retired and immediately moved to a safe place.

12.3 Rally Finish Procedure:

The Final Time Control will be located within The Boulevard precinct in Banbridge.

A finish ceremony will be held at the Podium location within the Boulevard precinct, Banbridge. All finishing crews and cars will be arranged in a finish holding area. The Top 3 overall crews in the event, the top 3 Northern Ireland Championship finishers, the top 3 Protyre Asphalt Championship & category finishers and any additional event category winners will be required to attend the Finish Podium Ceremony.

12.4 Permitted Early Check-In:

Early check-in is permitted at the following controls:

Final Control, The Boulevard precinct, Banbridge

12.5	Special Procedures and Activities:
12.5.1	Classification: The official final classification will not be distributed after the event. It will be published on the Digital Notice Board (DNB).
12.5.2	Retirement / Super Rally: If a crew retires from the event on either the Special Stage or the Road Section and is unable to continue, they must surrender their Timecard, along with the completed Damage Declaration, to the Accountability Car at the end of the field. Please have these ready to avoid any delays to the event schedule. If a crew retires in the Service Park and is unable to continue, they must surrender their Timecard, along with the completed Damage Declaration, to the CLO or to a Rally Office Official. Super Rally: If a crew retires and are able to rejoin for the second or final loop, they must retain their Timecard and inform the Accountability Car, or TC Official, of their intention to rejoin. They must also immediately inform the CLO (details in Appendix 3) of their intention and ability to rejoin for the second or last loop of stages. This will allow a re-scrutiny inspection to be arranged and an appropriate restart time to be considered. Eligibility for Super Rally: • The crew has not been disqualified for a breach of Safety, Sporting or Eligibility requirements. • The crew has not been reported for traffic infringements, speeding in the Boulevard precinct or the Service Area, reported Race with Respect issues, or who are under investigation by the CoC/Event Stewards. • The vehicle has been presented to the Scrutineering Team and has passed a re-inspection and deemed suitable to restart. Penalties to be applied for rejoining under Super Rally: • All crews who rejoin will have time penalties applied as outlined in 2026 NCR Ch.13 App.8 Art.1.3(a)(i).
12.6	Official Time Used During the Rally: All clocks will be set to BBC / British Telecom time. Rally time can be checked by using www.time.is
12.7	Rally Emergency Telephone Number: The emergency number for the rally will be confirmed in later communications and will be detailed in the Road Book and Time Card. It is mandatory for all crews to save this number in their mobile phones to ensure quick dialling in emergency cases.
12.8	Special Procedures for the Service Park:
12.8.1	Service Pass and Service Space: All competitors will be issued with a service pass. The entry fee permits a rally car and one service vehicle into the service area, where a 7m x 6m pitch will be provided. Any other support vehicles must park outside of the service area.

12.8.2 Service Area Speed Limit:

The maximum speed in the Boulevard precinct is **20 mph** / 30 kph. The fine for excess speeding is GBP £25.00 (first offence).

The maximum speed in the regrouping / service area is **10 mph** / 15 kph. The fine for excess speeding in the service area is GBP £50.00 (first offence).

Competitors or their representatives found to be exceeding service area speed limits will be referred to the Stewards and this will forfeit the ability to avail of Super Rally where applicable.

12.8.3 Behaviour in the Service Area:

Only competition cars and service vehicles with attached event-specific service plates are allowed to enter the service area.

The surface of the service area shall not be damaged. Nails, screws, or similar materials for fixing onto the surface of the service area are not allowed. The competitor is liable for damages in the service area assigned to their team.

The following rules apply:

- In the service area a liquid-tight groundsheet with a minimum size of 6 x 3 metres must be placed under the competition car as long as service works are being carried out.
- Service works shall not cause sustainable, avoidable or ecological damage. - At any time, the team must have a sufficient volume of oil absorbent materials and canisters for the disposal of waste oil, brake fluids, etc. Each service vehicle must have at least 1 Fire Extinguisher on hand at all times as well as the Extinguishers fitted to the competing car
- Waste, packing materials, vehicle parts, tyres, empty oil cans, batteries, etc., must be taken away and disposed of by the team.
- Any materials or liquids on the ground sheets / environmental sheets must be placed in the competitors' own containers and removed from the service area.
- The teams will receive 2 trash bags for refuse and biological waste which shall be disposed of at a specific location. In addition, teams and competitors are required to have sufficient supply of refuse bags as spare to remove their rubbish. This requirement will be checked by Judges of Fact.

After the end of the event, it is very important for future use of the venue by the event, that individual allocated service bays are handed over in a clean and tidy condition.

12.8.4 Infringement of Service Area Regulations:

Infringement of these regulations will be reported to the Stewards for penalties, and the cost of the disposal company and associated damage repairs will be charged to the team / competitor.

12.8.5 Security:

The service area will only be guarded temporarily. The organiser takes no responsibility for the belongings of teams / competitors.

12.9 Timecards & Damage Declaration Form:

Timecards will be issued at Admin / Recce sign on.

The damage declaration form on the rear of the timecards **MUST** be completed by the competitor and given to the **CRO** at the final control or to the Accountability Car at the rear of the field if retirement occurs on the road section or the stages. The Damage Declaration must be returned to the Entries Secretary no later than 48 hours after the event even if it is a 'nil' return.

This form refers to any third-party damage the competitor may have contributed to during all sections of the rally i.e. Road section, Special Stage, within the Boulevard precinct and Service area.

12.10	Modified Motorsport UK National Competition Rules 2026
All other SSR's of the Motorsport UK apply as written except for the following which are modified:-	
12.10.1	Servicing may only be carried out in specific areas as indicated in the final instructions.
12.10.2	In the event of a tie, a competitor who has a greater number of faster times will be the winner, failing which, the fastest time on the last stage and so on until a result can be obtained.

12.11	Penalties:
12.11.1	Jump Start - ONE MINUTE
12.11.2	Achieving a time, which is less than the minimum time stated on the time card – MINIMUM TIME FOR STAGE
12.11.3	Achieving a time which is greater than the maximum time stated on the time card – MAXIMUM TIME FOR STAGE plus 10 seconds' penalty per minute over the stage maximum
12.11.4	Achieving a time, which is between 2 and 3 above - ACTUAL TIME IN MINUTES, SECONDS.
12.11.5	Failure to attempt a special stage – DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.6	Failure to follow specified stage route - MAXIMUM TIME FOR STAGE
12.11.7	Failure to start a special stage when instructed - 10 MINS
12.11.8	Any competitor or any person acting on behalf of a competitor found on any stage, after the publication of the regulations, until the finish of the event will be excluded. The person or persons will be reported to Motorsport UK/MI for possible further penalties. This excludes any period of recce allowed by the organisers.
12.11.9	Reporting at any Control after due time - 10 SECONDS PER MINUTE
12.11.10	Reporting at any Control before due time - 20 SECONDS PER MINUTE
12.11.11	Not reporting at a Control – DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.12	Servicing outside designated service area(s) - DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.13	Reporting at a Control, 15 or more minutes after due time - DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.14	Failure to produce or surrender any Time Cards on request - DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.15	Misconduct by any member of a service crew or competing car - DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.16	Making a false start on a stage - ONE MINUTE
12.11.17	Breach of statutory requirement concerning the driving of a motor vehicle - DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.18	Receiving assistance contrary to 13.18.1 - DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.19	Not complying with a requirement of the road book - 10 MINS
12.11.20	Excessive speed or conduct likely to bring motor sport into disrepute. 1st offence - 10 mins / 2nd offence – DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.21	Excessive noise in breach of MOTORSPORT UK limits – DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.22	Refuelling a competing vehicle in breach of the event regulations - DISQUALIFICATION
12.11.23	Judges of fact may determine if a competitor has disobeyed the instructions, servicing, service area, controls, etc.

13	Awards:
Overall Classification: 1st, 2nd & 3rd award for driver and co-driver (Competitors who finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd Overall are not eligible for Class Awards) Class Awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd award for driver and co-driver. Any additional Awards will be notified in Officials Instructions.	

APPENDIX 1 – Provisional Itinerary

R Kings Competitions Down Rally 2026

SECTIONS 1, 2 & 3

Saturday 22 Aug 2026

TC	Location	SS Dist.	Liaison Dist.	Total Dist.	Target Time	1st Car Due
0	Start Control - Eagle Overseas, Banbridge					08:45
Distance to next Refuel		(22.64)	(38.13)	(60.77)		
1			9.56	9.56	00:25	09:10
SS 1		8.57			00:03	09:13
1F					00:12	09:25
2			9.61	18.18	00:21	09:46
SS 2		7.06			00:03	09:49
2F					00:10	09:59
3			5.96	13.02	00:15	10:14
SS3		7.01			00:03	10:17
3F					00:10	10:28
3A	Regrouping - Technical Zone IN		13.00	20.01	00:26	10:54
Regroup - The Boulevard, Banbridge						
3C	Regrouping - Technical Zone OUT				00:20	11:14
3C	Service IN				00:05	11:19
Service A - Eagle Overseas, Banbridge		(22.64)	(38.13)	(60.77)		
3D	Service OUT				00:40	11:59
Distance to next Refuel		(22.64)	(38.13)	(60.77)		
4			9.56	9.56	00:25	12:24
SS 4		8.57			00:03	12:27
4A					00:12	12:40
5			9.61	18.18	00:21	13:01
SS 5		7.06			00:03	13:04
5F					00:10	13:14
6			5.96	13.02	00:15	13:29
SS 6		7.01			00:03	13:32
6F					00:10	13:42
6A	Regrouping - Technical Zone IN		13.00	20.01	00:26	14:08
Regroup - The Boulevard, Banbridge						
6B	Regrouping - Technical Zone OUT				00:20	14:28
6C	Service IN				00:05	14:33
Service A - Eagle Overseas, Banbridge		(22.64)	(38.13)	(60.77)		
6D	Service OUT				00:30	15:03
Distance to next Refuel		(15.81)	(136.73)	(31.60)		
7			9.56	9.53	00:25	15:28
SS 7		8.75			00:03	15:31
7F					00:12	15:43
8			8.07	17.63	00:17	16:00
SS 8		7.06			00:03	16:03
3F					00:10	16:13
3A	Finish Control IN		12.50	19.56	00:32	16:45
Finish Ramp - The Boulevard, Banbridge						16:45
Total Distance		60.83	106.60	167.43	36.33% / 63.66 %	
			Sunrise	05:58	Sunset	20:11
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Section 1

Section 2

Section 3

APPENDIX 2 – Key Event Locations

Location:	Link:
Belmont Hotel, Banbridge Rathfriland Road, Banbridge BT32 3LH Sunday 16 August 2026 Friday 21 August 2026 Reconnaissance Registration & Final Administrative Checks	
Eagle Overseas, Banbridge 10 Cascum Crescent, The Boulevard, Banbridge, BT32 4GL Friday 21 August 2026 Trailer Park & Pre-Scrutineering Vehicle Unloading Location Saturday 22 August 2026 Safety Tracker Fitting – Pre-Start Control (TC0)	
The Boulevard, Banbridge The Boulevard Outlet Park, Banbridge BT32 4LF http://the-boulevard.co.uk Friday 21 August 2026 Scrutiny venue & Ceremonial Start Saturday 22 August 2026 Start Control (TC 0A)	
Eagle Overseas, Banbridge 10 Cascum Crescent, The Boulevard, Banbridge, BT32 4GL Saturday 22 August 2026 Service In Service Out	
The Boulevard, Banbridge The Boulevard Outlet Park, Banbridge BT32 4LF http://the-boulevard.co.uk Saturday 22 August 2026 Final Control & Ceremonial Finish F	

APPENDIX 3 – Competitor Relations Officer & Championship Co-ordinators

	Mr. Ian Porter Tel. +44 7771 573298 From 16 August to 22 August 2026 the Competitor Relations Officer can be reached via phone, SMS, and WhatsApp. There will be CRO presence at the following locations: Friday 21 August 2026 18:00 - 20:00 – Scrutineering Saturday 22 August 2026 08:00 – 08:15 - Competitor Safety Briefing 08:15 – 18:00 – Rally Office, Eagle Overseas or until Results are final
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Protyre MSUK Asphalt Rally Championship Co-ordinator

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Brown & Brown MSUK Northern Ireland Rally Championship Co-ordinator

Gavin Campbell : anicc.rally@gmail.com : Tel (+44) 07485 673 811

APPENDIX 4 – Subjective Route Note Providers

Subjective Route Notes and DVD for all special stages will be available by mail order from:
Patterson Pacenotes and from On the Pacenote.

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Fax: +44 (0) 2890 849 231

Email: sales@rallynews.net

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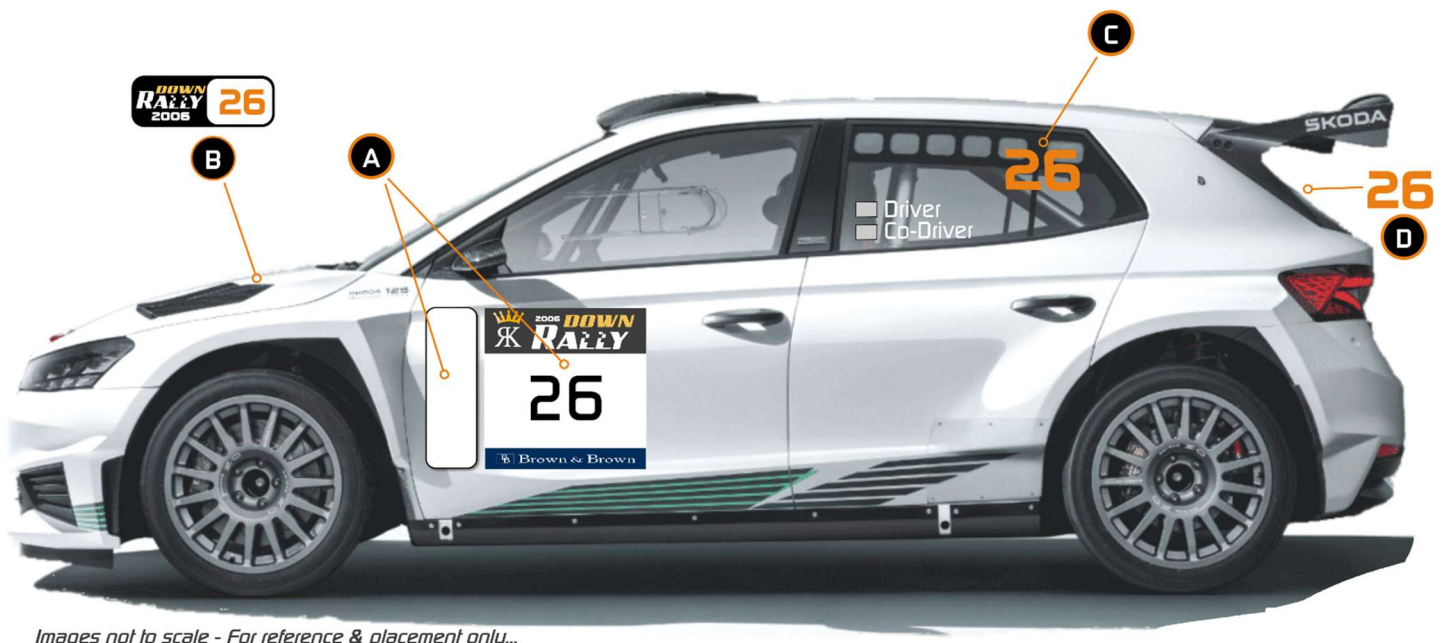
www.onthepacenote.co.uk

APPENDIX 5 – Positioning of Organisers Obligatory Advertising & Reconnaissance Decals.

Mandatory Reconnaissance Identification Decal Locations: <i>Must remain in place at all times.</i>	
A	Top of front windscreen
B	Top of rear quarter windows – both sides
C	Top of rear windscreen



Organisers Obligatory Advertising:	
A	Doorplate & Ancillary Sponsor Plate (if provided) applied both sides of Rally Car
B	Bonnet plate with Hi-Vis numbers
C	Hi-Vis numbers on side windows – both sides
D	Hi-Vis numbers on rear window
<i>All Decals must be in place as detailed below before the car is presented for Mechanical Scrutiny.</i>	



APPENDIX 6 – Allocation of Entries**Fully paid entries will be allocated using the following criteria:**

1	Competitors registered for the 2026 Brown & Brown MSUK Northern Ireland Rally Championship who have started ALL Rounds of the Championship so far in 2026. Competitors registered for the 2026 Protyre MSUK Asphalt Championship who have started ALL Rounds of the Championship so far in 2026.
2	Competitors registered for the 2026 Brown & Brown MSUK Northern Ireland Rally Championship who have started 3 Rounds of the Championship so far in 2026. Competitors registered for the 2026 Protyre MSUK Asphalt Championship who have started 3 Rounds of the Championship so far in 2026.
3	Competitors registered for the 2026 Brown & Brown MSUK Northern Ireland Rally Championship who have started 2 Rounds of the Championship so far in 2026. Competitors registered for the 2026 Protyre MSUK Asphalt Championship who have started 2 Rounds of the Championship so far in 2026.
4	Competitors registered for the 2026 Brown & Brown MSUK Northern Ireland Rally Championship who have started 1 Round of the Championship so far in 2026. Competitors registered for the 2026 Protyre MSUK Asphalt Championship who have started 1 Round of the Championship so far in 2026.
Note	The Organisers Reserve the Right to allocate up to 20 Entry Places to competitors who do not fall into any of the above Priority Categories.
Others	Entries received from Competitors who are not registered for any of the above championships will be allocated in order of receipt, after the Priority System & Organisers Allocation System have been implemented and will be added to a Reserve List should one exist.
Competitor Championship Registrations will be checked and verified by the Organisers with the respective Championship Coordinators. Any Competitor who falsely states that they are registered for any of the above Championships will be placed at the bottom of the Reserve List, should one exist.	

APPENDIX 7 – Race with Respect



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FAIR PLAY



INTEGRITY



SELF-CONTROL



GOOD MANNERS

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Race with Respect code of conduct for Competitors

A socially-minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community. We all have a responsibility to follow the values of the Race With Respect Code of Conduct, embodying respect, integrity, fair play, self-control and good manners.

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate RESPECT by:

- Treating everyone with respect regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or status.
- Being polite and respectful to all staff, officials, competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Never engaging in or tolerating offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Respecting my team mates, competitors from other teams and all other participants.

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate INTEGRITY by:

- Always taking part to the best of my ability.
- Behaving responsibly.
- Raising concerns when something isn't right and reporting any incidents of bullying to an Officer of the club or to Motorsport UK.

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate FAIR PLAY by:

- Respecting the rules and regulations, decisions and authority of the officials.
- Not cheating.
- Not breaking or bending the rules

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate SELF CONTROL by:

- Always speaking to other competitors with respect.
- Always being considerate of others and appreciating that everyone has a different level of skill and talent.
- Taking responsibility for my behaviour and the way I speak to other people.

As a competitor I agree to demonstrate GOOD MANNERS by:

- Placing an emphasis on fun and enjoyment, making our sport a friendly and welcoming place to be.
- Celebrating when I win and being gracious when I lose.

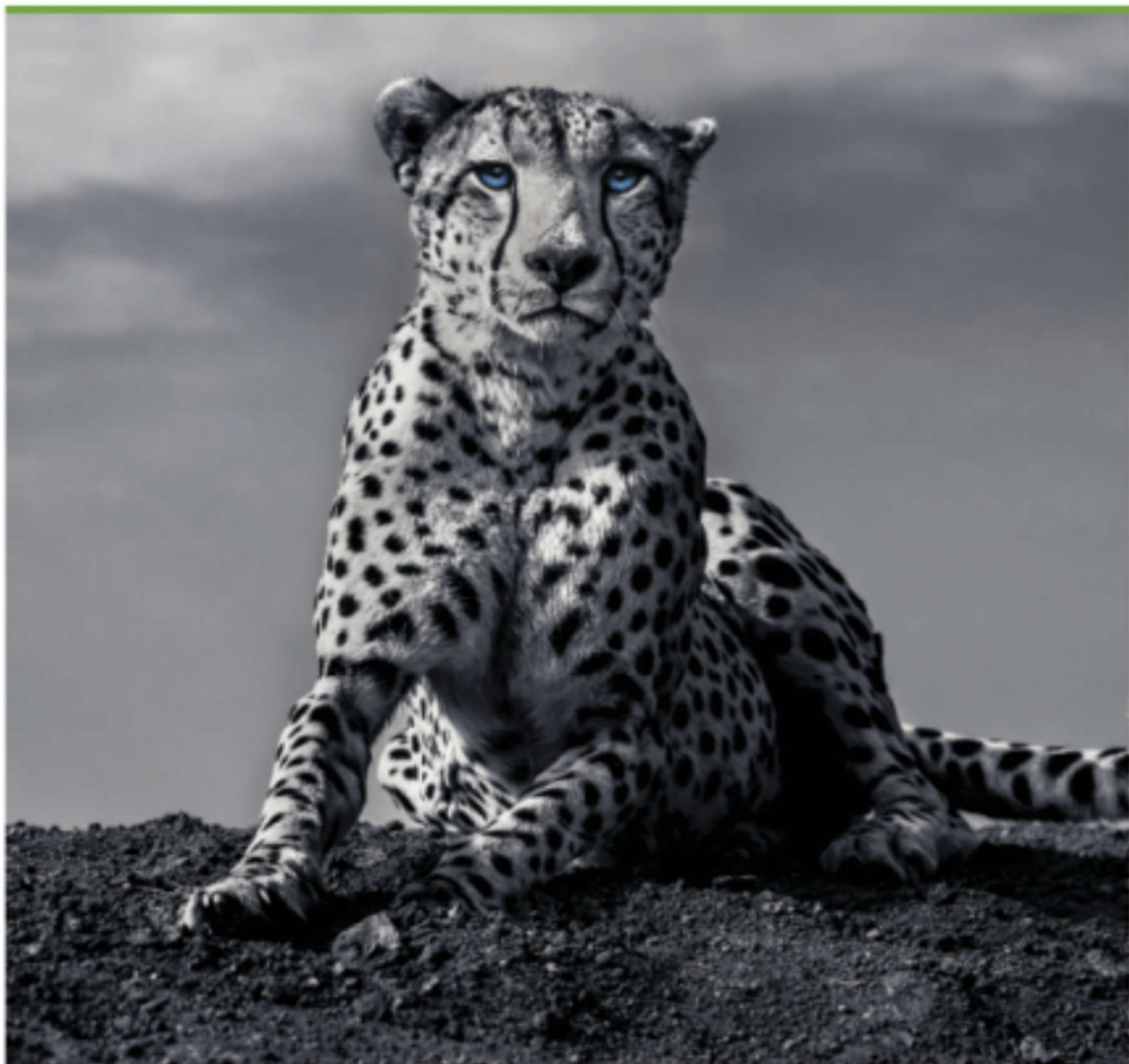
In accordance with regulation 10.1. Motorsport UK reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action for breaches of these codes of conduct. This may include being asked to leave Motorsport UK affiliated activities and being excluded from future activities.



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