Young Driver Support Scheme 2025

1.0. Introduction:

Mayo & District Motorsport Club CLG run a "Young Driver Support Scheme" over the course of a number of Autocross events each year to encourage young drivers to get involved in motorsport and to start off at an appropriate and realistic level in terms of initial costs of participation,
Autocross is a fantastic "entry level" discipline where many basic skills of proper car control, car preparation and car maintenance, as well as an understanding of the rules of our sport can be developed and improved upon in a safe and controlled off-road environment to provide an enjoyable day out without much of the expense associated with Stages Rallying.

The Scheme is open to Mayo & District Motorsport Club members only and is aimed at promoting a supportive, competitive and educational environment for those who will become the future talents of our sport.

The short-term goals are:

- To allow young competitors within the club to compete in entry level motorsport.
- To compete in a championship against drivers of the same age and experience.
- To provide a worthwhile award at the end of the scheme for the winner.

The ultimate goal is the development of a young driver to elite athlete level

- Autocross Championship winner
- Billy Coleman Award winner / Nomination to MI Rally Academy
- Irish Tarmac Championship winner
- European Rally Championship driver
- World Rally Championship driver.

2.0. General criteria:

2.1. Mayo will run 4 Autocross events in 2025.

March 16th
April 27th
July 6th
September 14th

2.2. The club reserves the right to amend the venue, surface (i.e. Grass, Tarmac) or event (i.e. Sprint) for one or more of the events.
2.3: The award will be decided over a competitor's **best three of the four rounds**. For the scheme to be valid a minimum of **three** events must run. Less than three and the scheme will be declared null and void.

2.4. Drivers **must** be paid up members of Mayo &District Motorsport Club in 2025, **before** the commencement of the scheme.

2.5. Drivers must be **under 30 years** of age at the start of the calendar year 2025. This age requirement may be amended.

*** 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 this entry form, below. 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.

2.6. Drivers must reside in or have their parental home within the Mayo & District catchment area i.e., Mayo, South Sligo, West Roscommon, North Galway.

2.7. The scheme will be class-based to include all competing classes. Points will be awarded per class, based on a run scoring system where every competitively timed run will gain points which will be used to calculate overall championship points for the class per event, rather than a scoring system which is based solely on the fastest time of the day for each round. This is designed to make the scoring more dynamic and reward consistency across the whole of an event.

2.8. The award will be decided as follows:

1. Every timed run is counted in each event, with championship points awarded on combined scoring during the event.
2. The fastest time in each run is awarded 10 points, 2nd fastest gains 9 points and so on down to 2 points.
3. Any driver starting a run but does not complete it is awarded 1 point for that run.
4. Any driver not starting a run is awarded 0 points for that run.

5. The scores from all three timed runs are added up into an Interim Classification where championship points are awarded based on the "Run" points table from highest to lowest.
6. In addition, bonus points are awarded to the fastest, second fastest etc timed run of the day. 3 bonus points are awarded to the fastest, down to 1 bonus point for 3rd fastest run of the day.
7. A competitor's best three scoring rounds of the four rounds of the 2025 Autocross season to count.
8. A driver must start at least 3 rounds to qualify.

2.9. Points will not be transferable between classes. Therefore, if a competitor changes class during the running of the scheme, points already scored will not transfer to the new class.

3.0. Overall Award:

3.1. In the event of a tie, the driver with the highest championship points on the final round or, failing this, on previous rounds working backwards will be the winner.

3.2. No further awards will be made.

3.3. The overall winner of the Young Driver Support Scheme will not be eligible for an award in the Harrington Junior Challenge.

4.0. Registration:

4.1. Drivers must register on the provided **form**, with a registration fee of **€10** payable at event sign-on and before the start of the first event in which they compete for championship points.

4.2. The scheme Registrar is Deirdre Burke (Tel: 087 238 0376) and the Co-ordinator is Trevor O' Connell (Tel: 086 193 0841). Both are available to deal with any queries.

5.0. Event Entry:

5.1. Priority will be given to registered competitors whose completed entry from, including entry fee, is received before the entry closing date.

5.2. Drivers will be eligible for overall awards and class awards on the day, within the class they have entered.

6.0. The Prize:

6.1. Individual class winners will make up the shortlist of candidates for the Mayo & District Young Driver Scheme. An independent panel of 3 judges will select from the shortlist the overall winner taking into consideration among other things their performance in their class, contribution to the motor club and their future plans.

6.2. The prize will be financial support from the Club which must be utilised for the development and progression of the competitor within the sport. More details on this will be announced by bulletin.