



## FOREST RALLY CHALLENGE REGULATIONS 2025

(Changes since 2024 are in **bold**)

### ARTICLE 1- CHALLENGE EVENTS

Events:

Round 1:	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Fivemiletown – Omagh MC
Round 2:	6 <sup>th</sup> September	Lakeland Stages – Enniskillen MC
Round 3:	19 <sup>th</sup> September	Bushwhacker Rally – Omagh MC (Leg 1)
Round 4:	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Bushwhacker Rally – Omagh MC (Leg 2)
Round 5:	11 <sup>th</sup> October	Dogleap Rally – Maiden City MC
Reserve Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> November	

*(Note: if the Reserve Event is brought into the Forest Rally Challenge, all registered competitors will be advised by means of a Bulletin and email)*

1.1 If any of the above events fail to run on the date(s) listed above it shall cease to be a round of this Challenge. Unless, in any case of Force Majeure due to national or global issues (e.g. pandemic), alternative dates or events may be exceptionally approved by the Board of ANICC Ltd. to enable us to complete the Challenge.

1.2 The official title of the Challenge is:

**Brown & Brown Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Forest Rally Challenge**

### ARTICLE 2 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 The Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Forest Rally Challenge is promoted and organised by the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs Ltd. (ANICC). The Challenge shall be administered by the Challenge Co-ordinator acting in consort with the current ANICC Rallies Specialist Committee on behalf of ANICC as promoter. This Challenge and these regulations have been registered with Motorsport UK; the Challenge Permit Number is: **CH2025/RALLY051**

2.2 Organisers of qualifying events retain the sole right to select and accept entries for the event. The Challenge organisers cannot be held responsible for any competitor not getting an entry, for any reason. It is a competitor's responsibility to obtain Event Regulations and make his/her entries.

2.3 For event award purposes the organisers of each qualifying event must provide classes for each Challenge class. **Organisers may NOT sub-divide classes, however they may provide additional Awards on individual events, or include additional Classes listed in Chapter 13, Appendix 24 (Chart 50) of the National Competition Regulations.**

2.4 In the case of any dispute relating to the Challenge it will be referred to a panel of three Challenge Stewards drawn from a panel appointed by the ANICC: Robert Harkness (Chair), Michael Riddick, Andy Millns and Gordon Noble, or any other appointed by the Board of the Association.

2.5 **The Official Noticeboard for the Championship shall be hosted at [www.nirallychampionship.com](http://www.nirallychampionship.com) where all official notifications, Championship points updates and Bulletins will be available.** From time to time the Championship Co-ordinator may issue a Bulletin to all competitors. Bulletins will be **posted on the Official Noticeboard and** notified to all registered competitors by email. Bulletins will have the same force as these regulations. **Championship points will also be available on the Association website at [www.motorsportni.org](http://www.motorsportni.org)**

2.6 The Challenge is governed in accordance with the Motorsport UK Regulations (National Competition Rules) incorporating the provisions of the FIA 2025 International Sporting Code and these Challenge regulations and any bulletins which may be issued.

### **ARTICLE 3 – ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 The Challenges and Categories are open to registered Drivers and Co-drivers who hold a suitable Competition Licence issued by the Motorsport UK Ltd or Motorsport Ireland and who are fully elected members of Motor Clubs which are affiliated to any of the following:

1. Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs Ltd
2. Scottish Association of Motor Sports Clubs
3. Association of North East & Cumbria Car Clubs
4. The Motorsport Commission of Motorsport Ireland

### **ARTICLE 4 – REGISTRATION**

4.1 In order to score points in the Challenge, competitors MUST register. Registration for the Challenge is £10 and must be paid online along with completion of an application via [www.rallyscore.net](http://www.rallyscore.net) no later than the published start time of the first car on the first event they wish to count as a scoring round. Once registered, competitors may not de-register.

Please note that points will not be awarded retrospectively under any circumstances.

4.2 Competitors (Drivers and Co-Drivers) names and email addresses will be made available to organising Clubs for the purpose of sending Event Regulations. Challenge **points** updates will be notified to all registered competitors by email to the email address they provided upon registering.

4.3 Competitors must display Challenge decals clearly on bonnet and boot of their rally car in the locations shown in Appendix 2.

Failure to display Challenge decals as directed may result in Challenge points being withheld. This will be a decision by the Challenge Stewards, based on circumstances and evidence. See Appendix 2.

**4.4 Any communication (such as text message, WhatsApp message or email) by a competitor with the Championship Coordinator will only be considered valid if sent from the account/number used by the competitor to register for the Championship. (See also Articles 5.2 and 11.8)**

#### **4.5 SPECIFIC CHALLENGE REGULATIONS**

4.5.1 By registering for the Challenge all competitors and their associates commit to positively promote and demonstrate the Motorsport UK's Respect Code which is appended to these regulations (Appendix 3).

4.5.2 Where any reports of disrespectful conduct are judged to be well founded the Challenge organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or report the matter to the Challenge Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Challenge points and/or race bans through to Challenge Expulsion and referral to Motorsport UK.

4.5.3 It is imperative that we promote the safety and wellbeing of young people and adults at risk. In addition to this all participants must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and abusive language and harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any such incidents must be reported to the Challenge Coordinator and/or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report Motorsport UK. Details of the Motorsport UK Policies and Guidelines are available at [www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre](http://www.motorsportuk.org/resource-centre) by selecting Policies and Guidelines.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - VEHICLE CATEGORIES AND CLASSES**

5.1 Overall **Class 1 (32mm turbo restrictor only) and Classes 2-10 and Class H. Turbo restrictors for Class 1 cars may be checked and/or sealed by the Championship Eligibility Scrutineer at any point on any Championship event.**

5.2 NOT USED.

5.3 Two Wheel Drive overall **Eligible 2WD cars in classes 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and H.**

5.4 NOT USED.

5.5 The **Class** championships will be divided into eleven Classes (listed in Appendix 1).

5.6 All cars must comply with the current 2025 Motorsport UK vehicle regulations (including the requirement for all vehicles to produce a logbook or vehicle passport) appropriate to the individual event entered.

5.7 Competitors are reminded of requirements under 2025 Motorsport UK **NCRs; 7.4.6 and 8.1.1.5** where all cars must be equipped with the facility to enable a fuel sample to be taken.

5.8 All cars must have Mud Flaps fitted behind each wheel. See 2025 Motorsport UK **NCR 13.16.3.13.**

5.9 See 2025 Motorsport UK **NCR 7.2.22.15-16:** All competitors must carry within their vehicle a self-contained Spill Kit capable of effectively absorbing minor spillages of up to 1.25 litres of all vehicle fluids – oils, fuels, coolants, battery acid. Used Spill Kits are to be disposed of in accordance with local or National guidelines and or Venue Regulations. They must not be disposed of in general waste facilities at the Event.

5.10 **All** Turbo engined cars, class determined by capacity x1.7; **All** Rotary engined cars, class determined by capacity x1.7.

5.11 Vehicle Regulations for homologated and previously homologated cars in classes **1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8**: The relevant FIA Homologation Papers must be produced at each event and cars must comply fully with FIA technical eligibility regulations (FIA Appendix J). Previously homologated cars are defined as cars whose homologation has expired, and they are permitted to compete in a previously homologated specification.

5.11.1 In all cases the degree of modification from standard shall be as provided for under FIA technical eligibility regulations (Appendix J).

5.11.2 The onus of proving eligibility for any homologated car rests solely with the competitor who should ensure that homologation papers are available at events.

5.12 The onus is on every competitor to ensure that they are entered each championship event in the correct class.

5.13 The ANICC Rallies Committee have appointed the following Motorsport UK Licensed Scrutineer to act as Eligibility Scrutineer for the 2025 Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship: Siobhann Deery.

5.14 Competitors by registering for this championship accept that their competing vehicle(s) may be checked throughout the course of this championship for compliance with the regulations for the class in which it is entered.

## **ARTICLE 6 - PENALTIES**

6.1 Should any car be found to be ineligible for the class entered on any Challenge event, or if any competitor is **disqualified** or excluded from the Challenge or a Challenge event for fraudulent or un-sportsmanlike behaviour, or bringing the sport into disrepute, all points scored by both crew members to date may be forfeited. Additionally, any registered competitor who brings the sport into disrepute through the unauthorised use of private and/or Forest Service lands will result in the forfeiture of any points awarded (to date) and the annulment of their registration for this Challenge.

## **ARTICLE 7 - SCORING**

The marking system shall be as follows: -

7.1 Overall Classification (Art 5.1) and 2WD Overall Category (Art 5.3)

Points will be allocated as follows:

- 1 point to each registered Driver that starts an event.
- 1 additional point to each registered Driver that finishes an event.
- To registered Drivers according to their position relative to other registered drivers in the final overall classification and overall categories of each event the following additional points: 28, 26, 25, 24, 23, etc. down to 3, 2 and 1.
- Points will be allocated to registered Co-Drivers in the same way.

## Class Awards

Each class will be marked separately with the leading registered Drivers in the final classification of each class being allocated class points as detailed above. Class points will be allocated to registered Co-Drivers in the same way.

7.2 In the event of the penalty in Article 6.1 being applied, there will be no adjustment to the scores of other competitors.

7.3 Points awarded in one class cannot be transferred to any other class. Likewise, points gained as a driver or co-driver are not transferable if the competitor changes 'discipline' during this Challenge.

7.4 Tie-break procedure: Overall, Category, Class and Challenge ties will be decided in favour of the Competitor with the greatest number of maximum point scores considering all scoring events; failing this, the greatest number of second points finishes, and so on down until the tie is resolved. If any further ties remain, they will ultimately be decided based on performance in the sequential order of events. (Scoring events are all events listed in the Challenge calendar, Counting events are those defined in Article 7.7)

7.5 Class ties shall be decided in a similar fashion, by considering points scored down to final registered Competitor in class.

7.6 Competitors will be notified of the Final Challenge results by way of a Competitors Bulletin via **the Official Noticeboard** ([www.nirallychampionship.com](http://www.nirallychampionship.com)) copied on the ANICC web site, [www.motorsportni.org](http://www.motorsportni.org) or by e-mail, issued by the Championship Co-ordinator.

7.7 For the purposes of Challenge, Overall, Class and Category Challenge points, the following definition of Counting Events shall apply (except in the case of ties – see Article 7.4):

- 5 events run – 4 to count.
- 4 or 3 events run – All to count.
- If less than 3 rounds run, there shall not be a Challenge.

## **ARTICLE 8 - AWARDS**

8.1 To be Eligible for an award, competitors must start in at least 3 rounds of the Challenge in any Class, Category, Overall or Challenge.

	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Co Driver</b>
1st Overall	Trophy	Trophy
2nd Overall	Trophy	Trophy
3rd Overall	Trophy	Trophy
2WD 1st Driver	Trophy	Trophy
<b>Classes.</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Co Driver</b>
1st in each Class	Trophy	Trophy
2nd in each Class	Trophy	Trophy
3rd in each Class	Trophy	Trophy

8.2 The Overall Champions (1st Driver and 1st Co-driver) will not be eligible for class awards. Second and third place Overall award recipients will be eligible for their respective class awards.

8.3 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Challenge organising Committee (ANICC Rallies Committee).

**ARTICLE 9 – NOT USED**

**ARTICLE 10 - NOT USED**

**ARTICLE 11 - NOT USED**

**ARTICLE 12 – ADDRESSES**

**Official Noticeboard on** Challenge website: [www.nirallychampionship.com](http://www.nirallychampionship.com)

ANICC website: [www.motorsportni.org](http://www.motorsportni.org)

Rallies Committee email address: [anicc.rally@gmail.com](mailto:anicc.rally@gmail.com)

**Challenge Co-ordinator:**

- **Gavin Campbell**      Tel: 07485 673811  
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**ANICC Rallies Specialist Committee (2024-25):**

**Championship Coordinator, Competitors Representative, ANICC Rallies Specialist Committee Chairman and representatives nominated by the following Member Clubs of ANICC:**

- **BADMC, CMC, DMC, EMC, LMC, MADMC, MAMC, MCMC, NAMC, NIMC, NUCC, OMC, RMC, UAC, UVCC.**

**Observers:**

- **ANICC Forest Liaison Officer (FLO) – Ian Culbert**
- **ANICC Government Liaison Officer (GLO) – Wilson Carson**

## APPENDIX 1: VEHICLE CLASSES

Championship Stage Rally Class Structures as per Motorsport UK NCR 13.24 Chart 50 as described below.

Class	Description
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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
2	All 4-wheel drive cars over 2000cc not eligible for Class 1*. *Not including derivatives of Rally2/R5 specification cars.
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	Homologated FIA Rally 3 cars and Group N4 that still comply with their homologation.
5	Homologated FIA Rally 4 and R2 cars with forced induction that still comply with their homologation.
6	Cars with normally aspirated engines over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc or forced induction engines up to and including 1500cc.
7	Homologated FIA Rally 5 and Rally 5-Kit cars.
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	Cars with normally aspirated engines up to and including 1400cc.
10	All cars complying with Motorsport UK Classes 10, 11, 12 and 13. <b>Class 10:</b> 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 R18. <b>Class 11:</b> 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 R18. <b>Class 12:</b> 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 R18. <b>Class 13:</b> Rally Start: Cars up to and including 1000cc that meet the current technical specification of Formula 1000 (as published on Motorsport UK website).
H	Historic Class: All cars complying with Motorsport UK Classes H1 to H15 inclusive.

### **Notes on Championship Classes:**

- A. Engine capacities quoted above are the actual capacity after application of any multiplier for forced induction.
- B. All Stage Rallies must use the Class structure detailed in Motorsport UK Chart 50. Events may choose to utilise all, or some, or amalgamate the Classes but must not deviate from the list.
- C. Events may include other separate classes as listed in the full Table 50 by Motorsport UK, however the classes listed above are those selected for the Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship.
- D. Any eligible car may enter Class 1 on an event, however only a registered competitor in a car with a turbo restrictor no larger than 32mm will score points.
- E. Historic cars complying with Motorsport UK Class H16 [Historic Category 5 Rally Cars including Appendix K. 1.1.91 – 31.12.99. Over 2001cc (All period homologated Group A and Group N 4wd cars, not including formerly homologated World Rally Cars)] may enter Championship Class 2. (See Article 5.4)

**Comment (not part of these Championship Regulations):** In respect of Class 10 and Class H, the Championship organisers will monitor the numbers of entries and starters on events and will consider adding further Championship classes in future years if there are sufficient regular entries.



## **APPENDIX 2: GRAPHICS PLACEMENT**

Championship graphics and their placement will be advised in a Competitors Bulletin (Art 2.5 and Art 2.6) on the Official Noticeboard (Art 2.5).

## **APPENDIX 3: RACE WITH RESPECT**



A socially minded standard of behaviour is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code:

[Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect)  
#RaceWithRespect

### The Values

- Respect
- Fair play
- Integrity
- Good Manners
- Self-Control

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

- Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.
- Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport; play your part in keeping the sport safe through your actions
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious or other beliefs, disability, sexual identity or other status
- Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters
- Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.