



## CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS 2025

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

### ARTICLE 1- CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Events:

Round 1:	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Bishopscourt Stages – Ballynahinch & District MC
Round 2:	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Tour of the Sperrins – Magherafelt & DMC
Round 3:	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Maiden City Stages – Maiden City MC
Round 4:	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Loughgall Stages – North Armagh Motor Club
Round 5:	19 <sup>th</sup> July	Down Rally – Rathfriland Motor Club

Reserve Dates:

**1st or 8th November**

*(Note: if a Reserve Event is brought into the Championship, 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 Championship. 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 Championship.

1.2 The official title of the championship is:

**Brown & Brown Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship**

### ARTICLE 2 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 The Motorsport UK Northern Ireland Rally Championship is promoted and organised by the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs Ltd. (ANICC). The Championship shall be administered by the Championship Co-ordinator acting in consort with the current ANICC Rallies Specialist Committee on behalf of ANICC as promoter. This Championship and these regulations have been registered with Motorsport UK; the Championship Permit Number is: **CH2025/RALLY003**

2.2 Organisers of qualifying events retain the sole right to select and accept entries for the event. The Championship 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 Championship 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 Championship it will be referred to a panel of three Championship 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 Championship is governed in accordance with the Motorsport UK Regulations (National Competition Rules) incorporating the provisions of the FIA 2025 International Sporting Code and these Championship regulations and any Bulletins which may be issued.

### **ARTICLE 3 – ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 The Championships 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

3.2 The NI Motor Club Team Championship is open to fully paid-up Member Clubs of the ANICC that are recognised and registered with Motorsport UK (see Article 11).

### **ARTICLE 4 – REGISTRATION**

4.1 In order to score points in the Championship, competitors MUST register. Registration for the Championship is **£30** 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.

When registering Competitors must claim eligibility for the Championship categories listed by ticking the relevant box:

- Junior Driver
- Ladies awards

- Motor Club Team (must nominate an ANICC Motor Club if claiming this eligibility)
- FIA 2WD Driver

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

Note: Drivers wishing to take part in the NI Junior Championship see Article 9.

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. Championship **points** updates will be notified to all registered competitors by email to the email address they provided upon registering.

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

Failure to display Championship decals as directed may result in Championship points being withheld. This will be a decision by the Championship 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 CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

4.5.1 By registering for the Championship 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 Championship organisers may issue warnings or require remedial actions and/or report the matter to the Championship Stewards who may impose appropriate penalties which can include loss of Championship points and/or race bans through to Championship 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 Championship 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**

The Championship will be divided into Vehicle Categories as follows:

5.1 Overall **Class 1 (32mm turbo restrictor only) and Classes 2-10 and Class H1. 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 FIA 2WD **Eligible FIA homologated 2WD cars in classes 3, 5, 7 and 8. Competitors must claim eligibility on the Championship registration form or by informing the**

**Championship Coordinator in writing (see also Article 4.4). Eligibility may be checked at each event by the Championship Eligibility Scrutineer.**

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

5.4 Historic                              **Eligible cars in Class H1 (2WD only)**

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**: All competitors must carry within their vehicle a self-contained Spill Kit complying with J 5.20.13 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.

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 Championship event, or if any competitor is **disqualified** or excluded from the Championship or a Championship event for fraudulent

or unsportsmanlike 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 Championship.

## **ARTICLE 7 - SCORING**

The marking system shall be as follows: -

7.1 Overall Classification (**Art 5.1**) and Overall Categories (**Art 5.2, 5.3, 5.4**), Classes (**Art 5.5**) and Championships (Art 9, Art 10, Art 11). **See also Appendix 1, Note D.**

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 championship.

7.4 Tie-break procedure: Overall, Category, Class and Championship 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 Championship 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 Championship 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 Championship, Overall, Class and Category championship 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 Championship.

## **ARTICLE 8 - AWARDS**

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

	Driver	Co Driver
1st Overall	Perpetual Trophy and Replica	Perpetual Trophy and Replica
2nd Overall	Trophy	Trophy
3rd Overall	Trophy	Trophy

FIA 2WD 1st Driver, Perpetual Trophy (Article 8.2 does not apply to this award.)

2WD 1st Driver, Perpetual Trophy (Article 8.2 does not apply to this award.)

Historic 1st Driver (Article 8.2 does not apply to this award.)

Classes.	Driver	Co Driver
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 Championship organising Committee (ANICC Rallies Committee).

## **ARTICLE 9 – NI JUNIOR DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

9.1 Eligibility -Competitors Under 25 years of age on 1st January **2025** (the onus of proof rests with the Competitor). Any driver wishing to take part in the NI Junior Drivers Championship must register on RallyScore as per Article 4. The Championship Coordinator may check eligibility at any point during the Championship season.

9.2 Points: - Points in the NI Junior Championship will be allocated on a Class based system, a registered Junior Competitor will score Points towards the Junior Championship in line with the points allocated to his class position as per Article 7.

9.3 Awards - 1st Junior Trophy - 1st driver in the NI Junior Championship results.

Article 8.2 does not apply to this award.

## **ARTICLE 10 - NI LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

10.1 Eligibility – Any female Driver or female Co-driver registered for the Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship.

10.2 Points – Points will be allocated according to Article 7 for relevant Drivers or Co-Drivers in the NI Ladies Championship

10.3 Awards – 1st Driver in the NI Ladies Championship; 1st Co-driver in the NI Ladies Championship. Article 8.2 does not apply to these awards.

## **ARTICLE 11 - NI MOTOR CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

11.1 Eligibility: When registering for the Championship, Competitors may nominate a Motor Club affiliated to the ANICC for the purposes of the NI Motor Club Team Rally Championship. The Club (or no club) should be nominated at the same time as Competitor registration. Motor Clubs who have been nominated by Drivers and/or Codrivers must confirm that they wish to enter them into the NI Motor Club Team Championship or otherwise. This will be handled by the Championship Coordinator based on the information registered via RallyScore.

11.2 Eligibility: Both crew members (Driver and Co-driver) must be members of the same ANICC Motor Club, and although Driver and Co-driver pairings may change from event-to-event points will only be awarded when both crew members on an event are registered for the Championship as members of the same ANICC Motor Club.

11.3 Eligibility: Points may be awarded when (i) the Motor Club is registered with the ANICC and is in good standing according to the ANICC Secretary and Treasurer and (ii) the competitors are both members in good standing of the nominated Motor Club (Valid current Membership cards must be available for inspection by the Championship Coordinator at events)

11.4 Points: Motor Club Team points will be awarded to eligible crews according to the Class points scored (see Article 7.1) and the top three scoring crews for each Motor Club on each event will count towards the Club Team Championship.

11.5 There is no limit to the number of crews any Motor Club may enter on any event. A Motor Club may decide not to enter the NI Motor Club Team Championship by informing the Championship Coordinator.

11.6 All events will count equally (no dropped scores and no bonus multiplier for the final round).

11.7 Awards: A Trophy will be presented to the winning Motor Club.

11.8 Once a competitor has registered on RallyScore and providing no points have yet been scored by that competitor, one change only of Motor Club may be accepted. This may be to add a Motor Club when one was not previously nominated, or to change the nominated Motor Club if one has been nominated or to change the registration status to “no Club”. Any change shall be notified by sending an email to [anicc.rally@gmail.com](mailto:anicc.rally@gmail.com) from the same email address as the competitor used when registering (**see also Article 4.4**). The effective date of any nomination or change shall be the date stamp of the email sent notifying the change.

## **ARTICLE 12 – ADDRESSES**

**Official Noticeboard on** Championship 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)

### **Championship Co-ordinator:**

- **Gavin Campbell**      Tel: 07485 673811  
   Email: [anicc.rally@gmail.com](mailto:anicc.rally@gmail.com)

### **Competitors Representative:**

- **Michael Johnston**      Tel: 07764 533381  
   Email: [dmj5300@gmail.com](mailto:dmj5300@gmail.com)

### **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>• <i>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.</i></li> <li>• <i>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.</i></li> </ul>
2	All 4-wheel drive cars not eligible for Class 1 & 4*. <i>*Not including derivatives of Rally2/R5 specification cars.</i>
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 Ch.13 App. 15 Art 1. <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 Ch.13 App. 15 Art 1. <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 Ch.13 App. 15 Art 1. <b>Class 13:</b> Rally Start: Cars up to and including 1000cc that meet the current technical specification of Formula 1000 (as published on ASN website).
H1	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 NCR 13.24.1.1 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 NCR 13.24.1.1 Chart 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 H1, 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  
#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.