



THE JEREMY O'CONNOR LONGFORD ARMS HOTEL STAGES RALLY 2025

2ND MARCH 2025
REGULATIONS





Midland Motor Club

Jeremy O'Connor Longford Arms Hotel Stages Rally 2025

Supplementary Regulations

1. Announcement

The Jeremy O'Connor Longford Arms Hotel Stages Rally 2025 is promoted by Midland Motor Club and will be held on the 2nd of March 2025. The competition will be held under the International Sporting code of the FIA, the General competition rules of Motorsport Ireland including Appendix 25, Appendix 26, Appendix 28, Appendix 29.1 and Appendix 31 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook and these Supplementary Regulations. Amendments to these supplementary Regulations will be issued by numbered bulletins. All competitors who submit entry forms agree to be bound by these regulations.

2. Organisation

2.1: These regulations have been submitted to and approved by Motorsport Ireland who have issued Permit No. 25/018 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

1. Triton Showers Motorsport Ireland National Rally Championship
2. Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup
3. Sligo Pallets Border Rally Championship
4. Hugo Loonam Midlands East Rally Championship
5. Motorsport Ireland Junior Rally Series (Rally4/R2/R2T)

2.2: Officials

Motorsport Ireland Steward (Chair)	John Crumlish
Motorsport Ireland Steward (Observer)	Jim Reilly
Club Steward	Adrian Grealy
Clerk of the Course	Cyril Rollins
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate	Rosemary Walsh
Club Safety Delegate	Tommy McCawley
Motorsport Ireland Chief Scrutineer	Raymond Knox
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Vincent Collins
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Frank Clancy
Secretary of the Event	Majella Kelly
Chief Marshal	Niamh McNamara
Chief Timekeeper	Eamon McGee
Radio Controller	Mary Fitzgearld
Press Officer	Barry Molloy

Communications Officer	B&M Communications
Children's Officer	Niamh Clancy
Competitors' Relations Officer	Paul McLoughlin
Results Provider	Angus Sealy
Results Officer	Conor Maguire
Assistant/Deputy COC for Tracking	Ruaidhri Nash
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	Fergal Heneghan
Chief Medical Officer	Dr Motti Rahman
Service Area Coordinator	Ivan Heffernan
Spectator Control	Aiden Harper
Stage Commanders	Paul Callaghan/Keith Farrell/Chris Coleman
Deputy Stage Commanders	Conor Coggins/Philip Woods/Niall Walshe
Car Accountability	Eoin Longworth
Sweeper	Lorcan Kennedy
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	Brendan Flynn
Chief Rescue Officer	Fergal Heneghan
Road Closed	Darren O'Connor
Equipment Officer	Joe Kenny

Safety Cars

001 Safety Car	Gerry Kelly/Marc McDermott
002 Safety Car	Stephen Kellett/Aine Phelan
003 Safety Car	Ger Hyland/Maeve Hyland
004 Safety Car	Michael Conneely/Michael Doherty

2.3 Rally Headquarters:

Longford Arms Hotel
Phone: 043 3346296
Email: reservations@longfordarms.ie

2.4 Secretary Contact Details:

Cara Treanor
Cloncaulfield
Moydow
County Longford
N39 FP29
Phone: 087 3389362
Email: midlandstagesrally2025@gmail.com

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be situated in Rally Office in Rally HQ, Longford Arms Hotel, Main Street, Longford Town, Co Longford and will be in operation from 08:00 on March 1st 2025 until 30 minutes after prize giving on March 2nd 2025 There will also be a live Notice Board on the Sportity App, which will be deemed to be supplementary to the Official Notice board.

The Password to the Sportity app will be **MIDLANDMOTO25**

3. Programme:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations Available	On publication of these regulations		Sportity MIDLANDMOTO25
Entries Open	On publication of these regulations		Shannonsportsit.ie
Entries Close (including priority)	17-02-2025		
Final Instructions Posted	24-02-2025		Sportity MIDLANDMOTO25
Reconnaissance Registration	01-03-2025	08:30-10:30	Rally Office, Longford Arms Hotel
Reconnaissance	01-03-2025	09:00-16:00	
Mechanical Scrutineering	01-03-2025	13:00-18:00	Midland Engineering, Ballinalee Road, Longford
Documentation Scrutineering	01-03-2025	13:30-18:30	Rally Office, Longford Arms Hotel
Competitors Safety Briefing	01-03-2025	20:30	Longford Arms Hotel
Rally Start	02-03-2025	08:30	Service Out
Rally Finish (first car)	02-03-2025	16:29	Finish Ramp / Parc Fermè
Provisional Results	02-03-2025	After last car enters Parc Fermè	Longford Arms Hotel & Sportity
Prize giving	02-03-2025	30 mins after results final	Longford Arms Hotel

4. Entries:

4.1 Information:

4.1.1 Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA competition licence or Commercial Entrants Licence by a recognized ASN.

4.1.2 All entries must be made on the official **online** Entry Form, via EVO Online Entry

<https://www.shannonsportsit.ie/evo/Entry?event=IE-MIDL-MI25>

to be fully completed and signed by the entrant, driver, and navigator with the appropriate fee submitted by Electronic Funds Transfer, **with the entrant's name as reference** to the account details below.

Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned. Entry fee bank transfers must have a reference included otherwise they cannot be accepted as payment of entry fees.

Please note: Entries will be deemed incomplete and will not be accepted unless accompanied by the full entry fee.

4.1.3 Entries from other (non-MI/MSUK) ASN licence holders from abroad may be accepted provided:

4.1.3.1 The licence holder has written permission from his/her ASN (National Governing Body) to compete in the declared "national competition organised abroad".

4.1.3.2 The licence holder holds a **STAGE RALLY** licence of an appropriate grade.

4.1.3.3 The Motorsport Ireland (MI) office has been contacted in the first instance and has given **PRIOR** approval for each individual competitor before an entry can be accepted. Written proof of which must be provided to the organisers

Note: The licence holder must be listed on the IRDS/BRDS database published weekly on www.motorsportireland.com. BRDS can be applied for via the MI website or by contacting the MI office. This must be applied for a minimum of 2 weeks before the event

The number of starters will be limited to 165, including Juniors & Historics. The number of starters in the Junior Class will be limited to 25. The number of starters in the Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup will be limited to 25 but these are in addition to the total amount of starters as they are not starting at the first control.

4.2 Entry Fee:

The entry fee is **€825**

The entry fee for Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup entrants is **€577**

The entry fee includes the Personal Accident Insurance, IRDS/BRDS Insurance at standard rate.

All competitors should ensure they are listed on the IRDS/BRDS database prior to the event, as published weekly on www.motorsportireland.com. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries on +353 (0)1 6775628 or email info@motorsportireland.com

Cheques, Bank Drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to:

Midland Autosports CLG T/A Midland Motor Club

Electronic Funds Transfers to be made to:

Account Name: Midland Autosports CLG

IBAN: IE27BOFI90177332776946

BIC: BOFIE2DXXX

Branch: Bank of Ireland, Longford

Transfers before Friday February 14th

IMPORTANT - Ensure competitor name is included as the reference

Cash should not be sent with an entry

Withdrawals:

If an entry is withdrawn before 17:00 on Friday February 14th the entry fee will be fully refunded. Entries withdrawn after that time will be refunded less the cost of insurance related to the entry.

Please note: Withdrawal of all entries must be completed via email to the Event Secretary.

4.3 Entry Criteria:

Completed entries will be accepted on a **first come first served basis**.

Please note: Entries will be deemed incomplete and will not be accepted unless accompanied by the full entry fee.

In the event of an excess of 165 entries being received, a reserve list will be compiled in order of

receipt of entries.

The Club will allocate priority to the following entries only:

(a) Appendix 31 Article 7 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

Note:

The club reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

5. Classes

5.1 The event will include classes, as per Appendix 29.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook

5.2 Notes on Classes:

For further details on requirements for cars in classes 1 to 7, refer to www.fia.com, Appendix J, articles 252 to 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R).

Refer to Appendix 29.1, Notes on Classes, Articles 1 to 24 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for further information on class eligibility.

Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup cars will run in Class 23.

6. Reconnaissance

6.1 Information:

Pace notes will be allowed on the event and competitors will be allowed to make pace notes on 01-03-2025 from 09:00 and 16:00 Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at:

Location: Rally Office, Longford Arms Hotel

Time: 01-03-2025 between 08:30-10:30

Recce stickers must be displayed on the reconnaissance car windscreen on the top left hand corner on the outside of the windscreen.

6.2 Pace note providers:

Pace notes will be available for sale by third parties. The club has no involvement in their preparation and accepts no responsibility or liability for their accuracy or otherwise.

6.3 Restrictions:

- Your attention is drawn to Appendix 29, article 4 of the current Motorsport Ireland yearbook referring to a competitor found on a stage outside the reconnaissance period.
- The maximum speed allowed on a stage during the reconnaissance is **60 KPH** unless a lower limit is indicated by a traffic sign or a written instruction issued by the organisers.
- Traversing the stage in the wrong direction is expressly forbidden.
- A maximum of three runs per stage are permitted, competitors will be signed in and out of each stage.
- The special stages will be open to normal traffic therefore the safety and rights of other road users must be respected and due care must be shown to other traffic.
- The organisers will monitor the behaviour of competitors on the reconnaissance route.

6.4 Penalties:

As per Appendix 29, Article 4 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook. Reports of breaches of any of the above regulations will be submitted to Motorsport Ireland who may convene a court of inquiry.

7. Administrative Checks:

- Documentation scrutineering is located at Rally Office between 13:30 – 18:30 on 01-03-2025.
- Competition licences, and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering.

*** 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 the entry form. 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

8. Scrutineering

- Mechanical Scrutineering will take place at Midland Engineering between 13:00 – 18:00 on 01-03-2025
- Post Event Mechanical Scrutineering will take place by invitation.
- Refer to Appendices 2 and 29.1 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for scrutiny requirements

9. Servicing:

- There will be a designated fixed Service Area.
- Outside of the Service Area, Support / Service is expressly forbidden (Article 11.5, Appendix 29 of the current (Motorsport Ireland Yearbook).
- Judges of Fact will monitor the route.
- Ground sheets are compulsory for each crew.
- Waste /Recycling bins will be provided in the Service Area and all crews are requested to place all rubbish and recyclable items in the bins.
- Competitors are requested to remove all oil / fluids and tyres from the Service Area. PLEASE LEAVE THE AREA AS YOU FOUND IT.
- In the Service Park / Area all competitors are required to have 2 fire extinguishers visible with displayed signage. The minimum requirement for the extinguishers is: 1 X 6 kg ABC Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced) 1 X 6 Litre AFFFF(Foam) Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced).
- Smoking by competitors or service crews is prohibited within the Service Area.
- A refuel zone will be in operation and all competitors are reminded that cars are not be refuelled outside of this area other than at designated commercial filling stations on rally route.

10. Features of the Rally:

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be held on 01-03-2025 at 20:15 at Longford Arms Hotel. It is compulsory for both members of the crew to attend the safety briefing as per Appendix 25, Article 3.2 (no excuses accepted). To ensure full attendance timecards can be collected at the safety briefing. Failure to attend the safety briefing will result in a non-start for the competitor(s) in question and they will forfeit their entry.

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of *approximately 96.4 stage kilometres and 139.6 road kilometres for Competitors using the refuel zone and 148.2 road kilometres for Competitors using pump fuel from the designated filling station*. The rally will comprise of 9 sealed surface stages with service after SS3 and SS6. Cars in the Junior Class (Class 16) and Historic Classes (17, 18, 19) will compete over all stages. Car in the Dacia Sandero Challenge Cup (Class 23) will start the event after first service and compete over the final two loops of stages.

10.3 Super Rally:

A restart after retirement facility (Super Rally), as per Art 13, Appendix 29 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook, will be operated on the rally. Super Rally (Restart After Retirement)

11. Super Rally (Restart After Retirement)

11.1: General

11.1.1 The rally will operate Super Rally in accordance with Art 13, Appendix 29 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

11.1.2 A crew retiring from the rally between Parc Ferme Out and Arrival Control of SS 3, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 3 stages or Service Out Control after 6 stages, subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below.

Cars retiring from the rally on Special Stages 3, 4, 5 or the following road sections, may only restart from Service Out Control after 6 stages or Service Out Control after 6 stages, subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below.

No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 6, 7, 8 or 9.

A restart will not be permitted where a crew has been excluded for non-compliance with eligibility requirements, traffic violations or a decision of the COC / SRC (Super Rally Co-Ordinator).

On retirement the crew must hand in their time cards to Car Accountability or the marshal / timekeeper at the next available location / Time Control. Crews must retain the duplicate copy of the time card, to present to SRC as proof of stages completed.

11.1.3 Competitors must register for Super Rally if they wish to restart from Service Out Control after 3 stages, or from Service Out Control after 6 stages by contacting the SRC prior to a time that will be specified in Final Instructions. Service Vehicles will not be permitted to access the Stage or any closed road between runs. The organisers will, where possible, endeavour to remove any car to the nearest location where it can exit the stage. The transport of the car from that location is the responsibility of the competitor. The car must return by direct route to the Service Area.

11.1.4 Competitors availing of Super Rally must present themselves at Service Out Control after 3 stages or Service Out Control after 6 stages, with their car for re-scrutineering. Due time is 10 minutes before their original due time at that Control, and 15 Minutes maximum lateness will apply.

11.1.5 The SRC, once satisfied that the crew meets the conditions for a restart, will issue new time cards which will have a restart time and restart Control Number. The restart position within the field shall be at the discretion of the COC / SRC.

11.1.6 The organisers reserve the right to disallow restart on safety grounds or if the restart would interfere with the running of the rally.

11.2 Penalties:

11.2.1 Penalties will be applied as per Article 13.5, Appendix 29 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

11.3 Award Eligibility:

11.3.1 In order to be classified as a finisher the crew must complete a minimum of 4 special stages, which must include the final loop of stages and the finish control.

11.3.2 Crews completing the rally under Super Rally regulations will be eligible to score points in Championships

12. Awards:

12.1 Award Details:

1st Overall	2 Awards
2nd Overall	2 Awards
3rd Overall	2 Awards
1st in each class	2 Awards
2nd in each class	2 Awards
3rd in each class	2 Awards

CLUBS AWARDS (FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT WON AWARDS)

Tony Gibbons Award	Highest placed club member not receiving an award
Ciaran Kelly Award	Spirit of the Rally
Declan Collum Award	Fastest Midland Motor Club Member
Aaron Hagan Award	Highest Placed Midland Motor Club Crew (Junior Class)
Finnegans Garage Award	Highest Placed Subaru
David Donohue Award	Highest Placed Honda Midland Motor Club Member

12.2 Notes:

Overall winners are not eligible for class awards. If 5 or more entries are not received in each class, the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes or reduce the awards accordingly.

13. Judges of Fact

13.1 Judges of Fact:

A list of Judges of Fact will be advised in Final Instructions and will be posted on the official notice board and Sportity. The decision of a Judge of Fact will be final.

14. Provision Regarding Postponement, Abandonment or Cancellation of the event.

The organisers reserve the right to postpone, cancel or abandon the event in circumstances such as:

- Insufficient entries received at the closing date for entries
- On safety grounds (upon consultation with the MI Stewards reference GCR 129.11)
- Force Majeure (upon consultation with the MI Stewards reference GCR 129.11)

14.1: If a decision to postpone, cancel or abandon the event is made, the organisers will communicate this decision using one of or a combination of the following:

- Final instruction posted on Sportity App
- Final instruction posted or emailed directly to the crew member nominated as official contact on entry form
- Direct instruction to at least one of the crew from an official of the event

Every effort will be made by the organisers to communicate such a decision in a timely manner however, in circumstances of force majeure or on safety grounds, it may be necessary to make such a decision during the running of an event. In such cases, this decision will be communicated via direct instruction from an official of the event. In the event of cancellation or postponement for more than 24 hours, entry fee shall be refunded in accordance with GCR 51.2