

# 2012 IRISH TARMAC RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP – REGULATIONS

## 1.0 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

<b><i>SAFETY DIRECT GALWAY INTERNATIONAL RALLY</i></b>	<b><i>4/5 FEB. 2012</i></b>
<b><i>DONNELLY GROUP CIRCUIT OF IRELAND RALLY</i></b>	<b><i>6/7 APRIL 2012</i></b>
<b><i>CARTELL.ie INTERNATIONAL RALLY OF THE LAKES</i></b>	<b><i>4/6 MAY 2012</i></b>
<b><i>TOPAZ DONEGAL INTERNATIONAL RALLY</i></b>	<b><i>15/17 JUNE 2012</i></b>
<b><i>TODDS LEAP ULSTER RALLY</i></b>	<b><i>17/18 AUG. 2012</i></b>
<b><i>CORK 20 INTERNATIONAL RALLY</i></b>	<b><i>6/7 OCT. 2012</i></b>

## 2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.1 The ***Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd (TROA)*** in association with Rally Sports (Killarney) Ltd, Ulster Automobile Club., Galway Motor Club, Donegal Motor Club Ltd, The Munster Car Club Ltd, and the Northern Ireland Motor Club Ltd. hereafter called the Organisers, will organise the 2012 Irish Tarmac Rally Championship which will be contested during the 2012 Motorsport season. The Championship will be run in accordance with these Regulations, which will constitute the Supplementary Regulations for the Championship and Appendix 15 of the 2012 Motorsport Ireland yearbook. The Organisers reserve the right to issue additional statements clarifying items in these Regulations. Championship Permit number **P8/12** has been granted by Motorsport Ireland..
- 2.2 The Championship will be known as the “**Irish Tarmac Rally Championship**”. These regulations have been approved by Motorsport Ireland.
- 2.3 The Championship is promoted by the Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd (**TROA**).
- 2.4 Championship Points positions will be published on the Championship Website **[www.irishtarmac.com](http://www.irishtarmac.com)** after each event and queries regarding allocation of points should be referred to the Championship Manager **within 10 days** of the date of such publication. In the event of no queries regarding the allocation of points being received by the championship manager, individual event results and overall championship standings will be deemed final 10 days following publication of the results as referred to above.
- 2.5 The Organisers of qualifying events retain the sole right to select and accept entries for their event and the Championship Organisers cannot be held responsible for the refusal of an entry.

2.6 In the case of any dispute relating to the Championship, it will be referred to Championship Stewards appointed by Motorsport Ireland. (Reference 2012 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook).

2.7 These Regulations supersede all previous Regulations Issued by the Tarmac Rally Organisers Association Ltd.

### **3.0 ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 Eligibility for the Championship is open to all competitors who hold suitable competition licences valid for these events, have the approval of their ASN (National Sporting Authority) and drive a car eligible for the particular counting round and listed in Article 5, Vehicle Categories and Classes.

3.2 TROA have appointed Rab McDonald to act as eligibility scrutineer for the Championship. Additional eligibility scrutineers may be appointed by TROA as required.

### **4.0 REGISTRATION**

4.1 Drivers and Co-Drivers will be required to register for the Championship and, in addition, may be required to carry Championship Logos on their car throughout the series. **These Championship stickers must be displayed only on the door panels of competing cars and the front of the bonnet of competing cars in the position illustrated in fig.1. In the event of the front of the bonnet having been sold to a sponsor an alternative position on the bonnet may be used. This alternative position MUST BE AGREED WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER.** Competitors must register on or before the 15 June 2012 (i.e. before the start of the fourth round of the Championship). Only Registered competitors will be awarded points. **Points will not be awarded retrospectively.**

Registration forms will be available at documentation scrutiny where competitors will be expected to complete registration. The final deadline for completion of registration on any event will be the conclusion of the drivers briefing. If no drivers briefing is held, the deadline for registrations will be the due start time of the first competitor.

4.2 The Registration Fees will be as outlined on the registration forms

4.3 Once a competitor has had registration accepted it will not be possible for him to disclaim any points for which he has become eligible.

4.4 Points Scoring:

#### **THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS CONFINED TO HOMOLOGATED CARS ONLY**

(1) For the avoidance of doubt and general clarification all categories and classes will score points on all rounds of the Championship.,

Competitors best scores in **5 out of 6 rounds** will be used to calculate the final positions. In the event only 5 rounds are run then only the best 4 scores will count. If only 3 or 4 rounds are run then all 3 or 4 rounds will count. If less than three rounds are run, this element of the championship shall be abandoned for the current year. TROA reserve the right to cancel the Championship at any time.

4.5 In the event of the abandonment of any element or all of the championship, all funds and Registration Fees accruing shall be held within the TROA accounts. There shall be no refunds under any circumstances.

4.6 In registering for the Championship all competitors are bound by these Regulations.

## **5.0 VEHICLE CATEGORIES AND CLASSES**

5.1 The Championship will be divided into the following FIA Homologated classes:

**CLASS 1**      **Group N two wheel drive cars up to and including 2000cc including cars homologated in the FIA R1 categories**

**CLASS 2**      **Group A two wheel cars up to and including 1600cc including cars homologated in the FIA R2B category**

**CLASS 3**      **Group A two wheel drive cars over 1600cc and up to and including 2000cc including cars homologated in the FIA R2C, R3C, R3T and R3D categories and Super 1600 homologated cars**

**CLASS 4**      **All homologated four wheel drive Group N cars, including Super 2000 cars and cars homologated in the FIA R4 category**

**CLASS 5**      **All vehicles homologated by the FIA in Group R-GT**

**CLASS 6**      **Group A over 2000cc including World Rally Cars**

5.2 There are no Championship tyre regulations. Competitors attention is drawn to the regulations governing tyres as published in the event regulations for each event in the series.

5.3 **The Group N category** is open to competitors in any vehicle homologated in Group N

5.4 To be eligible for the **Best Overseas Crew** only the Driver must reside outside the Island of Ireland for the duration of the Championship. Points will be scored in this category only as a combined crew.

5.5 To be eligible for the **Best Mixed Crew Award** one member of the crew must be male and the other female. Points will be scored in this category only as a combined crew.

## **6.0 SCORING**

6.1 The scoring of points will be confined to Registered Competitors whose scores will be counted towards their final positions. Points will be awarded separately to Drivers and Co-Drivers.

6.2 Scoring Divisions in the 2012 Irish Tarmac Rally Championship shall be:

**Overall:** To the Overall positions in the qualifying events classifications.  
**Categories:** To the Overall positions in each Category in the qualifying events classifications.  
**Classes:** To the Overall positions in each Class in the qualifying events classifications.

6.3 Points will be awarded as follows:

### **ALL EVENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GALWAY AND CORK 20 INTERNATIONALS**

#### **OVERALL CLASSIFICATION AND OVERALL CATEGORIES**

16/ 12/ 10/ 8/ 7/ 6/ 5/ 4/ 3/ 2 points will be awarded for overall classification and overall categories - first to tenth place respectively. One point will be awarded to every other classified finisher

#### **CLASS AWARDS**

15/ 12/ 10/ 8/ 7/ 6 points will be awarded for class positions - first to sixth respectively. One point will be awarded to every other classified finisher in each respective class.

**6.4 FIFTY PERCENTAGE BONUS POINTS WILL BE ALLOCATED ON BOTH THE GALWAY AND CORK 20 INTERNATIONALS. AS A CONSEQUENCE SCORES ON THESE EVENTS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS**

#### **OVERALL CLASSIFICATION AND OVERALL CATEGORIES**

24 / 18 / 15 / 12 / 10.5 / 9 / 7.5 / 6 / 4.5 / 3 points will be awarded for overall classification and overall categories - first to tenth place respectively. One point will be awarded to every other classified finisher

#### **CLASS AWARDS**

22.5 / 18 / 15 / 12 / 10.5 / 9 points will be awarded for class positions - first to sixth respectively. One point will be awarded to every other classified finisher in each respective class.

6.5 Bonus points 3, 2 and 1 respectively will be awarded to the first three non WRC finishers in the overall classification in all events.

- 6.6 Bonus points will NOT be awarded to a non WRC finisher classified as the Overall event winner.
- 6.7 Where an event runs more than one leg a further 3, 2,1 points will be awarded to the first three competitors in the overall classification on each leg of the rally in both Overall and Category classifications. These bonus points will be awarded on a maximum of two legs in any event. Where an event runs more than two legs these points will be awarded for the final two legs of the event.
- 6.8 The results of the Circuit of Ireland International and the Circuit of Ireland National events may be combined for the purposes of producing championship results.
- 6.9 Alterations to the number of counting rounds or dates shall be decided by the TROA Ltd. (*App.15, Art. 2.4 of the Motorsport Ireland Year Book applies*)

## **7.0 PENALTIES**

In accordance with the individual event regulations the Championship promoters and the individual qualifying event organisers reserve the right to seal and examine cars to prove their eligibility in their Class and Category. Should any car be deemed to be ineligible for its Class or Category by the organisers of either the qualifying event or the Championship, then irrespective of any action taken by event organisers, the Championship promoters shall exclude the Driver and Co-Driver concerned from the Championship in relation to that event and they shall forfeit all points gained on the event.

- 7.1 Any competitor who is excluded from the results of an event for a breach of servicing/support regulations or a breach of reconnaissance regulations or whose vehicle is excluded from the results of an event for a breach of technical regulations must count that event as one of the events contributing to his/her total championship score, thus forfeiting all championship points, prize money and awards associated with that event. These penalties will be applied automatically by TROA Ltd after the process of protest and appeal has been completed.

## **8.0 TIES**

Ties will be resolved by reference to the tying competitors results within the General Classification, the Category or Class where the tie exists by applying **tests 8.1 to 8.4 in that order.**

- 8.1 In favour of the competitor with the highest number of highest scores, second highest scores and so on taking into account all relevant rounds of the Championship.
- 8.2 In favour of the Competitor with the highest score in his/her first scoring event in relevant rounds.
- 8.3 In favour of the Competitor with the highest position in the Overall Results of his/her first relevant scoring event.

8.4 In favour of the Competitor with the highest position in the Overall Results in the first relevant qualifying event in the series as run.

## 9.0 AWARDS

*To qualify for any of the following awards competitors must start at least two rounds and be classified as a finisher on one round of the championship.*

*Winners of Overall awards will not be eligible for class awards*

<b>1st Overall</b>		<b>“FISHER PERPETUAL TROPHY”</b>	
<b>1st Overall Group N</b>		<b>“MEEGAN MOTORS PERPETUAL TROPHY”</b>	
<b>1st Overall</b>	2 Trophies	<b>Best Group N Crew</b>	2 Trophies
<b>2nd Overall</b>	2 Trophies	<b>Best Overseas Crew</b>	2 Trophies
<b>3rd Overall</b>	2 Trophies	<b>Best Mixed Crew</b>	2 Trophies
		<b>Best Front Wheel Drive Crew</b>	2 Trophies
		<b>Best Lady Driver</b>	1 Trophy
<b>1st in each class</b>	2 Trophies		
<b>2nd in each class</b>	2 Trophies		
<b>3rd in each class</b>	2 Trophies		

**Additional awards may be added to the above list at the discretion of TROA.**

## 10.0 REGISTRATION

Application forms for registration are available from the Championship Manager or at [www.irishtarmac.com](http://www.irishtarmac.com)

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## 11.0 EVENT REGULATIONS

The TROA Ltd will not be responsible for the issue of event regulations to registered competitors, although competitor's names and addresses will be forwarded to event organisers in order that they may update their mailing lists.