



Laois Rallysport Club



REGULATIONS

Sunday 4th June 2023

Round 2

**HUGO LOONAM
MOTORS**

DRIVING THE MIDLANDS

Midland's East Rally Championship 2023-24

Round 2



Toyota Twincam Challenge

Rally HQ:

Killeshin Hotel
Dublin Road Portlaoise

ORGANISED AND PROMOTED BY

Laois Motorsport Club Ltd

The Laois Heartlands Rally is promoted by Laois Motorsport Club Ltd t/a Laois Rallysport Club and will be held on the 4th of June 2023. 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, and Appendix 29.1 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 completed 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 has issued Permit No: 23 / 060 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting round:

1. 2023 Hugo Loonam Motors Midlands East Rally Championship
2. 2023 Top Part West Coast Rally Championship

2.2 Officials:

Steward(s) appointed by Motorsport Ireland:	Jim Reilly and Paul Hughes
Steward appointed by Organizing Club:	David McCormack
Clerk of the Course:	Sean McEvoy
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate:	Cyril Rollins
Chief Scrutineer:	David Forde
Deputy Clerk of the Course:	Eoin Langton
Assistant Clerks of the Course:	Patrick O'Connor and Simon Reid
Deputy/Assistant COC with responsibility for tracking:	TBC
Secretary of the Event:	Louise Moffitt
Entries Secretary:	Louise Moffitt
Club Safety Delegate:	Paul Downey
Chief Marshal:	Benny Dowling
Chief Timekeeper:	David Walshe
Radio Controller:	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer:	Kieran Murphy
Child Protection Officer:	TBC
Competitors' Relations Officer:	Liam Hayes
Results Provider:	Angus Sealy
Emergency Services Liaison Officer:	Tony Walsh
Chief Medical Officer:	Dr. Breffni Reynolds
Service Area Coordinator:	Brendan Downey
Spectator Safety:	TBC
Stage Commanders:	SS1 L. Cushen SS2 G Middleton
Deputy Stage Commanders:	SS1 P. Noland SS2 P. Gorman
Car Accountability:	Joe Moffitt
Sweeper:	TBC
Super Rally Co-Ordinator:	Jeff Case
Chief Rescue Officer:	Fergal Henehan-Athlone Rally
Rescue	
00 Safety Cars:	TBC

2.3 Rally Headquarters:

Killeshin Hotel, Dublin Rd, Portlaoise

2.4 Entries Secretary Contact Details:

Louise Moffitt

Raheen

Portlaoise

Co. Laois

Phone: 0870903664

Email: lou.moffitt59@gmail.com

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be situated in Rally Office in the Killeshin Hotel, Rally HQ and will be in operation from 09.00 on Saturday June 3rd to 18:30 on Sunday June 4th.

3. Programme (subject to change)

Event	Date	Time	Location
<i>Supplementary regulations available</i>	<i>On publication of these regulations</i>	<i>On publication of these regulations</i>	
<i>Entries open</i>	<i>On publication of these regulations</i>	<i>On publication of these regulations</i>	
<i>Entries close</i>	<i>24/05/2023</i>	<i>23:59</i>	
<i>Entry list published</i>	<i>01/06/2023</i>	<i>20:00</i>	
<i>Final Instructions posted</i>	<i>01/06/2023</i>	<i>20:00</i>	
<i>Reconnaissance registration</i>	<i>03/06/2023</i>	<i>09:00-12:30</i>	<i>Rally HQ</i>
<i>Reconnaissance</i>	<i>03/06/2023</i>	<i>09:30-16:00</i>	
<i>Mechanical scrutineering</i>	<i>03/06/2023</i>	<i>14:00-18:30</i>	<i>Plaza, Laois County Hall</i>
<i>Documentation scrutineering</i>	<i>03/06/2023</i>	<i>14:30-19:00</i>	<i>Rally HQ</i>
<i>Ceremonial start (top 20 cars)</i>	<i>03/06/2023</i>	<i>19:30</i>	<i>Rally HQ</i>
<i>Competitors safety briefing</i>	<i>04/06/2023</i>	<i>08:30</i>	<i>Rally HQ</i>
<i>Rally start (first car)</i>	<i>04/06/2023</i>	<i>09:50</i>	<i>Parc Ferme Out</i>
<i>Rally finish (first car)</i>	<i>04/06/2023</i>	<i>16:30</i>	<i>Pacre Ferme In</i>
<i>Results</i>	<i>04/06/2023</i>	<i>No later than 18:00</i>	<i>Rally HQ</i>
<i>Prizegiving</i>	<i>04/06/2023</i>	<i>30 mins after final results</i>	<i>Rally HQ</i>

4. Entries

4.1 Information:

4.1.1 Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA Competition License or Commercial Entrants License as issued by a recognized ASN.

4.1.2 All entries must be made on the Official Entry Form, be fully completed and signed by the entrant, driver and navigator, accompanied by the appropriate fee and forwarded to the Entries Secretary. Incomplete or illegible forms will be returned.

4.1.3 Entries from other (non MI/MSUK) ASN INTERNATIONAL grade STAGE RALLY license holders from abroad may be accepted provided:

4.1.3.1 The license 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 license holder holds an FIA INTERNATIONAL grade STAGE RALLY license.

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 license holder must be listed on the IRDS/ BRDS database published weekly on MI Website. 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 in the main field will be limited to 140 (including Historic Classes and a maximum of 10 Juniors).

4.2 Entry Fee:

The entry fee is €675

The entry fee includes CPA IRDS / BRDS insurance at standard rate. All competitors should ensure they are listed on the IRDS / BRDS database, as published by Motorsport Ireland on the Thursday prior to the event. Contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries +353 (0)1 6775628.

Cheques / Bank Drafts or Postal Orders should be made payable to: Laois Motorsport Club Ltd

Entries to be sent to:

Louise Moffitt

Raheen

Portlaoise

Co. Laois

Phone: 0870903664

Email: lou.moffitt59@gmail.com

4.3 Entry Criteria:

In the event of an excess of 140 entries being received the following criteria will be applied to all entries received from the opening to the closing date of entries.

- Laois Rallysport Club members.
- Top Part West Coast Championship registered competitors
- Hugo Loonam Motors Midlands East Rally Championship registered competitors
- 20 entries allocated at the organiser's discretion

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

If an entry fee is withdrawn via e-mail before 20:00 on Friday May 26th the entry fee will be fully refunded. Entries withdrawn after this time and before 20:00 on Thursday June 1st will be refunded less a €50 admin fee. Entries withdrawn after June 1st will be refunded less 20% of the entry fee. All refunds will be issued within 2 weeks of the rally date.

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:

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

Currently homologated WRC, RRC, S2000 Rally 1.6T, R5 cars and modified versions of these car types are not permitted on any Single Stage or Mini-Stage Rally. Currently homologated S2000 atmospheric cars may take part. WRC cars which are out of homologation may compete on Non Restricted Mini-Stage Rallies, in Class 15.

6. Reconnaissance

6.1 Information:

Pacenotes will be allowed on the event and competitors will be allowed to make pacenotes on: June 3rd: 09:30 – 16:30

Competitors must sign on before commencing reconnaissance at Rally HQ.

Recce stickers will be issued and must be displayed on the reconnaissance car windscreen.

6.2 Pacenote providers:

Pacenotes 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 also drawn to Appendix 29, article 4 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook referring to a competitor found on a stage outside the reconnaissance period.

6.4 Penalties:

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

7. Administrative Checks

Administrative checks:

- Documentation scrutineering is located at Rally HQ, on June 3rd from 14:30-19:00
- Competition licences, and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering.

8. Scrutineering

- Mechanical Scrutiny will take place on June 3rd from 14:00-18:30 at Plaza, Laois County Hall
- Post Event Mechanical Scrutiny will take place by invitation at location TBC
- 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 must be utilized by all crews.
- 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 refer to Appendix 25, Art. 2.10.2 of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook regarding fire extinguishers requirements and signage in the Service Area.
- Smoking by competitors or service crews is prohibited within the Service Area.

10. Features of the Rally

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

Competitors Safety Briefing will be held at 08:30 on June 4th in Rally HQ. It is compulsory for at least one member of the crew to attend. (Appendix 25, Article 3.2).

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 90 stage kilometres and will comprise of number sealed surface stages with service after SS2 number and SS4.

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.

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 SS2, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 2 stages, or Service Out Control after 4 stages (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below).

Cars retiring from the rally on Special Stages on 2, 3, or the following road sections up to and including the Arrival Control of SS4, may only restart from Service Out Control after 4 stages (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below).

No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 4, 5, or 6.

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 2 stages or from Service Out Control after 4 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 2 stages or Service Out Control after 4 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 3 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, 2nd & 3rd overall - 2 trophies per crew.

1st, 2nd & 3rd in class - 2 trophies per crew.

Other Awards.

Please note your eligibility on your entry form.

Best Ladies Crew.

Best Laois Crew': 1st, 2nd & 3rd Laois Rallysport Club crews, regardless of class finish positions, both crew to be club members of "Laois Rallysport Club" on or before April 30th 2023.

Twin Cam Challenge: Highest placed Toyota Corolla AE86 Twincam crew. Car must comply with Class 10, 11R, 16 or relevant Historic Class. 1st, 2nd & 3rd - 2 trophies per crew. All suitably qualified competitors are eligible to win awards regardless of overall and class positions.

Twin Cam Challenge Open Class: Toyota Corolla Twin Cam AE86 that complies with Class 12, 13 & 14 regulations. 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2 trophies per crew.

Other awards at the discretion of the club. The onus is on competitors to ensure that they are entered for the appropriate awards.

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

- List of Judges of Fact will be advised in final instructions and will be posted on the official notice board.
- The decision of a Judge of Fact will be final.

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

The organizers 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 club website
- Final instruction posted on official notice board
- 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.