

# **REGULATIONS FOR THE TOP PART WEST COAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2026**

PERMIT NO:..... P011/26

## **ARTICLE ONE**

The TOP PART WEST COAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP is being organised by the West Coast Championship Committee and will be hereafter referred to as the Championship Promoters.

*Rounds for 2026.*

<i>Mayo Stages Rally</i>	<i>March 1st</i>
<i>Birr Stages Rally</i>	<i>March 29th</i>
<i>Limerick Stages Rally</i>	<i>May 31<sup>st</sup></i>
<i>Kerry Mini Stages Rally</i>	<i>July 5th</i>
<i>Tipperary Stages Rally</i>	<i>July 19th</i>
<i>Galway Stages Rally</i>	<i>August 23<sup>rd</sup></i>

*Provisional Awards Date is Saturday October the 17th 2026.*

The Promoters may issue Competitor Bulletins by email to all registered Competitors or on *the Sportivity App*. The information contained will also be included in the Top Part West Coast Rally Championship website. Such notices will form an integral part of the Championship Regulations from the date of publication.

Competitors must start 3 events to qualify for an end of year award. Competitors may count their best 4 scores from the 6 events in the series and all starter points can also be counted.

## **ARTICLE TWO**

If through Force Majeure any of the above dates are altered or an event is cancelled the Championship Promoters reserve the right to either accept a change of date, substitute a nominated event, cancel that particular round, or alter the number of events on which scores will count. If an event or part of an event is cancelled due to Force Majeure, Championship Points will only be eligible to be awarded once 50% of the said event is completed.

Registrations will close after Round 4 the Tipperary Stages Rally. Competitors who have registered prior to this but cannot qualify IE. Start 3 Events in total will not be awarded any further points.

## **ARTICLE THREE**

Competitors are required to register for the championship before the start of their first qualifying round that they enter. Once registered it is not a requirement that you sign on at subsequent rounds. *Registration is per car for Drivers and Co-Drivers* .Drivers and Co

Drivers score points on an individual basis. On applying for registration Competitors agree to be bound by these regulations and any amendments subsequently issued.

*Once a Crew has registered in a class and then wants to change class, the onus is on the competitor to inform the registrar of the change and Re registrar.*

*If a co driver changes to a different driver the onus is on the Co Driver to re registrar that driver/crew to score points in both their class and in the Overall Standings. A Registration Fee Will Apply for this Change.*

A registration fee of **€50** per car is required for this championship. To register visit the Championship Desk at paper scrutiny at each event or contact the Championship Registrar: Senan Raggett Email: [senan.topparchampionship@gmail.com](mailto:senan.topparchampionship@gmail.com) or go on line to the Website: [www.westcoastrallychampionship.com](http://www.westcoastrallychampionship.com). to pre registrar and complete payment at you next event at the Championship Desk.

Top Part Priority Entries.

The organisers will ensure that the following competitors get priority on each event.

*First 2 Competitors in classes 7, 8,*

*First 3 competitors in classes 1, 2A, 3,4,15,16,17,18, and 19.*

*First 4 competitors in classes 2, 5, 9 and 10.*

*First 5 Competitors in Classes 11R, 11F, 12 and 20.*

*First 6 Competitors in class 13 and 14.*

First 5 Competitors in the Overall Standings will receive priority provided, that their entries are in order on the closing date the onus is on the competitor to inform clubs of their position in the championship when sending in their entry.

Priority crews will be provided by the Championship Committee for the club Secretary should they wish to avail of this service. This can only be done provided a list of the completed entries has been provided to the committee as soon as entries close.

Team Award.

A Team consists of 3 cars organised by competitors who will register the Team with the Championship Registrar.

50 points will go to the highest team member in the overall standings and 1 point less in descending order to the remaining members of each team. The Team with the most points at the end of the Championship will be presented with the award at the Championship Prize Giving. All starters points will count for final results. Competitors must start 3 events to qualify and May count the best 4 results from the 6 events for final results. TO QUALIFY FOR AN AWARD EACH COMPETITOR MUST START A Minimum of 3 EVENTS.

*Top Part Women in Motorsport Awards*

*Winning Driver will receive the "Katie Quinn Perpetual Cup" and the winning Co Driver driver will receive the Top Part Perpetual Cup.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Awards will also be presented.*

Points will be by Class. There will be two categories in which competitors can compete in:

1. Drivers

2. Co-Drivers

The number of points you are eligible to score is based on the position you finish in your class (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd.....9th, 10th 11th etc. in class) so everyone has a level playing field. If it were to be a draw between 2 people on points then the winner will be determined by the

most 1st in class finishes, 2nd in class finishes and so on until a winner is determined. An example of a points system:

1st in class- 10 points  
2nd in class- 8 points  
3rd in class- 6 points  
4th in class- 5 points  
5th in class- 3 points  
6th in class 1 point

#### **ARTICLE FOUR**

The Championship will include the following classes: For a full list on classes please refer to the current Motorsport Ireland yearbook, APPENDIX 29.1 – CLASSES FOR ALL STAGE RALLIES: For further details on requirements for cars in classes 1 – 7 refer to [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) Appendix J articles 252 – 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R 2.2. Notes on Classes. 2.2.1. These classes must be included in all Championship events but Clubs may subdivide them if they so wish and/or include additional classes subject to the overall limitation that Clubman's cars are restricted to a maximum engine capacity of 3500 cc. See also 'Notes on Classes', Appendix 29.1 ARTICLE FIVE  
Class 2 will be split into 2 and 2A AS REQUIRED BY MI.

The Awards for the Championship will be as follows:

***(1) 1st, 2nd and 3rd Overall***

***,Michael Farrell memorial driver's trophy and the Trophy world Co Drivers trophy.***

***(2) Overall Junior 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>***

***(3) Overall Historic 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>***

***(4) Overall Rally 3 or 4 Winners***

***(5) Overall RWD Winners.***

***(6) Overall FWD Winners.***

***(7) Overall Top Part WIM Awards 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>***

***(8) Class Awards 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Class***

***(9) Team Award Winners 1<sup>st</sup>.***

***(10) Drive of the Championship Winners***

***(11) Club Awards NEW FOR 2026***

***Highest Overall Place Club Crew Award from each of the SIX Organising Clubs in 2026. Mayo, Birr, Limerick, Kerry, Tipperary and Galway.***

***All Award Winners must Start 3 Events to Qualify.***

(11) The Pat Dowling memorial Shield will be awarded to the winning co-driver in class 12

(12) A merit award may be presented at the discretion of the organising committee.

Competitors Winning Overall Awards are excluded from classes.

Competitors winning TP WIM Ladies Awards are eligible for Class Awards.

#### **ARTICLE SIX**

Overall points will be awarded to the first twenty registered competitors on each event, 20 points going to highest registered finisher, 19 points to the next highest etc. down to 20th placed registered competitor who will receive 1 point. In addition, each class will be marked

separately with the leading Driver and Co- Driver receiving ten class points, with one point less going to successive places. Points awarded in one class cannot be transferred to another class. Ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of wins, and failing this the greatest number of second places etc. until the tie is resolved, if further ties remain they will ultimately be decided on the basis of performance in sequential order of events. IE. The first round event will count first and so on. Competitors excluded from events for breach of technical regulations will be dealt with in accordance with Appendix 15 of the MI year book.

Championship Starter Points are as follows

**Mayo.....1**

**Birr.....1**

**Limerick.....1**

**Kerry.....3**

**Tipperary....3**

**Galway.....3**

## ARTICLE SEVEN

Queries will only be dealt with up to 14 days after publication of provisional TOP PART WEST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP results. Queries: Complaints and queries in relation to the Championship shall be made in writing or e-mail to the Championship Registrar who shall publish a decision on the matter/s within seven days

Protests:

Protests may be made in relation to matters which have been the subject of a decision by the Registrar of the Championship. Such protests shall be subject to a time limit of 14 days after the publication of the decision of the Registrar. Such protests shall be addressed to the Championship Stewards c/o Motorsport Ireland and must be in writing and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

TWO TOP PART SPONSORS DECALS WILL BE PROVIDED AND MUST BE DISPLAYED ON COMPETITION CARS.THESE DECALS MUST BE POSITIONED ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE CAR FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF POINTS.

RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON [www.westcoastrallychampionship.com](http://www.westcoastrallychampionship.com) and the Top Part Championship Sportity App

## ARTICLE EIGHT

A drive of the event will be decided on each round of the Championship for Registered Competitors that complete the entire event.

Winners of this on each event will be featured in a post on our Social Media Channels after each event.

The Championship Registrar will decide what Class and Stage is used to decide this award. The award will be decided and Judged by the Championship Committee on each event. In the event of the nominated stage being interrupted and scratch times given, or the stage is cancelled the Drive of the day will move to the same stage on the next loop. (E.g. If the nominated stage was SS2 the DOD would move to SS4 and if SS4 was interrupted or cancelled the DOD would move to SS6. In the unlikely event of the third loop being interrupted or cancelled, the DOD will be withdrawn.) The Drive of the Championship will

be announced at the Championship Prize Giving and the winner will be selected from the winners in the 6 rounds .Drive of the Day Contenders must start 3 events to Qualify

#### ARTICLE NINE

In order to be eligible for championship points Rally 2 finishers must comply with Appendix 29 Article 13 of the Current M.I. Yearbook.

#### DATA PRIVACY POLICY

The West Coast Championship will follow the Motorsport Ireland GDPR policy. This can be found in the 2026 Yearbook. This Data Privacy Policy specifies the information collected by Motorsport Ireland, its members and affiliates, specifically how it is collected, processed, stored, maintained, shared and erased. They reserve the right to amend this Data Privacy Policy at any time without prior notice. We advise you to check our website regularly for any amendments. We will always comply with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when dealing with your personal data. You can find further details on the GDPR at <http://gdprandyou.ie/> All personal data is processed in accordance with the requirements of Irish and European data protection legislation, including the: - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), or Regulation (EU) 2016/679 - Data Protection Act 201