



Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship 2011



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Championship Regulations



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The **Hankook Junior Prize Drive** will be awarded to a Hankook Registration Scheme driver who must be under 26 years old on 1st January 2011. The junior scheme will include several training days during the year and the participants will be assisted on various subjects including driving ability, personal fitness and nutrition, PR and promotion. The group will also be monitored on their abilities and the new skills learned during the course of the year by a panel of judges and the eventual winner will be announced at the end of the season.



Sunoco Race Fuels confirm that they will continue their support for the Group N category within the 2011 Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship.

Sonoco, through its local distributor Jim Crozier, will reward the top Group N Sunoco fuel user on each event with a free drum of fuel on their next Championship event.



The **Hankook Registration Scheme** is open to any competitor who signs up to exclusively use Hankook tyres and carry the official branding during each event (decals will be supplied at event sign-on)

and they will be rewarded with a £50 voucher redeemable against their next purchase of Hankook tyres on each round that they start .



Portadown based **Superdrive Motorsport Centre** have committed their support to the NI Junior Championship within the 2011 Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship.

The Superdrive NI Junior Rally Championship will cater for competitors under the age of 23 years and will run in conjunction with all the 10 rounds during the season.



The **Hankook MSA Northern Ireland 2wd Championship** is open to all drivers entered in all classes, excluding 2 & 9.

The 2wd Champion will be the highest placed driver in the final overall standings and will be the recipient of the coveted UAC Larne Perpetual Trophy.



Montgomery Motorsport has again pledged support for the Historic classes within the 2011 Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship.

The Agher based Motorsport Equipment and Accessories specialist will award vouchers to the first and second placed finishers in Historic classes 10 & 11 on each round of the 2011 series.



The Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Championship Ladies Award will be presented to the highest placed female driver in the final overall results.

Other Awards and incentives to be announced.

The Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs' (ANICC) Stage Rally Championship was promoted for the first time in 1977. Despite a gap during the '80s (when the forests were not available to motorsport), the Championship has gone from strength to strength. Recently, in 2009, it became an MSA Home Countries Championship.

1977	Ronnie McCartney
1978	Robin Lyons
1979	Ernest Kidney
1980	Ronnie McCartney
1981	Robin Lyons
1982	No award
1983	No award
1984	No award
1985	No award
1986	No award
1987	No award
1988	Kenny McKinstry
1989	Kenny McKinstry
1990	Mervyn Hill
1991	Mervyn Hill
1992	Mervyn Hill
1993	Stephen Emerson
1994	Stephen Mawhinney
1995	George Robinson
1996	Stephen Harron
1997	Sean Haveron
1998	John McKeown
1999	Denis Biggerstaff
2000	Robin Philips
2001	Denis Biggerstaff
2002	Derek McGarrity
2003	Eugene Donnelly
2004	Kevin Lynch
2005	Kevin Lynch
2006	Kevin Lynch
2007	Glenn Allen
2008	Conor McCloskey
2009	Derek McGarrity
2010	Stuart Biggerstaff





HANKOOK MSA NORTHERN IRELAND STAGE RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

2011 REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1- CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1.1 Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Rally Championship Calendar: -

19	February	North Armagh Motor Club
19	March	Ballynahinch & District Motor Club
23	April	Ulster Automobile Club
07	May	Magherafelt & District Motor Club
04	June	Newry & District Motor Club
06	August	Maiden City Motor Club
10	September	Enniskillen Motor Club
24	September	Omagh Motor Club
22	October	Rathfriland Motor Club
05	November	Mid-Antrim Motor Club

1.2 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. (ANICC Rule 14.applies).

1.3 The official title of the championship is:

The Hankook MSA Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship

ARTICLE 2 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 The MSA Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship is promoted and organised by the Association of Northern Ireland Clubs. This championship and these regulations have been registered with the MSA Ltd. (Waiver of Permit No: **2011/5705**)

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 Organisers of each qualifying 'gravel' round of the championship may allow all cars eligible for and entered in classes 1, 3 and 10 to traverse special stages before all other competing cars (subject to MSA approval).

2.4 For event award purposes the organisers of each qualifying event must provide classes for each Championship class. Organisers may sub-divide classes if they wish, or include additional classes.

2.5 In the case of any dispute relating to the Championship it will be referred to the panel of Championship Stewards as appointed by the ANICC, namely: John Richardson, Terry Ingles and John McLernon.

2.6 From time to time the Championship Co-ordinator may, via web site, **www.nirally.com**, issue a Competitors' Bulletin to all competitors. This will have the same force as these regulations.

- 2.7 The championship will be run in compliance with the International Sporting Code (and its appendices), the General Prescriptions Applicable to all FIA Championship Rally's, the provisions of the National Sporting Regulations, which comply with the FIA Regulations, these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.
- 2.8 FUEL - the use of FIA Specification fuel (FIA Appendix J, Article 252, Article 9 – **maximum 102 octane**) will be permitted for all competitors contesting the Championship (J 5.13). Competitors may also use fuel that complies with the MSA definition of pump fuel (see "The Terminology").

Article 3 - ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to those who hold a suitable Competition Licence issued by the MSA Ltd or Motorsport Ireland and who are fully elected members of Motor Clubs which are affiliated to the following:
1. Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs
 2. Scottish Association of Car Clubs
 3. Association of North East & Cumbria Car Clubs
 4. The Motorsport Commission of Motorsport Ireland

ARTICLE 4 - REGISTRATION

- 4.1 In order to score points in the Championship, competitors **MUST** register. Registration for the Championship is FREE upon completion of the appropriate form which must be submitted to the Championship Coordinator not later than the end of Administrative checks for each event from which points will be awarded. Competitors can register for Championship points up to the end of Administrative checks for Round seven. Please note that points will not be awarded retrospectively
- 4.2 Competitors (Drivers and Co-Drivers) names and addresses will be forwarded to organising Clubs for the purpose of sending Event Regulations. Championship updates will be featured on the championship website. www.nirally.com
- 4.3 Competitors **must** display Championship decals clearly on the car in the locations specified by the Championship Co-ordinator, i.e. Championship Door Squares and any subsidiary Championship sponsor decals issued by the Championship Co-ordinator. The location of display of the latter will be announced in a Competitor' Bulletin

ARTICLE 5 - VEHICLE CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

- 5.1 The Championship will be divided into **Vehicle Categories** as follows:

5.2 **(a) Overall (b) Group N (c) Two Wheel Drive**

- 5.3 The championship will be divided into **Eleven Classes**:

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|---------|---|
| Class 1 | Group N cars up to and including 2000cc (see Article 5.12 for definition). |
| Class 2 | Group N cars over 2000cc (see Article 5.12 for definition). |
| Class 3 | Clubman cars up to and including 1450cc – Two-wheel drive only. |
| Class 4 | Clubman cars from 1451cc up to and including 1650cc; having not more than 2 valves per cylinder – Two-wheel drive only. |
| Class 5 | Clubman cars from 1451cc up to and including 1650cc, having more than 2 valves per cylinder. – Two wheel drive cars only. |
| Class 6 | Clubman cars from 1651cc up to and including 2100cc, having not more than 2 valves per cylinder. – Two-wheel drive cars only. |
| Class 7 | Clubman cars from 1651cc up to and including 2100cc, having more than 2 valves per cylinder – Two-wheel drive cars only. |
| Class 8 | Clubman cars over 2100cc – Two-Wheel drive only. |

Class 9 All other eligible cars (ref. R46- R47.1.3) including WRC's & FIA Super 2000 cars.

Historic classes

Class 10 Historic rally cars up to 1651cc, registered before 31/12/81 (MSA Cat 1, 2 & 3. Ref: R49 - 2011 MSA Blue book)

Class 11 Historic rally cars over 1651cc, registered before 31/12/81 (MSA Cat 1, 2 & 3. Ref: R49 - 2011 MSA Blue book)

5.4 The Overall Category is open to all classes (1-11).

5.5 The group N category is open to competitors in classes 1 and 2.

5.6 The Two Wheel Drive category is open to classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11.

5.7 All cars must comply with the current MSA vehicle regulations (including the requirement for all vehicles to produce a logbook) appropriate to the individual event entered.

5.8 Competitors are reminded of requirements under 2011 MSA Yearbook - Competitors: Vehicles; Regulation J5.13.7 where all cars must be equipped with the facility to enable a fuel sample to be taken.

5.9 All cars must have Mud Flaps fitted behind each wheel. The mud flap material must be flexible with a minimum thickness of 4mm. The mud flap must extend to a minimum of 4cm either side of the tyre tread. The bottom of the mud flap must be no more than 8cm from the ground when the car is stopped with nobody on board.

5.10 All competitors must carry within their vehicle a self contained Spill Kit capable of effectively absorbing minor spillages of up to 1.5 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.

5.11 Turbo engined cars, class determined by capacity x 1.7; Rotary engined cars, class determined by capacity x 1.7.

5.12 Vehicle Regulations for Classes 1 & 2. (Note: ALL competitors take note of Art. 5.14).

5.12.1 Cars eligible for Classes 1 & 2 are those, which are, or have at any time been, homologated in Group N as defined in FIA Appendix J, also any series production car that is, or has been, available for general sale in Northern Ireland.

5.12.2 The standard specification of any model shall be determined by FIA Homologation papers in the case of current and former Group N cars, and by manufacturers, or other, workshop manuals in the case of all other cars.

5.12.3 In all cases the degree of modification from standard shall be as provided for under FIA 2011 regulations for Group N.

5.12.4 The onus of proving eligibility for Classes 1 & 2 rests solely with the competitor.

5.12.5 Regulation 5.11 applies.

5.13 The onus is on the every competitor to ensure that they are entered each championship event in the correct class.

5.14 A Motor Sport Association Licensed Scrutineer has been appointed by the ANICC Stage Rallies Committee to act as Championship Eligibility Scrutineer. Competitors by registering for this championship accept that their competing vehicle(s) may be checked throughout the course of this championship for compliance as to 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 excluded from the Championship or a Championship event for fraudulent or un-sportsmanlike behaviour, or bringing the sport into disrepute, all points scored by both crewmembers to date may be forfeited. Additionally, any registered competitor who brings the sport into disrepute through the un-authorized 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. Furthermore, they may be ineligible to register for any future ANICC Stage Rally Championship.

ARTICLE 7 - SCORING

The marking system shall be as follows:

7.1 Overall Classification and Overall Categories

Points will be allocated as follows to drivers according to their position in the final overall classification and overall categories of each event:

12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1.

Points will be allocated to Co-Drivers in the same way.

Class Awards

Each class will be marked separately with the leading Drivers in the final classification of each class being allocated, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1. Points will be allocated to 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. Thus points will only be awarded to competitors who compete in the discipline for which they are registered.
- 7.4 Overall 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 point's finishes, and so on down to tenth points scored until the tie is resolved. If any further ties remain they will ultimately be decided on the basis of performance in the sequential order of events.
- 7.5 Class ties shall be decided in a similar fashion, by considering points scored down to tenth registered Competitor in class.
- 7.6 Competitors will be notified of the Final Championship results by way of a Competitors Bulletin via e-mail or Web Site, issued by the Championship Co-ordinator.
- 7.7 For the purposes of Overall, Class and Categories championship points, the following shall apply:
- | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------|
| 10, 9 or 8 events run | - | 7 to count |
| 7 or 6 events run | - | 6 to count |
| 5 or 4 events run | - | 4 to count |

If less than 4 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 **4 rounds** of the Championship.

Categories.

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

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

1st 2WD Driver, Perpetual Trophy (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 Stage Rallies Specialist Committee).

ARTICLE 9 – NI JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

9.1 Eligibility - Any Driver registered for the Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship who is born on or after 1st January 1988. (Under 23 years of age, The onus of proof rests with the Competitor)

9.2 Awards - 1st Junior Trophy - 1st junior driver in the overall results – (Northern Ireland Junior Champion). Article 8.2 does not apply to this award.

ARTICLE 10 - NI LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

10.1 Eligibility – Any ‘female’ **Driver** registered for the Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship.

10.2 Awards – 1st. Lady Competitor – 1st female driver in the overall results - (Northern Ireland Ladies Champion)
Article 8.2 does not apply to this award.

ARTICLE 11 - ADDRESSES

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ANICC Stage Rallies Committee (2011):

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