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## DUNLOP MOTORSPORT IRELAND YOUNG RACING DRIVER OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2008



The 2008 racing season is off to a flying start – in particular for 20 year-old Patrick McKenna from Swords, Co.Dublin. Patrick has already managed to win three out of four Formula Ford 1600 races held at Kirkistown during the month of April, these achievements earning him the coveted title of Dunlop Young Racing Driver of the Month.

This season, Patrick is planning to contest both the Northern and MI FF1600 Championships, and is looking to secure sponsorship to compete in the end of season races in the British Duratec FF Championship and the FF Festival in Brands Hatch. As if this wasn't enough, Patrick, who began his racing career at the age of 11 in Karting, also hopes to borrow a friend's kart and take part in the All Ireland Karting Championships this year!

Patrick won both the Irish Open Karting and the "C" Plate Karting Championships before he moved on to FF1600. Sponsored by Willsborough Transport, thanks to Paul Kenny and run by Bernard Dolan, this young Engineering student has plans to make it as far as he can in Single-Seater Racing.

Having been selected as the first Dunlop Driver of the Month for the 2008 season, Patrick is now a contender for the prestigious €35,000 Dunlop Motorsport Ireland Young Racing Driver of the Year Award. This award is presented annually and is sponsored by Irish Dunlop Ltd. with additional support from the Irish Sports Council and Motorsport Ireland.

### JUNE FIXTURES

1	Limerick	Circuit of Munster Stages Rally (SR)
1	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
1/2	Carlow	Sprint
7/8	Carrick-on-Suir	Festival of Motorsport (50 Years)
7/8	Clare	Hillclimb (HC)
7/8	RIAC	Pioneer Run
7/8	Carlow	Race Meeting – Mondello
8	Cork	Restricted Mini Stages Rally
8	Wexford	Forestry Rally (FR)
13/14/15	Donegal	International Rally (TROA)
13/14/15	IVVCC	Gordon Bennett V+V Rally
14/15	Imokilly	Autocross (GS)
21/22	SKC	Kart Race Meeting (IRL Plate)
21/22	Tipperary	V+V Run
21/22	Skibbereen	Autocross (GS)
22	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
22	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
22	Northeast	Mini Stages Rally
25	TDC	Autotest
28	500 MRCI	Race Meeting, Kirkistown
29	IMRC	Race Meeting – Mondello
29	Carrick-on-Suir	Raven's Rock Stages Rally (SR)
29	Castle	Hillclimb
29	Kerry	Autosolo
29	Galway	Sprint

### JULY FIXTURES

5	Cork	Autotest
5/6	Tipperary	Hillclimb Weekend (HC)
5/6	Leinster	Race Meeting – Anglesey
6	Skibbereen	Autotest
6	TDC	Multi – Venue Autotest
6	ALMC	Stages Rally
12/13	Tipperary	4x4 Challenge
12/13	Wexford	Sprint
13	Connacht	Sligo Stages Rally
13	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
13	TDC	Autotest
13	Skibbereen	Economy Run
13	Tipperary	V+V Dungarvan Fun Run
16	Imokilly	Autotest
17/18/19	Rally Isle of Man International (TROA)	
19	Munster CC	Hillclimb
19/20	Midland	Autocross
19/20	Limerick	Autotest
19/20	Munster KC	Kart Race Meeting (O Plate)
20	Cork	Sprint
20	MEC	Race Meeting – Mondello
26	500 MRCI	Race Meeting, Kirkistown
27	Co Monaghan	Rallysprint

# ELIGIBILITY CHECKS - RALLIES

The table below lists the results of eligibility checks carried out at rallies in the early part of 2008.

Date	Event	Driver	Car	Class	Examined	Result
Feb 3	Galway International Rally	Tom Gormally	Civic Type R	3	Grp N Engine	Failed to comply - excluded
Feb 24	Birr Stages Rally	David Quigley	Civic EK4	2	Grp N Engine & Transaxle	Complied
Mar 9	Mayo Stages Rally	Mark Alcorn	Corolla	13	Engine Swept volume	Complied
Mar 9	Mayo Stages Rally	Adrian Cannon	Civic EK4	2	Grp N Transaxle	Complied
Mar 16	West Cork Stages Rally	Ed O'Neill	Civic EK4	2	Grp N Transaxle	Failed to comply - excluded
Mar 31	Circuit of Kerry Stages Rally	William Cavanagh	Escort Mk 2	12	Engine Swept volume	Complied
Mar 31	Circuit of Kerry Stages Rally	Thomas O'Keeffe	Escort Mk 2	12	Engine Swept volume	Complied

## FUTURE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE OBLIGATORY USE OF HEAD RESTRAINTS

The wearing of a head restraint approved by the FIA, e.g. HANS®, will be mandatory for all drivers and co-drivers in events as follows:

- In all Motorsport Ireland (MI) National and International Stage Rally events: from 1.1.09.
- In all FIA championships, trophies, cups and challenges:

from 1.1.08.

- In all events entered on the FIA International Sporting Calendar: from 1.1.09.

## LICENCE STATISTICS

The following figures relate to the number of competition licences issued up to and including 31 May:

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Renewals	1666	1738	1871	2057	2339	2526	2204	2881	2819	2970	3227	3384	3540	3578
First Time	331	414	446	463	489	623	447	532	529	484	466	460	509	528
Total	1997	2152	2317	2520	2828	3149	2651	3413	3348	3454	3693	3844	4049	4106

## CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS

DUNLOP NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (after 4 rounds): Drivers: Niall Maguire 76, Patrick Elliott 72, Manus Kelly 35, Seamus Leonard 32, Maurice Moffett 28, Kevin Barrett 27, Glenn Allen 26, Rodney Wilton 25, Eamon Daly 25, Noel Redmond 24.

Co-drivers: Paul McLaughlin 74, Paul Goodman 70, Donal Barrett

34, Damien Connolly 33, John McCafferty 30, Jason McKenna 30, Sean Mullally 26, Conor McMahon 24, Dermot MacHugh 21, Kevin Synott 21.

**MAGNUS TECHNOLOGY HILLCLIMB/SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP (after 4 rounds):**

Paul O'Connell 40, Simon McKinley 34, Peter Dwyer 30,

Russell Stanworth 15, Brendan Keane 14, Seamus Morris 13, Rory Stephens 12, Lee Stanworth 11, Darryl Ramsay and Brendan Harpur 8.

Class leaders: Pete Ray, Tommy Murphy, John Whitley, Simon McKinley, Ken McAvoy/John Farrell (tie), Colm Dunphy, Niall Kennedy, John Mahon.

# MOTORSPORT IRELAND COURT OF INQUIRY

## JUDGEMENT

This Court of Inquiry was convened in accordance with General Competition Rules (GCRs) No. 170 (a)(i), 170 (e) and 170 (f) following receipt of reports from the Motorsport Ireland Steward and the Clerk of the Course of the Munster Kart Club Kart Race meeting on 9 March 2008.

The Terms of Reference of the Court were:

To investigate possible breaches of GCR 139 (vii) by Gerard Cormack and Darragh Cormack at the Munster Kart Club Kart Race meeting at Watergrasshill on 9 March 2008.

## HEARING:

The Hearing took place on Tuesday 29 April 2008, at 8.00 pm in the RIAC, 34 Dawson Street, Dublin 2. It was later adjourned, and reconvened on Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 5.00 pm.

The Court Members were: Pat Fox (Chair), David McClean, John Morris.

In attendance were: Reg Redmond, Presenter, Motorsport Ireland; Dermott Quigley, Presenter, MI; Paul Phelan, MI; Graham Lenehan, MI Children's Officer; Gerard Cormack; Darragh Cormack; Brian Grogan, Solicitor, representing Gerard and Darragh Cormack.

Evidence was heard from: Liam Hayes, Clerk of the Course; Michael Barnes, Competitor Entrant; Audrey Dunne, Children's Officer on 9 March 2008; Anthony Wall, Competitor Entrant.

## FACTS OF THE CASE:

At the start of Heat 2 of the Cadet races, Clerk of the Course Liam Hayes red-flagged drivers after three rolling up laps as he deemed drivers Ben Saurin (pole) and Darragh Cormack (off-pole) to be driving too fast for a grid to form behind them. He called all drivers in this race and their Competitor Entrants to a briefing and ordered both front row drivers to be moved back on the grid to a position immediately ahead of the novice drivers. At this stage, Gerard Cormack, father and Competitor Entrant of Darragh Cormack, began shouting abuse and obscenities in the presence of Cadet drivers and told his son to leave the grid. Evidence was given that a number of Cadet drivers and some officials were shocked and frightened by this behaviour. Darragh Cormack proceeded with his kart to Parc Ferme. While the rolling up lap for the restart of the race was under way, Gerard and Darragh Cormack, with their kart on a trolley, appeared back on the track. The Clerk of the Course instructed them to leave the track, Gerard Cormack was again abusive, and then left. Later, Mr

Hayes imposed a penalty of exclusion from the meeting on Darragh Cormack, with six points endorsed on his licence. Gerard Cormack refused to sign the penalty forms and left the race office. He returned shortly afterwards, requested the forms, and tore them to pieces, throwing them at Mr Hayes.

## DECISION:

Having carefully considered all the evidence, the Court finds as follows: that the respondent Gerard Cormack, through his solicitor, admitted his misbehaviour, abuse and intimidation of officials. Again, through his solicitor, he apologised for his behaviour at the event.

The Court decided to suspend the Competitor Entrant Licence of Gerard Cormack for a period of one year from 7 May 2008 and to impose a fine of €750 on him. In addition, Mr Cormack is responsible for the costs incurred, to be calculated in accordance with GCR 177.

No further penalty was imposed on the driver, Darragh Cormack.

This decision was laid down at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 7 May 2008 and Mr Gerard Cormack is reminded of his Right of Appeal in accordance with GCR 171 (a)(iii).

## LICENCES – MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADE COMPETITION LICENCE HOLDERS AGED 45 YEARS AND OVER

All competitors holding INTERNATIONAL grade competition licences, or who are intending to upgrade to INTERNATIONAL grade, and who will be 45 years of age or over, should please note the following:

Appendix 1, 6.5.3, ECG: Applications for "International" grade licences from competitors aged 45 years or over must pass a STRESS RELATED ECG test and have their Doctor complete

sections 2(a) and (b) of the "Doctors Certificate". (Do not send Trace). This test must be completed within one month of the application. This ECG will be valid for the year in which the test was passed plus two calendar years.

The reason we are bringing this to your attention is because we have been informed that, in some parts of the country, it can take up to 3 months

to get an appointment for a "STRESS RELATED" ECG test.

We would advise all intending competitors to organise their ECGs as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

The "Stress Related ECG" test is an FIA requirement for all International grade licences.

## RESCUE VEHICLES

Organising clubs are reminded that the charges due to Rescue Vehicle operators are payable immediately after each event.

## MOTOR SPORT PUBLICITY

Yearbook – Appendix 121 Please add to Press List: Pacenotes Magazine, phone 04840-660390, mobile 0044-7803-891893, e-mail: editor@pacenotes.net  
Change of e-mail address – Dougie Hughes - glhughes@eircom.net

## ANNUAL RALLY CLUBS' SEMINAR

The Annual Rally Clubs' Seminar will be held on Saturday 26 July, beginning at 2.00 pm. Venue: Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly.	All Rally organising clubs are invited to send two representatives. Suggestions for items to be included on the Agenda must be submitted by	Wednesday 18 June to the Rallies Committee Secretary, c/o Motorsport Ireland.
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## RACE COMMITTEE

Ann Stevens (phone 086-2468700) has been appointed	Chairman of the Race Committee and as a member of the Motor	Sport Commission.
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## COMPETITORS' PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Will all event secretaries please note that the CPA return form, which is issued with each permit, must be submitted after all events	so that the correct premium may be calculated. In the case of rallies, navigation and retrospective trials which use the	IRDS scheme, the CPA return should be sent to MI with the IRDS sign-on sheet.
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## RULE CHANGE/YEARBOOK AMENDMENT/CLARIFICATION

Appendix 40 Rule Number: 20.2.3 Case B	restarted race will be determined by the Clerk of the Course but under normal circumstances the remaining race distance will be the original distance, less the first part, less at least two laps.	original distance, less the first part, less at least two laps.
<b>Detail Reasons for Rule Change:</b> Races are being run on Time. Rule 20.2.2 [which is incorrectly numbered in the Year Book as 20.2.3] needs to reflect time as well as distance as per Case C.		
<b>Existing Rule:</b> 20.2.3 Case B - More than 2 laps completed by the race leader but less than 50% of the total distance. The race will restart from a grid set out by the finishing order of part 1. The result of the race will be the finishing order of part 2. The final result will not be aggregated. The length of the	<b>Revised Rule:</b> 20.2.2 Case B - More than 2 laps completed by the race leader but less than 50% of the total distance <u>or duration</u> . The race will restart from a grid set out by the finishing order of part 1. The result of the race will be the finishing order of part 2. The final result will not be aggregated. The length of the restarted race will be determined by the Clerk of the Course but under normal circumstances the remaining race distance will be the	<b>CLARIFICATION - RE GCR 151 (b)</b> When a sentence of suspension is pronounced this may apply to a competitor, competitor entrant, entrant, body or automobile. Where an individual is subject to such suspension he/she is not entitled to access official areas of an event other than with the consent of the Stewards of the Meeting. Official areas will be: Parc Ferme, Pit Area, Track or Stage, Control Rooms, Media Centre, and any other area(s) designated by the Stewards.

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