

5th May 2009

NATIONAL JUNIOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Arising from the low number of registrations for the National Junior Rally Championship, from which the Billy Coleman Award winner is selected, it has been decided to amend the regulations contained in Appendix 16 of the Yearbook, as follows, with immediate effect:



*NJRC leader after 3 rounds
- Craig Breen (Citroen C2R2)*

Each competitor's best 5 performances in these events will be counted towards the Championship. Each competitor must finish a minimum of 4 events to qualify for an award.

Art 2 - EVENTS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

8 February	Tipperary Forest Rally
1 March	Carrick-on-Suir Forest Rally
12 April	Munster Forest Rally
24 May	Cavan Stages Rally
31 May	Limerick Circuit of Munster (Junior Rally)
14 June	Northeast Mini Stages Rally
28 June	Raven's Rock (Junior Rally)
19 July	ALMC (Junior Rally)
15 August	Cork Forest Rally
6 September	Castle Mini Stages Rally
20 September	Clare Stages (Junior Rally)
4 October	Munster Cork 20 (Junior Rally)
10 October	Donegal Harvest (Junior Rally)
11 October	Birr Forest Rally

The requirement to compete in events on different surfaces has been removed.

Registration for the Championship is compulsory and no competitor may register after Round 11 (Clare). The Registration Fee remains at €150.

Full details of the Championship are available on the MI website www.motorsportireland.com or from the championship registrar, John Quill, phone 087-9299590, e-mail johnsquill@gmail.com

MAY FIXTURES

1/2/3	Killarney	International Rally of Lakes (TROA)
9/10	TDC	International Trophy Autotest
9/10	MEC	Race Meeting - Mondello
10	Munster KC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
10	Carlow	Stages Rally
10	Connacht	Autocross (LS)
15/16/17	Cork	West Cork Classic Retrospective
16/17	Carrick-on-Suir	Hillclimb
17	Kerry	Autosolo
17	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
22/23/24	Jim Clark	Memorial International Rally (TROA)
23/24	Skibbereen	Autotest
24	IKC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
24	Leinster	V +V Run
24	Killarney	Autocross (LS)
24	Co Cavan	Stages Rally
28	Benevolent Fund / Goal	Golf Classic
30	500MRCI	Race Meeting - Kirkistown
30/31	RIAC	Pioneer Run
31	Limerick	Circuit of Munster Stages Rally (SR)
31	Carlow	Sprint/Hillclimb (HC)

The Championship Press Officer is: Trevor McGrath, Ballygarron, Kilmeaden, Co Waterford. e-mail info@rallyprint.com

**CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS
NATIONAL JUNIOR RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP after 3 rounds:**
Craig Breen (Citroen C2R2) 20 points, Vincent McAree (Peugeot 206) 14, Kevin Gallagher (Vauxhall Corsa) 8, Chris Molloy (Peugeot 206) 8, John Byrnes (Citroen C2R2) 8.

JUNE FIXTURES

1	Carlow	Sprint/Hillclimb (HC)
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CONGRATULATIONS

At the end of a season when they were always among the pace setters, A1 Team Ireland dominated the final weekend at Brands Hatch to take a convincing win in the A1GP series, 17 points clear of last year's champions, Switzerland. Adam Carroll took pole position for both the Sprint and Feature races during Saturday qualifying, while Swiss Neel Jani, who narrowly led the points table into the weekend, could only manage eighth and fourth places on the two grids.

In the races, Carroll won the Sprint event and set fastest lap with Switzerland eighth, giving the Portadown driver an eight point lead into the Feature race, which



Adam Carroll scored a double at Brands Hatch to win the title for A1 Team Ireland

he also won easily to clinch the title. MI congratulates Team Principal Mark Gallagher and everyone involved, and wishes Adam Carroll well in his future career.

Another star performer in recent months has been Keith Cronin, who has won the two opening rounds of the MSA British Rally Championship, the Bulldog International in North Wales and the Pirelli International in Cumbria. Each time, the 2007 Billy Coleman Award winner and his regular co-driver Greg Shinnors came from behind to overhaul three times British champion Mark Higgins on the final stages to finish ahead, giving them a perfect score in the British series.

INSULIN-DEPENDENT DIABETES

The Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Committee of the FIA has requested that we remind licence holders that insulin is specified on the World Anti-Doping Agency list of prohibited substances. Consequently, licence applicants who have insulin-dependent diabetes must submit a request for a

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) according to the procedure specific to each country. The application form for a TUE may be found on www.irishsportsCouncil.ie under Anti-Doping, TUEs and Medicines.

GOLF CLASSIC REMINDER

This is a gentle reminder regarding the Irish Motor Sport Benevolent Fund/GOAL charity Golf Classic on Thursday 28 May 2009 at the Glen of the Downs Golf Club, Delgany. The date is fast approaching and, to be truthful, we are somewhat disappointed with the response so far.

So, can we ask you to get a decision from your club or group, as soon as possible, and let Renata at Motorsport Ireland know your decision – renata@motorsportireland.com or 01-6775628.

The date: May 28, 2009, shot-gun start at 1330, check-in 13.00.

Entry fee: €600 for team of four, to include green fees, dinners, goody bags and a good day's fun and craic.

Venue: Glen of the Downs Golf Club, Delgany, off the N11 opposite the Glenview Hotel. This is one of the finest championship courses in Leinster and is specially prepared for classic events. The restaurant service and quality of food is renowned, and the owners, Michael and Stephen Doyle, are regular competitors in Historic racing.

In aid of: Irish Motor Sport Benevolent Fund – a charity which helps injured drivers from all branches of the sport. Some officers of the Benevolent Fund will attend. The second charity is GOAL – the sportsman's charity which does very necessary work for the poor in many areas around the world.

Awards: Top three teams overall –

four trophies each.

Best affiliated MI, MSA or MCUI team – Cuchullain Trophy (Holders Birr and District MC)

Longest drive: Trophy.

Nearest the pin: Trophy.

Sponsors: Sponsors are being accepted for tees and greens - €250 each. The more money we take in the more will go to the charities. No expenses are charged to the event.

Please bring this notice to the attention of all club members and groups that may have played in the Classic in the past. It has always been a great day's fun and for worthy causes.

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Michael Lyster: 087-2837512

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 Irish Karting Club Kart Race Meeting at Kiltorcan on 3 August 2008.

The Terms of Reference of the Court were: To investigate the determination of results of the Final of the Cadet class at the Irish Karting Club Kart Race Meeting at Kiltorcan on 3 August 2008 and to finally decide the results of that race.

HEARING: The Hearing took place on Thursday 6 November 2008 and on Wednesday 18 March 2009, at 8.00 pm in the RIAC, 34 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

The Court Members were: Pat Fox (Chairman), Antony Conlon, Bob Montgomery.

In attendance on 6 November 2008 were: Reg Redmond, Presenter, Motorsport Ireland, Dermott Quigley, Presenter, MI, Paul Phelan, MI, Brian Kirwan, Entrant, Ashley Dickson, father of driver Jason Dickson, Philip Gordon, Team Manager, Conor Breen, Solicitor, representing Brian Kirwan and Jason Dickson.

Evidence was heard from: Percy Jordan, Clerk of the Course, Pat Fitzgerald, Chief Scrutineer.

FACTS OF THE CASE: After the final of the Cadet class, scrutineers Pat Fitzgerald and Paul Klaassen examined kart no. 11, driven by Jason Dickson, which finished in 2nd place in the Cadet final. They issued a Vehicle Scrutineering Reject Report stating that the kart did not conform to Article 12.1.2.1 of Appendix 70 of the MI Yearbook as two tubes in the exhaust had had

metal removed from them.

Despite the scrutineers' Vehicle Scrutineering Reject Report, the Clerk of the Course finalised the results with kart no. 11 retaining 2nd place.

Mr Redmond requested the Court to determine in its decision, in addition to finalising the results of the race, whether the decision of the Clerk of the Course in ignoring the report of the scrutineers was correct, and if the report of the scrutineers itself was correct.

The Court adjourned, and directed Motorsport Ireland to arrange for an expert report on the exhaust to determine if, in fact, it had been interfered with, and metal removed.

Motorsport Ireland attempted to comply with the directions of the Court but were unable to get the exhaust examined by a competent independent agent.

The Court was reconvened on Wednesday 18 March 2009 at 8.00 pm, with all parties being notified.

In attendance on 18 March 2009 were: Reg Redmond, Presenter, MI, Dermott Quigley, Presenter, MI, Paul Phelan, MI.

Evidence was heard on 18 March 2009 from: Paul Klaassen, Scrutineer.

Mr Redmond presented Mr Klaassen, Scrutineer and MSA Technical Commissioner, who co-signed the Vehicle Scrutineering Reject Report form on 3 August 2008.

Despite the absence of Mr Kirwan, Mr Dickson and their representative, the Court decided to hear the evidence of Mr Klaassen.

DECISION: Having carefully considered all the evidence, the Court decided:

That, central to the determination of these results is the correctness of the decision of the Clerk of the Course to ignore the report of the scrutineers that kart no. 11, driven by Jason Dickson, was ineligible. The Court finds that the Clerk of the Course did act within his powers as laid down in the General Competition Rules of MI. As a consequence, and despite the Court having heard further compelling evidence regarding the ineligibility of kart no. 11, the results of the Final of the Cadet class at the Irish Karting Club Kart Race Meeting at Kiltorcan on 3 August 2008 stand.

The Court recommends that the General Competition Rules of MI be revised to ensure that Clerks of the Course act in accordance with the reports and recommendations of any experts/scrutineer appointed to assist a Clerk of the Course in the running of an event, in order to avoid a similar situation arising in the future.

The Court makes no order as to costs.

This decision was laid down at 2.00 pm on Thursday 2 April 2009 and all concerned, or who are affected by these findings, are reminded of their Right of Appeal in accordance with GCR 171 (a)(iii).

DATE CHANGES

Cavan Autocross (LS) from 8.2.09 to 20.9.09
Donegal Autocross (LS) 10.5.09 cancelled
Munster KC Kart Race Meeting (O Plate) from 9/10.5.09 to 18/19.7.09
Munster KC Kart Race Meeting (KC) from 19.7.09 to 10.5.09
Wexford Sprint 12.7.09 cancelled

CHANGE OF CLASS INFORMATION

Appendix 48 (Historics): Class principal and class co-ordinator is now Dave Miller, phone 086-8461394 (m), 01-8350301 (h).

RESCUE UNIT

Please note the following addition to the list of rescue units in Appendix 25, Art 3.14:

Leinster Rescue, c/o Mark Heesom, 40 Wellesley Manor, Great Connell, Newbridge, Co

Kildare. Phone: 086-8234857 (m).
e-mail: leinsterrescue@yahoo.co.uk,
website: www.leinsterrescue.com

ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

The following competitors' cars were sealed by scrutineers at the Carlow CC Rallycross on 15.2.09 and were found, when checked, not to comply with the regulations in respect of combustion chamber capacity: No 852, Michael Lawlor; No 860, Robert Critchley. In accordance with Appendix 15, Art

6.4, 6.5 and 6.6, they are excluded from the results of this event and two later events on 22.2.09 and 8.3.09 and forfeit all championship points scored in these events.

As a result of these alterations, the National Rallycross Championship

results published in the April 2009 Motor Sport Bulletin are amended as follows: ten-tenths.com Stock Hatch Cup: 1 Michael Duke (Peugeot 205) 91 points; 2 Noel O'Brien (Peugeot 205) 87, 3 Gordon Lynch (Peugeot 106) 80.

HISTORIC RALLY CARS

Following consultation with competitors and other interested parties, and feedback received, the Motor Sport Commission has decided that a suggestion that FIA

Appendix K technical regulations be adopted for Historic Stage Rallies is not appropriate. Eligibility issues relating to cars competing in Historic classes will continue to be

decided by reference to RAC MSA Specific Regulations H, as published in the MSA Yearbook.

Licence Statistics

The following figures relate to the number of competition licences issued up to and including 30 April:

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Renewals	1560	1561	1695	1949	2221	2407	2068	2685	2533	2758	2929	3150	3287	3378	3051
First Time	277	354	373	393	429	554	406	451	450	420	374	394	424	471	338
Total	1837	1915	2068	2342	2650	2961	2474	3136	2983	3178	3303	3544	3711	3849	3389

CHAMPIONSHIP PERMITS

With effect from 1.11.09, applications for permits for championships as required by Appendix 15 may only be made by

affiliated clubs. For championships in 2010, such applications should be submitted not later than 1.11.09. MI reserves the right not to approve

applications received after this date.

AMENDMENTS TO YEARBOOK

Appendix 2, Article 6.4.1 is amended as follows:

Existing rule: Historic cars plumbed in with one handheld complying with MSA Yearbook H117 to H120.

New wording: Historic cars plumbed in with one handheld complying with MSA Yearbook H283 to H313.

Reason for Rule Change: Correction of incorrect MSA rule no.

CLARIFICATION:

Appendix 25, Article 3.2: The Rallies Committee has clarified that this article requires compulsory attendance at drivers' briefings at ALL rallies by all members of crews entered in the

Junior class and by newcomers, being those drivers who have not yet finished in three rallies.

Each organising club has the option of specifying whether attendance at briefing is compulsory for all crews in the rally, or merely for Juniors/newcomers as above.