



Ballynahinch & District Motor Club Ltd.

Covid-19 protocol for Bishopscourt Stages Rally 19th June 2021

GENERAL

This protocol is intended for use in connection with the above event which is a single venue special stage rally organised under a permit from Motorsport UK. This document applies to all persons attending the above event, it is up to date at the time of the latest revision (see foot of page) and will be updated as required. It should be available electronically to all and if revised the latest version may be found at the club website (see below).

At all times the following regulations and guidance must be complied with:

Government regulations & advice:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>

<http://www.sportni.net/return-to-sport/>

Motorsport UK regulations & advice:

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-04-23-getting-motorsport-back-on-track-rally-appendix.pdf>

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Appendix-B-Northern-Ireland-April-2021.pdf>

Event regulations and protocol:

<http://ballynahinchmotorclub.com/>

The organisers have developed an extensive Event Safety Plan and Operating Manual that also includes specific details about Covid-19 arrangements.

KEY PRINCIPLES

- Keep Your distance from others
- Wear face coverings
- Wash your hands frequently

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PROTOCOL

All event procedures have been designed to comply with current regulations and guidance so you will not be expected to handle any document (including entry forms, signing-on sheets, timecards, etc) or be close to any other person without a face covering or screen.

No spectators are allowed at the venue.

It is a condition of admission that all competitors and their service crew, and all officials must provide contact details to an official of the organising club on demand. This data will be held in compliance with the club's Data Protection policy and will be destroyed when no longer required for track and trace purposes in connection with this event.

The current legal regulations will be reviewed on 10 June 2021. They are available on the Department of Health website.

Some of the restrictions are law through regulation, while others are guidance.

Everyone is legally required to comply with the regulations.

If you fail to comply with the regulations without reasonable excuse, you are committing an offence. For some offences you may be given a fixed penalty or a fine on summary prosecution.

By making safer choices and following public health advice, you can all help lower the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Do your part to keep yourself and others healthy:

- book a test and self-isolate for 10 days if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- self-isolate if you have been identified as a close contact
- wash your hands
- wear a face-covering
- keep your distance from others
- limit your contacts
- avoid large gatherings and busy places
- spend time outdoors rather than indoors
- don't travel to or from places with higher COVID-19 infection rates

Entering the event and signing on (Competitors and Officials)

- All information must be entered through the RallyScore website:
<https://www.rallyscore.net/>
- There are separate links on RallyScore for Competitors to enter and sign-on as well as for all Officials to sign-on.
- You will not be required to pass any document to/from another person at the event

Scrutineering

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- No scrutineering will take place on the Friday evening prior to the event.
- As each competitor will have completed a Pre-Event Scrutineering declaration, physical pre-event scrutineering will be limited.
- Throughout the event, scrutineers will carry out random checks on cars from each race (as well as helmets and complete race suits) to ensure that they match the information declared.

In the Service Area

- Social distancing among everyone at the circuit is crucial. In specific situations where team-members are temporarily unable to maintain social distance, competitors are responsible for providing appropriate PPE to ensure that those involved are able to work safely.
- Where two or more vehicles share the same awning or paddock space, there must be adequate distance between vehicles to allow them to be worked upon with social distancing.
- Sharing of tools and equipment should be avoided. In exceptional circumstances, sanitisation must take place between different users.
- Communication will be by tannoy and electronically, there will be no face to face briefing meetings for competitors or officials.
- Away from the track, minimising risk from COVID-19 is the shared responsibility of everyone. Face masks / coverings must be worn where social distancing is not practical (e.g. mechanics working on a car, or physical checks as part of scrutineering).
- Providing food and drinks for team members and others directly involved with a competition vehicle is permitted, provided social distancing and other safety measures are respected.

Medical Support

- Medical support for the event will be provided as ever. However, competitors should carry a first aid kit to deal with minor injuries themselves.
- Anyone feeling unwell with COVID-19-like symptoms should NOT attend the Event Paramedic or Ambulance; rather they should inform the Rally Office (number below) of their concern before leaving the venue to contact their doctor or call the NHS helpline 111.

Competitors - On the Stages

- On-track rules and regulations remain unchanged.
- Competitors should minimise the time spent together in the car and ensure adequate ventilation of the vehicle at all times. It is expected that there should be no need to be in the car together for more than 15 minutes at any time during the event. In the case of a delay please ensure at least one of the crew leaves the vehicle but stays nearby. Crews should wear an approved balaclava or other non-flammable face covering when sharing the car.

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- Should your vehicle stop on a Special Stage as a result of a problem or an incident you will be approached by a marshal at a distance. Please indicate to that marshal if you are OK by giving him/her the 'thumbs up' signal. Failure to do this will be understood to mean that you need additional help (causing unnecessary delay if not). You may need to help marshals move your vehicle.
- At the end of each Special Stage all vehicles must return to the Service Area. Once there you may get out of your vehicle but remember to observe social distancing at all times. The scrutineers will inspect any vehicles they wish to check and competitors must respect social distancing, PPE and Covid cleansing measures as required during these checks and at all times.
- Stage times and results will NOT be printed out, but will be available via online via the RallyScore website: <https://www.rallyscore.net/>

After the Event

- It may be necessary to undertake judicial action to deal with people breaching the regulations. In order to observe social distancing, these actions will take place in the Rally Office which has more than adequate space. This means that penalties will be announced verbally but then sent to you electronically and any protests or appeals must be submitted electronically and any fees payable taken electronically.
- Any competitor wishing to make a protest should do this by e-mail to a dedicated email address which will be advised. The parties will be informed of the outcome at judicial stage.
- Awards will be distributed by post after the event, when the results are final.

The safety of everyone at the event will be uppermost in the minds of the organisers at all times. Procedures to deal with on-track incidents may differ from previous experience, and will follow Motorsport UK guidelines.

These rules are mandatory. They apply in the context of a serious pandemic, and have been developed with reference to guidelines from Motorsport UK and the NI Executive. Failure to comply may result in an entry being denied or a competitor being disqualified from the event.

Competitors are responsible for their own actions, as well as the actions of team members or others accompanying them to Bishopscourt. COVID-19 adds additional risk to our sport. By attending the event, competitors and others are deemed to acknowledge and accept this additional risk. If anyone does not feel safe or comfortable in the circumstances outlined above, they should not attend the event.

The Club has appointed Gavin Campbell as Safety Officer and Covid-19 Officer. All named signed-on Officials are judges of fact and any breaches of this protocol may be reported to the Clerk of the Course and the Motorsport UK Steward to be dealt with according to all relevant Regulations.

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