

Ballynahinch & District Motor Club Ltd

## **McGRADY INSURANCE STAGES**

**2007**

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BISHOPSCOURT RACING CIRCUIT

### **EVENT TIMETABLE**

ENTRIES OPEN	On Publication of Regulations.
ENTRIES CLOSED – STANDARD FEE	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2007
ENTRIES CLOSED – LATE FEE	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
PUBLICATION OF ENTRY LIST	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
MECHANICAL SCRUTINY & DOCUMENTATION	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
DOCUMENTATION (Only)	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
FIRST CAR DUE AT START RAMP	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March-09.00hrs
EVENT FINISH	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March-17.00 hrs

### **EVENTS DETAILS**

DATE	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
RALLY HEADQUARTERS	Bishopscourt Racing Circuit
MECHANICAL SCRUTINY VENUE	Modern Tyre Service, Boucher Crescent, Belfast
PAPER SCRUTINY	Modern Tyre Service, Boucher Crescent, Belfast
PAPER SCRUTINY	Bishopscourt Racing Circuit
EVENT FORMAT	6 Stages (3 stages run twice)
STAGE SURFACE	100% sealed surface.
STAGE MILEAGE	39 Miles
ROAD MILEAGE	0 Miles
SERVICE AREA	Bishopscourt Racing Circuit
PLANNED SERVICES	Service after each stage
PRIZE GIVING	Bishopscourt Racing Circuit (17.30hrs approx)

# BISHOPSCOURT STAGES 2007

SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007

## SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY*

1. **Promoting Club** Ballynahinch & District Motor Club Ltd (hereafter referred to as The Organisers) will promote a National B Permit Multi-Use Stage Rally at Bishopscourt Racing Circuit on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007.
2. **Governing Rules** The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association Ltd (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A.), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that the organising club may issue for the event.
3. **M.S.A. Permit Number: TBA** has been issued for this event.  
M.S.A. Championship Permit Number is: **TBA**
4. **Championships** This event is a round of the following championships.  
The MSA "PACENOTES" Northern Ireland Rally Championship.  
Ballynahinch & District Motor Club Championship.
5. **Eligible entrants** This event is open fully elected members of:  
Ballynahinch & District Motor Club Ltd.  
Member clubs of the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs  
Member clubs affiliated to Motor Sport Ireland.

All competitors must produce a valid Stage Rally National B or above competition licence issued by the MSA or MSI equivalent, a club membership card and where applicable an entrants licence.

### 6 **Event location**

Start	Bishopscourt Racing Circuit
Finish	Bishopscourt Racing Circuit
Prize giving	Bishopscourt Racing Circuit

**7 The programme for the meeting will be:**

**ALL Mechanical Scrutiny** will be at Modern Tyre Service, Boucher Crescent, Belfast on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007 between 17:30hrs and 21:00hrs. Documentation Scrutiny/Signing on at mechanical scrutiny venue on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007 between 17:30hrs and 21:00hrs. Documentation Scrutiny/Signing on ONLY on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007 between 06:00hrs and 08:00hrs. All competitors must present their cars for scrutineering on the time and date specified in the final instructions. Any competitors that do not attend scrutiny at the time/date specified in final instructions will be penalized. We ask that if possible all competitors attend vehicle scrutiny and sign on for the rally to aid officials with the paperwork. Any competitor who has not completed documentation scrutiny before 08:00 hrs on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007 will be excluded – No exceptions. Their place will be taken by a competitor from the reserve entry list should one exist. At scrutiny, cars will be examined for compliance with tyre and vehicle safety regulations as well as for call eligibility. All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations. A noise test will be carried out prior to vehicle scrutiny as per K 5.1; maximum permitted limit 98dBa(a) this will be strictly enforced.

**Competitors Briefing** will be Bishopscourt Racing Circuit (outside rally headquarters) at 08:30hrs. All competitors must attend as you may learn something that could save you or someone else's life!

**Start times** Cars will start at 30sec intervals. First car will leave no earlier than 09:00hrs on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

- 8 Special stages** The event will consist of six special stages with a mileage not more than 39 miles. The entire route will be within the confines of Bishopscourt Racing Circuit. An approved sketch will define special stage routes. These stages will be timed to an accuracy of less than one minute in accordance with K32.1 e. The stage will take the form of 100% sealed surface. Safety notes will be permitted. (K.25, 13).

**USE OF RED FLAG** As per MSA regulations (K25.10) a RED FLAG will only be used if necessary to deploy the Doctor/Rescue vehicles during a special stage. This flag will be displayed at the 'yump', on rejoining the race circuit or at the stage merge. On display of this flag you **MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY!** A marshal will then direct you to the service area. Times for a special stopped because of the red flag will be disregarded.

**The use of tyre heating devices is prohibited. (K37.5.6)**

**Competition numbers** will be supplied by the organisers. Space must be made available for the event sponsors stickers, which must be displayed. Cars not displaying event sponsors stickers will be excluded.

9 **Classes** The event will be divided into the following classes: -

- Class 1**– Group N cars up to and including 2000cc (see reg. 12 for definition)
- Class 2** – Group N cars over 2000cc (see regulation 12 for definition)
- Class 3** – Clubman cars up to and including 1400cc - 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 4**- Clubman cars from 1401cc up to and including 1650cc not having more than 2 valves per cylinder - 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 5** - Clubman cars from 1401cc up to and including 1650cc having more than 2 valves per cylinder. 2 wheel drive only
- Class 6**- Clubman cars from 1651cc up to and including 2100cc not having more than 2 valves per cylinder - 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 7**- Clubman cars from 1651cc up to and including 2100cc having more than 2 valves per cylinder - 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 7A**- Clubman cars over 2100cc – 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 8** – All other eligible cars (ref MSA 2007 Yearbook K37.1) including WRC's.
- Class 9** - Class 9. For Historic cars.... All cars must comply with MSA Vehicle regulations for historic rallies (K37).

**The onus is on the competitor to enter the correct class.**

- 10 **Logs book, Motor tax & MOT** All cars must produce an MSA or MSI log book. All Northern Ireland and UK registered cars must also produce a valid MOT certificate if applicable. Log books cannot be issued at the event and it is competitor's responsibility to obtain same prior to the event.
- 11 **Turbo Engined Cars** Class determined by capacity x 1.7. Rotary-engined cars – class determined by capacity x 2.
- 12 **Vehicle Regulations for Class 1 and 2.**
- . Cars eligible for Class 1 and 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, which has been available for general sale in Northern Ireland.
  - . The standard specification of any model shall be determined by FIA homologation papers in the case of current and former N cars, and by manufacturers or other workshop manuals in the case of all others.
  - . In all cases the degree of modification from standard shall be as provided for under FIA 2003 regulations for Group N.
  - . The onus of providing eligibility for Class 1 and 2 rests solely with the competitor.

13 **Awards** will be presented as follows: -

1<sup>st</sup> Overall Crew - BADMC Perpetual Trophy.

1 <sup>st</sup> Overall	-	Two Awards	1 <sup>st</sup> in Class	-	Two Awards
2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall	-	Two Awards	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Class	-	Two Awards
3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall	-	Two Awards	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Class	-	Two Awards

(The 1st three overall forfeit class awards)

‘Entertainer of the Day’ - RM Rally Services Perpetual Award.

Additional awards may be presented at the organiser’s discretion.

14 **Maximum/Minimum Entry.** The maximum entry for the meeting is 130. The minimum is 70. The minimum entry for each class is 5. Should any of the minimum figures not be reached the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as required E3.17.

15 **Entry Fees.**

. Entry list opens.	-	On receipt of these regulations.
. Entry list closes.	-	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2007
. Standard entry fee.	-	£185.00 up to Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2007
. Late entry fee.	-	£205.00 up to Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2007

. **Refund Policy** Entries withdrawn in writing and received by the organisers, before 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007, will be refunded in full less £25.00 to cover administration costs. Entry fees for entries withdrawn after this date will **not** be refunded. **No written notification to Secretary of Event, no refund.**

. **Seeding** will be based on results filled in on entry form. If you don’t fill in the form we will presume you are a beginner. The order of starting will be at the organiser’s discretion. Once the entry list has been published no discussion regarding it will be entered in to. Any competitor found falsifying their results will be reported to the MSA.

**POSTAL ENTRIES ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED** All entries are to be made on the official entry form and must be fully completed and include all relevant fees.

The issue of Final instructions will acknowledge written acceptance or refusal of entries. All the closing dates listed above are the date of receipt and not date of posting. All cheques should be made payable to BADMC and crossed “A/C PAYEE”. Entries received with cheques dated after date of receipt by the organisers will not be accepted. Entries not accompanied by the correct fee will not be accepted. Do not send cash in the post. Refusal of an entry will be notified in writing.

- 16 **Priority places.** All places will be allocated on the following basis  
ANICC registered competitors  
If more than 130 entries are received then B10.1 will apply and a reserve list of up to 30 potential competitors may be assembled as per B10.1.1

- 17 **Secretary of the Meeting**, to whom all entries should be sent, is: -

DAVID MEEKE  
18 BRAESIDE MANOR  
DROMORE  
CO.DOWN  
BT25 1SA

Telephone No: 07884 386025

Enquires only between 6.00pm and 10.00pm weekdays  
1.00pm and 6.00pm weekends

- 18 **Other senior officials: -**

MSA Steward	-	TBA
Club Stewards	-	TBA
Clerk of the Course	-	B. Crawford
Deputy Clerk of Course	-	M. Marner
Chief Scrutineer	-	P Haveron & Team
Chief Timekeeper	-	M Kelly
Chief Medical Officer	-	E. Ferguson
Event Safety Officer	-	A. Devlin
Competitor Liaison Officer	-	Gary Rodgers
Results	-	W.McIlmoyle
Chief Marshal	-	H. Coulter

- 19 **Provisional Results** will be published as soon as possible after the event. Queries must be made with the Competitor Liaison Officer (CLO) up to and no later than 30 minutes after the posting of provisional results. Stage times will be posted on the official notice board during the event at regular intervals. Please note these times will be for information only.

All protests must be made through the CLO and must be in accordance with 0.5.  
Competitors may apply to the Secretary of the Meeting for permission to remove their vehicle from final Parc Ferme before the declaration of final results on the understanding that they forfeit their right to defend any protest or irregularity regarding the eligibility of the crew in question.

- 20 Competitors will be supplied with a Road Book/Time Cards at signing on or at the Event Documentation.

## 21 **Modified MSA Regulations**

All other SSR's of the MSA apply as written except for the following which are modified: - Servicing may only be carried out in specific area as indicated in the final instructions and Competitors Road Book. In the event of a tie a competitor who has a greater number of faster times will be the winner, failing which the fastest time on the last stage and so on until a result can be obtained.

### 21.1 Penalties

Jump Start - **ONE MINUTE**. Timing will be Electronic Beam Timing, timed to less than 1 second . On the GO command a flag or other signal will be used to start the competing car. Then and only then can competitor enter the stage.

*All penalties will be applied at the end of the event but the organisers will endeavour to inform the affected crew as soon as possible.*

### 21.2 Competitors are reminded of the following:

Named Judges of Fact will be appointed to observe facts in accordance with K24.2.11 and named driving standards observers will be appointed to observe facts in accordance with K24.2.12. These names will appear in Final Instruction.

### 21.3 The Damage Declaration form must be completed whether a finisher or not and must be received by the Secretary of the Meeting within 72 hours of the finish of the event.

### 21.4 Maximum Speed Limit in the Service area is 10 MPH.

## 22 Special Stages & road sections

- 22.1 Achieving a time which is less than the minimum time stated on the time card  
MINIMUM TIME FOR STAGE.
- 22.2 Achieving a time which is greater than the maximum time stated on the time card –  
MAXIMUM TIME FOR STAGE plus 10 seconds penalty per minute over the stage  
maximum.
- 22.3 Achieving a time which is between 1 and 2 above – ACTUAL TIME IN MINUTES,  
SECONDS (AND TENTHS OF A SECOND).
- 22.4 Failure to attempt a special stage – Exclusion.
- 22.5 Failure to follow specified stage route – MAXIMUM TIME FOR STAGE.
- 22.6 Failure to start a special stage when instructed – 10 MINUTES.
- 22.7 Any competitor or any person acting on behalf of a competitor found on any stage, after  
the publication of the regulations, until the finish of the event will be excluded. The  
person or persons will be reported to the MSA/MI for possible further penalties. This  
excludes any period of recce allowed by the organisers.
- 22.8 Reporting at any Control after due time – 10 SECONDS PER MINUTE.
- 22.9 Reporting at any Control before due time – 20 SECONDS PER MINUTE.
- 22.10 Not reporting at a Control – EXCLUSION.
- 22.11 Wrong approach or departure at a Control –10 MINUTES
- 22.12 Servicing outside designated service area(s) – EXCLUSION.
- 22.13 Reporting at a Control, 5 or more minutes after due time – EXCLUSION.
- 22.14 Absence of a recorded time on a time card – EXCLUSION.
- 22.15 Failure by a crewmember to fasten their Crash Helmets Properly - EXCLUSION.
- 22.16 Failure to produce or surrender any Time Cards on request - EXCLUSION.
- 22.17 Misconduct by any member of a service crew or competing car - EXCLUSION.
- 22.18 Making a false start on a stage – ONE MINUTE.
- 22.19 Breach of Regulation – K31 (q) – EXCLUSION.
- 22.20 Breach of statutory requirement concerning the driving of a motor vehicle - EXCLUSION.
- 22.21 Receiving assistance contrary to K34.4 & K34.5 - EXCLUSION
- 22.22 Failure to report at a specified time or day for scrutiny – £30 FINE.
- 22.23 Failure to attend Driver's Briefing – A random selection of drivers and co-  
drivers may take place – 5 MINUTES.
- 22.24 Not complying with a requirement of the road book – 10 MINS.
- 22.25 Excessive speed or conduct likely to bring motor sport into disrepute – 1<sup>st</sup>  
offence – 10 mins – 2<sup>nd</sup> offence EXCLUSION.
- 22.26 Excessive noise in breach of MSA limits – EXCLUSION
- 22.27 Refuelling a competing vehicle in breach of the event regulations -  
EXCLUSION

A copy of the Supplementary and any other relevant regulations will be posted on the Official Notice Board



- 23 **Special Stages Time Cards** one or more special stage time cards with appropriate spaces for recording start and finish times will be issued to the competitor. Competitors must ensure that their competition number is entered on each card before it is handed to an event official. Failure to do so may result in a competitor being classified as a non-finisher.
- 24 **Stage Starts** will be done by means of a flag or other type of signal. After the signal the competitor will accelerate in to the stage. All special stage have a flying finish. After crossing the finishing line the competitor will stop at the timekeepers control and have his or her time recorded. The onus is on the competitor to ensure that the officials mark the time card clearly and correctly.
- 25 **Scrutiny and Signing on** Before being issued with the necessary documents to enable you to start the rally the following points should be noted.
- 1 That both driver and navigator are in possession of a Rally National B Stage MSA or equivalent MI licence.
  - 2 That a red reflective triangle and MSA Approved SOS/OK Board is carried in the competing car.
  - 3 Competitors are reminded that MSA Vehicle Technical Requirements for a special stage rally are mandatory. Your attention is drawn to section Q of the safety criteria and E12 of the Technical regulations in the MSA Blue Book.
  - 4 Both crew members must provide a mobile phone number on which they can be contacted during the rally weekend. This will only be used by the organisers for information and accountability purposes.
- 26 **Reconnaissance/Safety notes** Competitors will only be permitted to examine the stages between 06.30hrs and 08.30hrs on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007 on foot or bicycle. NO motorised forms of transport permitted. Safety Notes will be permitted. Any competitor who has been authorised by the Clerk of Course to work on a special stage will be exempt from exclusion.
- 27 **Service/Service Area** The service area will be located in the paddock area of Bishops court Racing Circuit. Competitors will only be allowed one service vehicle per competing car. These vehicles will be identified by service plates which will be supplied by the organisers. All service vehicles must be in service park no later than 08.00hrs. on the morning of the event. All competing cars must have a ground sheet for use in service park. If you do not adhere to this, you will not be allowed to service. The speed limit while in the service park is 10 MPH. Any competitors or member of a service crew belonging to a competitor, who is deemed to be in excess of the speed limit, or deemed to have committed an act of careless driving, or damages the surface or surroundings of the service area will be excluded. Mopeds or any motorised scooters etc will not be allowed in the service park. Any competitors wishing to bring motorhomes/hospitality units etc into the service area must inform the Secretary of the Meeting. These vehicles will not be admitted without prior consultation with the Secretary of the Meeting before 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007. **NO PERSON WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE ANY FORM OF MOTORISED OR PEDAL TRANSPORT IN OR AROUND THE SERVICE AREA AFTER 09.00HRS THIS PARTICULARLY APPLIES TO CHILDREN. If any person ignoring this instruction is connected to a competitor he/she will BE EXCLUDED. THIS IS FOR EVERYBODYS SAFTEY AND WILL BE ENFORCED.**

- 28 **Interpretation of regulations** It is not duty of any marshal to interpret regulations or any written instructions to a competitor or to explain the meaning and/or effect thereof. It is the responsibility of the competitor to read and understand the regulations and other written instructions. When an entry has been received by the organisers it is understood that all competitors have read and understood these supplementary regulations.
- 29 **Abuse of Officials** Any competitor, service crew who directly or indirectly abuses an official of this event either verbally or by any other means will be excluded and reported to the MSA.
- 30 All reference numbers relate to the 2007 MSA Competitors Year Book.
- 31 **Organisers liability** The Organisers decline liability in any accident caused by or to competitors, drivers and competing cars during the whole of the event. The Organisers also decline any liability for breach of the laws and regulations of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland covered by the itinerary. Competitors shall be held responsible for any accident or breach of laws in which they may be involved and shall declare to the organiser's particulars of any incident from which liability may arise and shall have no claim against the Organisers arising out of any action of the Organisers, their servants or officials, during the course of the rally.
- 32 **Sponsor advertising** Competitors must provide a space of 12" x 6" on each side of the two front doors of the competing car for additional sponsor advertising.
- 33 **NOISE RESTRICTIONS** Due to Planning Permission at Bishops court Racing Circuit, the owners and management of the circuit require us the organisers to keep noise levels to absolute minimum up until 09.00hrs. Therefore all unloading of competing cars will take place in the service area, with the minimum amount of noise. When competing cars have been unloaded from trailers, service vehicles will be required to take trailers to trailer park which is adjacent to main entrance of the circuit. Any excessive noise from competition vehicles, service vehicles or otherwise before 09.00hrs will be a breach of planning regulations and could seriously jeopardise this excellent venue for further use for everybody. We the organisers would ask that all competitors and service crews take this into consideration. Further details will be in Final Instructions.
- 34 **Accommodation** Accommodation information is available form the Bishops court Racing circuit web page. [www.bishopscourtracingcircuit.co.uk](http://www.bishopscourtracingcircuit.co.uk)

