



Supplementary Regulations

FM Contracts Down Rally

18th October 2008

Round 9 of the MSA Pacenotes NI Rally Championship



FM CONTRACTS DOWN RALLY 2008

Organised and Promoted by Rathfriland Motor Club Ltd.

EVENT TIMETABLE

Entries Open:	On Publication of these Regulations
Priority Entries Close:	Wednesday 1st October 2008
Entries Close - Standard fee:	Saturday 4th October 2008
Entries Close - Late fee:	Friday 11th October 2008
Event Press Launch	Friday 11th October 2008
Publication of Entry List:	Monday 14th October 2008
Scrutiny & Documentation:	Friday 17th October 2008
First car due at start:	Saturday 18th October - 08:31hrs
First car due at finish:	Saturday 18th October - approx. 17:00hrs

PROVISIONAL EVENT DETAILS

Date:	Saturday 18th October 2008
Rally Headquarters:	Castlewellan, Co Down
Scrutiny Venue:	Castlewellan, Co Down
Documentation:	Castlewellan, Co Down
Event Format:	7 Stages (3 loops) Classes 1, 3 & 4 will start first on the road.
Stage Surface:	95% unsealed, 5% sealed
Stage Mileage:	Up to 38 miles (63kms)
Road section mileage:	113 miles (188kms)
Service Area:	Castlewellan Forest Park
Number of services:	2

PAST WINNERS

2005	Sean Devine & Ciaran Kelly	Impreza WRC
2006	Kevin Lynch & Martin McNichol	Impreza WRC
2007	Richard Cathcart & Martin Brady	Impreza N10 GpN

Further Event details are available from RALLY GUIDE 1. These regulations should also be read in conjunction with the Motor Sport Association Competitors' Yearbook 2008. The relevant MSA Yearbook sections and RALLY GUIDE 1 can be downloaded from www.downrally.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

Promoters

Rathfriland Motor Club Ltd will promote a National B Status Stage Rally on Saturday 18th October 2008.

1. Governing rules

The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sport Association Ltd (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions that Rathfriland Motor Club Ltd may issue for the event.

2. MSA. Permit No **47205** has been issued for the event on 1st May 2008.

3. MSA Permit No **44/2008** has been issued for the Championship.

4. Championships & Challenges.

The event is round 8 of the MSA PACENOTES Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship 2008

The SUPERDRIVE MOTORSPORTS CENTRE 2WD Challenge.

The SUNOCO FUELS Group N Challenge.

5. Eligible entrants

This event is open to all fully elected members of Rathfriland Motor Club and all members of a club affiliated to the ANICC or Motorsport Ireland.

All competitors must produce a valid competition licence issued by the MSA or MI of at least National B, a club membership card and where applicable, an entrants licence.

6. Event locations

Start: Lower Square, Castlewellan, Co.Down.

Finish: Lower Square, Castlewellan, Co.Down.

Prize giving: Kings Inn, Lower Square, Castlewellan, Co.Down.

7. The programme for the meeting will be: -

Vehicle Scrutiny:	Walter Watson Ltd, Castlewellan, Co.Down. Friday 18th October. 19:00hrs to 22:00hrs
Documentation:	Walter Watson Ltd, Castlewellan, Co Down. Friday 18th October. 19:00hrs to 22:00hrs Rally Office, Kings Inn, Lower Square, Castlewellan, Co.Down. Saturday 18 th October. 07:00hrs to 08:30hrs Any competitor who has not signed on by 08.30hrs on Saturday 18th will be excluded. - No exceptions!
Start Times:	Cars will start at one-minute intervals. First car will leave the start no later than 08:31hrs on Saturday 18 October 2008. Cars in classes 1, 3 & 4 will run at the head of the field.
Special Stages:	The event will consist of 7 special stages with a mileage up to 38 miles (63 Kilometres)
Route:	The stages will be run on 95% unsealed forest roads. Special stages will be defined in the road book provided by the organisers.
Safety Notes & DVD:	Patterson Safety Notes & DVD will be available for a fee. The organisers cannot be held responsible for the content or accuracy of route notes or Safety Notes supplied by third parties.
Competition Numbers:	The organisers will supply Competition numbers. Space must be made available for the event sponsors decals, which must be displayed at all times during the event. Cars not displaying event sponsors decals will be excluded.

8. Classes

The event will be divided into the following classes: -

- Class 1- Group N cars up to and including 2000cc (see article 11 for definition)
- Class 2 - Group N cars over 2000cc (see article 11 for definition)
- Class 3 - Clubman (Group A and modified) cars up to and including 1450cc – 2-wheel drive only
- Class 4 - Clubman (Group A and modified) cars from 1451cc up to and including 1650cc having not more than two valves per cylinder. 2 wheel drive only
- Class 5 - Clubman (Group A and modified) cars from 1451cc up to and including 1650cc having more than two valves per cylinder. 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 6 - Clubman (Group A and modified) cars from 1651cc up to and including 2100cc having not more than two valves per cylinder. 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 7 - Clubman (Group A and modified) cars from 1651cc up to and including 2100cc having more than two valves per cylinder. 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 8- Clubman (Group A and modified) cars from 2101cc 2 wheel drive only.
- Class 9 - All other eligible cars including WRC **[C(c)]** (p152)

A comparison of ANICC classes and MI Forest Championship classes can be found in Rally Guide 1.

The onus rests entirely on the competitor to enter the correct class. Any car found to be in the wrong class after the event has started will be excluded from the results.

9. Log books, Motor tax and MOT

All cars must have an MSI or MSA log book. All Northern Ireland and UK registered cars must also produce an MOT certificate (if applicable) and display a current Tax disc for the vehicle entered as per MSA regulation **[H263]** (p295).

10. Turbo engined & Rotary engined cars:

The turbo class will be determined by the capacity x 1.7.
Rotary-engined cars will be determined by capacity x 2.

11. 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 Group 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 2008 regulations for Group N. The onus of providing eligibility for Class 1 and 2 rests solely with the competitor.

12. Awards will be presented as follows: -

1st Overall	Two trophies	1st in Class	Two trophies
2nd Overall	Two trophies	2nd in Class	Two trophies
3rd Overall	Two trophies	3rd in Class	Two trophies

Additional awards may be presented at the organiser's discretion. The overall winner will forfeit the class award.

All competitors who are classified as finishers on the event will receive an award.

13. Maximum/Minimum entries

The maximum entry for the meeting is **80**. The minimum is **50**
The minimum entry for each class is 3. Should any of the minimum figures not be reached the organisers have the right to cancel the meeting or amalgamate classes as required.

14. Entries & fees

Entry list opens on receipt of these regulations.
Standard entry fee **£285** Sterling (**€360**) up to Saturday 4th October 2008.
Late entry fee **£340** Sterling (**€425**) between Sat. 4th Oct and Saturday 11th October.

Refund policy

Entries withdrawn in writing or by E-mail before Wednesday 1st October 2008 will receive a full refund (less a membership fee) After Wednesday 1st and before Saturday 11th October 2008 entries will be refunded as above less a £50.00 (€63) administration fee. Refunds for entries withdrawn in writing or by E-mail after Saturday 13th October 2008 will be at the discretion of the organisers. Please note that withdrawn entries may still appear on some entry lists. Entries paid in euro will be refunded to the equivalent sterling rate. **No written notification to the Secretary of the Meeting, no refund!!**

Seeding. Seeding will be based on the results provided on the entry form. If you fail to fill in the seeding information, the organisers will assume you are a beginner. The starting order will be at the organiser's discretion. Once the entry list has been published no discussion will be entered into regarding the allocation of start numbers. 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 issuing of the 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 Rathfriland Motor Club Ltd and crossed "A/c Payable".

Cheques will be cashed on receipt. **NB.** Failure to honour a cheque to the event organisers will render the entry null & void.

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. Please do not send cash in the post.

Refusal of an entry will be notified in writing.

15. Priority places

All places will be allocated in order of receipt.

The organisers reserve the right to allocate up to 15 entries at their own discretion.

Preference will be given to competitors as follows:

- The top five MSA NI Championship competitors in each class after round 7 (providing their payment and fully completed entry form has been received by Wednesday 1st October). This priority system follows the guidelines issued by the ANICC Stage Rallies Committee.
- Competitors from the MSA NI Championship.
- Competitors who have supported the event in the past.
- All other entries received by 11th October in order of receipt.

If more than 80 entries are received then **[A40]** (p76) will apply and a reserve list of up to 30 potential competitors may be assembled as per **[A41]** (p76)

16. Accommodation information.

Accommodation information will be available on the club website and in Rally Guide 1 prior to the event or by request to the Secretary of the Meeting. Details will also be issued with Final Instructions No.1.

17. Secretary of the Meeting

Paul Biggerstaff

Tel: 00 44 (0) 77 5384 6734

E: paul.biggerstaff@tiscali.co.uk

E: downrally@rathfrilandmotorclub.com

All phone calls should be made between 17:30 and 22:00hrs

All completed entries should be posted to:

Down Rally 2008

9 Montague Park

Tandragee

County Armagh, NI

BT62 2NU

Other Senior Event Officials

MSA Steward	<i>To be appointed</i>
Clerk of the Course	<i>Andy Gilmore</i>
Deputy Clerks of the Course	<i>Colm King, Alan Cromie</i>
Assistant Clerk of the Course	<i>Patsy Branney</i>
Safety Officers	<i>Sam Magill, David Napier</i>
Club Stewards	<i>Ronnie Mitchell, tba</i>
Results Officer	<i>Patrick McCollum</i>
Chief Scrutineer	<i>Gavin McLean</i>
Chief Timekeeper	<i>Robert Coursey</i>
Chief Medical Officer	<i>Dr David Greene</i>
Chief Rescue Officer	<i>Mitchell Henderson</i>
Car Accountability	<i>Robert Harte</i>
Competitor Liaison Officer	<i>Des O'Loan</i>

Equipment Officers

Malcolm Johnston, Neil McClimond

For the purpose of enforcing these regulations all senior officials listed above and in any Final Instructions, and those listed on the Official notice board in documentation/signing on will be appointed judges of fact.

Other useful contacts: -

N.I. Championship Co-ordinator: -

Kieron O'Neill,
koneill5@hotmail.com
 Mobile – 078 3164 7692

N.I. Championship Media Officer:-

Jonathan McDonald,
info@motorsportpr.com
 Mobile – 079 8928 3055

Superdrive Motorsports Centre

Safron Thomas - Centre Manager.
safron@superdrive.com
 Tel: 028 3885 2545

Patterson Pacenotes

Brian Patterson
PATTPACE@aol.com
 Tel: 028 9084 9231

19. Provisional results will be published as soon as possible after the event. Queries will only be accepted on the Official Query form and must be forwarded through the Competitor Liaison Officer (CLO) up to and no later than 30 minutes after the posting of provisional results. Official Query forms will be included in the event Road book.

All protests must be made through the CLO and must be in accordance with **[C (d) 46 - 50]** (p189).

Competitors may apply to the Secretary of the Meeting for permission to remove their vehicle from any 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. Entrants will be supplied with a Road Book and Time Cards 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.

Penalties

Jump Start – ONE MINUTE. Competitors will be started verbally. There will be a countdown from 10 - 5, 4,3,2,1 go. On the Go command a flag or other signal will be used to start the competing car. Then, and only then can competitors 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.

Competitors are reminded of the following:

- 21.1 Named Judges of Fact **[B78-B82]** (p103) and Driving Standard Observers appointed by the Organisers will be on duty to observe and report upon any competitor in accordance with **[H140&H141]** (p287)
- 21.2 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.

22 **Special Stages**

- 22.1 Achieving a time which is less than the minimum time stated in the road book MINIMUM TIME FOR STAGE.
- 22.2 Achieving a time which is greater than the maximum time stated in the road book MAXIMUM TIME FOR STAGE.
- 22.3 Achieving a time which is between 1 and 2 above – ACTUAL TIME IN MINUTES AND SECONDS.
- 22.4 Failure to attempt a special stage – MAXIMUM TIME FOR STAGE
- 22.5 Failure to follow a specified route – MAXIMUM TIME FOR STAGE
- 22.6 Failure to start a special stage when instructed – MAXIMUM TIME FOR STAGE.
- 22.7 Any unauthorised person found trespassing on any stage – EXCLUSION.
- 22.8 Reporting at a Control after due time – 10 SECONDS PER MINUTE.
- 22.9 Reporting at a Control before due time – 18 SECONDS PER MINUTE.
- 22.10 Not reporting at a Control – EXCLUSION.
- 22.11 Wrong approach or departure at a Control – EXCLUSION.
- 22.12 Servicing in an area declared as a non-service area – EXCLUSION.

- 22.13 Reporting at a Control, 15 or more minutes after due time – EXCLUSION.
- 22.14 Absence of a recorded time at a Control – 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 car – EXCLUSION.
- 22.18 Making a false start on a stage – ONE MINUTE PENALTY
- 22.19 *Breach of Regulations – [H21, H22] (p276), [H145, H147, H149, H150] (p287), [H248] (p294) – EXCLUSION.*
- 22.20 Breach of statutory requirement concerning the driving of a motor vehicle –EXCLUSION
- 22.20 Receiving assistance contrary to [H233-H239] (p294) - EXCLUSION
- 22.21 Failure to report at a specified day and time for scrutiny – EXCLUSION
- 22.22 First violation of Driving standards and/or noise infringement – 10 MINUTE TIME PENALTY
Second violation of Driving standards and/or noise infringement – EXCLUSION
- 22.23 Reported breach of Road Traffic Laws – EXCLUSION

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

23 Special Stage 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

Stage starts will be done by means of a flag or other type of signal. After the signal the competitor will accelerate into the stage. All special stages will have flying finishes. After crossing the finishing line the competitor will stop at the timekeepers control and have his/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 the driver is in possession of a current driving licence.
2. That the current Road Fund Tax Disc relating to the car entered is displayed on the windscreen (if UK registered).
3. That both driver and navigator are in possession of a Rally National B Stage MSA or equivalent MI licence.
4. That a red reflective triangle and MSA Approved SOS/OK Board is carried in the competing car.
5. Competitors are reminded that MSA Vehicle Technical Requirements for a Special Stage Rally are mandatory. Your attention is drawn to section to [C (b)] (p142), [H262-H312] (p295), [C(c)] (p152) and [C (e) 9-14] (p196).
6. Both crewmembers must provide a mobile phone number on which they can be contacted during the Rally weekend. This will be only used by the organisers for informational and accountability purposes.
7. Any competitor under 18 years of age will have to ensure that a legal guardian will be in attendance at documentation to countersign the Competitors Sign On sheet.

26. Insurance details

Rathfriland Motor Club Ltd. has applied to Lockton International for a Blanket Cover Note under their Insurance scheme. This will provide Competitors who need to use the scheme with Third Party Cover necessary to meet Road Traffic Act requirements on the road sections of the Event. The basic rate for the event (before any loadings) is **£26.00** (€33).

All new applicants' wishing to use the scheme must be able to comply with all points of the Lockton Declaration: -

- Over 21 and Held a Full Licence for at least 6 months
- Not more than 1 fault accident in the last 3 years
- No more than maximum of 6 speeding points on licence
- No physical or mental disabilities
- No other material facts

If you are able to comply with all the above points, simply sign the "Signing On" Form for Insurance at documentation scrutiny – **No letter of Acceptance will be issued.**

If you are **unable** to comply with any of the above points, Insurance must be applied for **BEFORE** the event. Forms can be obtained as follows:

Emailed by request from the Secretary of the meeting – see section 17.

Request by phone from the Secretary of the Meeting or

Direct from Lockton on +44(0) 161 242 8350

Please allow sufficient time for the Letter of Acceptance to be issued prior to the event.

NO LETTER – NO START

27. Subjective Route Notes.

Competitors may purchase Route Notes and DVD from Patterson Pace Notes. Only the Route Notes supplied by Patterson Pace Notes may be used. This does not, however, preclude competitors from making notations thereon to suit their own purposes. Unauthorised pre-event reconnaissance, practising or testing over the Special Stages on this event is forbidden **[H17]** (p276) & **[H167]** (p289) as the Forests being used are popular walking routes.

A competitor who practices, reconnoitres or otherwise examines a Special Stage by any motorised means (or uses any other person(s) to do so on his/her behalf) will be excluded from the competition without refund and will be reported to the MSA Ltd – **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

In enforcing this regulation the promoters will have the assistance of the local Police and the Landowners, in addition to their own Officials. For the purpose of enforcing these regulations all senior officials listed in these regulations will be appointed Judges of Fact. Any competitor who has been authorised by the Clerk of the Course to work on a special stage will be exempt from exclusion.

29. Service.

Competitors will only be allowed 1 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 the Service Park no later than 08:30hrs on the morning of the event.

All competing cars must have a ground sheet for use in the 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 **5 MPH (7Kph)**. 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.

Please note that members of any service crew are not permitted to trade within the service area without prior permission of the organisers.

30. Interpretation of regulations

It is not the duty of any Marshal to interpret regulations or any written instructions to a competitor or to explain the meaning and/or explain the meaning/or effect thereof. It is the responsibility of the competitor to read and understand the regulations and other written instruction. When the organisers have received an entry it is understood that all competitors have read and understood these supplementary regulations

31. Abuse of officials

Any competitor (or member of a service crew or supporter belonging to the competitor) 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.

32. Reference numbers

All reference numbers quoted in these regulations relate to the 2008 MSA Competitors Year Book. Copies of the relevant sections can be downloaded from **www.downrally.com**

33. Organisers liability

The organisers decline liability in any accident or situation caused by, or to competitors, and the competing cars during the whole of the event. The organisers also decline any liability for breach of the laws and regulations of Northern Ireland covered by the itinerary. Competitors shall be held responsible for any accident on public or private land. Competitors must declare to the organisers any breach of laws in which they may be involved and shall also declare to the organisers the particulars of any incident from which liability may arise. They 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.

34. Sponsor advertising

Competitors must provide a space of size 18" x 8" on each side of the two front doors of the competing car for additional sponsor advertising.

35. Superdrive Motorsports Centre 2wd Award.

Registered cars carrying the Superdrive Motorsports Centre decals will be eligible for awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed 2wd cars in the overall final results. For further details contact the Championship co-ordinator, Kieron O'Neill or Safron Thomas at the Superdrive Motorsports Centre. Contact details are listed in section 18 of these regulations.

36. Crews should assist the organisers by providing contact details of a marshal for the event. Future acceptance of entry may depend on having assisted with marshalling the event.

If you retire from the event, please consider volunteering to marshal for the rest of the day.

37. If you are unable to take part in the event, please consider marshalling or volunteering your services in the run up to the event. The organisers will gladly sign your Championship Registration card so that you can guarantee your bonus points for the Pacenotes Championship. Competitors should note that the Down Rally is the last championship round that these points can be claimed and that the Registration card must be returned before the 28th October 2008.

ADDITIONAL NOTES.

Where possible, Rathfriland Motor Club will post all relevant documentation on the Event website. If an email address is provided on the entry form, all documents will also be sent electronically.

The following documentation will be available to view and/or download at www.downrally.com prior to the event:

- **Event Press releases**
- **Rally Guide 1 – Competitor**
- **Relevant Sections of the MSA Competitors' Yearbook 2008**
- **Supplementary Regulations**
- **Entry Form**
- **Media Form**
- **In Car Camera Scrutiny form**
- **Final Instructions No1**
- **Entry List**
- **Rally Guide 2 – Spectator**

The following documentation will also be available to view and download at www.nirally.com & www.irish-rallying.com.

- **Rally Guide 1 - Competitor**
- **Supplementary Regulations**
- **Entry Form**
- **Final Instructions No1**
- **Entry List**

Please note that RMC Ltd. cannot take responsibility for competitors who do not check their e-mails regularly.