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THE DJD JIM WALSH CORK FOREST RALLY 2026

1. Announcement

The Jim Walsh Cork Forest Rally is promoted by Cork Motor Club and will be held on the 9th of August 2026. The competition will be held under the International Sporting Code of the FIA, the General Competition Rules of Motorsport Ireland including Appendix 25, Appendix 26, Appendix 28, Appendix 29, Appendix 29.1 and Appendix 32 of the 2026 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook and these Supplementary Regulations. Amendments to these Supplementary Regulations will be issued by numbered bulletins. All competitors who submit completed entry forms agree to be bound by these regulations.

2. Organisation

2.1 These regulations have been submitted to, and approved by Motorsport Ireland who has issued Permit No:26/104 for the holding of the competition.

Championships for which the rally is a counting

round:

1. 2026 Motorsport Ireland Forestry Rally Championship
2. 2026 Motorsport Ireland Junior Rally Series (MIJRS) - J1000
3. 2026 Motorsport Ireland Junior Rally Series (MIJRS) - Rally4, R2/R2T

2.2 Officials:

Motorsport Ireland Steward (Chair)	Michael Boland
Motorsport Ireland Steward (Observer)	Gavin Walsh
Club Steward	Darren McCarthy
Clerk of the Course	Sean Daly
Motorsport Ireland Safety Delegate	Kieran Ambrose
Club Safety Delegate	Michael Coleman
Motorsport Ireland Chief Scrutineer	Colm Forde
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Barry Duggan
Assistant Clerk of the Course	John Buckley
Secretary of the Event	Greg McCarthy
Entries Secretary	Paula McCarthy
Chief Marshal	Sean Hayes
Chief Timekeeper	John Harrington
Radio Controller	Mary Fitzgerald
Press Officer	Cian Donnellan
Children's Officer	Jane Delaney
Competitors' Relations Officer	Jerry Hynes
Super Rally Co-Ordinator	Niall O'Keefe
Results Officer	Nial Murphy
Emergency Services Liaison Officer	Brian O'Connell
Chief Medical Officer	Dr Declan O'Brien
Service Area	Connie Delaney
Scrutiny/Parc Ferme Coordinator	Johnny Kennelly
Spectator Control	Steve Davis
Stage Commanders	Keith Leonard, Ciaran O'Driscoll, Eoin Hogan, Ger O'Neill.

Deputy Stage Commanders	Kevin Tydings, Jack O’Sullivan, Darren Delaney, Eadaoin Hallinan.
Car Accountability	Ken Carmody
Sweeper	Andy Horgan
Chief Rescue Officer	Paddy Russell

Safety Cars

001 Safety Car	Stephen Sheehan/Paul Sheehan
002 Safety Car	John Hickey/Anthony O’Connor
003 Safety Car	Mark Nangle/Pat O’Dowd
004 Safety Car	Tony O’Driscoll/Donal McGrath

2.3 Rally Headquarters:

Mallow Autograss,
Quitrentmountain,
Ballyguyroe
Co. Cork.

2.4 Entries Secretary Contact Details:

Paula McCarthy
3 Cedar Grove
Cluain Ard, Cobh,
Co. Cork, P24 YY86
Phone: +353 87 9967482
Email: entriescorkmc@gmail.com

2.5 Official Notice Board:

The official notice board will be online (DNB) on the Sportity platform and password is **corkforest26**

3. Programme

Event	Date	Time	Location
Supplementary Regulations available	6/07/2026	21:00	www.corkmotorclub.com
Entries open	6/07/2026	21:00	www.corkmotorclub.com
Entries close	31/07/2026	20:00	www.corkmotorclub.com
Final Instructions Posted	4/08/2026	20:00	Online Sportity App (DNB)
Competitors Safety Briefing	5/08/2026	20:00	Online Sportity App (DNB)
Mechanical Scrutineering	08/08/2026	14:00-19:00	Mallow Autograss, Quitrentmountain, Ballyguyroe, Co. Cork
Documentation Scrutineering	08/08/2026	14:30-19:30	Rally Office, Mallow Autograss, Quitrentmountain, Ballyguyroe, Co. Cork
Rally Start	09/08/2026	08:15	Mallow Autograss, Quitrentmountain, Ballyguyroe, Co. Cork
Rally Finish (Parc Ferme)	09/08/2026	16:15	Mallow Autograss, Quitrentmountain, Ballyguyroe, Co. Cork
Provisional Results	09/08/2026	After last car enters Parc Ferme	Online Sportity App (DNB)
Prize Giving	09/08/2026	30 mins after final results	Mallow Autograss, Quitrentmountain, Ballyguyroe, Co. Cork

4.1 Information:

4.1.1 Entries may be submitted by all persons holding a valid FIA Competition Licence or Commercial Entrants Licence as issued by a recognised ASN.

4.1.2 All entries must be made on the Official entry platform online @ www.corkmotorclub.com

4.1.3 Entries from other (non-MI/MSUK) ASN INTERNATIONAL grade STAGE RALLY licence holders from abroad may be accepted provided:

4.1.3.1 The licence holder has written permission from his/her ASN (National Governing Body) to compete in the declared "national competition organised abroad".

4.1.3.2 The licence holder holds an STAGE RALLY licence of an appropriate grade.

4.1.3.3 The Motorsport Ireland (MI) office has been contacted in the first instance and has given PRIOR approval for each individual competitor before an entry can be accepted. Written proof of which must be provided to the organisers

Note: The licence holder must be listed on the IRDS/ BRDS Database Published weekly on MI Website. BRDS can be applied for via the MI website or by contacting the MI office. This must be applied for a minimum of 2 weeks before the event

4.2 Entry Fee:

The entry fee is:	€850	4wd
	€820	2wd
	€670	J1000

The entry fee includes the Personal Accident Insurance, IRDS/BRDS Insurance at standard rate. The fee is also inclusive of the rally tracking safety system.

All competitors should ensure they are listed on the IRDS/BRDS Database, as published weekly by Motorsport Ireland. Please contact Motorsport Ireland with any queries in relation to IRDS/BRDS on +353 (0)1 6775628.

Payment must be made online on completion of full entry details on the online shop section of the club website www.corkmotorclub.com **CASH WILL NOT BE TAKEN ON THE EVENT**

Withdrawals:

Entries withdrawn more than 7 days before the event will receive a full refund. Entries withdrawn between 7 and 4 days before the event will receive a 75% refund and entries withdrawn less than 4 days before the event will receive a 50% refund. All refunds will be made after the event. Clerk of the Course's decision is final on all refunds. Please note: Withdrawal of all entries must be completed via email to the event secretary entriescorkmc@gmail.com

4.3: Entry Criteria:

Entries online only via the club website www.corkmotorclub.com where payment must be made at the time, **No payment, No entry.**

The Max number of Starters will be 120:

Should the number of applications exceed 120 a selection Committee acting on behalf of the Organisers will choose entries using the following criteria:

- 1. Previous winners of the Jim Walsh Cork Forest Rally**
- 2. Previous winners of the National Forest Rally Championship**
- 3. Up to 10 Entries allocated at Organiser's discretion.**
- 4. Up to 10 Entries allocated to overseas crews**
- 5. Up to 10 Entries allocated to CMC members using Club criteria applied**
- 6. The first 5 overall in the 2026 Motorsport Ireland Forestry Rally Championship at closing date for entries.**
- 7. The first 3 in class in the 2026 Motorsport Ireland Forestry Rally Championship at closing date for entries.**

If more than 120 entry applications are received for the event the organisers will nominate reserve entries. Such reserves may replace withdrawn entries up to a maximum of 120 starters. Reserve entries will be taken in numerical order for this purpose.

The club reserve the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

5. Classes

5.1 The event will include classes, as per Appendix 29.1 of the 2026 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook

5.2 Notes on Classes:

For further details on requirements for cars in classes 1 to 7, refer to www.fia.com, Appendix J, articles 252 to 261 (Article 260 refers to cars in Group R).

Refer to Appendix 29.1, Notes on Classes, and Articles 1 to 24, 2026 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook, for further information on class eligibility.

6. Safety Notes

6.1 Information:

Safety Notes will be allowed on this event. Competitors will not be permitted to Recce the stages before the event.

6.2 Safety note providers:

Safety notes will be available for sale by third parties. The club has no involvement in their preparation and accepts no responsibility or liability for their accuracy or otherwise.

6.3 Penalties:

As per Appendix 29, Article 4 of the 2026 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook.

Reports of breaches of above regulations will be submitted to Motorsport Ireland who may convene a tribunal of inquiry.

7. Administrative Checks

Administrative checks:

- Documentation scrutineering is located at Rally Office, Mallow Autograss, Quitrentmountain, Ballyguyroe, Co. Cork August 8th 2026: 14:30-19:30.
- Competition licences and other documentation as requested must be presented at documentation scrutineering.

*** IMPORTANT – COMPETITORS UNDER 18**

Competitors under 18 years of age (Minor) must be entered in the event by the holder of a Minor Entrant Licence who must countersign the entry form. A Minor Entrant who is not the parent/legal guardian of the Minor, must be Garda Vetted. Where an adult sits in the same car as a Minor competitor, the adult must be the holder of a Minor Entrant Licence, if they are not the Minor's Parent/Legal Guardian this licence must include Garda Vetting. It is not permitted to have two minors in the same vehicle

8. Scrutineering

- Mechanical Scrutiny will take place on August 8th 2026: 14:00-19:00 at Mallow Autograss, Quitrentmountain, Ballyguyroe, Co. Cork. On Completion of Mechanical Scrutiny, cars are to return to their service bays, and will start from here on Sunday 9th August as per starters list.
- Post Event Mechanical Scrutiny will take place by invitation at Mallow Autograss.
- Refer to Appendices 2 and 29.1 of the 2026 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook for scrutiny requirements.

9. Servicing

• There will be one designated fixed Service Area on private grounds in Mallow Autograss, Quitrentmountain, Ballyguyroe, Co. Cork. Details and map will be added to Sportivity app before rally. The Service Area will open from 13:00 – 20:00 on Saturday 8/8/2026 and from 07:00 Sunday 9/08/2026, and there will be overnight security in place on the Saturday night. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5JtxqpfuRZZAShzM6>

- Outside of the Service Area, Support / Service is expressly forbidden (Article 11.5, Appendix 29, 2026 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook).
- Judges of Fact will monitor the route.

- Ground sheets must be utilized by all crews.
- Waste/Recycling bins will be provided in the Service Area and all crews must place all rubbish and recyclable items in the bins. **NO TYRES OR FUEL DRUMS**
- Competitors **MUST** remove all oil / fluids and tyres and refuel drums from the Service Area. In the Service Park / Area all competitors are required to have 2 fire extinguishers visible with displayed signage. The minimum requirement for the extinguishers is: 1 X 6 kg ABC Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced) 1 X 6 Litre AFFF (Foam) Fire Extinguisher (for each car serviced). Smoking is strictly forbidden within the confines of the service area.

10. Features of the Rally

10.1 Competitors Safety Briefing:

This will take place ONLINE and will be posted on the DNB (Sportity App) on Tuesday the 4th of August 2026. This must be viewed by both crew members before Saturday the 8th of August 2026. Views will be monitored and you may be required to prove attendance. At Documentation Scrutiny, you will be asked to sign a declaration to confirm that you have watched and understood the online briefing.

10.2 Route Information:

The rally will take place over a route of approximately 82 stage km's and 115 road km's and will comprise of 8 stages with service before SS1 after SS 3, & SS6. Cars in the Junior Class (Class 16) will compete over all stages.

10.3 Super Rally:

A restart after retirement facility (Super Rally), as per Art 13, Appendix 29 2026 Motorsport Ireland Yearbook, will be operated on the rally.

11. Super Rally (Restart After Retirement)

11.1: General

11.1.1 The rally will operate Super Rally in accordance with Art 13, Appendix 29 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook (as published on MI Website).

11.1.2 A crew retiring from the rally between Start Control (TC A) and Arrival Control of SS3, may restart the rally from Service Out Control after 3 stages (TC C) or Service Out Control after 6 stages (TC E) (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below).

A Crew retiring from the rally between Service out after SS3 (TC C) and Arrival Control of SS6 may only restart from Service Out Control after 6 stages (TC E) (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below). (subject to compliance with 11.3.1 below).

No restart will be permitted for crews retiring on Special Stages 6, 7 or 8.

A restart will not be permitted where a crew has been excluded for non-compliance with eligibility requirements, traffic violations or a decision of the COC / SRC (Super Rally Co-Ordinator).

On retirement the crew must hand in their time cards to Car Accountability or the marshal / timekeeper at the next available location / Time Control.

Crews must retain the duplicate copy of the time card, to present to SRC as proof of stages completed.

11.1.3 Competitors must register for Super Rally if they wish to restart from Service Out Control after 3 Stages (TC C), from Service Out Control after 6 stages (TC E) by contacting the SRC prior to a time that will be specified in Final Instructions.

Service Vehicles will not be permitted to access the Stage or any closed road between runs. The Organisers will, where possible, endeavor to remove any car to the nearest location where it can exit the stage.

The transport of the car from that location is the responsibility of the competitor. The car must return by direct route to the Service Area.

11.1.4 Competitors availing of Super Rally must present themselves at Service Out Control after 3 stages (TC C) Service Out Control after 6 stages (TC E), with their car, for re-scrutineering.

Due time is 10 minutes before their original due time at that Control, and 15 Minutes maximum lateness will apply.

11.1.5 The SRC, once satisfied that the crew meets the conditions for a restart, will issue new time

cards which will have a restart time and restart Control Number.

The restart position within the field shall be at the discretion of the COC / SRC.

11.1.6 The Organisers reserve the right to disallow restart on safety grounds or if the restart would interfere with the running of the rally.

11.2 Penalties:

11.2.1 Penalties will be applied as per Article 13.5, Appendix 29 of the Motorsport Ireland Yearbook (as published on MI Website)

11.3 Award Eligibility:

11.3.1 In order to be classified as a finisher the crew must complete a minimum of 4 special stages, which must include the final loop of stages and the finish control/Parc ferme.

11.3.2 Crews completing the rally under Super Rally regulations will be eligible to score points in Championships

12. Awards

12.1 Award Details:

1 st Overall	The Jim Walsh Memorial Cup & 2 Trophies
2 nd Overall	2 Trophies
3 rd Overall	2 Trophies
1 st in each class	2 Trophies
2 nd in each class	2 Trophies
3 rd in each class	2 Trophies
1 st Overall Lady Driver	1 Trophy
Spirit of The Rally	Ger Fahy Memorial Trophy
Highest Placed CMC Member	Danny Creedon Memorial Trophy

12.2 Notes:

Overall winners are not eligible for class awards.

If 5 or more entries are not received in each class, the Organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes or reduce the awards accordingly.

13. Judges of Fact

- All Judges of Fact, and the facts they are judging will be advised in final instructions and will be posted on the official notice board.
- The decision of a Judge of Fact will be final.

14. Provision Regarding Postponement, Abandonment or Cancellation of the event.

The organizers reserve the right to postpone, cancel or abandon the event in circumstances such as

- Insufficient entries received at the closing date for entries
- On safety grounds (upon consultation with the MI Stewards reference GCR 129.11)
- Force Majeure (upon consultation with the MI Stewards reference GCR 129.11)

14.1: If a decision to postpone, cancel or abandon the event is made, the Organisers Will communicate this decision using one of or a combination of the following

- Final instruction posted on club page.
- Final instruction posted on official notice board on the Sportity App (DNB)
- Final instruction posted or emailed directly to the crew member nominated as official contact on entry form
- Direct instruction to at least one of the crew from an official of the event

Every effort will be made by the Organisers to communicate such a decision in a timely manner however, in circumstances of force majeure or on safety grounds, it may be necessary to make such a decision during the running of an event. In such cases, this decision will be communicated via direct instruction from an Official of the event.

In the event of cancellation or postponement for more than 24 hours, entry fee shall be refunded in accordance with GCR 51.2.

Maps: the entire route is covered on ordnance survey 1:50,000 discovery series sheet 73 alternatively the organiser's will have A3 colour marked maps for sale @ Rally HQ

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