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Stonehaven & District Motor Club

# Gropers Navigational Rally

30<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Supplementary Regulations



(2022 SNRC Championship winners Andy Tong/Duncan Cameron)

**Organised by Stonehaven & District Motor Club Ltd**

**A round of the  
2024 Scottish Navigational Rally Championship**



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## Supplementary Regulations

### ARTICLE 1 ANNOUNCEMENT

1.1 Stonehaven & District Motor Club Ltd (SDMC) will organise a RS Clubman permit Navigational Rally on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024, starting at Culter Mills Social Club, 25 School Crescent, Peterculter, Aberdeen, AB14 0QL ~ **OS 38/842007**

1.2 **The event** will be a qualifying round of the following championships:-

- (a) The Scottish Navigational Rally Championship
- (b) The Stonehaven & District Motor Club Championships
- (c) North East of Scotland Motor Club Championships

### ARTICLE 2 JURISDICTION

2.1 The event will be held under the General Regulations of the Motorsport UK Ltd (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these Supplementary Regulations and any written instructions the Organisers may issue for the event. All references shown *in italics* contained within these Supplementary Regulations refer to the appropriate section of the 2024 Competitors' and Officials' Yearbook, available online at: [Yearbook-2024-COMplete.pdf \(motorsportuk.org\)](https://www.motorsportuk.org/Yearbook-2024-COMplete.pdf)

### ARTICLE 3 AUTHORISATION

3.1 SNRC Permit Number: **CH2024/RALLY046 (E)**

3.2 Motorsport UK Permit Numbers: **134410**

3.3 Scottish Executive Authorisation Number: TBA

### ARTICLE 4 ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The event is open to members of the following clubs as well as those competitors registered to compete in the Scottish Association of Motor Sport Club's Navigational Rally Championship.

SDMC	ADMC	63CC	750MC	HCC
GMSc	DCC	EACC	EUMC	SaltireRC

4.2 All competitors must produce a valid club membership card at signing on and must also produce a valid Motorsport UK RS Clubman Competition Licence, or higher. Application can be done online prior to the event through the Motorsport UK website, [RS Clubman Licence - Motorsport UK](https://www.motorsportuk.org/RS-Clubman-Licence). NB the RS Clubman Licence is free of charge!

**4.3 Please remember to apply for your 2024 competition licence in plenty of time, allowing time for the licence to be posted out to you. You will now require a minimum of RS Clubman licence to compete in any events run under Motorsport UK permit. The RS Clubman licence is issued free of charge! No licence – No competing!**



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## ARTICLE 5 PROGRAMME

5.1 The timetable for the event is as follows:-

Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	17:00 hrs	Closing date for entries
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	17:45 hrs	Documentation check opens.
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	17:45 hrs	Scrutineering, Noise Check opens
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	19:00 hrs	Scrutineering and Noise Check closes
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	19:31 hrs	1 <sup>st</sup> vehicle starts
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	23:00 hrs (approx)	1 <sup>st</sup> vehicle finishes
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	23:30 hrs (approx)	Provisional results published
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	30mins later (hopefully)	Results final

## ARTICLE 6 SCRUTINEERING AND SIGNING ON

6.1 Scrutineering will be held on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Culter Mills Social Club, **OS 38/842007** commencing at 17:45hrs and ending at 19:00hrs.

6.2 **Signing-on** is automatically enabled when you complete the Entry form but you must produce your Membership Card and RS Clubman Licence for inspection before you will be allowed to start.

6.3 All vehicles must comply with the relevant Motorsport UK Technical Regulations for navigational rallies **[(J)5]** and must be taxed, MOT'd and insured for use on the public highway. Please note the **J5.16.7** requires petrol engined cars, manufactured after 31/12/99 to be fitted with a catalytic converter. Commercial vehicles are not permitted **(J)5.20.6]** except for car derived vans of less than 2 tonnes gross laden weight.

6.4 Vehicles must be presented in a clean condition and in the same condition as they intend to compete.

6.5 Every competing vehicle will be subject to a noise test. The maximum permitted noise level is 98db(A) at two-thirds maximum rpm at 0.5 metres. **[(J)Chart 5.18 'D']**

6.6 Additional checking may be carried out at any time during the event, of competitors as well as of the vehicles. The Entrant is responsible for the technical conformity of his vehicle throughout the entire duration of the event. Vehicle servicing during the event is not permitted with the exception of efforts by competitors to maintain compliance with **6.3** and **6.5**.

## ARTICLE 7 ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS AND TIMECARDS

7.1 The route will be contained on OS Landranger Maps **Sheet 38 Aberdeen revised July 2019, and Sheet 45 'Stonehaven & Banchory' edition (Revised July 2019)**. Any feature of the map, legend or cardboard cover may be used to define the route to be taken.

7.2 Total mileage will be approximately 88 miles, timed to the minute.

7.3 First vehicle will start at 19:31hrs. Vehicles will start at one minute intervals.

- 7.4 All Competitors will be supplied with route instructions and timecards at the start of the Event. These instructions will provide sufficient information to enable competitors to comply with (R)9.2 - (R)9.2.3.**
- 7.5 Experts will be supplied with route instructions and timecards in a sealed envelope at the start of the Event. The route instructions will be in separate sealed and uniquely identified envelopes contained within the main envelope. These instructions will provide sufficient information to enable competitors to comply with R(9.2) – R(9.3)**
- 7.6 Only the main envelope is to be opened prior to your start time. Note that there is a larger number of envelopes than instructions needed to complete the route. Envelopes opened unnecessarily are subject to penalty.  
The Start Marshal will tell you which instruction to use for the first section.**
- 7.7 The shortest route that complies with the instruction is deemed correct.**
- 7.8** There will be a Control Board 100m before each Control Point, and a red number board to identify the TC at the control location.
- 7.9** The organisers are using the GPS based system, RallyAppLive, in order to allow the event to run with minimal numbers of marshals. It is envisaged that there will only be marshals physically present at the Start and the Finish and up to 50% of the Time Controls.
- 7.10** The system will be outlined in detail in Final Instructions but broadly can be defined as:-
- GPS** based timing that requires the use of a smartphone (either Apple or Android) &/or tablet. An App is downloaded from the web which contains all the route information timing. When the competitor arrives at a control the phone's GPS senses the location and displays the time. This is announced to the competitor (ping) and when accepted is recorded electronically. This information is then uploaded to a Cloud server whenever the phone has a signal, these uploaded times are then available to the organisers in real time.
- 7.11** Code Boards will be deployed as route checks and will be black numbers or letters on white ground. These will also be recorded by the system and announced to the competitor as 'Code Board'.  
Whilst the location generates a time this is not used for the results merely a visited/not visited notification. Competitors must insert the code board ID on the screen as well as their own timecard.
- 7.12** There is a detailed Competitor Guide on the [RallyAppLive](#) website and Facebook

## ARTICLE 8 IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1** Competitors will be identified by rally numbers, which will be supplied by the organisers and must be displayed at all times during the event in the nearside rear window of the competing vehicle.

## ARTICLE 9 CLASSES

- 9.1** The event will consist of 4 classes:

- **EXPERT** – Open to any competitor.
- **NON-EXPERT** – Limited to competitors who have, whilst navigating, been classified as a finisher in no more than 8 navigational events of Clubman or higher status between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at Non-Expert level

No Competitor will be awarded the Non-Expert Title greater than twice,



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Note: the restriction on navigating experience also applies to competitors intending to drive at Non-Expert level.

- **NOVICE** – Limited to competitors who have, whilst navigating, been classified as a finisher in no more than 8 navigational events of Clubman or higher status between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Previous winners of Novice Navigators Championship from 2011-2023 are also not eligible. No Competitor will be awarded the Novice Title more than twice.

Note: the restriction on navigating experience also applies to competitors intending to drive at Novice level.

- **NEWCOMER** – Open to new or inexperienced competitors, also anyone who wants some practice or just for fun! Points for the Club Championship only may be awarded.
- Competitors in this class will be issued with a 1:100,000 scale marked map in addition to the usual instructions.

## ARTICLE 10 AWARDS

**10.1** The annual Gropers Shield will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> Expert Driver and Navigator of the joint events. This shield will be presented at the SDMC Dinner. The shield must be returned to an office bearer of SDMC upon request or by 25th December 2024.

**10.2** Awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> in Non-Expert and Novice classes Drivers and Navigators provided there are at least 3 eligible crews in the classes.

## ARTICLE 11 ENTRIES

**11.1** The entry list opens on publication of these Supplementary Regulations and closes finally at 17:00 hrs on Sunday 24th March 2024. The entry fee for the event is **£40.00**. All entries must be made on-line on the official entry form. All payments **MUST** be electronic, cash on the night cannot be accepted.

**11.2** Entries are to be made online using RallyAppLive. Follow the link:

<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/livesites.php> to register your entry. Payment is to be made by Bank Transfer into the SDMC bank account :-  
Sort Code **80 09 68** A/C No **00826299**.

See the Entering Guide attached.

Competitors should note that an entry is not valid (*D12.1.4*), and cannot be accepted, until the specified entry fee is received.

Note that the viability of the event will be decided by the number of **VALID** entries received by the closing date.

**11.3** The maximum number of entries is 20, the minimum is 10. The Organisers reserve the right to cancel the event should the minimum number of entries not be reached by the closing date.

**11.4** Entry fees will only be refunded if written notice is received by the Event Secretary on or before the closing date. Refunds after that date will be at the discretion of the organisers. Should the event be cancelled, entry fees will be refunded in full. Organisers reserve the right to refuse entries.



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**11.5** The Entries Secretary to whom all entries should be sent is:-

Graham Anderson  
20, Abbotshall Place  
CULTS  
Aberdeen AB15 9JB

Telephone: 07793 207715 (M)  
E-mail [ganderson55@btinternet.com](mailto:ganderson55@btinternet.com)

**11.5** Confirmation of receipt of entries will be dispatched by e-mail as soon as possible. Acceptance of entries will be at the discretion of the Organisers, and entries may be refused without any reason being given.

**11.6** Competitors will be seeded within their class and will start in numerical order. Class running order will be Expert, Non-expert, and Novice. Seeding will be done at the organisers' discretion.

## **ARTICLE 12 OFFICIALS**

### **12.1** Officials of the Rally

Club Steward	John Mackay	07734 413069
Clerk of the Course	Duncan Cameron	07802 653635
Asst Clerk of Course	Andy Tong	07801 132230
Secretary of the Meeting	Graham Anderson	07793 207715
Chief Timekeeper	Duncan Cameron	
Chief Scrutineer	Gerry Potter	01651 806862

*(Please do not make phone calls to rally officials after 9.00pm on any day prior to the event, except in an emergency, or excepting the Clerk of Course who is contactable after 9pm)*

## **ARTICLE 13 PENALTIES, RESULTS AND PROTESTS**

**13.1** Competitors will start with zero marks. Classification for the order of merit will be by reference to total marks by class, the winner being the competitor with the least total penalties.

**13.2** In the event of a tie, the competitor who has completed the greater portion of the route without penalty will be the winner, failing which, a timed navigational test will be used.

**13.3** Marking and Penalties will be as per the "Time" Penalties system in the General Regulations of the MSUK **(R)13** except for the following:-

- Booking in early at a Time Control (per min. early) **2 mins**
- Booking in Late at a Time control (per min. late) **1 min**
- Missing a Route Check (Code Board or manned Passage Control) **15 mins**
- Entering a Control from the wrong direction **15 mins**
- Requesting next control location (RallyAppLive help) (only applies Expert & Non-Expert classes) **15 mins**
- Not complying with a Stop sign **15 mins**
- Opening an incorrect route instruction envelope (only applies Expert & Non-Expert classes) **30 mins**





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**13.4** Competitors can make up time as per **(R)12.6.1**

**13.5** Route checks will take the form of code boards (example displayed at the start) and manned passage checks. **[(R)11.3 - (R)11.4.2]**.

**13.6** The event will be run to schedule timing **[(R)12.2.2]**.

**13.7** Provisional results will be declared in accordance with General Regulation **(D)26.1.2**. These results will become final results when the protest time has expired, or all outstanding protests and appeals have been settled. A copy of the full results will be posted on the SDMC website and sent to all competitors within seven days of the finish of the event by e-mail.

**13.8** Protests must be made in accordance with General Regulations **(C)5.1 – (C)5.7** and Appeals in accordance with General Regulations **(C)6.1 – (C)6.6**.

## ARTICLE 14 FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

**14.1** Final Instructions will be e-mailed to competitors prior to the event.

## ARTICLE 15 MODIFICATIONS TO THE GENERAL REGULATIONS

**15.1** All other General Regulations of the MSA apply as written except for the following which are modified:

- (a) Only the competitor named on the entry form as the driver may drive during the event **[(R)5.4.3]**.
- (b) Competitors may carry mobile telephones in their vehicle for use in accordance with Article 7.9 above and for emergency use **[(R)7.2.3]** but no other purpose.

## ARTICLE 16 INSURANCE

**16.1** Competitors must declare, whilst Signing-On, their own Insurance Documents, showing that they have extended their own Private Motor Insurance, or sign and pay £27.00 for cover under the Motor Sport Club Scheme. Failure to do so will result in the refusal of a start.

**16.2** Vehicles must have a valid motor insurance policy which provides as a minimum, Third Party Liability cover that complies with the Road Traffic Act. This can be either, by extending an existing motor policy to cover the event, or, by purchasing additional cover, providing under the Event Road Section Scheme as an adjunct to an existing motor policy.

If a competitor has an extension to their existing policy, they will be required to sign a declaration that the cover complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic Act. Any responsibility for a fraudulent or misleading declaration about existing cover lies with the competitor.

If a competitor wishes purchase additional Road Section cover via the organisers then they can do so prior to the event providing they comply with the following.

- **is aged 19 years or over**
- **has held a full driving licence for a minimum of 6 months**
- **has no more than 6 points on their licence**
- **has had no more than 1 fault claim in the last 3 years**
- **is a named driver on a valid motor insurance policy for the vehicle they are driving**
- **do not have the Third-Party Extension cover on their existing motor policy**
- **The vehicle has a valid MOT and taxed for the road, unless exempt from doing so**

Anyone aged less than 19 years old will also be accepted at the same price should their co-driver be a more senior member of their family or over 25.

Any competitor who falls outside these parameters may be offered cover at equivalent terms or an agreed price, if approval from the Appointed Insurance Broker has been obtained by the event organisers, prior to the event. Approval can be sought by Event Organisers sending an email to the [contact@reis.co.uk](mailto:contact@reis.co.uk) and provide the Drivers' name and date of birth, the date they passed their driving test and full details of any motoring claims and/or convictions.

Additional cover provided by this scheme is only effective whilst the vehicle is actively competing in the event and remains under the control or direction of the event organiser(s). Cover will cease immediately if you are precluded, excluded or retire from the event.

The Event Road Section scheme is provided by REIS Motorsport Insurance and underwritten by First Underwriting Limited.

The basic rate per driver for the Insured event, before any loadings will be:

Net Premium	£24.11
Insurance Premium Tax	£ 2.89
Total Payable For Each Vehicle	<b>£27.00</b>

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## ARTICLE 17 DAMAGE DECLARATION

**17.1** Competitors at the conclusion of their Competition must sign a declaration to the effect that they have not been involved in any incident that may have caused damage to persons or property, or alternatively give details of any such incident. Non-compliance will be penalised in accordance with **(R)15.1.2** and may be reported to the Motorsport UK for further disciplinary action.

**17.2** Competitors who retire from the event will be required to submit a form to the Secretary of the Meeting within 72 hours of the event. Failure to return a form may result in a fine of up to £100. **[(C)2.4]**

## ARTICLE 18 DRIVING STANDARDS/OBSERVERS/JUDGES OF FACT

**18.1** Judges of Fact appointed by the Organisers will be on duty throughout the rally to observe and report excessive noise; driving behaviour, Stop & Give Way protocol and the use of auxiliary Lights in Quiet Zones. The names of these Officials will be notified in an Official Bulletin which will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**18.2** The Chief Scrutineer appointed for the event is the Judges of Fact in respect of Vehicle Eligibility.

**18.3** Any cases reported to the Motorsport UK by the Police for speeding, reckless driving or failing to observe road signs will automatically be considered as a possible contravention of General Regulation **(C)1.1.4** (Any proceeding and/or act prejudicial to the interest of the Motor Sports Council or of motor sport generally) and the competitor concerned will be liable to be called before a Disciplinary Tribunal. It will not be necessary to prove that a traffic offence was committed, as the involvement of the Police may, itself, give rise to contravention of General Regulation **(C)1.1.4**.

**18.4** Judges of Fact will report all incidents to the Clerk of the Course who will apply the appropriate penalty. The Clerk of the Course will have the sole responsibility for exclusion.



## **ARTICLE 19 GENERAL**

**19.1** There is a BP petrol station in Peterculter that is open until midnight.

**19.2** Fuel is available 24hrs in Aberdeen and Banchory.

**19.3** Timing will be by GPS on competitors smartphones.

**19.4** All official timings and mileages will be deemed to be correct.

**19.5** Data Protection Act: Prospective entrants and competitors are advised that information supplied on the entry form will be held on a computer and used **SOLELY** for the administration of the event.

# Entering the Gropers Rally

## A Users Guide

### Introduction

The purpose of this little guide is to highlight the changes to the entering procedures when using RallyAppLive

### Sequence of actions

**1.0** Register your entry on **RallyAppLive** using your browser and going to:-

**<https://rally.sapphire-solutions.co.uk/livesites.php>**

Scroll down and select the the organising club (Stonehaven)

Select the event and follow the on-screen prompts to register your entry.

The details will be visible to the Organisers. A list of entries to date will be available for you to see through your browser.

#### **Make payment.**

#### **Entry Fee is £40**

Payment is to be made by Bank Transfer into the SDMC bank account

Sort Code 80 09 68 A/C Number 00826299 Use drivers name as reference.

If you are using **Reis Insurance** add **£27** to the Entry Fee when making payment

**2.0** You will receive notification from the Organisers of acceptance (or otherwise!) of your entry with an Entry List.

Completion of the Entry Form is accepted as Signing On for the event.

**3.0** It is recommended that both crew members take a **Lateral Flow Test** within 3 days of the event. If it is positive then you must withdraw from the event and follow the instructions on the gov.scot website. Crews are to carry face masks and hand sanitiser for use as and when required.

**4.0** Download the **RallyAppLive** app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store onto your smartphone. When you arrive at the **Start Venue** open the App and select Club and Event and enter the mobile number that you have registered on the Entry Form, usually the Navigator's. This will bring up the Start screen. Note that the App will not go live until the time for notional Car 0 has been reached. When your start time is due proceed to the start point and accept your time at MTC1 when it is displayed.

**5.0** The final control is MTC2. Accept the time you want and then proceed to the Finish venue. Once there ensure that you have a data connection and select 'Finish' to complete the rally. Enter details in the damage declaration if necessary. You will be able to view the current results and the track log.