

MOTORSPORT IRELAND LICENCE NOTES

These Notes are an extract from Appendix 1 of the 2015 Yearbook

1. EU LICENCE

1.1 VALIDITY: Motorsport Ireland Competition Licences of the grade "National A" or "International" will be recognised throughout the EU in accordance with Article 20 of the FIA International Sporting Code and 1.2 below. Under a reciprocal agreement licences issued by MI will be deemed valid for all events run under MSA permits, as per rule H.26.1.5, in the United Kingdom provided the holder complies with all the requirements for the event.

1.2 AUTHORISATION: In order to avail of the facility provided for in 1.1 above, the permit for the event must contain the following declaration "National Event with Authorised Foreign Participation (NEAFP)"

2. LICENCE GRADES: The following Grades of licence will be issued by Motorsport Ireland:

2.1 INTERNATIONAL: To cover all International Events.

2.2 NATIONAL A: To cover all National Events run under the jurisdiction of any of the ASN's of the EU. Ref. 1.2 above.

2.3 NATIONAL B: To cover all National events run under the jurisdiction of Motorsport Ireland with vehicle c.c. restrictions where applicable noted on the Licence Table Appendix 1 Article 11. This licence is also valid for MSA National B permitted events.

2.4 DELETED

2.5 NAVIGATOR: To cover all National events run under the jurisdiction of any of the ASN's of the EU and all International Events run under the jurisdiction of Motorsport Ireland. "Navigator" grade licence holders are not entitled to drive at any time during an event.

2.6 JUNIOR KART: Junior Kart licences (12-16 years of age inclusive) will be issued for Kart Racing and will cover all National events run under the jurisdiction of Motorsport Ireland and MSA and is valid only when accompanied by a Competitor Entrant Licence Ref. GCR Chapter 7, 108.2. Applicants who are over 14 years of age on 1st January of the current year and exceed a height of 182 cm may apply to compete in a senior category or class subject to them having obtained an International C licence while competing in a junior category prior to application. Once upgraded to a Senior Class a competitor may not revert to a Junior Class. See Appendix 70, Article 12 for class categories.

2.7 CADET KART: Cadet Licences (8-12 years of age inclusive) will be issued to Kart Racing and will cover all National events run under the jurisdiction of Motorsport Ireland and MSA and is valid only when accompanied by a Competitor Entrant Licence Ref. GCR Chapter 7, 108.2.

2.8 CLUBMAN JUNIOR: Junior Licences (14-16 years of age inclusive) will be issued for Sporting Trials, Midget Car Racing and 4x4 Production Vehicle Trials and Production Vehicle Trials and Production Car Trials. It will cover all National events run under the jurisdiction of Motorsport Ireland. **(Licences (10-13 years of age inclusive) will be issued for Sporting Trials in accordance with Appendix 88.**

2.9 JUNIOR SPEED: Junior Speed Licences (14-16 years of age inclusive) will be issued for Grass Surface Autocross events, Rallysprint Events and Rallycross events only. The Licence is valid for National events run under the jurisdiction of Motorsport Ireland and MSA (where applicable) and MSA permitted Single Venue Stage Rallies open to Junior Rally drivers in Accordance with R.45, the maximum c.c. limit is restricted to 1000 c.c..

2.10 Junior Race: Junior Race Licences (14-16 years of age inclusive) will be issued to Circuit Racing events only. This licence is valid only for the Ginetta Junior Ireland Series (see Appendix 53) or the equivalent MSA series. This licence is valid only when accompanied by a Competitor Entrant Licence. Ref. Chapter 7, 108.2.3.

3. ROAD TRAFFIC ACT LICENCE: For Stage Rallies and Endurance/Navigation/Retrospective Trials, drivers Competition Licences will be issued only to holders of current full Road Traffic Act (RTA) Driving Licences. It will not be necessary to produce your Driving Licence when applying for a Competition Licence. Applicants are reminded that it is a breach of GCR No. 139.3 to make an incorrect or false statement on a Competition Licence Application Form and this may result in disqualification of the applicant. Refer to the Licence Table Appendix 1 Article 11 for RTA Licence requirements.

4. EXPIRY DATE: Competition Licences expire on the 31st December of the year for which they are issued. A competitor may use a **2015** licence during December 2014.

5. SIGNATURE: A Competition Licence is not valid without the signature of the holder.

6. LICENCE APPLICATIONS:

6.1 RENEWAL FORMS: Renewal forms from Competition Licences will be available in November of the previous year.

6.2 CLUB MEMBERS: Members of affiliated clubs must have their applications stamped in the appropriate box by that club.

6.3 NON-AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBERS: For Licence renewals non-members are charged at twice the member rate. First time applicants refer to Article 6.8.

6.4 PHOTOGRAPHS: It is obligatory for all First Time applicants to supply ONE recent passport size photograph of themselves with their application. The licence is not valid without the photograph of the holder.

6.5 MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: All First Time applicants and competitors aged 45 and over intending to participate as drivers in Speed events including Racing, Rallycross, Rallysprint, Autocross, Hillclimbs, Sprints, Karting, Midget Car Racing and all Rallies with Special Stage(s), must submit a completed Medical Declaration and Doctors Certificate in accordance with 6.5.1, 6.5.2 and 6.5.3 below.

6.5.1 MEDICAL DECLARATION: The Medical Declaration must be completed annually, in full and signed by the applicant. If the applicant is under 18 years of age the declaration must also be signed by a parent or guardian.

6.5.2 DOCTORS CERTIFICATE: Medical Examination must be carried out by a doctor of medicine authorised to practice in the Republic of Ireland. The Doctors Certificate must be completed, STAMPED, and signed by a Doctor. If your Doctor does not have a stamp, their signature on an official letterhead or prescription page containing their name and qualifications must accompany the completed Doctors Certificate.

The following criteria apply:

8-44 years inclusive - Doctors Certificate required on first application only and there after the Medical Declaration will suffice.

45 years and over – Annual Doctors Certificate required including satisfactory results of a Stress related ECG, if applicable (ref 6.5.3)

Under certain medical circumstances, Motorsport Ireland reserves the right to request the applicant to submit more than one Doctors Certificate within the relevant period specified above.

6.5.3 Important Notice for all MI International Licence Holders:

In accordance with the FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix L, Chapter 2, the following are required for all International Licence Applicants:

1. An annual medical examination (Doctors Certificate). This examination must have been carried out less than 3 months before the application for a competition licence is submitted.

1.2 Every two (2) years

- for applicants under the age 45, a 12-lead ECG

- for applicants aged 45 and over, a stress test ECG (do not send trace)

6.6 ISSUE: Licences will be issued by post and should be applied for at least 14 days before they are required to ensure they are received in good time. If an applicant doesn't receive the licence, after allowing for the processing and delivering time, MI should be notified in writing. If the notice is received by MI within 8 weeks of despatch of the licence by MI, a replacement will be issued. After 8 weeks has elapsed, the normal replacement charge will be levied in accordance with Article 7 below:

6.7 PRIORITY: In extreme cases and at the sole discretion of Motorsport Ireland, "Cover Notes" may be provided. This service will only be considered if the priority fee of €25.00 has been submitted with the application.

6.8 FIRST TIME LICENCE APPLICATIONS:

6.8.1 AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBERS: Competition Licences will be issued to first time applicants at a special concessionary price of €40.00

6.8.2 FIRST TIME LICENCE RENEWAL: Any applicant who applies on or after the 1st September in any given year will be provided with an option to renew their First Time licence for a second year at this concessionary price. Applicants who wish to upgrade their licences will be required to pay the full rate applicable at that time.

6.8.3 NON-AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBERS: Non-club members will be charged a supplementary fee of €40.00.

6.8.4 FIRST TIME RACE OR STAGE RALLY: Applicants for a first time Race or Stage Rally Driver licence must first purchase an "Introduction to Motorsport" Starter Pack at a cost of €10.00, which is available from the Motorsport Ireland office. In addition applicants must also complete a licence form and successfully complete a Motorsport Ireland "Introduction to Motorsport Course" (IMC). Full details are available from the Motorsport Ireland website www.motorsportireland.com

7. REPLACEMENT: Applicants for replacement of licences will only be accepted in writing, and there will be a €20.00 fee.

8. LAPSED LICENCES:

8.1 NATIONAL A: Deleted

8.2 INTERNATIONAL RACE C / INTERNATIONAL RALLY: Lapsed "International Race C" and "International Rally" licence holders may be issued with the same grade Licence provided they were already the holders of an "International" grade licence in the previous 6 years i.e. 2009-2014 inclusive. Otherwise, they may be issued with a "National A" grade licence whereby they must upgrade again in accordance with Article 9 below. See also Article 8.4 below.

8.3 INTERNATIONAL RACE B and INTERNATIONAL A: Lapsed "International Race B" and "International Race A" Licence holders should refer to Article 4.4, Appendix "L" of the FIA International Sporting Code.

8.4 LICENCES HELD PRIOR TO 1986: Any person who last held a competition licence prior 1986 may be issued with a "National A" grade licence, on condition that they can provide independent confirmation, by way of programme, results, newspaper, video or photograph, that they competed in the branch of the sport to which their application refers. Otherwise, they will be issued with the appropriate First Time Licence in accordance with Article 6.8 above.

9. UPGRADING OF LICENCES

9.1 REQUEST: A request for upgrading of your licence should be made in writing to Motorsport Ireland. You must ensure that you include copies of the official results with your request. Navigating in an event does not entitle the licence holder to an upgrading signature.

9.2 FEE: The upgrading fee will be the difference in cost plus €10.00.

9.3 UPGRADING REQUIREMENTS: Licences are divided into 5 specific categories: Race, Kart, Rally, Speed and Clubman. They may be upgraded as follows:

9.3.1 RACE: To upgrade a RACE category licence competitors may only use RACE events finishes and these must have been obtained within the 36 month period prior to application.

National B to National A – 5 event finishes required
National A to International C – 5 event finished required

Successful completion of a MI Introduction to Motorsport Course will count as 1 event finish for upgrading.
Upgrades beyond International C will be in accordance with FIA requirements.

9.3.1.1 INTER-CATEGORY UPGRADES:

STAGE RALLY National A or International to RACE National A – Completion of a MI Car Racing Extension Course required.

SPEED National A to RACE National B – completion of a MI Car Racing Extension Course required.

SPEED National A to RACE National A – 5 additional Hillclimb or Rallycross finishes within the 36 month period prior to application and completion of a MI Car Racing Extension Course required.

SPEED International to RACE National A – proof of 5 finishes in Hillclimb or Rallycross events within the 36 month period prior to application and completion of a MI Car Racing Extension Course required.

KART National B to RACE National B – 5 Kart event finishes obtained on separate dates and within 36 month period prior to application required.

9.3.2 RALLY: To upgrade a RALLY category licence competitors may only use STAGE RALLY event finishes as a driver and these must have been obtained within 36 month period prior to application.

For events of more than one day duration this will count as 2 event finishes

National B to National A – 4 event finishes required
National A to International – 4 event finished required

Successful completion of a MI Introduction to Motorsport Course will count as 1 event finish for upgrading.

Navigator to International: For the purposes of competing in International events outside the jurisdiction of Motorsport Ireland, an "International" grade RALLY licence, restricted to co-driver only, may be issued subject to the approval of the Motor Sport Commission (MSC) and provided the following conditions are met:

- The applicant must complete co-driver upgrade application form L3
- The applicant must be a holder of a current full RTA Driving Licence in accordance with Article 3 above.
- The applicant must submit a completed Medical to Motorsport Ireland in accordance with Article 6.5 above.

9.3.3 SPEED: To upgrade a SPEED category licence competitors may only use SPEED event finishes and these must have been obtained within the 36 month period prior to application.

National B to National A – 6 event finishes required
National A to International – 6 event finished required

9.3.4 KART: To upgrade a KART category licence, competitors may only use KART race event finishes and these must have been obtained within the 36 month period prior to application. Only results obtained in finals will count. For International C Licences age restrictions will be in accordance with CIK requirements. Upgrades beyond International C will be in accordance with CIK requirements.

Junior Kart to International C – Junior – 3 top 6 finishes required
Senior Kart to International C – Senior – 3 top 6 finishes required
National B to International C – Senior – 3 top 6 finishes required

9.3.5 JUNIOR SPEED LICENCE UPGRADE TO JUNIOR RACE LICENCE: To upgrade a JUNIOR SPEED licence to JUNIOR RACE licence – proof 5 finishes in Rallycross within 36 month period to the application and completion of the MI Car Racing Extension Course required.

9.3.6 JUNIOR KART LICENCE UPGRADE TO JUNIOR RACE LICENCE: To upgrade a JUNIOR KART licence to JUNIOR RACE licence – proof of 5 Kart finishes within the 36 month period prior to the application and completion of the MI Car Racing Extension Course required.

LICENCE TYPES AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH LICENCE CATEGORY



Licence suitable for event type

N/A

Licence unsuitable for event type

RACE/KART						
RACE - Suitable for Car and Kart Racing. KART - Suitable for Kart Racing only.						
LICENCE CRITERIA	CADET KART	JUNIOR KART	JUNIOR RACE	NATIONAL B	NATIONAL A	INTER-NATIONAL
AGE	8-12 inc	12-16 inc	14-16 inc	16+	16+	16+
RTA LICENCE REQUIREMENTS	NO RTA	NO RTA	NO RTA	NO RTA	NO RTA	NO RTA
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS	MEDICAL	MEDICAL	MEDICAL	MEDICAL	MEDICAL	MEDICAL
ENGINE SIZE LIMIT	60cc-2stroke	125 cc Direct Drive	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	UNLIMITED cc	UNLIMITED cc
KART RACING	✓ (a)	✓ (a)	125 CC DIRECT DRIVE ✓ (a)	125cc-2stroke 620cc-4stroke ✓	N/A	✓
CAR RACING	N/A	N/A	1400 CC ✓ (a)(f) <small>INTRODUCTORY COURSE REQUIRED</small>	2000CC ✓ <small>INTRODUCTORY COURSE REQUIRED</small>	✓	✓

(a) A Competitor Entrant Licence is required for all Cadet and Junior Race / Kart Licence holders

(f) As per Junior Class Regulations

CLUBMAN		
Suitable for: Sporting Trials, 4 x 4 Trial, Production Car Trials, Midget Car Racing, Autotests , Multi Venue Autotests, & Autosolos.		
LICENCE CRITERIA	JUNIOR	NATIONAL B
AGE	14-16 YEARS	16+
RTA LICENCE REQUIREMENTS	NO RTA	NO RTA
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS	NO MEDICAL	NO MEDICAL
SPORTING TRIALS	✓	✓
4X4 TRIALS	✓	✓
MIDGET CAR RACING	MEDICAL	MEDICAL
AUTOTESTS & AUTOSOLOS	N/A	✓
MULTI VENUE AUTOTEST	N/A	✓(b)

Notes: (b) IRDS insurance Cert. is required for driving in Multi Venue Autotests which involve the use of public roads between test sites.

RALLY				
Suitable for: Navigation, Endurance & Retrospective Trials (Road) and Special Stage Rallies (Stage Rally).				
LICENCE CRITERIA	NAVIGATOR	NATIONAL B	NATIONAL A	INTERNATIONAL
AGE	16+	17+	17+	17+
RTA LICENCE REQUIREMENTS	NO RTA	FULL RTA	FULL RTA	FULL RTA
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS	NO MEDICAL	SEE BELOW	MEDICAL	MEDICAL
ENGINE SIZE LIMIT	N/A	SEE BELOW	UNLIMITED CC	UNLIMITED CC
NAVIGATION ENDURANCE & RETROSPECTIVE TRIALS (ROAD)	✓	NO MEDICAL ✓ UNLIMITED CC	✓	✓
SPECIAL STAGE RALLIES (STAGE RALLY)	✓	MEDICAL ✓ 1650 CC <small>INTRODUCTORY COURSE REQUIRED</small>	✓	✓

Notes:

(b) IRDS Insurance Cert. is required for driving in all Rally Category Events.

SPEED				
Suitable for: Rallycross, Rallysprint, Sprint, Hillclimb & Autocross.				
LICENCE CRITERIA	JUNIOR	NATIONAL B	NATIONAL A	INTER-NATIONAL
AGE	14-16yrs	16+	16+	16+s
RTA LICENCE REQUIREMENTS	NO RTA	NO RTA	NO RTA	NO RTA
MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS	MEDICAL	MEDICAL	MEDICAL	MEDICAL
ENGINE SIZE LIMIT	See (c) Below	1650 CC	UNLIMITED CC	UNLIMITED CC
RALLYCROSS	✓ (c) (d)	✓	✓	✓
RALLYSPRINT	✓ (c) (d)	✓	✓	✓
SPRINT	N/A	✓	✓	✓
HILLCLIMB	N/A	✓ (e)	✓ (e)	✓
AUTOCROSS LOOSE & GRASS SURFACE	✓ (c) Grass surfaces only	✓	✓	✓

Notes:

(c) CC Restrictions apply and are as per the relevant Junior Class Regulations.

(d) Competitor Entrant Licence Required

(e) Hillclimb competitors competing in classes 3, 6, 7 and 9 are required to have a minimum of a Speed National A Licence.