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Dear Club President/Chairman,

As you are probably aware we have had a number of very serious accidents at Stage Rally events since 2012. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a large number of claims for damages both from outside and within our sport against our public liability insurance.

It is worth mentioning that since 2008/09 we did manage to achieve a reduction of 30% to 40% on the insurance premiums.

However, we have now run into serious difficulties in trying to negotiate renewal terms for 2016 and beyond.

Given the seriousness of the situation, and the need for clubs to plan ahead, we feel we should advise you now that the only viable quote we have at this point will result in the application of levies on all Rally entry fees in order to go some way towards meeting the additional cost. The levies that apply to each starter are as follows:

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| Mini Stage | €125 |
| Multi Stage 1 day | €180* |
| Int/Multi Day | €250* |
| Rallysprint | €25 |
| Forestry | €50 |
| *Juniors & Historics | €125 |

This alone will not cover the cost of the additional premium required and the shortfall will be drawn down from Motorsport Ireland reserves.

We continue to keep the lines of communication open with brokers with a view to doing everything we can to achieve better terms and should that be the case we will of course apply any reduction to the figures outlined above. Equally, should more funds be raised than needed to pay the additional premium then this will go towards reducing the impact for 2017.

It is also proposed to convene a meeting of clubs in early January when we have explored all options to provide details of how and why we arrived at this situation and how, over time, we propose to address the problem.

In closing, let me say this is the last thing we would like to be writing to you about at what is, for many, a time of celebration. We sincerely wish the news was better. Nonetheless, our focus must be to continue to keep the sport alive and with your help and support we will see better times again. ~

Yours sincerely

Martin McKenna
President
Motorsport Ireland