

King of the Hill Rally Challenge 2026

Competition Regulations

The King of the Hill Rally Challenge is a new Hillclimb concept for 2026 and will take place over the first 6 Rounds of this year's Alekto Irish Hillclimb & Sprint Championship which will be promoted by Limerick M.C, Carrick on Suir M.C & Wexford M.C.

The Challenge will be run in accordance with all Supplementary Event Regulations, the G, C, R's & Regulations as set out in Appendix 80 & 81 and all applicable appendices of the current Motorsport Ireland Yearbook along with those listed below.

1. Championship Rounds:

- Rounds 1 & 2: Limerick Hillclimb Weekend – 21st & 22nd March 2026.
- Rounds 3 & 4: Carrick on Suir Hillclimb Weekend - 11th & 12th April 2026.
- Rounds 5 & 6: Wexford Hillclimb Weekend – 25th & 26th April 2026.

If through force majeure any of the above dates are altered, or an event is cancelled, the promoters of the Challenge reserve the right to either accept a change of date, substitute a nominated event, cancel that particular round, add an extra event, or alter the number of events on which scores will count. If an event is stopped at any point for any reason, once final results are provided by the club for that event then Challenge Points will be awarded in full.

Challenge Points positions will be available post each event and will be posted on the promoting club's website and/or Social Media pages.

2. Registration:

Competitors wishing to register for the full challenge must fill out the 2026 Irish Hillclimb & Sprint Championship Registration form, tick the box to acknowledge you are registering for King of the Hill Rally Challenge and pay the €50 registration fee prior to the commencement of Round 1. Competitors registering after the commencement on a Round will not be eligible for points for that Round.

All competitors registering for the challenge will automatically be registered for the Alekto Irish Hillclimb & Sprint Championship and will be eligible to compete in the full Championship should they wish to do so.

One registration only per competitor. While a competitor is fully entitled to pay for multiple entries to an event only one entry will be accepted for the challenge.

Competitors who may decide to submit more than one entry for an event must nominate 1 Entry/Race No. for points scoring for the Challenge and inform the organisers prior to the commencement of the Event.

In applying for registration, competitors agree to be bound by these Regulations and any amendments subsequently issued.

The Challenge Registrar will be:

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3. Eligible Vehicles:

The Challenge is open to all Rally Cars that are currently logged and pass the Scrutiny requirements for the Event.

Rally cars must run “Rally Ready” - to include tyres, seats etc.

4. Classes:

- **Class 1J** - J1000 cars as per J1000 regs.
- **Class 8A** - '1650cc 8 valve rally cars' PF Class 6 2WD Rally cars up to 1650cc with not more than 2 valves per cylinder.
- **Class 8B** - '1650cc 16 valve rally cars' 2WD Rally cars up to 1650cc with more than 2 valves per cylinder.
- **Class 9A** - '2100cc 8 valve rally cars' 2WD Rally cars from 1651cc to 2100cc with not more than 2 valves per cylinder.
- **Class 9B** - '2100cc 16 valve rally cars' 2WD Rally cars from 1651cc to 2100cc with more than 2 valves per cylinder.
- **Class 10** - 'Unlimited Rally Class' 2WD and 4WD Rally cars over 2100cc These classes must apply to all Championship events. The organising clubs may include extra classes or amalgamate classes, subject to the approval of the Hillclimb /Sprint commission.

5. *Points Scoring:

Unlike Rallying which uses cumulative timing, Hill climbing is based on your fastest timed run of the day (F.T.D).

On that basis, the Competitor with the fastest time of the day in each class will be awarded 10 points with 2nd Fastest time being awarded 9 points and so on down to 1 point for 10th in Class. An additional point will be awarded to the Competitor in each Class who achieves the fastest time in each timed run on the day.

(Example): For this example, we are going to assume that each Competitor has completed 5 timed runs on the day.

Tom has recorded the fastest time of the day which he achieved in Run 5. Tom gets 10 Points for the F.T.D & 1 Point for being fastest in Run 5 – **Total points scored is 11.**

Ann has 2nd fastest time of the day and is fastest in Runs 1 & 2. Anne gets 9 Points for 2nd fastest and 2 Points for being fastest in Runs 1 & 2 – **Total points scored = 11.**

John has 3rd fastest time of the day and is fastest on Runs 3 & 4. John gets 8 Points for 3rd fastest and 2 points for being fastest in Runs 3 & 4 – **Total points scored = 10.**

Points after Round 1:

Tom – 11 Points, Ann – 11 Points & John – 10 Points.

***A minimum of 3 registered competitors is required in each class & each round to qualify for points for the Challenge.**

Where the minimum number of Competitors are not registered/entered for a class, classes will be amalgamated at the discretion of the organisers.

Where Classes are amalgamated a competitor can still be awarded maximum points for their Vehicle Class but Fastest Run points can only be awarded if the competitor is fastest in the amalgamated class.

6. Entries:

- Entry Forms for each event can be found on each individual clubs website or by visiting www.irishhillclimb.com.
- Entries for each round will be taken on a “first come first served “basis and must be fully paid for prior to the closing date for each event.
- Incomplete entries will not be accepted; the onus is on the competitor to ensure that the information on the entry form is correct.
- In the instance of an event being oversubscribed, entries will be accepted as per any entry criteria set out in the individual supplementary event regulations by the organising club for that event which will take precedent.

7. Awards:

Class Awards for each round will be presented in accordance with the Supplementary Event Regulations.

Overall Challenge Awards will be presented to the Competitors who finish 1st, 2nd, & 3rd overall on completion of the 6 Rounds.

1st Overall will receive €1200 + Trophy & the coveted “King of the Hill” title!

2nd Overall will receive €800 + Trophy.

3rd Overall will receive €500 + Trophy.

Competitors may also be eligible for overall class awards for the Alekto Irish Hillclimb & Sprint Championship.

Overall Awards will be presented at Alekto Irish Hillclimb & Sprint Championship end of season Awards Night (Date & Venue T.B.C)

8. Ties:

In the event of a tie (For the overall awards for the King of the Hill Rally Challenge only) the following criteria will be used in ascending order to determine final placings:

1. Competitor with the highest number of fastest time of the day runs. (F.T.D)
2. Competitor with the highest number of fastest run times.
3. Competitor with the highest number of 2nd fastest run times.
4. Competitor with the highest number of 3rd fastest run times.
5. Competitor with the highest number of 4th fastest run times.
6. Competitor with the highest number of 5th fastest run times.
7. If the above fails to resolve a tie, the organising committee will decide a winner.