

MOTORSPORT IRELAND LICENCE NOTES

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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)"

1.3 NON-IRISH CITIZENS: Motorsport Ireland will issue licences to a citizen of any other country represented within the FIA providing they can provide proof for their parent ASN that they are permanently resident within the Republic of Ireland and that their ASN has given its prior permission and has recovered any licence originally issued. ASN authorisation is required for each licensing year. MI office will apply for this permission if proof of permanent residency is provided.

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 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.

2.5 JUNIOR KART: This licence 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, 108.2.3. Provisions and upgrade regulations as per Appendix 70 Section 12

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2.8 CLUBMAN JUNIOR: Junior Licences (14-16 years of age inclusive) will be issued for **Autotests (excluding Multi-Venue Autotests)**, Sporting Trials, Midget Car Racing, 4x4 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 and Loose Surface Autocross, Rallysprint, Rallycross and Hillclimb / Sprint 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 R45. **In the case of Rallysprint and MSA permitted Single Venue Stage Rallies open to Junior Rally drivers in accordance with R45, the maximum cc. limit is restricted to 1000 c.c. In the case of Hillclimb / Sprint events this licence is only valid for use on Private property type courses / tracks.** It is not Permissible for use on Hillclimb / Sprint events that are run on public roads. For Rallycross, Rallysprint and Hillclimb / sprint events this licence is valid only when accompanied by a Competitor Entrant Licence. Ref. GCR Chapter 7, 108.2.3.

2.10 JUNIOR RACE: Junior Race Licences (14-16 years of age inclusive) will be issued to Circuit Racing events only. The licence is valid only for the Ginetta Junior Ireland Series (see Appendix 53) or the equivalent MSA series and the Fiesta Junior Championship (See Appendix 48.1). This licence is valid only when accompanied by a Competitor Entrant Licence. Ref. GCR Chapter 7, 108.2.3.

2.11 JUNIOR RALLY: Junior Rally Licences (15+) will be issued for Forest Stage Rally events only. A Junior Rally Licence holder must be accompanied by a current competition licence holder of the appropriate grade who is currently registered on the IRDS Database, who is over the age of 23 and who has completed 10 stage rallies. The Junior Rally Licence holder must be over the age of 15. The licence can be applied for up to and including the year in which their 18th birthday occurs. An introduction to Motorsport Course (IMC) must have been completed.

2.12 CLUBMAN A: This licence is an entry level licence which allows you to compete in autocross and midget car events with an engine limit of 1650cc.

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 and the 30th June depending on month of application.

5. SIGNATURE

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

6. LICENCE APPLICATIONS

6.1 RENEWAL FORMS: Renewal forms for 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 applicants who are not a member of an affiliated club, there is a non-member fee of €200.00.*

6.4 PHOTOGRAPHS: It is obligatory for all first time applicants to supply one identification 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 Races, Rallycross, Rallysprint, Autocross, Hillclimbs, Sprints, Karting, Midget Car Racing and all Rallies with Special Stage(s), must submit a completed Medical Self Declaration and Doctor's Certificate in accordance with 6.5.1, 6.5.2 and 6.5.3 below.

6.5.1 MEDICAL SELF DECLARATION: The Medical Self 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 DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE: Medical Examination must be carried out by a doctor of medicine authorised to practice in the Republic of Ireland or in the UK. The Doctor's 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 Doctor's Certificate. The following criteria apply:

8-44 years inclusive – Doctor's Certificate required on first application only and thereafter the Medical Self Declaration will suffice.

45 years and over – Annual Doctor's 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 Doctor's Certificate within the relevant period specified above.

6.5.3 Cardiovascular aptitude examination:

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 (Doctor's Certificate). This examination must have been carried out less than 3 months before the application for a competition licence is submitted.

1.2 For applicants under the age 45, a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) Every two (2) years.

From the age of 45 years (or earlier if necessary) and every three years, a consultation with a cardiologist specialist will be requested. If this doctor deems it useful, depending on the possible symptoms and signs, he may ask for further investigation including a stress test.

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 delivery 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. Refer also to Art. 6.3.

6.8.2 Deleted

6.8.3 NON-AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBERS: For applicants who are not a member of an affiliated club, there is a non-member fee of €200.00.

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
First time applicants for Competition Licences for Junior categories: Junior Kart, Cadet Kart, Junior Speed, Junior Race and Junior Clubman will be issued with licences free of charge.

7. REPLACEMENT

Applicants for replacement of licences will only be accepted in writing, and accompanied by a €20.00 fee.

8. LAPSED LICENCES

8.1 INTERNATIONAL: Lapsed International Race C, Kart C, Speed 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. 2012-2017 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.

8.2 INTERNATIONAL RACE/KART B and INT RACE/KART A: Lapsed International Race/Kart B and International Race/Kart A Licence holders should refer to Article 4.4, Chapter 1, Appendix "L" of the FIA International Sporting Code.

8.3 LICENCES HELD PRIOR TO 1986: Any person who last held a competition licence prior to 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 of the licence 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 finishes 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 an MI Car Racing Extension Course required.

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

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

KART National B to RACE National B – 5 Kart event finishes obtained on separate dates and within the 36 month period prior to application and completion of the MI car racing extension course required.

CLUBMAN A to SPEED National A – 6 event finishes obtained within the 36 months prior to application.

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 the 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 finishes required

Successful completion of an 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:

(a) The applicant must be already a holder of a current MI National Competition licence

(b) The applicant must complete co-driver upgrade application form L3

(c) The applicant must be the holder of a current full RTA Driving Licence in accordance with Article 3 above.

(d) 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 finishes 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 months 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

Junior 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 the 36 month period prior 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 application and completion of the MI Car Racing Extension Course required.