



## MI JUNIOR RALLY SERIES (MIJRS)

### INTRODUCTION

This series forms one part of the Motorsport Ireland Rally Academy.

This initiative is to promote and assist junior competitors focused on developing their motorsport future.

This dual surface series is aimed at Junior drivers competing in the following classes:

- **Class 21 (J1000)**
- **Class 1 (Rally 5 cars only) and Class 16 cars combined**
- **Class 2 (Rally 4)**
- **Class 2A (R2 and R2T)**

All drivers must hold an MI competition licence and comply with the age requirements for J1000 as set out in Appendix 1 Article 2.11

The age limit will be reduced over the coming years in relation to J1600, Rally5, and **Class 2 & Class 2A to under 24 years old**. This is to facilitate prize winners being able to utilize their award in the following year and beyond. This also enables the MI Rally Academy to promote the tiered structure in moving from J1000 **through the other classes listed**.

This will allow drivers to be eligible for junior competition both nationally and internationally once they have moved through the MI Rally Academy tiered structure.

2024

Class 1 (Rally 5 cars only) & Class 16 cars Combined  
Under 23 years old

Class 2 & Class 2A  
Under 24 years old

### ARTICLE 1. FORMAT

1.2. The Dual Surface Series will consist of tar and gravel events.

1.2.1 For **Class 1 (Rally 5 cars only) & Class 16 cars Combined, Class 2, Class 2A** all competitors must start a minimum of two events on each surface. (See 4.6 below)

1.2.2. For Class 21 all competitors must start a minimum of 3 gravel stage rallies and 1 tarmac rally sprint. (See 4.6 below)

1.3 In the event of the cancellation of a scheduled round the promoters will issue a bulletin to advise competitors & reserve the right to nominate an alternative event.

### ARTICLE 2.

#### Eligibility

2.1. **Class 1 (Rally 5 cars only) and Class 16 cars combined**

The Driver must be under **23 years** of age on the 1st of January in the year of the award.

2.2. **Class 2 and Class 2A Under 24**

The Driver must be under **24 years** of age on the 1st of January in the year of the award.

2.3. **Class 21**

J1000 Drivers and their Co-Drivers must meet the criteria set out in Appendix 1 Article 2.11

2.4. Eligibility for the Series is reserved to those who hold a current Competition License issued by Motorsport Ireland.

2.5. **Class 21** competitors must hold a Motorsport Ireland Junior Rally Licence for the entirety of the series.

2.6. Only cars in Class 21 (J1000) Class 16, **Class 1 (Rally 5 cars only) & Class 16 cars Combined, Class 2 & Class 2A** are eligible. Regulations published on the MI website Appendix 29.1

### ARTICLE 3. AWARDS

3.1.1. **Class 1 (Rally 5 cars only) and Class 16 cars combined**

1st Overall Driver (in each Class)

- Nomination for The Billy Coleman Award Shortlist
- Winner's Trophy
- Training, coaching and support up to the value of **€10,000** as part of the Motorsport Ireland Rally Academy the following year.



2nd Overall Driver

- Trophy
- Support up to the value of **€7,000**

3rd Overall Driver

- Trophy
- Support up to the value of **€5,000**

### 3.1.2. J1000

1st Overall Driver

- Winner's Trophy
- Coaching and support up to the value of €2500

2nd Overall Driver

- Trophy
- Support up to the value of €1,500

3rd Overall Driver

- Trophy
- Support up to the value of €1,000

**3.1.3** All award support will be sanctioned by Motorsport Ireland and its Rally Academy. The Motorsport Ireland Rally Academy will work alongside The Billy Coleman Award. The Co-Ordinator of the Billy Coleman Award is Sean McHugh 087 2798119 seanmac135@hotmail.com

**3.1.4** If there are not at least 3 eligible award winners in each of the above classes then the award may not be issued. (New Rule to identify a minimum number of eligible award winners at the end of the series. This is being introduced to eliminate the possibility of an award with a high Euro value being won in a poorly contested class)

## ARTICLE 4. GENERAL RULES.

The series will be run in accordance with the FIA International Sporting Code, the General Competition Rules of Motorsport Ireland and its appendices with regard to these regulations which are specific to this series.

**4.1.** Substitution of events, or alteration of dates will be permitted in the case of 'force majeure' at the discretion of the Motor Sport Council (MSC). (GCR 12)

**4.2.** All cars complying with the class as per Article 2.3 of these regulations are eligible for the series.

**4.3.** Promoting Clubs Responsibilities: The club will provide the Registrar with a class-based list of entries and reserves prior to the publication of the entry list.

**4.4.** The Series Coordinator is:

Name: John Quill,  
Telephone: 087 9299590,  
e-mail: johnsquill@gmail.com

**4.5.** The interpretation of the rules shall rest with the Series Coordinator in consultation, where necessary, with Motorsport Ireland. Any decision will be subject to the approval of the Motor Sport Council, subject to the overriding right of appeal under the GCRs of Motorsport Ireland.

### 4.6. Registration

The series Registrar is:  
Name: Elaine Shinnors  
Telephone: 087 8221067  
e-mail: elainehgns@yahoo.co.uk

**4.6.1.** Competitors must register for this series by email, to the series registrar prior to starting their first event of the series. The series registrar will confirm receipt of valid completed MIJRS registration form by digital correspondence. If the competitor has not received this receipt, it is their responsibility to make this known to the registrar before starting their first event of the series.

**4.6.2** Once registered, it is not a requirement that you sign on for the series at subsequent rounds.

**4.6.3** Drivers register and score points on an individual basis. On registering, they agree to be bound by these regulations and any amendments subsequently issued.

**4.6.4** Registration for the series will close at the start of Round 5.

**4.6.5.** Points will Not be awarded retrospectively.

**4.6.6** Registered competitors who are unable to meet the minimum criteria will not be awarded any further points & will not be eligible for any award.

**4.7.** Competitors must display Series decals, as required by the promoters, these must be clearly displayed on both sides of the car located above the wheel line. If series decals are not on competitor's cars or competitors refuse to carry decals, series points cannot be scored for that event.

### 4.8. Scrutiny Requirements.

See Appendix 2 of the current yearbook.

### 4.9. Series Results.

The Series Registrar will issue latest standings by email to registered competitors after each round. Results will also be posted on [www.motorsportireland.com](http://www.motorsportireland.com)



## ARTICLE 5. POINTS SCORING

5.1. Points will be awarded as follows based on the final published results of each round.

### 5.1.1. Scoring:

1st 10 points, 2nd 8 points, 3rd 7 points, 4th 6 points, 5th 5 points, 6th 4 points, 7th 3 points, 8th 2 points, 9th and below 1 point. Each Starter thereafter will be awarded 1 point.

**5.1.2 Class 1 (Rally 5 cars only) & Class 16 cars Combined, Class 2 & Class 2A;** A maximum score consisting of each competitor's best performance in **6 out of 8 events** will count. These being the **3 best** gravel results, **3 best** tar results and best other result.

**5.1.3 Class 21:** A maximum score consisting of each competitor's best performance in **5 out of 8 events** will count. These being the 3 best gravel rally results and **2 best rallysprint results, minimum 1 being tar/sealed surface.**

5.2. If the number of counting rounds is reduced, for any reason, the series Co-Ordinator may, in consultation with Motorsport Ireland make a recommendation to the Motorsport Ireland Motor Sport Council (MSC) as to what amendments should be made to the regulations for the series. This will take into account at what point during the series the number of counting rounds is reduced.

All registered competitors will be notified in writing within 14 days of the MSC reaching a decision.

5.3. Ties will be decided in favour of the competitor with the greatest number of wins, and failing this, the greatest number of second places etc, until the tie is resolved. If further ties remain, they will ultimately be decided on the basis of performance in the sequential order of events, i.e. the first event will count first, and so on.

5.4. In events that offer a Super rally option competitors will be allocated points as per their finishing order in class.

5.5. If an Event has to be curtailed due to Force Majeure, Series Points will only be awarded if 50% of the Stage mileage has been completed.

5.6. Following posting of provisional results for the series, competitors will have 7 days to lodge queries with the Series register (via email). Results will become final 7 days from the date they are posted.

5.7. Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Series Organisers/ Co-Ordinator.