

FIA PRODUCTION CAR WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (FOR DRIVERS)

1. General

The FIA organises the FIA Production Car World Rally Championship for Drivers (the Championship). The Championship is reserved for drivers taking part in the qualifying rallies of this Championship using cars homologated in Group N.

This Championship is run according to the sporting regulations of the FIA World Rally Championship in their entirety, except with regard to the following articles which are specific to the Championship.

2. Events in the Championship

The number of events is 7.

3. Conditions for participation

3.1 Registration for the Championship shall be in the name of the driver.

3.2 Points scored in the Championship shall be in the name of the driver.

3.3 The entry in individual rallies may be in the name of the driver or of the entrant (according to the licence name).

3.4 Except in cases of force majeure, any registered driver who does not take part in one of the rallies in the Championship will be automatically excluded from the Championship classification and will be reported to the FIA, which will apply sanctions. The points will not be redistributed to those still in the Championship.

A driver shall be excused from this obligation when he/she is a FIA Priority 1 driver for the rally concerned.

For a case to be considered as force majeure, the entrant must notify the organiser in writing stating the reason for intended non-participation. As evidence all necessary documentation must be lodged with the organiser before the start of the rally for consideration by the Stewards.

If the competitor claims Force Majeure on medical grounds, then the following documents should be submitted to the FIA as soon as possible:

- The formal medical certificate(s) giving a precise diagnosis and description of injuries, prepared by the relevant specialist(s) (orthopaedist, neurosurgeon, sports doctor, etc.).

- Relevant para-clinical documents (X-rays, scans, etc.) to support the diagnosis.

- A signed statement from the driver authorising an FIA Medical Delegate to discuss the case with the relevant specialist(s) who prepared the medical certificate(s).

All documents must be in English (or accompanied by a certified translation), typed and legible. The authenticity of any document, translation, and/or copies must be certified. If the documentation is not complete, the FIA may request that the driver be examined by an FIA Medical Delegate.

3.5 Applications to compete in the 2004 Championship may be submitted to the FIA no later than 30 November 2003, by which time a registered driver must have nominated the 6 rallies in the Championship in which he/she will participate during the Championship season (nominated rallies).

3.6 The maximum number of entries accepted by the FIA will be 30.

If more than 30 entries are received at the closing date for entries, priority will be given to ASNs hosting a round of the Championship to nominate up to two drivers.

If less than 10 entries have been received by the closing date for entries, the FIA reserves the right to suspend the Championship.

3.7 Entry into the Championship shall be considered as an entry in each individual event of the Championship. Individual entry procedure must be respected. Thus, except in cases of force majeure as in Article 3.4, a registered driver must pay each Championship organiser the due entry fees irrespective of his or her participation.

4. Conditions for classification

4.1 For each rally in the Championship, a separate classification of the registered drivers will be drawn from the general classification and points will be awarded to the registered drivers according to the following scale:

1 st	10	points
2 nd	8	points
3 rd	6	points
4 th	5	points
5 th	4	points
6 th	3	points
7 th	2	points
8 th	1	point

4.2 The driver who has scored the highest total number of points taking into account the results obtained in his or her six nominated rallies, will be declared the FIA Production Car World Rally Champion.

5. Fuel

Drivers registered in the Championship must use FIA fuel.

6. Priority and starting order

6.1 The drivers registered in the Championship are given 3rd priority. Subject to FIA approval, they will take the start after the last 2nd priority driver.

6.2 The start order for the first rally of the Championship shall be in numeric order. From the second rally of the Championship, the start order shall be as the provisional classification of the Championship.

7. Servicing

7.1 The total space allocated to a competitor will be maximum 10 x 10 metres.

7.2 The maximum number of mechanics allowed to work on one and the same car at the time is six. Any breach of this rule will be reported to the stewards by the rally officials and may result in a maximum penalty of exclusion.

7.3 Each entrant will be issued with six tabards (or other identifying garments) which are unique for the car belonging to that entrant. To be eligible to work on the entrant's car (or any component that has been taken from the car during that service period), a mechanic must wear one of these six tabards.

7.4 Any exchange of data with the entrant's car by other than wire connection or memory card is forbidden. Exchange of data with the car is considered work on the car and the mechanic(s) undertaking such exchange must wear a tabard.

The tabard may be exchanged between mechanics during a service period.
A mechanic with a tabard may accept and fit components that are handed to him by anyone even if not wearing a tabard.

8. Tyres

For each Rally, the maximum number of tyres to be used by each car, including any spare wheels, shall be decided by the FIA and in conjunction with the Organisers. This number shall be announced to the teams concerned no later than 4 weeks prior to the start of the rally concerned. Any competitor failing to comply will be reported to the Stewards by the rally officials and may receive a maximum penalty of exclusion.

For each car, the maximum number of spare wheels is two.

9. Competition numbers

The FIA will allocated a permanent competition number to each competitor between 31 and 60 for the Championship season.

10. Gravel cars

No gravel car is permitted for drivers entered in this Championship.

11. Shakedown

Shakedown for drivers entered in the Championship is left to the Organisers' discretion.

12. On-board camera

No car may carry an on-board camera unless authorised by the holder of the commercial rights. If required, an entrant shall carry the on-board camera or other recording device fitted by the holder of the commercial rights.