STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 123

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Road Races (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*2nd July 2025*
Coming into operation -	*14th August 2025*

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 3 of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**), and after consulting the Chief Constable, orders and declares as follows.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Races (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on 14th August 2025.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the course" means the roads specified in the Schedules;

"marshal" means a person of at least 18 years of age authorised in writing by the promoter to assist in connection with the proper conduct of the race; and

"the promoter" means the Northern Ireland Motor Club Ltd.

(2) For the purpose of Articles 5 and 11, the "date of the race" means the first date on which the course may be used by the promoter for motor races.

Application

3. Subject to compliance with all the requirements of this Order, the course may be used by the promoter for motor races between the times and on the days specified in Schedules 1 to 6.

Suspension of right of way and notice

4. On the days specified in Schedules 1 to 6 from and until the times specified therein or until the time the race is announced by the promoter as completed, whichever is earlier, the right of way on the course of all persons, vehicles and other forms of traffic shall be suspended other than to—

(a) persons appointed by the promoter as officials or marshals, constables, vehicles engaged in the race, persons in charge of or directly employed in connection with such vehicles and vehicles used by such officials, marshals, or constables;

(**a**) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.))
(**b**) S.I. 1986/1887 (N.I. 17)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

(b) vehicles used to cross the course in an emergency by a medical practitioner or for fire and rescue, ambulance or police purposes; and

(c) persons with or without vehicles who reside in the race area crossing the course or proceeding on it for that purpose and persons so proceeding or crossing the course with or without vehicles in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

provided that such persons and vehicles referred to in (b) and (c) shall cross the course only at such times and places as may be specified by a person appointed by the promoter as the clerk of the course.

5. The promoter shall give notice to the inhabitants of the districts adjoining the course of the temporary suspension of the right of way thereon by—

(a) posting, not later than 7 days before the date of the race, placard notices specifying the course, the date on which, and the times during which, the right of way is suspended, in prominent positions in the neighbourhood and in particular near the junction of all other roads within or adjoining the course; and

(b) publishing, during each of the 2 weeks preceding the date of the race, advertisements giving information as in paragraph (a) in 2 newspapers circulating in the locality of the course.

Prohibition of traffic

6. It shall not be lawful to cause or permit traffic, either vehicular or pedestrian, to use or remain on that part of any road between the barricades and its junction with the course during the periods when the right of way on the course is suspended.

Cordoning off of the course

7. The promoter shall—

(a) close every road opening off the course by means of a proper and sufficient barricade or barricades placed at least 10 metres from the course;

(b) place notice boards on every road at or in the vicinity of the barricades stating that the right of way on the course is temporarily suspended;

(c) ensure that the barricades and notice boards referred to in this Article are—

(i) in position at least one hour before the start of the race; and

(ii) removed within one hour after the end of the race; and

(d) take all steps necessary to prohibit spectators and other persons, other than the promoter's officials, marshals and constables, from using the carriageway or sides of the course during the progress of the race.

8. The promoter shall not open the course to traffic until the last competitor has finished.

Traffic Management Plan

9. The promoter shall—

(a) agree a traffic management plan with the Department and the Chief Constable, and provide and place signs to enable persons to avoid the course; and

(b) ensure that the signs referred to in this Article are—

(i) placed in position at least 48 hours before the start of the race; and

(ii) removed within 24 hours after the end of the race.

Provision of marshals

10. The promoter shall—

(a) provide a sufficient number of marshals for the proper conduct of the race;

(b) place marshals at the junction of each road, laneway and accommodation road adjoining the course and also at such intervals of about 45 metres alternatively on each side of the course; and

(c) provide each marshal with at least an armlet of distinguishing colour, which shall be worn, by the marshal during the period when the right of way on the course is suspended.

Documents to be produced to the Department

11. Not less than 14 days before the date of the race the promoter shall lodge with the Department a copy of the particulars of the promoter's proposed arrangements for the conduct of the race and shall make such further arrangements as the Chief Constable may consider desirable in the interests of public safety.

Insurance and indemnities

12.—(1) The promoter shall have secured insurances and indemnities as follows—

(a) the promoter is indemnified by a policy of insurance effected with an approved Insurance Company or Lloyd's Underwriters for the sum as specified in paragraph (2)(a), which the promoter, the promoter's officials, marshals, agents or servants, any competitor in the race, the Crown or any servants of the Crown or any constable may become legally liable to pay for compensation and litigation expenses in respect of the death of, or bodily injury to, any person, or the loss of, or damage to, lands or property adjoining the course caused by or arising out of the race, provided that such a policy of insurance may exclude any claim made by one competitor against another arising out of accidents occurring during the race; and

(b) the promoter shall have so effected as in sub-paragraph (a) a personal accident policy of insurance for such benefits as are specified in paragraph (2)(b) in respect of the death of, or bodily injury to, the promoter's officials, marshals, agents or servants, the servants of the Crown, constables and members of voluntary medical services solely in connection with or arising out of the holding of the race.

(2) The specified sums are—

(a) liability of the promoter, the promoter's officials, marshals, agents or servants, the Crown or any servants of the Crown or any constable or any competitor in the race, £100,000,000 for any one accident or series of accidents arising out of one occurrence, but unlimited in amount as to the total sum payable; and

(b) in respect of death of, or bodily injury to, any of those persons mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) the following benefits—

(i) death, £75,000;

(ii) total loss by physical severance of two limbs or total and irrecoverable loss of all sight in both eyes or total loss by physical severance of one limb together with the total and irrecoverable loss of all sight in one eye, £75,000;

(iii) total loss by physical severance of one limb or total and irrecoverable loss of all sight in one eye, £75,000;

(iv) permanent total disablement, £75,000;

(v) temporary total disablement, up to £600 per week or 100% of the weekly wage (whichever is lesser), during the disablement, limited to 104 weeks from the date on which disability occurs.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 2nd July 2025

(L.S.)

Mary Toner
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE 1

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 1 & 5 – SLIEVE ROE – ROADS IN COUNTY DOWN – Friday 15th August 2025 – from 14:00 to 18:10 and from 18:50 to 22:50

1.	Carmeen Road, Unclassified No. 6142, from its junction with Newry Road, Route B8, to its junction with Old Carmeen Road, Unclassified No. 6143.
2.	Old Carmeen Road, Unclassified No. 6143, from its junction with Carmeen Road, Unclassified No. 6142, to its junction with Yellow Road, Unclassified No. 6140.
3.	Yellow Road, Unclassified No. 6140, from its junction with Old Carmeen Road, Unclassified No. 6143, to its junction with Coyles Hill Road, Unclassified No. 6145.
4.	Coyles Hill Road, Unclassified No. 6145, from its junction with Yellow Road, Unclassified No. 6140, to its junction with Lower Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6146.
5.	Lower Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6146, from its junction with Coyles Hill Road, Unclassified No. 6145, to its junction with Upper Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6148.
6.	Upper Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6148, from its junction with Lower Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6146, to its junction with Levallyreagh Road, Route C329.
7.	Levallyreagh Road, Route C329, from its junction with Upper Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6148, to its junction with Masters Lane, Unclassified No. 6148.
8.	Masters Lane, Unclassified No. 6148, from its junction with Levallyreagh Road, Route C329, to its junction with Upper Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6148.
9.	Upper Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6148, from its junction with Masters Lane, Unclassified No. 6148, to its junction with Ballyvally Road, Route C329.
10.	Ballyvally Road, Route C329, from its junction with Upper Knockbarragh Road, Unclassified No. 6148, to its junction with Clontafleece Road, Unclassified No. 6172.
11.	Clontafleece Road, Unclassified No. 6172, from its junction with Ballyvally Road, Route C329, to its junction with Carrick Road, Unclassified No. 6171.
12.	Carrick Road, Unclassified No. 6171, from its junction with Clontafleece Road, Unclassified No. 6172, to its junction with Bridge Road, Route B7.

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 2 & 6 – CAMLOUGH – ROADS IN COUNTY ARMAGH – Friday 15th August 2025 – from 14:55 to 19:05 and from 19:45 to 23:45

1.	Ballynalack Road, Unclassified No. 5261, from its junction with Sturgan Brae, Route B30, to its northern junction with Ballynalack Lane, Unclassified No. 5262.
2.	Ballynalack Lane, Unclassified No. 5262, from its northern junction with Ballynalack Road, Unclassified No. 5261, to its southern junction with Ballynalack Road, Unclassified No. 5261.
3.	Ballynalack Road, Unclassified No. 5261, from its southern junction with Ballynalack Lane, Unclassified No. 5262, to its junction with Ballard Road, Unclassified No. 5266.
4.	Ballard Road, Unclassified No. 5266, from its junction with Ballynalack Road, Unclassified No. 5261, to its junction with Aghmakane Road, Unclassified No. 5263.
5.	Aghmakane Road, Unclassified No. 5263, from is junction with Ballard Road, Unclassified No. 5266, to its junction with Sturgan Brae, Route B30.

SCHEDULE 3

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 3, 4 & 7 – SLIEVE GULLION – ROADS IN COUNTY ARMAGH – Friday 15th August 2025 – from 13:00 to Saturday 16th August 2025 00:30

Mountain Road, Unclassified No. 5275, from its stop end to its junction with Drumintee Road, Route B113.

SCHEDULE 4

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 8 & 11 – KERNAN LOUGH – ROADS IN COUNTY DOWN – Saturday 16th August 2025 – from 08:50 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:30

1.	Blue Road, Route C352, from its junction with Scarva Road, Route B10, to its junction with Trough Lane, Unclassified No. 4140.
2.	Trough Lane, Unclassified No. 4140, from its junction with Blue Road, Route C352, to its junction with Kernan Road, Unclassified No. 4141.
3.	Kernan Road, Unclassified No. 4141, from its junction with Trough Lane, Unclassified No. 4140, to its junction with Kernan Lough Road, Unclassified No. 4139.
4.	Kernan Lough Road, Unclassified No. 4139, from its junction with Kernan Road, Unclassified No. 4141, to its junction with Drumaran Road, Unclassified No. 4138.

5.	Drumaran Road, Unclassified No. 4138, from its junction with Kernan Lough Road, Unclassified No. 4139, to its junction with Drumhorc Road, Unclassified No. 4136.
6.	Drumhorc Road, Unclassified No. 4136, from its junction with Drumaran Road, Unclassified No. 4138, to its junction with Blue Road, Route C352.
7.	Blue Road, Route C352, from its junction with Drumhorc Road, Unclassified No. 4136, to its junction with Lisnafiffy Road, Unclassified No.4150.
8.	Lisnafiffy Road, Unclassified No. 4150, from its junction with Blue Road, Route C352, to its junction with Moss Bann Road, Unclassified No. 4153.
9.	Moss Bann Road, Unclassified No. 4153, from its junction with Lisnafiffy Road, Unclassified No. 4150, to its junction with Drumnagally Road, Unclassified No. 4152.
10.	Drumnagally Road, Unclassified No. 4152, from its junction with Moss Bann Road, Unclassified No. 4153, to its junction with The Point Road, Unclassified No. 4149.
11.	Listullyard Road, Unclassified No. 4151, from its junction with Drumnagally Road, Unclassified No. 4152, to its junction with Lisnafiffy Road, Unclassified No. 4150.
12.	Lisnafiffy Road, Unclassified No. 4150, from its junction with Listullyard Road, Unclassified No. 4151, to its junction with The Point Road, Unclassified No. 4149.
13.	The Point Road, Unclassified No. 4149, from its junction with Lisnafiffy Road, Unclassified No. 4150, to its junction with Drumnagally Road, Unclassified No. 4152.
14.	Drumnagally Road, Unclassified No. 4152, from its junction with The Point Road, Unclassified No. 4149, to its junction with Huntly Road, Unclassified No. 4147.

SCHEDULE 5

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 9 & 12 – BANBRIDGE NORTH – ROADS IN COUNTY DOWN – Saturday 16th August 2025 – from 09:10 to 13:20 and from 13:50 to 17:50

1.	Seapatrick Road, Route C353, from its junction with Dixon Park, Unclassified No. 4462, to its junction with Ballykelly Road, Unclassified No. 4094.
2.	Ballykelly Road, Unclassified No. 4094, from its junction with Seapatrick Road, Route C353, to its junction with Blackskull Road, Route C354.
3.	Blackskull Road, Route C354, from its junction with Ballykelly Road, Unclassified No. 4094, to its junction with Moorestown Road, Unclassified No. 4093.
4.	Moorestown Road, Unclassified No. 4093, from its junction with Blackskull Road, Route C354, to its junction with Drumnavaddy Road, Unclassified No. 4092.
5.	Drumnavaddy Road, Unclassified No. 4092, from its junction with Moorestown Road, Unclassified No. 4093, to its junction with Blackskull Road, Route C354.
6.	Blackskull Road, Route C354, from its junction with Drumnavaddy Road, Unclassified No. 4092, to its junction with Tonaghmore Road, Route C353.
7.	Tonaghmore Road, Route C353, from its junction with Blackskull Road, Route C354, to its junction with Steens Hill Road, Unclassified No. 4071.

8.	Steens Hill Road, Unclassified No. 4071, from its junction with Tonaghmore Road, Route C353, to its junction with Ballycross Road, Unclassified No. 4070.
9.	Ballycross Road, Unclassified No. 4070, from its junction with Steens Hill Road, Unclassified No. 4071, to its junction with Glen Road, Unclassified No. 4067.
10.	Glen Road, Unclassified No. 4067, from its junction with Ballycross Road, Unclassified No. 4070, to its junction with Skelton's Cut Road, Unclassified No. 4069.
11.	Skelton's Cut Road, Unclassified No. 4069, from its junction with Glen Road, Unclassified No. 4067, to its junction with Mullafernaghan Road, Route C349.
12.	Mullafernaghan Road, Route C349, from its junction with Sketon's Cut Road, Unclassified No. 4069, to its junction with Ballymoney Road, Unclassified No. 4072.

SCHEDULE 6

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 10 & 13 – BRONTE HOMELAND – ROADS IN COUNTY DOWN – Saturday 16th August 2025 – from 10:05 to 14:15 and from 14:45 to 18:45

1.	Lisnacroppan Road, Route C342, from its junction with Banbridge Road, Route B10, to its junction with Iveagh Road, Unclassified No. 4346.
2.	Iveagh Road, Unclassified No. 4346, from its junction with Lisnacroppan Road, Route C342, to its junction with Fernhill Road, Unclassified No. 4342.
3.	Fernhill Road, Unclassified No. 4342, from its junction with Iveagh Road, Unclassified No. 4346, to its junction with Knock Road, Unclassified No. 4345.
4.	Knock Road, Unclassified No. 4345, from its junction with Fernhill Road, Unclassified No. 4342, to its junction with Lisnacroppan Road, Unclassified No. 4347.
5.	Lisnacroppan Road, Unclassified No. 4347, from its junction with Knock Road, Unclassified No. 4345, to its junction with Ballynafern Road, Route C375.
6.	Ballynafern Road, Route C375, from its junction with Lisnacroppan Road, Unclassified No. 4347, to its junction with Cavehill Lane, Unclassified No. 4288.
7.	Cavehill Lane, Unclassified No. 4288, from its junction with Ballynafern Road, Route C375, to its junction with Cavehill Road, Unclassified No. 4287.
8.	Cavehill Road, Unclassified No. 4287, from its junction with Cavehill Lane, Unclassified No. 4288, to its junction with Sentry Box Road, Unclassified No. 4286.
9.	Sentry Box Road, Unclassified No. 4286, from its junction with Cavehill Road, Unclassified No. 4287, to its junction with Sentry Box Road, Route C340.
10.	Sentry Box Road, Route C340, from its junction with Sentry Box Road, Unclassified No. 4286, crossing Ballynanny Road, Route C345, to its junction with Rathfriland Road, Route B10.
11.	Ballynanny Road, Route C345, from its junction with Rathfriland Road, Route B10, to its junction with Brague Road, Unclassified No. 4281.
12.	Brague Road, Unclassified No. 4281, from its junction with Ballynanny Road, Route C345,

	to its junction with Tower Road, Unclassified No. 4282.
13.	Tower Road, Unclassified No. 4282, from its junction with Brague Road, Unclassified No. 4281, to its junction with Ballynanny Road, Route C345.
14.	Ballynanny Road, Route C345, from its junction with Tower Road, Unclassified No. 4282, to its junction with Doughery Road, Route C348.
15.	Doughery Road, Route C348, from its junction with Ballynanny Road, Route C345, to its junction with Cascum Road, Unclassified No. 4225.
16.	Cascum Road, Unclassified No. 4225, from its junction with Doughery Road, Route C348, to its junction with Aghaderg Road, Unclassified No. 4226.
17.	Aghaderg Road, Unclassified No. 4226, from its junction with Cascum Road, Unclassified No. 4225, to its junction with Reservoir Road, Unclassified No. 4227.
18.	Reservoir Road, Unclassified No. 4227, from its junction with Aghaderg Road, Unclassified No. 4226, to its junction with Cascum Road, Unclassified No. 4225.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order permits the Northern Ireland Motor Club Ltd, as promoter of the Ulster Rally 2025, to use for that event certain roads by suspending the right of way of other traffic on the days and during the times specified in the schedules.

In effect, this Order temporarily closes these roads.

This Order requires the promoter to give public notice of the promoter's intended use of these roads by displaying placard notices in prominent positions in the neighbourhood of the road and by publishing advertisements in 2 newspapers circulating in the locality of the course as specified in Article 5(b). The promoter must also provide marshals, seal off the road and arrange insurance to cover death, bodily injury or loss or damage to property resulting from the event.

It is an offence for any person—

(a) to obstruct or interfere wilfully and unlawfully with the conduct of the event;

(b) to obstruct any constable acting in the course of that constable's duty or any marshal or any other person exercising any function conferred on that person;

(c) to enter or remain without authority on any road closed for the event;

(d) to keep any animal or any vehicle without lawful authority on any specified road; or

(e) to contravene wilfully any provision of a road closing Order or any traffic direction given by the police for the purpose of that event.