STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 65

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Road Races (Circuit of Ireland Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*26th March 2025*
Coming into operation -	*17th April 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 (Circuit of Ireland Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on 17th April 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 Ulster Automobile Club Ltd.

(2) For the purposes of Articles 5 and 11, the "date of the race" means the date of the first motor race day specified in the Schedules.

Application

3. Subject to compliance with all the requirements of this Order, the course may be used by the promoter for motor races on the days and between the times specified in Schedules 1 to 4.

Suspension of right of way and notice

4. On the day specified in Schedules 1 to 4 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**) 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

(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;

(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 junctions 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 26th March 2025

(L.S.)

Mary Toner
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE 1

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 1 & 2 – 'IVY HILL' – ROADS IN COUNTY ARMAGH – Friday 18th April 2025 – from 1330 to 2145

1.	Doolargy Road, Route C652, from its junction with Carnteel Road, Route B35, to its junction with Cockhill Road, Unclassified No. 321.
2.	Cockhill Road, Unclassified No. 321, from its junction with Doolargy Road, Route C652, crossing and including Loughans Road, Unclassified No. 318, to its junction with Aghaloo Road, Unclassified No. 321.
3.	Crossroads at Loughans Road, Unclassified No. 318 with Cockhill Road, Unclassified No. 321.
4.	Aghaloo Road, Unclassified No. 321, from its junction with Cockhill Road, Unclassified No. 321, to its junction with Armaghlughey Road, Route C652.
5.	Armaghlughey Road, Route C652, from its junction with Aghaloo Road, Unclassified No. 321, to its junction with Loughans Road, Unclassified No. 319.
6.	Loughans Road, Unclassified No. 319, from its junction with Armaghlughey Road, Route C652, to its junction with and across Loughans Road, Unclassified No. 318, to its junction with Derganagh Road, Unclassified No. 505.
7.	Crossroads at Loughans Road, Unclassified No. 318, with Loughans Road, Unclassified No. 319.
8.	Dergenagh Road, Unclassified No. 505, from its junction with Loughans Road, Unclassified No. 319, to its junction with Dernaborey Road, Unclassified No. 508.
9.	Dernaborey Road, Unclassified No. 508, from its junction with Dergenagh Road, Unclassified No. 505, to its junction with Leany Road, Unclassified No. 508.
10.	Leany Road, Unclassified No. 508, from its junction with Dernaborey Road, Unclassified No. 508, to its junction with Farriter Road, Route C649.
11.	Farriter Road, Route C652, from its junction with Leany Road, Unclassified No. 508, to its junction with Coolhill Road, Unclassified No. 547.
12.	Coolhill Road, Unclassified No. 547, from its junction with Farriter Road, Route C652, to its junction with Coolhill Avenue, Unclassified No. 547.

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 3, 6 & 9 – 'DRUMMOND' – ROADS IN COUNTY TYRONE – Saturday 19th April 2025 – from 0715 to 1830

1.	Rhone Road, Unclassified No. 1130, from its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, to its junction with Rhone Road, Unclassified No. 1129.
2.	Rhone Road, Unclassified No. 1129, from its junction with Rhone Road, Unclassified No. 1130, to its junction with Culkerran Road, Unclassified No. 1129.
3.	Culkeeran Road, Unclassified No. 1129, from its junction with Rhone Road, Unclassified No. 1129, to its junction with and including Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, to its junction with Mullybrannon Road, Route No. C645.
4.	Mullybrannon Road, Route No. C645, from its junction with Culkeeran Road, Unclassified No. 1129, to its junction with Mossmore Road, Unclassified No. 1110.
5.	Mossmore Road, Unclassified No. 1110, from its junction with Mullybrannon Road, Route No. C645, to its junction with Derryfuble Road, Route B130.
6.	Derryfuble Road, Route B130, from its junction with Mossmore Road, Unclassified No. 1110, to its junction with Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1109.
7.	Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1109, from its junction with Derryfuble Road, Route B130, to its junction with Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109.
8.	Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109, from its junction with Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1109, to its junction with Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109.
9.	Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109, from its junction with Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109, to its junction with Derryfuble Road, Route B130.
10.	Derryfuble Road, Route B130, from its junction with Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109, to its junction with Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1112.
11.	Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1112, from its junction with Derryfuble Road, Route B130, to its junction with Stiloga Road, Route C646.
12.	Stiloga Road, Route C646, from its junction with Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1112, to its junction with Terryscollop Road, Unclassified No. 1114.
13.	Terryscollop Road, Unclassified No. 1114, from its junction with Stiloga Road, Route C646, to its junction with Terryscollop Road, Unclassified No. 1114.
14.	Terryscollop Road, Unclassified No. 1114, from its junction with Terryscollop Road, Unclassified No. 1114, to its junction with Stiloga Road, Route C646.

SCHEDULE 3

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 4, 7 & 10 – 'THE HOLLOW' – ROADS IN COUNTY ARMAGH – Saturday 19th April 2025 – from 0745 to 1900

1.	Foyarr Road, Route No. C0186, from its junction with Killylea Road, Route A28, to its junction with Wilsons Hill Road, Unclassified No. 7384.
2.	Wilsons Hill Road, Unclassified No. 7384, from its junction with Foyarr Road, Route C0186, to its junction with Ballymacully Road, Unclassified No. 7381.
3.	Ballymacully Road, Unclassified No. 7381, from its junction with Wilsons Hill Road, Unclassified No. 7384, to its junction with Foyarr Road, Route C0186.
4.	Foyarr Road, Route C0186, from its junction with Ballymacully Road, Unclassified No. 7381, to its junction with Annaghannany Road, Unclassified No. 7383.
5.	Annaghannany Road, Unclassified No. 7383, from its junction with Foyarr Road, Route C0186, to its junction with Knappagh Road, Route C0185.
6.	Knappagh Road, Route C0185, from its junction with Annaghannany Road, Unclassified No. 7383, to its junction with Polnagh Road, Unclassified No. 7385.
7.	Polnagh Road, Unclassified No. 7385, from its junction with Knappagh Road, Route C0185, to its junction with Lisnafeedy Road, Route C0186.
8.	Lisnafeedy Road, Route C0186, from its junction with Polnagh Road, Unclassified No. 7385, to its junction with Cavanbally Road, Unclassified No. 7363.
9.	Cavanbally Road, Unclassified No. 7363, from its junction with Lisnafeedy Road, Route C0186, to its junction with By Steensons Road, Unclassified No. 7365.
10.	By Steensons Road, Unclassified No. 7365, from its junction with Cavanbally Road, Unclassified No. 7363, to its junction with Lisnafeedy Road, Route C0186.
11.	Lisnafeedy Road, Route C0186, from its junction with By Steensons Road, Unclassified No. 7365, to its junction with Cullcairn Road, Unclassified No. 7372.
12.	Cullcairn Road, Unclassified No. 7372, from its junction with Lisnafeedy Road, Route C0186, to its junction with Wilsontown Road, Unclassified No. 7371.
13.	Wilsontown Road, Unclassified No. 7371, from its junction with Cullcairn Road, Unclassified No. 7372, to its junction with Dens Hill Road, Unclassified No. 7375.
14.	Dens Hill Road, Unclassified No. 7375, from its junction with Wilsontown Road, Unclassified No. 7371, to its junction with Aughantarragh Road, Unclassified No. 7373.
15.	Aughantarragh Road, Unclassified No. 7373, from its junction with Dens Hill Road, Unclassified No. 7375, to its junction with Tullymore School Lane, Unclassified No. 7374.
16.	Tullymore School Lane, Unclassified No. 7374, from its junction with Aughantarragh Road, Unclassified No. 7373, to its junction with Battleford Road, Route B115.
17.	Aughantarragh Road, Unclassified No. 7373, from its junction with Dens Hill Road, Unclassified No. 7375, to its junction with Battleford Road, Route B115.

SCHEDULE 4

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 5, 8 & 11 – 'SWEATHOUSE' – ROADS IN COUNTY ARMAGH – Saturday 19th April 2025 – from 0845 to 1945

1.	Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 520, from its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, to its junction with Cadian Lane, Unclassified No. 520.
2.	Cadian Lane, Unclassified No. 520, from its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 520, to its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522.
3.	Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, from its junction with Cadian Lane, Unclassified No. 520, to its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route No. C647.
4.	Carrycastle Road, Route No. C647, from its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, to its junction with Cloghermy Road, Route No. C647.
5.	Clogherny Road, Route No. C647, from its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route No. C647, to its junction southern most with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522.
6.	Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, from its southern most junction with Clogherny Road, Route No. C647, to its junction with Cadian Road Spur, Unclassified No. 522.
7.	Cadian Road Spur, Unclassified No. 522, from its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, to its junction with Clogherny Road, Route No. C647.
8.	Clogherny Road, Route No. C647, from its junction with Cadian Road Spur, Unclassified No. 522, to its junction with Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521.
9.	Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521, from its junction with Clogherny Road, Route No. C647, to its junction with Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521.
10.	Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521, from its junction with Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521, to its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route No. C647.
11.	Carrycastle Road, Route No. C647, from its junction with Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521, to its junction with Friary Road, Unclassified No. 519.
12.	Friary Road, Unclassified No. 519, from its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route No. C647, to its junction with Derrylattinee Road, Unclassified No. 519.
13.	Derrylattinee Road, Unclassified No. 519, from its junction with Friary Road, Unclassified No. 519, to its junction with Mullycar Road, Unclassified No. 519.
14.	Mullycar Road, Unclassified No. 519, from its junction with Derrylattinee Road, Unclassified No. 519) to its junction with Glasdrummond Road, Route No. C647.
15.	Glasdrummond Road, Route No. C647, from its junction with Mullycar Road, Unclassified No. 519, to its south western most junction with Carnteel Road, Unclassified No. 512.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order permits the Ulster Automobile Club Ltd, as promoter of the Circuit of Ireland 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 their 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 purposes of the event.