STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 48

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Road Races (Circuit of Ireland Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*11th March 2026*
Coming into operation -	*2nd April 2026*

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) 2026 and shall come into operation on 2nd April 2026.

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 purpose of Article 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 5.

Suspension of right of way and notice

4. On the day specified in Schedules 1 to 5 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 such additional public notice of an Order made under this Article as the Department considers appropriate to bring the effect of the Order to the attention of the public.

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 11th March 2026

(L.S.)

R Balfour
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE 1

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 1 & 3 – 'STURGEON BRIDGE' – ROADS IN COUNTY TYRONE – Friday 3rd April 2026 – from 11:15 hrs to 18:00 hrs

1.	Kerrib Lane, Unclassified No. 916, from its junction with Pomeroy Road, Route B43, to its junction with Kilnaslee Road, Unclassified No. 916.
2.	Kilnaslee Road, Unclassified No. 916, from its junction with Kerrib Lane, Unclassified No. 916, to its junction with Kilmackardle Road, Unclassified No. 916.
3.	Kilmackardle Road, Unclassified No. 916, from its junction with Kilnaslee Road, Unclassified No. 916, to its junction with Kilmackardle Road, Unclassified No. 915.
4.	Kilmackardle Road, Unclassified No. 915, from its junction with Kilmackardle Road, Unclassified No. 916, to and including its junction with Kilnaslee Road, Unclassified No. 916, and Gortindarragh Road, Unclassified No. 915.
5.	Gortindarragh Road, Unclassified No. 915, from and including its junction with Kilnaslee Road, Unclassified No. 916, to its junction with Gortindarragh Road, Route C634.
6.	Gortindarragh Road, Route C634, from its junction with Gortindarragh Road, Unclassified No. 915, to its junction with Camaghy Road, Unclassified No. 911.
7.	Camaghy Road, Unclassified No. 911, from its junction with Gortindarragh Road, Route C634, to its junction with Shanmaghery Road, Unclassified No. 908.
8.	Shanmaghery Road, Unclassified No. 908, from its junction with Camaghy Road, Unclassified No. 911, to its junction with Aghafad Road, Unclassified No. 908.
9.	Aghafad Road, Unclassified No. 908, from its junction with Shanmaghery Road, Unclassified No. 908, to its junction with Cornamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 909.
10.	Cornamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 909, from its junction with Aghafad Road, Unclassified No. 908, to its junction with Cornamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 909.
11.	Cornamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 909, from its junction with Cornamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 909, to its junction with Corhamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 811.
12.	Corhamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 811, from its junction with Cornamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 909, to its junction with Turnabarson Road, Route C634, and Cornamaddy Road, Route C634.
13.	Cornamaddy Road, Route C634, from its junction with Turnabarson Road, Route C634, and Cornamaddy Road, Unclassified No. 811, to its junction with Altmore Road, Route C634.

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 2 & 4 – 'SLIEVEMORE' – ROADS IN COUNTY TYRONE – Friday 3rd April 2026 – from 11:45 hrs to 18:30 hrs

1.	Tursallagh Road, Unclassified No. 1726, from its junction with Tiroony Road, Route B46, to its junction with Maginn Road, Unclassified No. 1726.
2.	Maginn Road, Unclassified No. 1726, from its junction with Tursallagh Road, Unclassified No. 1726, to its junction with Bernisk Road, Unclassified No. 1727.
3.	Bernisk Road, Unclassified No. 1727, from its junction with Maginn Road, Unclassified No. 1726, to its junction with Finmill Road, Unclassified No. 1727.
4.	Finmill Road, Unclassified No. 1727, from its junction with Bernisk Road, Unclassified No. 1727, to its junction with Cloughfin Road, Route C627.
5.	Cloughfin Road, Route C627, from its junction with Finmill Road, Unclassified No. 1727, to its junction with Shane Road, Unclassified No. 306.
6.	Shane Road, Unclassified No. 306, from its junction with Cloughfin Road, Route C627, to its junction with Foremass Road, Unclassified No. 306.
7.	Foremass Road, Unclassified No. 306, from its junction with Shane Road, Unclassified No. 306, to its junction with Caldragh Road, Unclassified No. 306.
8.	Caldragh Road, Unclassified No. 306, from its junction with Foremass Road, Unclassified No. 306, to its junction with Altamuskin Road, Unclassified No. 633.
9.	Altamuskin Road, Unclassified No. 633, from its junction with Caldragh Road, Unclassified No. 306, to its junction with Aghnagar Road, Unclassified No. 1730.
10.	Aghnagar Road, Unclassified No. 1730, from its junction with Altamuskin Road, Unclassified No. 633, to its junction with Shantavny Road, Unclassified No. 302.
11.	Shantavny Road, Unclassified No. 302, from its junction with Aghnagar Road, Unclassified No. 1730, to its junction with Fallaghearn Road, Unclassified No. 304.

SCHEDULE 3

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 5, 8 & 11 – 'DRUMMOND HILL' – ROADS IN COUNTY TYRONE – Saturday 4th April 2026 – from 07:15 hrs to 17:00 hrs

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 and including Culkeeran Road, Unclassified No. 1129.
3.	Rhone Road, Unclassified No. 1129, from its junction with Culkeeran Road, Unclassified No. 1129, to its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123.
4.	Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, from its junction with Culkeeran Road, Unclassified No. 1129, to its junction with Gorestown Road, Route C645.

5.	Gorestown Road, Route C645, from its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, to its junction with Ballymacilduff Road, Unclassified No. 1123.
6.	Ballymacilduff Road, Unclassified No. 1123, from its junction with Gorestown Road, Route C645, to its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123.
7.	Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, from its junction with Ballymacilduff Road, Unclassified No. 1123, to its junction with Tobermesson Road, Unclassified No. 1125.
8.	Tobermesson Road, Unclassified No. 1125, from its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, to its junction with Tobermesson Road, Unclassified No. 1124.
9.	Tobermesson Road, Unclassified No. 1124, from its junction with Tobermesson Road, Unclassified No. 1125, to its junction with Ballymacilduff Road, Unclassified No. 1124.
10.	Ballymacilduff Road, Unclassified No. 1124, from its junction with Tobermesson Road, Unclassified No. 1124, to its junction with Mullybrannon Road, Unclassified No. 1124.
11.	Mullybrannon Road, Unclassified No. 1124, from its junction with Ballymacilduff Road, Unclassified No. 1124, to and including its junction with Gorestown Road, Route C645 and Mullybrannon Road, Route C645.
12.	Mullybrannon Road, Route C645, from its junction with Gorestown Road, Route C645, to its junction with Culkeeran Road, Unclassified 1129.
13.	Culkeeran Road, Unclassified No. 1129, from its junction with Mullybrannon Road, Route C645, to its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123.
14.	Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, from its junction with Culkeeran Road, Unclassified No. 1129, to its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123.
15.	Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, from its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, to its junction with Mullybrannon Road, Route C645.
16.	Mullybrannon Road, Route C645, from its junction with Syerla Road, Unclassified No. 1123, to its junction with Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109.
17.	Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109, from its junction with Mullybrannon Road, Route C645, to its junction with Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1109.
18.	Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1109, from its junction with Drumseark Road, Unclassified No. 1109, to its junction with Derryfubble Road, Route B130.
19.	Derryfubble Road, Route B130, from its junction with Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1109, to its junction with Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1112.
20.	Crubinagh Road, Unclassified No. 1112, from its junction with Derryfubble Road, Route B130, to its junction with Stiloga Road, Route C646.

SCHEDULE 4

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 6 & 9 – 'BRANTRY LOUGH' – ROADS IN COUNTY TYRONE – Saturday 4th April 2026 – from 07:45 hrs to 15:00 hrs

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 Terryglassog Road, Unclassified No. 524.
4.	Terryglassog Road, Unclassified No. 524, from its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, to its junction with Cadian Road Spur 1, Unclassified No. 524.
5.	Cadian Road Spur 1, Unclassified No. 524, from its junction with Terryglassog Road, Unclassified No. 524, to its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522.
6.	Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, from its junction with Cadian Road Spur 1, Unclassified No. 524, to its junction with Cadian Road Spur 1, Unclassified No. 522.
7.	Cadian Road Spur 1, Unclassified No. 522, from its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, to its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522.
8.	Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, from its junction with Cadian Road Spur 1, Unclassified No. 522, to its junction with Clougherny Road, Route C647.
9.	Clougherny Road, Route C647, from its junction with Cadian Road, Unclassified No. 522, to its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route C647.
10.	Carrycastle Road, Route C647, from its junction with Clougherny Road, Route C647, to its junction with Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521.
11.	Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521, from its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route C647, to its junction with Derrylattinee Road, Unclassified No. 519.
12.	Derrylattinee Road, Unclassified No. 519, from its junction with Gort Road, Unclassified No. 521, to its junction with Friary Road, Unclassified No. 519.
13.	Friary Road, Unclassified No. 519, from its junction with Derrylattinee Road, Unclassified No. 519, to its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route C647.
14.	Carrycastle Road, Route C647, from its junction with Friary Road, Unclassified No. 519, to its junction with Creevelough Road, Unclassified No. 526.
15.	Creevelough Road, Unclassified No. 526, from its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route C647, to its junction with Creevelough Road, Unclassified No. 526.
16.	Creevelough Road, Unclassified No. 526, from its junction with Creevelough Road, Unclassified No. 526, to its junction with Legane Road, Route C647.
17.	Legane Road, Route C647, from its junction with Creevelough Road, Unclassified No. 526, to its junction with Carrycastle Road, Route C647.
18.	Carrycastle Road, Route C647, from its junction with Legane Road, Route C647, to its junction with Carricklongfield Road, Route C647.
19.	Carricklongfield Road, Route C647, from its junction with Legane Road, Route C647, to its junction with Carricklongfield Road, Unclassified No. 519.

20.	Carricklongfield Road, Unclassified No. 519, from its junction with Carricklongfield Road, Route C647, to its junction with Legane Road, Route C647.
21.	Legane Road, Route C647, from its junction with Carricklongfield Road, Unclassified No. 519, to its junction with Glassdrummond Road, Unclassified No. 514 and Glassdrummond Road, Route 647.
22.	Glassdrummond Road, Unclassified No. 514, from its junction with Legane Road, Route C647, to its junction with Glasdrummond Road, Unclassified No. 514.
23.	Glasdrummond Road, Unclassified No. 514, from its junction with Glassdrummond Road, Unclassified No. 514, to its junction with Carnteel Road, Route B35.

SCHEDULE 5

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 7, 10 & 12 – 'BOCKETS HILL' – ROADS IN COUNTY TYRONE – Saturday 4th April 2026 – from 08:30 hrs to 17:45 hrs

1.	Legaroe Road, Unclassified No. 501, from its junction with Ballyreagh Road, Route C633, to its junction with Lurganmore Road, Unclassified No. 501.
2.	Lurganmore Road, Unclassified No. 501, from its junction with Legaroe Road, Unclassified No. 501, to its junction with Tulnavern Road, Unclassified No. 503.
3.	Tulnavern Road, Unclassified No. 503, from its junction with Lurganmore Road, Unclassified No. 501, to and including its junction with Ballynahave Road, Route C627.
4.	Upper Cranlome Road, Unclassified No. 901, from its junction with Ballynahave Road, Route C627, to its junction with Aghnagar Road, Route C635.
5.	Aghnagar Road, Route C635, from its junction with Upper Cranlome Road, Unclassified No. 901, to its junction with Aghnagar Road, Route C627.
6.	Aghnagar Road, Route C627, from its junction with Aghnagar Road, Route C635, to its junction with Mullysilly Road, Unclassified No. 942.
7.	Mullysilly Road, Unclassified No. 942, from its junction with Aghnagar Road, Route C627, to its junction with Aghinduff Road, Unclassified No. 942.
8.	Aghinduff Road, Unclassified No. 942, from its junction with Mullysilly Road, Unclassified No. 942, to its junction with Clonavaddy Road, Unclassified No. 939.
9.	Clonavaddy Road, Unclassified No. 939, from its junction with Aghinduff Road, Unclassified No. 942, to its junction with Clonavaddy Road, Unclassified No. 939.

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 2026, 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 bringing the effect of this Order to the attention of the public as specified in Article 5. 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.