



# Rules and regulations

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*Note: The format of this section has been changed significantly from the previous version. Because of the volume of changes, revision marks are only provided where the rules reflect a change in policy, i.e., where the changes are not simply a re-ordering or clarification of rules contained in the previous rulebook. The rules enclosed are final and changes within the competition year will be via "Rule Change Bulletins" to be incorporated in the document for the following competition year.*

## **Performance Rally Rules and Regulations**

### **1 GENERAL**

#### **1.1 Definitions**

The following descriptions are adopted for use in the Ontario Performance Rally Championship regulations and any appendices thereto:

<b>CARS</b>	Canadian Association of Rally Sport;
<b>"The Championship"</b>	The Ontario Performance Rally Championship or one of its constituent driver, co-driver or manufacturers championships;
<b>OPRC</b>	Ontario Performance Rally Championship;
<b>RSO</b>	RallySport Ontario;
<b>Stand-alone Regional Rally</b>	A Championship round held in Ontario that is not held in conjunction with a national-status rally.

Other terms shall have the same meaning as in the RSO Rally Rules and Regulations, the CARS General Competition Rules and the CARS National Rally Regulations.

### **2 APPLICABLE REGULATIONS**

Each event in the Championship, and the OPRC as a whole, shall be held under the CARS General Competition Rules, the CARS National Rally Regulations, and the RSO

Rally Rules and Regulations. Where rules deviate from the NRR's they will be clearly laid out in this document. Rules which deviate from the NRR's or the NGCR's are applicable only to OPRC stand alone series events.

### **3 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

#### **3.1 General**

- a) The rounds of the OPRC shall be specified in the official RSO Event Calendar each year. RSO reserves the right to cancel, amend, or add any rounds of the Championship;
- b) Driver and co-driver Championships accumulate points separately.

#### **3.2 Listing Fees**

Listing fees for each event shall be payable to RSO by the organizing club. The listing fees shall be as determined by the RSO Committee. The fees are shown in **Appendix A**, which can be located at [www.rallysport.on.ca](http://www.rallysport.on.ca)

#### **3.3 Entry Levies**

- a) Each organizing club shall pay RSO a levy for each competitor started in a listed event;
- b) RSO reserves the right to assess a levy based on Event status (Regional/National) to maintain the General Reserve Fund,
- c) Fees are shown in **Appendix A**, which is posted at [www.rallysport.on.ca](http://www.rallysport.on.ca)

#### **3.4 OPRC Championships**

The OPRC shall consist of the following Championships:

- a) Overall Champion Driver and Co-Driver;
- b) 2WD Champion Driver and Co-Driver;
- c) Novice Driver;
- d) Vehicle Class Driver and Co-Driver:
  - 1) Open 2WD;
  - 2) Production AWD;
  - 3) Production 2WD; and
- e) Manufacturer.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

#### **4.1 Competitor Eligibility**

- a) Canadian Rally national and regional licence-holders, and either NASA, RA, or ARA licence-holders only are eligible for OPRC championships. ~~Competitors must be a member in good standing of an RSO-affiliated club. Competitors must be entered in the OPRC portion of an event to score points in the championship.~~

- b) For the purposes of scoring the championship all listed OPRC events ~~but **TWO**~~ will be counted. ~~A competitor may compete in all events in the championship and drop their **TWO** worst scoring events.~~

#### **4.2 Vehicle Eligibility – Class Championships**

Eligibility for each class championship shall be in accordance with the CARS National Rally Regulations.

#### **4.3 Classic Division *Removed 03/04/14***

#### **4.4 Exhibition class**

This class has been introduced to the championship series to enable competitors who choose to run a championship scoring event but wish to not score points in the overall championship or individual championship classes. Given the intent of this class, it is of extreme importance that competitors wishing to enter an event in the Exhibition class ensure that their pace and actions during the event do not hinder the performance of any competitor on road who is competing for championship positions.

- a) All vehicles competing in Exhibition class must conform to all CARS safety regulations;
- b) All vehicles competing in Exhibition class must conform to one of the CURRENT class regulations: Open AWD, Open 2WD, Production AWD or Production 2WD;
- c) Driver and Co-Driver may switch positions and utilize the event for testing and training. The interchanging of roles may only be performed between Special Stages. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification from the event and will be reviewed by the event Steward and RSO/CARS disciplinary committee for further disciplinary action;
- d) This class will NOT score any championship points;
- e) The event scorer may choose not to display times for these competitors on final event results;
- f) The event organizer may choose to provide awards for the class; however, is not required to do so;
- g) The starting order for competitors wishing to compete in Exhibition class will be drawn as per seeded draw to ensure proper road position for safety;

#### **4.5 Organizer Points**

The intent of this provision within the rules is to enable a competitor to take on a *SIGNIFICANT* role within the organizing committee of a performance rally event which is part of the OPRC and not forfeit the points he or she MAY have obtained if they were to have competed in that event. A *SIGNIFICANT* role will be defined as Organizer; all other roles which are part of a performance rally do not apply unless otherwise approved by the RSO BOD and must be requested for consideration in writing to the VP Performance 6 months prior to the event date. If a team (driver

and co-driver) wish to be considered for organizer championship points, a request in writing identifying the roles taken on by the competitors within the Organizing Committee be submitted for BOD consideration to the VP Performance 6 months in advance of the event. Special consideration of any request may be given at the discretion of the BOD.

- a) Championship points will be awarded to the competitor at the end of the competition year and will be equal to their highest finishing position within that year of competition;
- b) Organizer points will not include starting and finishing points;
- c) Organizer points will not be counted towards seeding points;
- d) Organizer points awarded in a competition year will not be used to maintain seed qualification;
- e) Organizer points will not be used in a tie-breaker situation;
- f) A competitor may score organizer points once within a competition year;
- g) Points will be identified in Italics on the final results document.

#### **4.6 Championship Awards**

Awards will be presented each year for each championship, based on the determination of championship in accordance with Section 7, as follows:

- a) Four or more competitors: first, second and third place;
- b) Three competitors: first and second place;
- c) One or two competitors: first place; and,
- d) Manufacturer: first place.

#### **4.7 Novice Eligibility**

Expert class will consist of all crews where the first driver, at the beginning of the current competitive year, has:

- a) Been classed as Expert on the current National seeding system;
- b) Finished first in the Novice Driver championship in any previous year; or,
- c) Been deemed by RSO to be at Expert level of experience.

All other drivers shall be deemed to be Novice class.

#### **4.8 Event Awards Eligibility**

All competitors entered in an OPRC event shall be eligible for event awards, even those not eligible for Championship points or series awards. Event awards will mirror that of the Championship and use the outlined criteria identified within section 4.6 with exception to manufacturer. Exhibition class entrants do not qualify for event awards unless an event organizer chooses to provide an exhibition class award.

## 5 CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING

### 5.1 General

Series points shall be awarded for each event according to the overall finishing position of each eligible competitor in relation to other eligible competitors (e.g., if the third-place crew in an event is not eligible for series points, the fourth overall crew would receive third-place points).

In each rally, the co-driver will assume the classification(s) of the driver.

### 5.2 Overall, Novice, and Manufacturers Championship Points

Overall drivers and co-drivers, Novice drivers, Classic drivers and co-drivers and Manufacturers shall score points individually for their respective Championships according to the following schedule:

<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12
4 <sup>th</sup>	10
5 <sup>th</sup>	8
6 <sup>th</sup>	6
7 <sup>th</sup>	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	2
10 <sup>th</sup>	1
11 <sup>th</sup> and lower	0

- a) In addition, for the Overall drivers and co-drivers, 2WD championship, and Novice drivers, and Classic drivers and co-drivers Championships, competitors shall earn one (1) additional point for starting a Championship event and one (1) additional point for finishing a Championship event. The additional starting and finishing points will NOT be counted for seed points;
- b) The Overall Driver and 2wd Champion Driver will carry the "champion" title for the following year and, in stand-alone OPRC events, will be awarded the #1 competition vehicle number. The 2WD Champion will be awarded the #2. The competition number does not imply start position, which is determined by seeded draw. In cases where the "champion" is not entered or starting the stand-alone event, the field of assigned numbers will begin at #3;
- c) For the purposes of Championship scoring, "starting an event" shall be defined as leaving the first time control of the rally, and "finishing an event" shall be defined as completing the entire course of the rally without exclusion and passing through the final time control. A competitor may be re-started in a rally as per section 6 of these rules.

### 5.3 Vehicle Class Championship Points

Drivers and co-drivers shall score points individually for Vehicle Class standings according to the following schedule:

<b>Finishing Position in Class</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	1
7 <sup>th</sup> and lower	0

### 5.4 POWER stage points – removed 01/26/17

## 6 RE-STARTING A RALLY

### 6.1 General

- a) For an OPRC stand-alone championship listed performance rally event, a crew which has failed to complete a special stage may re-start the rally from the start of the next appropriate stage provided that they have expressed their intent to restart to the Clerk of the Course, and the Clerk of the Course or their designate identifies at which point the crew may re-enter the event;
- b) When a retirement is on stage, that stage time will not be recorded. When a retirement occurs on a transit of the rally, the previous stage time shall not be recorded;
- c) In the case of exclusion under 15.14 of the NRR's, the team concerned will be allowed to restart as per section 6.1 of these regulations. No change of the registered crew is permitted. The time penalty shall be applied to the TC at which the competitor concerned has exceeded the maximum permitted lateness.

### 6.2 Conditions for Re-starting a Rally

- a) To re-start the rally, the vehicle must meet the following requirements: a) Pass inspection from the chief scrutineer or their designate, and b) The same body shell must be used;
- b) 6.0 does not apply to the last stage or transit of the rally.

### 6.3 Penalties

**For each time a crew uses 6.0 to re-start a rally, a time penalty will be applied. This time penalty will be as follows:**

- a) For any stage missed a 5 minute penalty shall be assessed;

- b) The competitor's stage time shall be calculated as follows: For each stage missed the stage slow time plus PLUS 5 minutes shall be assigned.

#### **6.4 Re-start position**

- a) A crew which will re-start a rally shall be placed in their appropriate start position for the rally unless deemed otherwise by the Clerk of the Course.

### **7 RSO SEEDING**

The RSO Seeding system is employed for use only at OPRC stand-alone events. In cases where there is an OPRC component to a CARS-sanctioned National event, the competitor's CARS seed will be used.

A competitor's CARS seed will always supersede their RSO seed in the event that their CARS seed is higher than their RSO seed. Where a competitor has not competed in an RSO event and thus does not have an RSO seed, the VP – Performance will place the competitor in the seed group in which they belong, based on their speed factor relative to other OPRC competitors. This placement, along with its rationale, will be provided to the event organizer.

Seeding points are based on the accumulation of three years of OPRC competition. The total seed points for a competitor will remain current, i.e. the seed will be scored with event X for only the three most recent events. Competitors will retain their high seed for one competition year, and drop a maximum of one seed group.

Seed points are calculated as per the following:

<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12
4 <sup>th</sup>	10
5 <sup>th</sup>	8
6 <sup>th</sup>	6
7 <sup>th</sup>	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	2
10 <sup>th</sup>	1
11 <sup>th</sup> and lower	0

Seed qualifications are determined as follows:

- Seed 1: All drivers with 200 or more seed points
- Seed 2: All drivers with 100 to 199 seed points
- Seed 3: All drivers with 50 to 99 seed points
- Seed 4: All drivers with 10 to 49 seed points
- Seed 5a: All drivers with 1 to 9 seed points

Seed 5b: All drivers having finished one regional event  
Seed 6: All other drivers

NOTE: Seed points do not include the start and finish points as assigned in the championship points for overall Driver and Co-driver OR the OPRC POWER points.

## **8 DETERMINATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **8.1 Overall driver and co-driver, 2WD driver and co-driver, Novice driver, and class championships.**

All driver and co-driver Championships shall accumulate series points as follows:

Each competitor's total shall be the highest aggregate total of event Championship points scored, calculated in accordance with **3.4, 4.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4.**

### **8.2 Tie-Breaker**

In the case of a tie for any of the first three positions in any championship, the competitor with the most event wins shall be declared the winner of the tie. If this fails to break the tie, the competitor with the most second-place finishes shall be declared the winner. If this still fails to break the tie, the competitor with the most third-place finishes shall be declared the winner, etc., until the tie is broken. If this still fails to break the tie, then the total number of points earned from all listed events in the championship series shall determine the winner. The final tie-breaker shall be the total number of regional championship events entered that year. Any ties still existing after application of all tie-breakers shall remain as ties.

### **8.3 Manufacturers Championship**

The Manufacturers Championship shall be determined as follows:

- a)** The winner will be the manufacturer of the make of automobile, as opposed to "model", accumulating the most points in all events in the OPRC;
- b)** Different makes produced by the same manufacturer will be awarded points separately (e.g., General Motors produces Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, etc.);
- c)** Points shall be awarded in each event according to overall finishing position in accordance with Section 4;
- d)** In each event, a make shall count only the highest number of points given to a vehicle of that make; and,
- e)** All events in the year shall count toward each manufacturer's total; no events shall be dropped from the series score.

## **9 MEDIA AGREEMENTS – REMOVED 01/26/17**