



## ALEKTO MOTORSPORT IRELAND HILLCLIMB/ SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FRANK KEANE TROPHY

### 1. ALEKTO HILLCLIMB/SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

will run in accordance with Appendix 15 and the following regulations.

#### 1.1. CHAMPIONSHIP AFFILIATION FEE

*The affiliation fee to run a round or rounds of the hillclimb and sprint championship is €250.*

*The affiliation fee is waived for 2022, the Hillclimb & Sprint Commission will not be requesting the affiliation fee for 2022*

### 2. CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS.

For the full schedule, please see [motorsportireland.com/fixtures](http://motorsportireland.com/fixtures).

Best 10 results to count.

### 3. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.

#### 3.1. Definitions.

**Production Saloon:** Bodyshell as per originally manufactured.

Includes any steel monocoque production road car which was manufactured with more than 500 examples and has more than 2 seats.

**Modified Production Saloon:** (as above) bodyshell may be modified but no section may be space-framed. Any part of the bodyshell which is modified must be replaced by the same material of equal or greater thickness, wheel arch material is free and including Mini's with removable front section.

**Roadster:** (Bodyshell as above) Includes any 2 seater and 2 door steel monocoque, open or closed top. e.g. MR2 or MX5.

**Alloy & composite saloon:** Production saloon with more than 500 examples whose chassis is not manufactured from steel. e.g. Morgan

**Spaceframe:** A tubular structure which if removed would prevent the vehicle being driven.

**Space-framed saloon:** Bodyshell may be modified, Must retain the original roof, A, B & C pillars and sills of the original car and have the appearance of this car.

**Silhouette saloon:** Chassis space-frame / alloy / composite. Bodywork to have the appearance of

a large production road car with the same dimension of windscreen as that car. e.g. RT2000

**Sportscar:** open or closed top, with enveloping bodywork. Includes prototypes. Kit car: A vehicle that can be purchased in component form for self-assembly, capable of being road registered and that are on sale to the general public. Including the Two-Seater or 2+2 or single seated

**Single seaters:** Open wheeled single seater formula type racing cars.

**Rally car:** Cars as per current and previous MI Rally Regulations.

Turbo / supercharger: cc x 1.7 applies to all classes.

Rotary engine; multiplication factor of cc x1.5 applies to all classes. The 12a engine may run in the appropriate two valve per cylinder class and all others in the appropriate over two valve per cylinder class.

#### 3.2. Classes.

##### 1A - 'Bantam Saloon Class'

Production / Modified production saloons up to 1400cc.  
'Roadsters' up to 1400cc.

##### 1B - 'Cento Challenge' Class

Fiat Cinquecento / Seicento as per Technical Regulations published on the MI website.

##### 2 - '1600 Saloon Class'

Production / Modified production saloons 1401 - 1650cc.  
'Roadsters' 1401-1650cc.

##### 3A - 'Super Saloon Class'

Production / modified production saloons 1651cc to 2100cc.  
'Roadsters' 1651 - 2100cc.  
Front engine Sportscars up to 1650cc (car derived engines).  
Front engine Sportscars up to 1200cc (motorbike derived engine).  
Silhouette cars up to 1650cc.  
Space-framed saloons up to 1650cc.

##### 3B - 'Ultimate Saloon Class'

Production / modified production saloons over 2100cc.  
'Roadsters' over 2100cc.  
Silhouette cars from 1651cc-2100cc.



Space-framed saloons over 1650cc.  
Front engine Sports cars with bike derived engines over 1200cc.  
Front engine Sports cars with car derived engines 1651-2100cc.  
4WD Production saloons / modified saloons.

**3C - 'Sportscar Class'**  
Silhouette cars over 2100cc.  
Rear engine sports cars up to 2100cc.  
Front engine sports cars with car derived engines over 2100cc.  
Alloy & composite saloons unlimited.

**4 - 'Historics' Class**  
Classic cars as per HRCA regulations (reference MI appendix 49 and FIA appendix K). Compliance documents required: HTP, HRVIF, or written confirmation of compliance with the HRCA regulations from an authorised representative of the HRCA.

**5 - 'Formula Ford / Vee' Class**  
Formula Ford 1600 / Classic Formula Ford 1600 as per current or previous Ford Motorsport regulations.  
Formula Vee as per current or previous Formula Vee regulations (Appendix 45).

It is permitted to use the current AVON tyres in lieu of the Dunlop tyres specified in previous regulations.

**6 - 'Super single-seater Class'**  
Single seaters up to 2100cc having only 2 valves per cylinder.  
Single seaters up to 1650cc having more than 2 valves per cylinder.

**7 - 'Libre Class'**  
Single seaters over 2100cc having only 2 valves per cylinder.  
Single seaters over 1650cc having more than 2 valves per cylinder.  
Rear engine sports cars over 2100cc.  
4WD cars (to cover any 4WD vehicle that is not rally / production / modified production saloon).

**8A- '1650cc 8 valve rally cars'**  
2WD Rally cars up to 1650cc with not more than 2 valves per cylinder.

**8B- '1650cc 16 valve rally cars'**  
2WD Rally cars up to 1650cc with more than 2 valves per cylinder.

**9A- '2100cc 8 valve rally cars'**  
2WD Rally cars from 1651cc to 2100cc with not more than 2 valves per cylinder.

**9B- '2100cc 16 valve rally cars'**  
2WD Rally cars from 1651cc to 2100cc with more than 2 valves per cylinder.

**10 - 'Unlimited Rally Class'**  
2WD **and** 4WD Rally cars over 2100cc  
These classes must apply to all Championship events. The organising clubs may include extra classes or amalgamate classes, subject to the approval of the Hillclimb / Sprint commission.

Rally cars must run "Rally Ready" - to include tyres, seats etc.

#### 4. LICENSING.

Minimum of National B Speed Licence is required for classes 1A, 1B, 2, 3A, 4, 5, 8A, 8B and 9A with the exception of competitors competing in classes 3B, 3C, 6, 7, 9B and 10 which are required to have a minimum of a National A Speed licence. The Hillclimb/Sprint Commission may on an individual basis allow a Probationary National A License to be issued subject to proven ability in another form of motorsport. This licence may be suspended fully or re-graded to a National B licence at any point should the Hillclimb/Sprint Commission so recommend.

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY.

MI appointed Scrutineers in co-operation with the Hillclimb/Sprint commission shall be the judges of the eligibility of a car for the class for which it is declared. It is solely the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they are entered in the correct class. Entry to a particular class is a declaration by the competitor that their car conforms to the eligibility criteria for that class. If assistance in class selection is required it should be obtained before the event to ensure that matters requiring additional research or opinion can be afforded the necessary opportunity for resolution.

A registered competitor can only score championship points in the class for which they are registered.

Permitted vehicle substitutions: In the case where a competitor suffers mechanical failure or accident that prevents further use of their car, an alternate car which is eligible for that class can be substituted for an unlimited number of rounds. Where an alternate car from the same class is not available, it is permitted to substitute an alternate car for a maximum of 3 consecutive Championship rounds only, once the alternate car is of a similar type with equal or lesser cc. (ie substituting Single Seater for lower cc Single Seater, Silhouette for lower cc Silhouette, as per Hillclimb & Sprint definitions).

#### 6. REGISTRATION.

In order to score points in the championship, competitors must complete the registration form and return it to MI together with the registration



fee of €50. Registration will close prior to the commencement of practice for Round 8. Points will only be awarded to registered competitors from their date of registration. Competitors are required to carry all the championship decal during competition.

## 7. EVENTS.

**Hillclimb & Sprint Championship Status shall be given to each club at the discretion of the Hillclimb & Sprint Commission in conjunction with Motorsport Ireland. Only two day events will be considered for Championship Status. These events within the championship shall be open events.** Events must cater for all championship classes and priority must be given to registered Championship competitors, provided entries are received by the closing date and are in order. At events where organisers amalgamate or sub-divide classes to suit the number of entries, results must also be published for each of the Championship classes as published.

## 8. COMPETITION NUMBERS.

Competitors will be allocated their competition numbers upon registration. Individual requests for specific numbers will be allocated where possible. Competitors registering for the first time should contact the championship registrar. The numbers 9 & 14 will not be issued or used for Championship competition. Clubs must allocate competitors with their Championship competition numbers, and provide a space on the Entry Form accordingly.

## 9. POINTS.

Drivers will be allocated points based on the overall scratch result, the overall class results and the overall handicap results. For all rounds, the marking system is: Overall: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 etc. Classes: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 etc.

## 10. COUNTING ROUNDS.

**If 14 or less rounds run, 12 to count.**

**If 12 or less rounds run, 10 to count.**

**If 10 or less rounds run, all to count.**

## 11. TIES.

Competitors with equal best runs in an event will be awarded the points for their finishing position. Ties in the championship will be resolved by comparing the quality of places (i.e. number of 1st's, 2nd's, 3rd's etc.) obtained by the competitor in the events contributing to their end result.

## 12. AWARDS.

### 12.1. Overall Championship/ The Frank Keane Trophy

The overall championship is on a scratch basis. At the end of the season competitors results will be confirmed by the Championship Registrar and the following awards will be given.

- 1st Award
- 2nd Award
- 3rd Award

### 12.2. Overall Saloon Award / The Simon McKinley Trophy

The overall saloon award is decided on a scratch basis. This award is open to all Production saloon / Modified saloon / Roadsters with the exception of spaceframed or partially spaceframed saloon cars. The eligibility of a car for this award will be decided by the appointed eligibility scrutineer. At the end of the season competitors results will be confirmed and the winner declared by the Championship Registrar.

## 13. CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP.

All competitors will score points in accordance with Para. 9. At the end of the season all point scoring competitors class results will be confirmed by the Championship Registrar, with each competitor using only points scored in one class.

The following awards will be presented.

- 1st place award
- 2nd place award
- 3rd place award

Overall awards shall take priority and class awards shall then be awarded to the next eligible competitor, with the exception of the overall Production Saloon award winner who can also retain their overall award.

In order to receive awards in the Championship drivers must compete in at least 6 rounds.

## 14. ADDITIONAL AWARDS

### 14.1. THE TOM PRENDIVILLE MEMORIAL TROPHY.

The competitor who scores the most points on handicap, and who does not receive an overall or class award, will be the Handicap winner.

### 14.2. THE DICK BAILEY MEMORIAL TROPHY.

The club that runs the best event in the Championship calendar as indicated by registered competitors, who will be asked to rate events on a scale of 1 to 5 under a number of headings on each day of a championship event. It would be helpful for clubs if scores of less than 3 are accompanied by a comment outlining the issue. The club deemed the winner has automatic national championship status for the following year.

### 14.3. THE DENIS HOGAN SNR. MEMORIAL TROPHY.

Presented to the newcomer who has finished highest in the Overall Championship (ie a competitor who has registered for the Championship for the first time that season). If no overall points have been scored by a newcomer,



the Registrar will extend overall points further down the timesheets to determine the recipient (ie starting with 15-1 instead of the usual 10-1). If no competitor has registered for the first time, then the award will be based upon the previous season's newcomers.

#### 14.4. INTERPROVINCIAL CUP.

14.4.1. The Cup will be presented to the team with the highest points total from the number counting rounds as per Appendix 81; Article 10. Counting rounds as per Appendix 81; Article 2.

14.4.2. Teams will be named after the Irish provinces and called Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster. More than one team from a province is allowed with an additional identifier, e.g. Leinster North and Leinster South, or Munster A and Munster B.

14.4.3. Each team will consist of 4 drivers who are registered for the current years Hillclimb Championship and a non-competing captain. At Least one member of the team must have resided in the province either at the time of their birth or at the time of registration.

A driver or captain can only register with one team but double driven cars are allowed in 2 different teams.

14.4.4. At each round, each drivers score will be calculated as the smallest difference between any two of his runs. The teams score will be the total of the three lowest scores from the four team members. If less than three team members score, as a result of non-starting or retiring (not finishing at least two runs), then that team will score 'nil' points for that round.

14.4.5. The team with the lowest total time difference at each round will score 10 points, the second lowest 9 points, etc., down to 1 point for tenth lowest time difference.

#### 14.5. OVER 65s AWARD

***The award will be presented to the highest placed driver in the overall championship who is aged 65 or over, before the 1st January in the year of the championship, and does not otherwise qualify for a class or overall championship award.***

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#### 16. CLUBS.

Organising clubs must conform to the advertising and publicity requirements of the Championship sponsor as agreed by the Hillclimb/Sprint commission. Clubs must display all advertising as supplied. Failure to comply may result in loss of championship status.

#### 17. RESULTS.

A Registrar will be appointed annually to carry out the following duties:

- To maintain a list of registered competitors, including their competition numbers and contact details.
- To send this list to organising Clubs in advance of their event.
- To assign Championship competition numbers for new competitors and maintain a list of 'cherished numbers'
- To attend every morning of a championship event to take registrations and assign championship numbers until registration closes.
- Prepare and publish the Overall, Production saloon and class points following each championship event.
- Prepare and publish the Final Overall, Production saloon and class points following the final championship event.
- Prepare and provide end of year handicap table for the Tom Prendiville Trophy.
- Prepare results for the Denis Hogan Snr Trophy.
- Prepare and provide end of year tally for the Interprovincial Cup.

See also GCR 182.2.

#### 18. RETURNS.

Clubs organising championship events must make an official return to:

The Registrar,  
MI Hillclimb/Sprint Championship,  
Motorsport Ireland,  
34 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.  
Email: info@motorsportireland.com  
(FAX 01 - 6710793)

They must arrive within 3 days of the completion of the event. The returns must give the following information:

- 18.1. Name of driver.
- 18.2. Class
- 18.3. Position in order of finishing of all drivers in overall and class order.

#### 19. PENALTIES.

Clubs which fail to make returns in accordance with Paragraph 18 can be penalised at the rate of €100 per week, or part thereof, by which the results are delayed beyond the prescribed date. Such clubs may also be refused further permits for open competitions for a period to be specified by MI, who can also remove or withhold Championship status for any period.