



OPRC Rules

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1 GENERAL

1.1 Definitions

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

CARS	Canadian Association of Rally Sport.
Dual event	A Championship round held in Ontario which is held in conjunction with a CARS national status rally.
GCRs	General Competition Rules.
“The Championship”	The Ontario Performance Rally Championship or one of its constituent driver, co-driver or manufacturer championships.
NRRs	National Rally Regulations, governed by CARS.
OPRC	Ontario Performance Rally Championship.
Organizer	The Organizing club of an OPRC rally identified in the event’s supplementary regulations.
RSO	RallySport Ontario.
Stand-alone Regional Rally	A Championship round held in Ontario which is not held in conjunction with a CARS national status rally.
VP Performance	The RSO Board of Directors representative responsible for overseeing and administering the OPRC.

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

1.2 **Applicable Regulations**

- 1.2.1 Each event in the Championship, and the OPRC as a whole, shall be held under the CARS General Competition Rules (GCRs), the CARS National Rally Regulations (NRRs), and the OPRC Regulations.
- 1.2.2 All CARS GCRs and NRRs are applicable to OPRC rallies unless otherwise mentioned in this document, including but not limited to:
 - Organization of special stage rallies
 - Licensing
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Penalties
 - Inquiries, protests and rights of appeal
 - Eligibility of crew
 - Eligibility of vehicles and equipment
 - Driver seeding
 - Timing and scoring
 - Controls
- 1.2.3 This document will only contain OPRC specific rules where they deviate from the CARS GCRs or the NRRs.
- 1.2.4 Rules in this document which deviate from the NRRs or the GCRs are only applicable to OPRC stand-alone regional rallies. These rules do not apply to dual events where the OPRC rally is run in conjunction with a national rally.

2 **CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

2.1 **General**

- 2.1.1 The rounds of the OPRC shall be specified in the official RSO Event Calendar.
- 2.1.2 RSO reserves the right to add, amend, or cancel any rounds of the Championship.

2.2 **Event Listing Fees**

- 2.2.1 Event listing fees 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

2.3 **Per-Entry Levies**

- 2.3.1 Each organizing club shall pay RSO a levy for each vehicle that started in a listed event. The fees are shown in **Appendix A**.
- 2.3.2 RSO reserves the right to assess a levy based on event status (Regional/National) to maintain General Reserve Funds.
- 2.3.3 Mandatory and discretionary fees are shown in **Appendix A**, which is posted at www.rallysport.on.ca.

2.4 **OPRC Championships**

- 2.4.1 The OPRC shall consist of the following Championships:
 - Overall Driver and Co-Driver
 - 2WD Driver and Co-Driver
 - Novice Driver
 - Vehicle Class Driver and Co-Driver:
 - Open 2WD
 - Production 4WD
 - Production 2WD
 - Manufacturer

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 **Competitor Eligibility**

- 3.1.1 All competitors must hold a valid competition license according to CARS NRR 11.4 (Competition Licenses).

3.2 **Vehicle Class Eligibility**

- 3.2.1 All vehicles must conform to one of the current classes in the CARS NRRs.
- 3.2.2 Vehicles entered in Production 4WD or Production 2WD will be placed and scored in the Open variant of their class if found to be non-compliant with Production class regulations.

3.3 Novice Eligibility

- 3.3.1 A novice driver is defined as one who begins a rally season as at January 1 of each year having started four or fewer performance rallies (regardless of region) as a first driver and has not finished first in a previous novice championship.
- 3.3.2 Drivers who meet the definition of a novice according to 3.3.1 may be re-classified as Experts at the discretion of the VP Performance if the driver has extensive competition history in other regions or other forms of motorsport.

3.4 Event Awards Eligibility

- 3.4.1 At a minimum, the Organizer will provide the following event awards for the finishers in the Overall, 2WD, and Novice categories:
 - Four or more finishers: first, second and third places.
 - Three finishers: first and second places.
 - One or two finishers: first place only.
- 3.4.2 Event awards must be distributed for drivers and co-drivers.
- 3.4.3 The Organizer may provide Manufacturer, Vehicle Class or other awards at their discretion.

4 RE-STARTING A RALLY

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 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.
- 4.1.2 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.
- 4.1.3 In the case of DNF under 15.14 of the NRR's, the team concerned will be allowed to re-start as per these regulations.
- 4.1.4 Re-start rules do not apply to the last stage or transit of the rally.

4.2 Conditions for Re-starting a Rally

4.2.1 To re-start the rally, the rally team and vehicle must meet the following requirements and notify the Clerk of the Course of their intention:

4.2.1.1 The same body shell must be used.

4.2.1.2 No change of the registered crew is permitted.

4.2.1.3 The vehicle must pass inspection from the chief scrutineer or their designate, and,

4.2.1.4 The Clerk of the Course or their designate accepts the re-start and identifies at which point the crew may re-enter the event.

4.3 Penalties

4.3.1 For each stage missed, the stage slow time plus PLUS 5 minutes shall be assigned.

4.3.2 The time penalty shall be applied to the time control at which the competitor concerned has exceeded the maximum permitted lateness

5 CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING

5.1 General

5.1.1 Series points shall be awarded for each event according to the overall finishing position of each competitor.

5.1.2 In each rally, the co-driver will assume the same classification(s) as the driver.

5.1.3 Driver and co-driver championships accumulate points separately.

5.1.4 All listed OPRC events on the RSO calendar will be counted for the Championship.

5.1.5 Competitors must be entered in the OPRC portion of a dual event to score points in the Championship.

5.2 Overall, 2WD, Novice, and Manufacturers Championship Points

- 5.2.1 Overall and 2WD drivers and co-drivers, Novice drivers and Manufacturers shall score points individually for their respective Championships according to the following schedule:

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

- 5.2.2 Competitors shall earn one (1) additional point for starting a Championship event and one (1) additional point for finishing a Championship event, regardless of finishing position.
- 5.2.3 Starting and finishing points will not be awarded for the Manufacturer's championship.
- 5.2.4 The Overall Driver Champion will carry the "OPRC overall champion" title for the following year and, in stand-alone OPRC events, will be awarded the #1 competition vehicle number.
- 5.2.5 The 2WD Driver Champion will carry the "OPRC 2WD champion" title for the following year and, in stand-alone OPRC events, will be awarded the #2 competition vehicle number.
- 5.2.6 The competition numbers in 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 do not imply start position, which is determined by seeded draw.
- 5.2.7 In cases where the "champion" is not entered or starting the stand-alone event, the field of assigned numbers will begin at #3;
- 5.2.8 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 4.

5.3 Vehicle Class Championship Points

- 5.3.1 Drivers and co-drivers shall score points individually for vehicle class championships according to the following schedule:

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

5.4 Manufacturer's Championship

The Manufacturer's Championship shall be determined as follows:

- 5.4.1 The winner will be the manufacturer of the make of automobile, as opposed to "model", accumulating the most points in all events in the Championship.
- 5.4.2 Different makes produced by the same manufacturer will be awarded points separately (e.g., General Motors produces Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, etc.)
- 5.4.3 Points shall be awarded in each event according to overall finishing position in accordance with Section 5.2.1.
- 5.4.4 In each event, a make shall count only the highest number of points given to a single vehicle of that make.
- 5.4.5 All events in the calendar year shall count toward each manufacturer's total. No events shall be dropped from the series score.

5.5 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 Board of Directors (BOD).

- 5.5.1 Requests for organizer points consideration must be made in writing to the VP Performance 6 months prior to the date of the event being organized by the competitor.
- 5.5.2 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 prior to the date of the event being organized by the competitors.

- 5.5.3 Special consideration of any request may be given at the discretion of the BOD.
- 5.5.4 Organizer points will be awarded to the competitor(s) at the end of the competition year and will be equal to their highest finishing position within that year of competition.
- 5.5.5 Organizer points will not include starting and finishing points.
- 5.5.6 Organizer points will not be used in a tie-breaker situation.
- 5.5.7 A competitor may only score organizer points once within a competition year.
- 5.5.8 Points will be identified in Italics on the final results document.

5.6 **Championship Awards**

- 5.6.1 At a minimum, the following championship awards will be presented each year for the finishers in the Overall, 2WD, Novice Driver, and all Vehicle Class categories:
 - Four or more competitors: first, second and third places.
 - Three competitors: first and second places.
 - One or two competitors: first place only.
 - Manufacturer: first place.
- 5.6.2 A minimum of three OPRC rounds must be held in a given year in order for championships to be awarded.

5.7 **Tie-Breakers**

- 5.7.1 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, followed by the most second-place finishes, then the most third-place finishes, etc. until the tie is broken.
- 5.7.2 ~~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.~~ **If this still fails to break the tie, the total number of regional championship events entered that year shall be used.**
- 5.7.3 Any ties still existing after application of all tie-breakers shall remain as ties.

6 UPDATE PROVISIONS

6.1 Annual Rules Publication

- 6.1.1 The OPRC rules will be published by December 31 of each year for the following year.
- 6.1.2 If the OPRC rules are not published by December 31, the last published version on the RSO website plus any subsequent bulletins will be considered official.

6.2 Rules Bulletins

- 6.2.1 Intra-year rule bulletins may be published on the RSO website at the discretion of the VP Performance.