



ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND CAR CLUBS LIMITED
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ANICC 2024 – RULES

1. GENERAL

These Rules should be read in conjunction with the Articles of Association of the Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs Ltd (NI696760). If there is any conflict the Articles of Association shall take precedence.

These Rules deal primarily with the general conduct of the Association, Member Clubs Meetings and Specialist Committees. Board matters are principally dealt with in the Articles of Association.

2. POLICIES

The Association shall at all times comply fully with the up-to-date policy, practice and/or procedures as recommended by Motorsport UK and 2&4 Wheel Motor Sport Limited.

The Association shall publish and maintain Polices including but not limited to the following:

- Safeguarding
- Data, Privacy and GDPR
- Social Media
- Race with Respect

The Association will promote Northern Ireland Championships in various motorsport disciplines held within their jurisdiction.

3. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Directors and Officers shall be elected according to the Articles of Association at the Annual General Meeting which shall take place in November each year.

- The four named Officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer) are Directors of the Association along with up to six elected Directors and up to two independent non-executive Directors who may be appointed by the Board.
- The Chairperson shall chair the Meetings of the Board of Directors and Meetings of the Association. Where prescribed in the Articles of Association the Chairperson may have a casting vote.
- The Secretary shall keep the Minute Book and all other documents of the Association, except those relating to the funds and accounts. The Secretary shall summon and attend Meetings when instructed to do so by the Chairman and/or any two other Directors and shall take minutes of all proceedings and resolutions thereat. The Secretary of the Association is also the Company Secretary.
- The Vice-Chairperson shall deputise for the Chairperson when required to do so.
- The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies belonging to the Association, collect all subscriptions and fees and keep account of all received and paid out on behalf of the Association. The Treasurer shall lodge all monies received on behalf of the Association, in such Bank as the Board may appoint. The Treasurer shall submit the accounts, books, vouchers, documents and records made up to the 31st of March each year to the Auditor for inspection and audit and present the audited accounts for approval at the Annual General Meeting. No money shall be withdrawn from the Bank by either cheque or electronic banking unless authorised by two of the following

officers: Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman. The Treasurer will receive any monies on behalf of the Association.

An Officer and/or a Director shall be eligible to serve only so long as he remains a fully paid-up member of a member club of the Association with the exception of the two independent Directors if nominated.

4. ANICC BOARD & COMMITTEES

The Association of Northern Ireland Car Clubs Ltd. Board (the Board) will administer the affairs and finances of the Association and such other matters as may from time to time be referred to it by the members of the Association as set out in the Articles of Association. To assist the Board, Specialist Committees (considered to be sub-committees of the Board with Terms of Reference described in Rule 4) shall also be appointed, as required, and ratified at the Annual General Meeting or at a Member Clubs Meeting. Specialist Committee Chairpersons and Championship Coordinators may be invited to attend meetings of the Board during their year in office. Where there is no Championship Coordinator the Specialist Committee may nominate a second representative from that Specialist Committee upon request of the Board. A maximum of 2 members, holding perceived first allegiance membership of the same club shall serve on the Board or any Specialist Committee.

The Board will appoint a person or persons to act as Safeguarding Officer(s) for the ANICC. The person or persons so appointed will hold the position for one year and will be eligible to attend Member Clubs Meeting Meetings, however the position will not carry voting rights.

Each Specialist Committee responsibility will be in relation to its' own branch of motorsport, ANICC Championships and Northern Ireland Team management and selection. Specialist Committee Minutes shall be presented to the Association secretariat within two weeks of any meeting being held and separate reports to the Board Meetings and to Member Clubs Meetings will be made through their respective Chairperson, Secretary or Championship Coordinator. All proposals and decisions recommended by Specialist Committees must be ratified by the Board either at a Board meeting or through the Association secretariat who will conduct a vote of the Board Members, whereupon they become decisions of the Company.

Specialist Committees will consist of the Members listed below, a maximum of 2 members holding perceived first allegiance membership of the same club shall serve on Specialist Committees as follows:

- ANICC Championship Coordinator (appointed by the Board and ratified at the AGM)
- ANICC Competitors' Representative (preferably elected by the registered competitors in an election carried out by the Championship Coordinator and ratified at the AGM, or failing this the Competitors' Representative may be appointed by the Board and ratified at the AGM)
- Committee Members of which three must be organisers. Each member Club of the ANICC with an event in the Committee discipline(s) listed in the current or following year Sporting Calendar at the time of the AGM (current year events scheduled before the AGM must have taken place and not been cancelled) may nominate a Committee Member and a Reserve (only one to attend any meeting). Any Club having a Specialist Committee member nominated as Championship Coordinator, Competitors Representative or Chairman may nominate a replacement Specialist Committee Member and Reserve.
- ANICC Forest Liaison Officer (FLO) (appointed by the Board to liaise and negotiate on all forestry land matters on behalf of ANICC) and Government Liaison Officer (GLO) (appointed by the Board to liaise and negotiate on all other Government land matters on behalf of ANICC) will be invited to attend the Rallies Specialist Committee and will have no voting rights. The FLO and/or the GLO may be invited to attend and/or advise any other Specialist Committee.

Each Specialist Committee shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary from among those elected to that Committee and the Chairman or Secretary will convene meetings as necessary. The Secretary is responsible for producing the Minutes of all meetings of their Specialist Committee that shall be provided to the Board. As a minimum the Minutes shall record time and place of the meeting, attendees, apologies and decisions taken.

A Specialist Committee may invite one or more guests to any of their meetings to offer specialist knowledge or inputs as required. Guests have no voting rights. See also Rule 12 – Voting.

- Specialist Committees include:
 - Autotests Specialist Committee
 - Speed Events Specialist Committee
 - Rallies Specialist Committee
 - and any other Specialist Committee that may be formed by the Board.

5. VACANCIES

Any casual vacancy of the Specialist Committee roles may be filled by resolution at any Meeting of the Association, provided that the process complies with the Articles of Association.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association is open to every Motorsport UK registered Club operating within the Motorsport UK territorial area. The Association reserves the right to refuse any application for membership without giving a reason.

7. RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

Only Member Clubs domiciled, resident and operating principally within the ANICC geographic area of Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man and affiliated to Motorsport UK, will have ANICC voting rights, committee privilege, calendar rights and/or any other specific privilege as set out in the ANICC Rules.

8. OBLIGATIONS

Member Clubs shall be bound to conform to the rules of the Association. Resolutions properly accepted by any duly constituted Meeting of the Association shall be binding on all member Clubs, except that any Club shall have the right of appeal to Motorsport UK. A Member Club in breach of any of these rules, or deemed guilty of conduct prejudicial to the Association, may be required to resign from membership by a properly adopted resolution to that effect accepted by a Member Clubs Meeting of the Association.

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual Subscriptions and other fees shall be fixed each year at the ANICC Board Meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting and once ratified at the Annual General Meeting, shall become due for payment on the first day of February in the respective year. Member Clubs that have not paid their subscriptions and fees by March 1st will be ineligible to vote at subsequent meetings until payment has been made.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MEMBER CLUBS MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in November each year, at a time and place to be decided by the Board. At least one additional Member Clubs Meeting will be held each year, and any such Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board, or on the written application of at least six Member Clubs. The Agenda for each Member Clubs Meeting shall be circulated to member clubs not less than 14 days prior to that meeting. A Member Clubs Meeting shall be called upon the written application of at least two Member Clubs stating a Resolution, or Resolutions, to be proposed and seconded at such Meeting, at which only such Resolution, or Resolutions, shall be discussed. All such Resolutions shall be quoted in full in the notice convening the Meeting, which shall be circulated at least 28 days prior to the Meeting. Members of the Board, Members of Motorsport UK Committees and

Advisory Groups in the current year and persons invited by the chair and not more than two delegates from each Member Club shall attend Member Clubs Meetings, other than the Annual General Meeting. These two delegates shall be nominated annually, in writing, by the Member Clubs to the Secretary of the Association, by the first day of January in any year, provided that a deputy has been nominated in advance to the Secretary may act at any Meeting for any delegate unable to attend. However, the Board shall have the discretion to invite the attendance at any Member Clubs Meeting of any person, or persons, who in their opinion might assist the Association in the transaction of the business of such Meeting. No proposal to alter or rescind any decision of the Association or the Board, nor a proposal having the same effect as any proposal, which has been previously rejected shall be discussed or carried within six months from the date of such decision or rejected proposal unless fourteen days' prior notice in writing has been given to the Secretary and the proposal is supported in writing by a majority of the member clubs.

Clubs running ANICC Championship events must attend a minimum of two ANICC Member Clubs Meetings each year, one of which may be the Annual General Meeting in November. Failure of a Club to record attendance at two Member Clubs Meetings as specified may result in the removal of Championship status for that Club's events in the following year, at the discretion of the Board under their authority in Rule 14.

11. MEMBER CLUBS MEETING QUORUM

A Quorum of the Board shall consist of not less than half of the Board Members. A Member Clubs Meeting Quorum shall consist of not less than five Directors, at least one of whom should also be a named Officer, together with delegates of not less than half of the paid-up member clubs.

A Specialist Committee Quorum shall consist of not less than half of the members of the Committee.

12. VOTING

Valid Resolutions shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast. Each fully paid-up Member Club (having paid any annual subscription due) present at a Member Clubs Meeting shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Valid Resolutions shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast.

Each Specialist Committee Member present at a Specialist Committee Meeting shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Valid Resolutions shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast.

13. VETO

Each member club represented at a Member Clubs Meeting shall have the right of veto in regard to any Resolutions before the Meeting. Any nominated delegate, or his deputy, may exercise this right of veto by informing the Chairman before a vote is taken that they wish to refer the Resolution to their Club, Council, Committee or Board of Directors for guidance. No vote shall then be taken, and the Resolution shall be placed on the Agenda for the next Member Clubs Meeting and put to a vote thereat, no further veto from any member club being then valid in respect of that Resolution.

14. ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

For the purposes of these rules the 'Agreed Calendar' is deemed to be 'the calendar which is accepted at the September Member Clubs Meeting'. Each member club may only apply to run a maximum of five competitive events in a calendar year, excluding the following:

- Motorsport UK Championships – International and National only
- International Events
- Race Meetings
- Mid-week Events (Monday - Thursday)

- Production Car Trials and/or Sporting Trials and/or Cross Country
- Championship Autotests
- Championship Navigation Rallies
- 12 Car Rallies

Within this rule each Club may only apply to run a maximum of five events which require mandatory Licensed Rescue Services. The Secretary will draw up the Association Dates List in accordance with the Calendar Priority System

as follows:

1. International Events in approved Championships.
2. Rallies in the British Rally Championship and/or the Irish Tarmac Rally Championship
3. Motorsport UK Championship Events.
4. Northern Ireland Championship Events (excluding Beginners and Clubmans).
5. Other International Events, National Events, Irish Championship Events.
6. Northern Ireland Beginners Championship and Clubman Championship Events.
7. Race Meetings.
8. Interclub Events.
9. First Choice Clubman Events.
10. Other Clubman Events.

Priority System criteria 1 to 6 constitute major dates.

A Club not running a scheduled calendar event in a particular year will have NO priority for that event in the following year. After acceptance of the agreed calendar any Club requesting a change of date, type or status of event must adhere to the following procedure: Agreement must be sought from all affected Clubs and a copy is to be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary together with the actual request. A cheque for the appropriate fee of £75 must also be enclosed. Any Motorsport UK enforced date change will entitle the Club to priority for the new date. Affected Clubs moving to facilitate this change will not lose event status.

Applications by Clubs for a Road Closing Order under The Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, as amended by the Road Races (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 will be subject to the same priority system. The overall process for allocating Road Closing Orders will be the responsibility of the Board. Clubs wishing to promote a Hillclimb should apply in the first instance to the Speed Specialist Committee who will be responsible for making Hillclimb recommendations to the Board. Clubs wishing to promote a Rally should apply in the first instance to the Rallies Specialist Committee who will be responsible for making Rally recommendations to the Board. Liaison with the Northern Ireland Department for Infrastructure and 2&4 Wheel Motorsport is reserved to the Board.

15. NORTHERN IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

It is the responsibility of the respective Specialist Committees to select and propose to the Board, for approval and ratification, a list of those events, which shall comprise the relevant ANICC Championships. Once these events have been selected and the dates are agreed there shall be no additions to the list and the dates so allocated shall become Championship dates by right, in the respective discipline, under the control of the respective Specialist Committee. With the exceptions noted below after acceptance of the agreed ANICC calendar a Championship Event, which moves to another date, will immediately cease to form a part of that year's Championship.

Permitted exceptions include:

1. In exceptional circumstances an event utilising one single venue, which has been declared with the initial date application and subsequently presents documentary evidence confirming the

unavailability of that single venue may, with the approval of their respective Specialist Committee, apply for a change of date retaining full Championship status. Applications under this rule will only be valid if presented to the Honorary Secretary before the date of the first ANICC Board Meeting in each year and be accompanied by supporting documentation from their respective Specialist Committee and any affected Club.

2. In the event of a Club being unable to organise an allocated Championship event on its agreed date then the respective Specialist Committee will have the power to allocate the running of a replacement Championship event to another eligible Club on that Championship date. Before a Championship date is transferred from one Club to another, the organisers of the replacement event must ensure that the change is acceptable to all Clubs and Championships, which have events scheduled to be run on the same weekend. The Board will have the final decision on the composition of Championship lists. A Club that originally held the date of a transferred Championship event must obtain approval through the normal ANICC process relating to a date change application if it wishes to promote any new event on that date.
3. Championships that have events using Road Closing Orders may propose amendments to their Championship calendar if the availability of any of the assumed Road Closing Orders changes for reasons outside the control of the Association or the organising Club. Applications under this rule will only be valid if presented to the Honorary Secretary before the date of the first ANICC Board Meeting in each year and be accompanied by supporting documentation from their respective Specialist Committee and any affected Club. When the Championship Permit has been granted by Motorsport UK AND the Championship Regulations have been published no further changes to the published calendar (except the use of any published reserve dates) are permitted.

16. RULES

The Rules of the Association may only be altered or deleted at the Annual General Meeting or at a Board Meeting. Any alteration or deletion of Rules must be circulated to Member Clubs for consultation at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Board Meeting.

17. DISSOLUTION

The Association may be dissolved only at the Annual General Meeting. Any funds at dissolution (after all debts have been paid) shall be donated to such Charity or Charities as the Meeting may decide.

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