STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 134

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Road Races (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*2nd July 2026*
Coming into operation -	*6th August 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 (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 6th August 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 Northern Ireland Motor Club Ltd.

(2) For the purpose of Article 11, the "date of the race" means the first date on which the course may be used by the promoter for motor races.

Application

3. Subject to compliance with all the requirements of this Order, the course may be used by the promoter for motor races between the times and on the days specified in Schedules 1 to 6.

Suspension of right of way and notice

4. On the days specified in Schedules 1 to 6 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) 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;

(**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

(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 2nd July 2026

(L.S.)

R Balfour
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE 1

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 1 & 4 – KNOCKBOY – ROADS IN COUNTY ANTRIM – Friday 7th August 2026 – from 11:50 to 16:20 and 16:50 to 20:50

1. Clonetrace Road, Unclassified No. 2128, from its junction with Tullymore Road, Route C68, to its junction with Elginny Road, Unclassified No. 2129.
2. Elginny Road, Unclassified No. 2129, from its junction with Clonetrace Road, Unclassified No. 2128, to its junction with Tullymore Road, Route C68.
3. Pollee Road, Unclassified No. 2129, from its junction with Clonetrace Road, Unclassified No. 2128, to its junction with Tullymore Road, Route C68.
4. Tullymore Road, Route No. C68, from its junction with Pollee Road, Unclassified No. 2129, to its junction with Knowehead Road, Unclassified No. 2130.
5. Knowehead Road, Unclassified No. 2130, from its junction with Tullymore Road, Route C68, to its junction with Knockboy Road, Unclassified No. 2132.
6. Knockboy Road, Unclassified No. 2132, from its junction with Knowehead Road, Unclassified No. 2130, to its junction with Knockan Road, Route B94.
7. Knockan Road, Route B94, from its junction with Knockboy Road, Unclassified No. 2132, to its junction with Eglish Road, Unclassified No. 2136.
8. Eglish Road, Unclassified No. 2136, from its junction with Knockan Road, Route B94, to its junction with Carncoagh Road, Unclassified No. 2136.
9. Carncoagh Road, Unclassified No. 2136, from its junction with Eglish Road, Unclassified No. 2136, to its junction with Knockan Road, Route B94.

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 2 & 5 – GLENDUN – ROADS IN COUNTY ANTRIM – Friday 7th August 2026 – from 12:30 to 17:00 and 17:30 to 21:30

1. Pollan Road, Route C106, from its junction with Altnahinch Road, Unclassified No. 4087, to its junction with Glennan Road, Route C81.
2. Glennan Road, Route C81, from its junction with Pollan Road, Route C106, to its junction with Glendun Road, Route C106.
3. Glendun Road, Route C106, from its junction with Glennan Road, Route C81, to its junction with Glendun Road, Unclassified No. 5099.
4. Glendun Road, Unclassified No. 5099, to its junction with Glendun Road, Route C106, to its junction with Clady Road, Unclassified No. 5100.
5. Clady Road, Unclassified No. 5100, from its junction with Glendun Road, Unclassified No. 5099, to its junction with Knocknacarry Road, Route B92.

SCHEDULE 3

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 3 & 6 – TORR HEAD – ROADS IN COUNTY ANTRIM – Friday 7th August 2026 – 13:00 to 17:30 and 18:00 to 22:00

1. Torr Road, Route C82, from its junction with Bay Road, Route B92, to its junction with Farranmacallan Road, Route C82.
2. Farranmacallan Road, Route C82, from its junction with Torr Road, Route C82, to its junction with Torr Road, Unclassified No. 5090.
3. Torr Road, Unclassified No. 5090, from its junction with Farranmacallan Road, Route C82, to its junction with Torr Road, Unclassified No. 5089.
4. Torr Road, Unclassified No. 5089, from its junction with Torr Road, Route C82, to its junction with Torr Road, Route C82.
5. Torr Road, Route C82, from its junction with Torr Road, Unclassified No. 5089, to its junction with Murlough Road, Unclassified No. 5088.

SCHEDULE 4

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 7 & 10 – TARDREE – ROADS IN COUNTY ANTRIM – Saturday 8th August 2026 – from 08:30 to 13:00 and 13:30 to 17:30

1. Cherryhill Road, Unclassified No. 1076, from its junction with Moat Road, Unclassified No. 1077, to its junction with Ballynoe Road, Route C44.
2. Ballynoe Road, Route C44, from its junction with Cherryhill Road, Unclassified No. 1076, to its junction with Ballynoe Lane, Unclassified No. 1070.
3. Ballynoe Lane, Unclassified No. 1070, from its junction with Ballynoe Road, Route C44, to its junction with Crosskennan Lane, Unclassified No. 1069.
4. Crosskennan Lane, Unclassified No. 1069, from its junction with Ballynoe Lane, Unclassified No. 1070, to its junction with Crosskennan Road, Route C44.
5. Crosskennan Road, Route C44, from its junction with Crosskennan Lane, Unclassified No. 1069, to its junction with Ladyhill Road, Unclassified No. 1065.
6. Ladyhill Road, Unclassified No. 1065, from its junction with Crosskennan Road, Route C44, to its junction with Carnearney Lane, Unclassified No. 1067.
7. Carnearney Lane, Unclassified No. 1067, from its junction with Ladyhill Road, Unclassified No. 1065, to its junction with Carnearney Road, Unclassified No. 1066.
8. Carnearney Road, Unclassified No. 1066, from its junction with Carnearney Lane, Unclassified No. 1067, to its junction with Ladyhill Road, Unclassified No. 1065.
9. Ladyhill Road, Unclassified No. 1065, from its junction with Carnearney Road, Unclassified No. 1066, to its junction with Steeple Road, Route C45.

SCHEDULE 5

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 8 & 11 – CAIRNCASTLE – ROADS IN COUNTY ANTRIM – Saturday 8th August 2026 – from 09:30 to 14:00 and 14:30 to 18:30

1. Sallagh Road, Route C71, from its junction with Ballymullock Road, Route B148, to its junction with Feystown Road, Route C71.
2. Feystown Road, Route C71, from its junction with Sallagh Road, Route C71, to its junction with Loughdoo Road, Unclassified No. 4018.
3. Loughdoo Road, Unclassified No. 4018, from its junction with Feystown Road, Route C71, to its junction with Mullaghsandall Road, Unclassified No. 4016.
4. Mullaghsandall Road, Unclassified No. 4016, from its junction with Loughdoo Road, Unclassified No. 4018, to its junction with Aughaboy Road, Unclassified No. 4017.
5. Aughaboy Road, Unclassified No. 4017, from its junction with Mullaghsandall Road, Unclassified No. 4016, to its junction with Drumcrow Road, Route C70.
6. Drumcrow Road, Route C70, from its junction with Aughaboy Road, Unclassified No. 4017, to its junction with Deerpark Road, Route C70.

SCHEDULE 6

Articles 2, 3 and 4

SPECIAL STAGES 9 & 12 – SLEMISH – ROADS IN COUNTY ANTRIM – Saturday 8th August 2026 – from 10:05 to 14:35 and 15:05 to 19:05

1. Aghacully Road, Unclassified No. 2119, from its junction with Carnlough Road, Route A42, to its junction with Hazelbank Road, Route C67.
2. Hazelbank Road, Route C67, from its junction with Aghacully Road, Unclassified No. 2119, to its junction with Kilnacolpagh Road, Unclassified No. 2119.
3. Kilnacolpagh Road, Unclassified No. 2119, to its junction with Hazelbank Road, Route C67, to its junction with Burnside Road, Unclassified No. 2120.
4. Burnside Road, Unclassified No. 2120, from its junction with Kilnacolpagh Road, Unclassified No. 2119, to its junction with Carnalbanagh Road, Route C66.
5. Carnalbanagh Road, Route C66, from its junction with Burnside Road, Unclassified No. 2120, to its junction with Shillinavogy Road, Unclassified No. 2107.
6. Shillinavogy Road, Unclassified No. 2107, from its junction with Carnalbanagh Road, Route C66, to its junction with Carnstroan Road, Unclassified No. 2108.
7. Carnstroan Road, Unclassified No. 2108, from its junction with Shillinavogy Road, Unclassified No. 2107, to its junction with Carnalbanagh Road, Route C66.
8. Carnalbanagh Road, Route C66, from its junction with Carnstroan Road, Unclassified No. 2108, to its junction with Racavan Road, Route C65.
9. Racavan Road, Route C65, from its junction with Carnalbanagh Road, Route C66, to its junction with Lisnamurrican Road, Route C66.
10. Lisnamurrican Road, Route C65, from its junction with Racavan Road, Route C65, to its junction with Cashel Road, Unclassified No. 2116.
11. Cashel Road, Unclassified No. 2116, from its junction with Lisnamurrican Road, Route C66, to its junction with Creevamoy Road, Unclassified No. 2115.
12. Creevamoy Road, Unclassified No. 2116, from its junction with Cashel Road, Unclassified No. 2116, to its junction with Rathkeel Road, Route B94.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order permits the Northern Ireland Motor Club Ltd, as promoter of the Ulster 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 the promoter's 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 purpose of that event.