



# Barbados Rally Club 2024 Championships

## Championship Regulations



## 1. DESCRIPTIONS

- 1.1. The Championships contested during the 2024 rally season for the Barbados Rally Club consist of the premier "Drivers Championship", along with the secondary 2WD and 4WD Championships and Class Championships. The 2024 Drivers Championship will be measured through points scored in individual classes (excluding Group B), and will include points earned in all of the events on the BRC Events Calendar which are listed as eligible for this championship, including those events organized by another club but "shared" with the BRC.
  - 1.1.1. The 2024 Champion Driver will be the class competitor who accumulates the most points (relative to all other class competitors) from all available events for the year, including their lowest score being dropped.
  - 1.1.2. The 2024 Class winners will be the individuals accumulating the most points in their respective classes for the year. In each class, the top three class competitors will be recognized with awards unless there are less than three competitors accumulating points in that class for the year.
  - 1.1.3. The "2024 4WD Championship" which will be measured by overall performance relative to other eligible competitors, for example 4wd cars coming first, third and fifth overall will receive 1st, 2nd & 3rd place points for the 4WD championship. Scores will include points for all events on the BRC Events calendar that are listed as eligible for this championship, a zero score being applied for DNS/DNF. It will only be open to four-wheel-drive cars from M4, R5 and WRC.
  - 1.1.4. The "2024 2WD Championship" which will be measured on the same basis as the 4wd championship, but will only be open to two-wheel-drive cars (except Group B).

## 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 2.1. The Championships are governed by the rules of the Barbados Rally Club and nothing outlined herein shall supersede either the Supplementary Regulations or BRC Rally Sporting Supplementary Regulations (where they relate specifically to each individual event).
- 2.2. The Championship will be administered by the competition secretary and his/her assistants.
- 2.3. These Championship Regulations will replace all pre-existing championship regulations, therefore any conflict relating to the championship will be resolved using these regulations, then the regulations of the club, then in the form of a written protest to the Competition Secretary, and finally arbitration by the Championship Steward.
- 2.4. Tiebreaker Rules:

In the event of a tie in any of the Club Championships, the following rules shall apply to determine the tie-breaker.



- 2.4.1 In all cases where the tie is in a Class or Drivers Championship, the score which was originally dropped when totaling points for the year, will now be added to determine the tie break in the above tie-breaker regulations.
- 2.4.2. According to the greater number of first places, then second places, then third places, etc., achieved in the final classifications on their respective class.
- 2.4.3. In the event of a further tie, the highest number of fastest stage times set in class will decide the outcome.
- 2.4.4. In the event of a further tie, the championship will be decided by a shootout race as determined by the Committee of Management.

## 2.5. PROTESTS:

- 2.5.1. All protests towards points allocated for an event shall be submitted in writing to the BRC CoM (either via e-mail, fax or hand-delivery). The event results and the points awarded will be posted in a timely manner on any of the BRC information channels ([www.barbadosrallyclub.com](http://www.barbadosrallyclub.com), via the Sportity app or via email). Competitors will have 2 weeks from the time of posting in which to protest the published points. Results protests are covered in the SR's for the event in question.
- 2.5.2. All protests towards the final calculation of championship points and positions must be submitted no later than 1 week following the publishing of the official final championship results, which in turn will immediately follow the final event of the championship.
- 2.5.3. No further protests regarding allocation of points will be entertained after these time limits are over.
- 2.5.4. All disputes concerning interpretation of these Championship Regulations will be forwarded to the Competition Secretary along with a non-refundable protest fee of \$250.00.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Only current 'full' members of the BRC are eligible to take part in these championships. No temporary members or invited guests can earn championship points.
  - 3.1.1. No additional entrance fee will be required for the championship, paid up competitors will automatically score points for any event in which they participate during the calendar year.
  - 3.1.2. Points cannot be applied retroactively, in other words a competitor may not pay 'full' membership after the event is completed and have points applied after the



fact.

- 3.1.3. "Class subscription", as outlined in item 5.5 of these regulations, will be considered only against current BRC members – non-championship entrants in a class shall not contribute to the subscription of that class.
- 3.2. All information, points scored, advisories and other communications to competitors will be via electronic means (e-mail, via the Sportify App and the Club's website posts); competitors who fail to register a valid e-mail address with the Club Secretary or their appointed representative will forfeit their right to protest any communications (including the allocation of points) sent out by the BRC, the Competition Secretary or the Events Committee. **Members can use the clubs' web site to register or update their e-mail address by clicking the "BRC MAILING LIST" tab on the home page [www.barbadosrallyclub.com](http://www.barbadosrallyclub.com), or by visiting <http://www.barbadosrallyclub.com/mailling-list>**
- 3.3. Club members will be eligible for any Championship on completion of all relevant documents (i.e. entry forms and membership forms) however;
  - 3.3.1. Competitors registered as Co-Drivers in Rallies will not carry their scores over to the Drivers Championship, but may be eligible to compete in sprint events as drivers, to earn driver's Championship points, provided they meet the membership and championship entry form requirements as described.
- 3.4. Entrants to the Driver's Championship will score points in one class only. Entrants to the 2WD and 4WD championships may only score points in one category on each championship round. In a case where a competitor may enter two cars in one sprint event, the competitor must declare which championship they will be competing in prior to the start of the event.
  - 3.4.1. Any competitor changing classes mid-season will retain points earned in whichever classes they participated during the year. At the conclusion of the season, the organisers will determine in which class the competitor earned the best position, and an award will be given accordingly. All other class results / positions will then be discarded, leaving the competitors in the remaining classes to be bumped up a position as appropriate. Points earned will not be altered, only positions in class are affected in this situation.
  - 3.4.2. Competitors will only be awarded championship points when competing in classes that match the specifications of their competition vehicle as per the club's Competition Regulations. For the absence of doubt, competition vehicles that are entered into higher classes than their cc bracket/vehicle specification as outlined in the Competition Regulations, will not be eligible for championship points in that class. For example, competition vehicles with engine size of 1600cc will not be eligible for championship points in a group specified for vehicles with an engine size of



2000cc. The only exception is if a competitor is unable to use his/her vehicle in its usual specification (engine damage/vehicle damage, etc). In this case, the competitor may appeal to the Championship Steward to compete in their usual class using a vehicle of equivalent or lesser specification, for the sole purpose of maintaining eligibility for the Club's championships. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and will be at the discretion of the Championship Steward.

- 3.4.3. Competitors must participate in at least four points scoring rounds to be considered eligible for any of the BRC's Championships. No retroactive adjustments of points will be made, should a competitor no longer be eligible. In addition, new championship entrants will not be permitted after championship round five.
- 3.5. The 2024 Championships are open to all BRC Classes described within the 2022-2024 classification regulations, except for Group B, which is only competing for class awards in the 2024 BRC Driver's Championship.

## 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 4.1. BRC CALENDAR:

- 4.1.1. This calendar may change due to opportunities or unforeseen circumstances; the BRC retains the right to change the date of an event up to 4 weeks before it is scheduled to take place, or to cancel it at any time.
- 4.1.2. The BRC retains the right to specify the amount of championship points that will be issued for each event.
- 4.1.3. Shared events with BRC, that are organised by other clubs may be changed, cancelled, or postponed without any input from the BRC – if the nature of the event is changed significantly, the CoM reserves the right to remove it as a point scoring opportunity for that calendar year.
- 4.1.4. For a shared event, the Club also retains the right to allocate a particular round / section of the event as a point scoring round. For these events, results will be formatted to suit the 2022-2024 Vehicle Classification Regulations for the purpose of calculating championship points.

### 4.2. BRC DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP:

- 4.2.1. Eligible BRC events will be listed on the BMF Calendar.
- 4.2.2. In the case of Rally Barbados, there will be two points scoring rounds for the event. Round 1 will consist of the results from Friday & Saturday stages, and Round 2 will consist of the results from Sunday stages. For a competitor to be eligible to score points on the second round, they must have started the previous round.
- 4.2.3. Out of all possible scoring opportunities, the lowest score will be dropped at the end of every year. Zero scores for non-participation will be considered 'low scores' for this purpose.



#### 4.3. BRC 2WD & 4WD CHAMPIONSHIP:

4.3.1. All BRC Championship events listed as eligible for the Driver's Championship above will be considered eligible for the 2WD and 4WD championships.

4.3.2. All eligible events will be considered in determining the championship results for 2WD and 4WD - no dropped scores will be applied.

### 5. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

#### 5.1. General:

5.1.1. Points cannot be scored, or declined, retroactively. For example, competitors must enter the event in the class they intend to score points and cannot change their entry form after the START of any event.

5.1.2. Equally, full BRC members wishing NOT to score points in a class (i.e. to be ignored as a championship participant) must declare such to the competition secretary or the administrators of the championship, in writing, prior to the event that they wish not to score points.

5.1.3. Competitors will not score points in an event if they only pay their full membership subs after having completed said event. Nor will they be considered towards class subscription for the purpose of assigning points to the other competitors.

#### 5.2. Championship points earned;

5.2.1. Points will be allocated as follows;

| Position            | Points Earned - Rally | Points Earned-<br>Sprints | Points Earned-<br>Winter Rally |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1st                 | 20                    | 15                        | 28                             |
| 2nd                 | 17                    | 13                        | 23                             |
| 3rd                 | 15                    | 11                        | 20                             |
| 4th                 | 14                    | 10                        | 17                             |
| 5th                 | 13                    | 9                         | 15                             |
| 6th                 | 12                    | 8                         | 14                             |
| 7th                 | 11                    | 7                         | 13                             |
| 8th                 | 10                    | 6                         | 12                             |
| 9th                 | 9                     | 5                         | 11                             |
| 10th                | 8                     | 4                         | 10                             |
| All other finishers | 4                     | 2                         | 9                              |

5.2.2 Points for a Power Stage will be allocated as follows;



| Position | Points Earned |
|----------|---------------|
| 1st      | 3             |
| 2nd      | 2             |
| 3rd      | 1             |

- 5.2.3. For the Driver's Championship, points will be awarded within each class.
- 5.2.4. For the 4WD and 2WD Championships, points will be awarded for overall position relative to other eligible competitors within each championship, in the same manner that two different classes cannot affect each other's points scoring opportunities.
- 5.2.5. A Rally divided into two or more routes shall no longer attract "Route Bonus" points for competitors winning the individual routes in fully subscribed classes.
- 5.3. Class scores for the Driver's Championship will be earned only when the competitor has completed all stages and is not OTL in a rally, or in the case of a sprint event, a competitor must complete 50% of timed runs. 'Finishing' a stage will be defined as crossing the start line and finish line of the stage according to all regulations, in the process recording an elapsed time for the stage.
- 5.4. Points will be applied to Championship entrants according to their position relative to other championship entrants.  
Invited guests and non-championship entrants will NOT affect points scoring by registered competitors. Invited guests/non-members will not be considered for group subscription.
- 5.5. Where a class is NOT subscribed entirely with at least three championship entrants then the following points will be applied towards the Driver's Championship;
- 5.5.1. Where only two championship entrants are listed, first place points will not be awarded. The winner will be awarded second place points, second position gets third place points.
- 5.5.2. Where only one eligible championship entrant is competing in the class, then only third place points will be awarded.
- 6. SCRUTINEERING**
- 6.1. Competition cars entered in Championship events MUST be scrutineered at one of the planned general scrutineering sessions before being considered eligible for competition. Further guidelines regarding scrutineering are as follows:
- 6.1.1. The general scrutineering may include: (1) Shakedown Event Scrutineering (2) SOL



### Rally Barbados scrutineering and (3) Pre-event Scrutineering.

- 6.1.2. Attendance at a general technical session will be noted in the Log Book for that vehicle; failure to have a vehicle inspected in this manner will render it ineligible for competition.
- 6.1.3. Any competitor wishing to have an Annual/General Technical Scrutineering scheduled outside of the published dates may apply to the Committee of Management (COM) to schedule another such date. If any sessions are requested, the COM MAY coordinate them to coincide with the next available scrutineering session of an upcoming event. Competitors are encouraged to discuss their vehicle details with the Chief Scrutineer so that they will arrive at scrutineering with a car that will pass; a fail will render the vehicle ineligible, and if scrutineering is the same day as the event then the car will not be allowed to compete.
- 6.1.4. The Chief Scrutineer reserves the right to institute a general scrutineering session at any time necessary, in order to observe vehicles before they take part in an event, if no such session has been made available prior. Any general technical scrutineering and/or re-scrutineering of failed vehicles that occurs outside of the above BRC proposed sessions will be ENTIRELY at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer, who may at his own discretion impose a nominal fee for general technical sessions outside of BRC proposed dates.
- 6.2. Each championship event will have a scrutineering session prior to the commencement of the competition.

### 6.3 TYRES

The Barbados Rally Club will not be governing tyres for the 2024 season.

## 7. SPONSOR SIGNAGE

- 7.1. Every competitor entered in a Championship is required to display the signage of the Championship Sponsor as provided by the BRC. A total of 128 square inches is reserved for this signage. These stickers MUST be presented on each of the SIDES (left & right) of the car, not on any other facet of the vehicle. These guidelines must be followed. There is no fine for absent championship sponsor stickers, however there is a penalty (see item 7.5).
- 7.2. It is the responsibility of each competitor to have the appropriate Championship signage affixed to their car. Each competitor will be provided with a complete set prior to their first event. One replacement set will be available from the Competition Secretary at no cost but from the second replacement on each additional set will cost \$20.00. Any competitor unable to acquire the necessary signage should report this in writing to the Secretary of the Club prior to the closing of entries for the particular





event.

- 7.3. Should no replacements be available, the competitor must present a waiver from the competition secretary allowing the scoring of points. This waiver **MUST** be attached to the entry form when entering the event.
- 7.4. If receipt of payment is not presented, the Clerk of the course will report to the competition secretary; in the absence of a waiver due to unavailability of stickers the competitor in question shall not score any points for that event.
- 7.5. If the stickers are not presented on the vehicle in a fair and visible manner (to be judged by the Competition Secretary and/or Clerk of the Course) the competitor will be asked to replace them before the event starts. If unable to fix the presentation, or unable to present a waiver (item 7.3), the competitor will score no points for that event even though they may be allowed to take part.

## **8. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

### **8.1 Merging**

- 8.1.1. Three eligible competitors (i.e. registered for Championship points) in any event shall constitute a class. Where this number is not satisfied, the class entrants shall be awarded points according to item 5.5 of these Championship Regulations..

### **8.2. Participation in 'Shared' events**

- 8.2.1. All BRC Championship entrants taking part in a shared event organized by another club shall have the right to protest the conformity of another participating BRC championship entrant, by following the protest protocols outlined in this document.
- 8.2.2. Classification protests must be made in writing to the Championship Stewards, who will notify the Championship Scrutineer that the vehicle in question needs to be checked for conformity. All protests will be accompanied by the correct fees as determined by the standing regulations of the BRC.
- 8.2.3. Any competitor refusing to have their car examined for conformity to the BRC Championships, by the appointed scrutineer, will forfeit all points scored in the event in relation to the BRC Driver's Championship.

### **8.3. Clarifications of existing "rule interpretations";**

- 8.3.1. Under current BRC regulations (RSR's, SR's & Club Rules) it shall be interpreted that any competitor who starts the first run of a sprint event, or crosses the start line (MC1 or the physical 'start flag' or 'start line'; whichever is crossed first) of a rally, is considered



to have “started” the event and therefore will contribute towards the subscription of that class, once they meet the eligibility requirements (Item 3). The rules also maintain that any competitor competitor not completing at least one official timed run of a sprint event shall not be classified as a finisher. The distinction between “Starting” and “Finishing” an event is important as each definition holds ramifications to the application of points within each class or Championship. In both cases, the car crossing the start line must do so under its own engine-driven power.

## 9. AWARDS

### 9.1. For the BRC Driver's Championship;

9.1.1. Awards will be awarded for competitors with the top 5 overall accumulated class points – the competitor with the most class points will also earn the title of “Champion Driver” for the year.

9.1.2. Awards will be awarded for the top three competitors in each class.

9.1.3. The Committee of Management and/or the Competitions Committee may award a “Rookie” prize at the conclusion of the championship based on a combination of points scored AND competitiveness in their respective class. Any competing member who for the FIRST TIME participates in 4 or more events of the Driver's Championship in a calendar year, and having been an active competitor for less than 3 years, will be eligible to receive this prize. This award cannot be won more than once by any single competitor.

9.1.4. If anyone does anything spectacularly foolish, or has a momentary lapse of reason resulting in an error of some kind, the Organizers may give out a particularly tasteless Golden Turkey award as a joke to try to alleviate the embarrassment. Kind of.

9.1.5. Highest placed Female Driver within the overall BRC Driver's Championship

### 9.2. For the BRC 4WD and 2WD Championships;

9.2.1. Awards for the top 5 overall, Driver and Co-Driver – both championships.

9.2.2. Awards for highest placed female Driver, highest placed female Co-driver – both championships.

9.3. The Champion Driver for the year (Competitor scoring the highest points total, based on class positions in each event), will receive free entry (not including insurance) to Rally Barbados 2025. Group B cars are not eligible for the overall championship and are therefore exempt from these awards.