



Atlantic Region Motorsports

Performance Rally Championship Rules & Regulations

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The CARS General Competition Rules (GCRs) and National Rally Regulations (NRRs) apply and govern all rallies, except as outlined in these rules for the Atlantic Region of Motorsports Performance Rally Championship (ARMSPRC).

1) General

1.1 Definitions

The following descriptions are adopted for use in the Atlantic Region Performance Rally Championship Regulations and any appendices thereto:

CARS	Canadian Association of Rally Sport
ARMS	Atlantic Region of Motor Sports Inc.
The Championship	Atlantic Region of Motor Sports Inc. Performance Rally Championship
ARMSPRC	Atlantic Region Motor Sports Inc Performance Rally Championship
ARMS Historic Seed List	The list kept by ARMS of all points from all ARMS Regional Performance Rally events from the year 2009 onwards awarded to eligible participants as a way to discern Experts & Novice Drivers/Co-Drivers within ARMS.

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

2) Applicable Regulations

2.1 Jurisdiction

Each event in The Championship shall be held under the CARS General Competition Rules, and the CARS National Rally Regulations. Where rules deviate from the CARS GCRs and NRRs are clearly laid out in this document.

3) Championship Events

3.1 General

- a. The rounds of the ARMSPRC shall be specified in the official ARMSPRC Event Calendar each year. ARMS reserves the right to cancel, amend, or add any rounds of the championship;
- b. Driver and Co-Driver Championships accumulate points separately.

3.2 ARMSPRC Championships

The ARMSPRC shall consist of the following Championships:

- a. Overall Champion Driver & Co-Driver;
- b. 2WD Champion Driver & Co-Driver;
 - i. Atlantic 210
- c. Novice Driver;
- d. Vehicle Class Driver & Co-Driver:
 - i. Open 2WD;
 - ii. Open AWD;
 - iii. Production 2WD;
 - iv. Production AWD;
- e. Manufacturer

4) Eligibility

4.1 Competitor Eligibility

- a. Must be a member of an ARMS region club
- b. Must be entered in the ARMSPRC portion of an event to score points in the championship
- c. For the purposes of scoring the Championship, all listed ARMSPRC events will be counted; A competitor must attend 50% + 1 of the events to be eligible.

4.2 Vehicle Eligibility – Class Championships

Eligibility for each class championship shall be in accordance with CARS GCRs & NRRs

4.2.1 Atlantic 210

Must be a 2WD production class (according to CARS GCRs & NRRs) vehicle, naturally aspirated and 10 years of age or older according to the compliance label showing the manufacturers date.

4.3 Exhibition Class

This class will enable competitors who choose to run a championship-scoring event, but wish to not score points in the overall championship or individual championship classes, to do so. Given the intent of this class, it is of extreme importance that competitors wishing to enter an event in the

Exhibition Class ensure that their pace and actions during the event do not hinder the performance of any competitor on the road who is competing for championship positions.

- a. All vehicles competing in Exhibition class must conform to all CARS Safety regulations;
- b. All vehicles competing in Exhibition class must conform to one of the CURRENT CARS class regulations: Open AWD, Open 2WD, Production AWD or Production 2WD;
- c. Driver and co-driver may switch positions and utilize the event for testing & training. The interchanging of roles can only occur between Special Stages. Doing so at any other time will result in immediate disqualification from the event and will be reviewed by the event Steward and CARS disciplinary committee for further disciplinary action;
- d. This class will NOT score any championship points;
- e. The event scorer may choose not to display times for these competitors on final event results;
- f. The event organizer may choose to provide awards for the class; however, is not required to do so;
- g. The starting order for competitors wishing to compete in Exhibition Class will be drawn as per seeded draw to ensure appropriate road position for safety;

4.4 Event Coordinator 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 ARMSPRC and not forfeit the points they MAY have obtained if they were to have competed in that event. A SIGNIFICANT role will be defined as Event Coordinator; all other roles which are part of a performance rally do not apply unless otherwise approved by the ARMS Performance Rally Director and must be requested for consideration in writing to the Regional Rally Director 6 months prior to the event date. 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 must be submitted to the ARMS Performance Rally Director for consideration 6 months in advance of the event. Special consideration of any request may be given at the discretion of the ARMS Performance Rally Director.

- a. Championship points will be awarded to the competitor at the end of the competition year and will be equal to their highest finishing position within that year of competition;
- b. Organizer points will not include starting and finishing points;
- c. Organizer points will not be counted towards seeding points;
- d. Organizer points awarded in a competition year will not be used to maintain seed qualification
- e. Organizer points will not be used in a tie-breaker situation;
- f. A competitor may score organizer points only once within a competition year;
- g. Points will be identified in *Italics* on the final results document.

4.5 Novice vs Expert Eligibility

Expert class will consist of all crews where the first driver, at the beginning of the current competitive year, has:

- a. Been classed as Expert on the current National seeding system; or,
- b. Finished first in the Novice Driver championship in any previous year; or,
- c. Been deemed by the ARMS Historic Seed List to be at Expert level of experience.
- d. All other drivers shall be deemed to be Novice class.

4.6 Event Awards Eligibility

All competitors entered in an ARMSPRC event shall be eligible for event awards, even those not eligible for Championship points or series awards. Event awards will mirror that of the Championship and use the outlined criteria identified within section 4.5 with exception to manufacturer. Exhibition class entrants do not qualify for event awards unless an event organizer chooses to provide an exhibition class award.

4.7 Championship Scoring/Awards

a. General

Series points shall be awarded for each event according to the overall finishing position of each eligible competitor in relation to other eligible competitors (e.g., if the third-place crew in an event is not eligible for series points, the fourth overall crew would receive third-place points). In each rally, the co-driver will assume the classification(s) of the driver.

b. Overall, Novice, and Manufacturers Championship Points

Overall and vehicle class 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	Finishing Position	Points Awarded
1 st	20	6 th	6
2 nd	15	7 th	4
3 rd	12	8 th	3
4 th	10	9 th	2
5 th	8	10 th	1

- a. The Overall Driver and 2WD Champion Driver will carry the “champion” title for the following year. The Overall driver will be awarded the #1 competition vehicle number. The 2WD champion will be awarded #2. The competition number does not imply start position, which is determined by seeded draw. In cases where the “champion” is not entered or starting the event, the field of assigned numbers will begin at #3;
- b. 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 4.7 of these rules.
- c. You must enter 50% of the events plus one to be eligible

- d. In addition to the points schedule above, 1 point will be assigned for starting a regional event. An additional 1 point will be assigned for finishing a regional event.

4.8 Championship Awards

Awards will be presented each year for each championship based on the determination of championship in accordance with Section 7, as follows:

- a. Four or more competitors: first, second and third place;
- b. Three competitors: first and second place;
- c. One or two competitors: first place; and,
- d. Manufacturer: first place

4.9 Re-Starting a Rally

- a. For an ARPRC event, a crew which has failed to complete a special stage may re-start the rally from the start of the next appropriate stage provided that they have expressed their intent to restart to the Clerk of the Course, and the Clerk of the Course or their designate identifies at which point the crew may re-enter the event;
- b. 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 will not be recorded;
- c. In the case of exclusion under CARS NRRs 15.14, the team concerned will be allowed to restart as per section 4.9 of these regulations. No change of the registered crew is permitted. The time penalty shall be applied to the time control at which the competitor concerned has exceeded the maximum permitted lateness.

4.10 Conditions for Re-Starting a Rally

General

To re-start the rally, the vehicle must meet the following requirements:

- a. Pass inspection from the chief scrutineer or their designate, and
- b. The same body shell must be used;
- c. Section 4.7 does not apply to the last stage or transit of the rally

Penalties

For each time a crew uses section 4.7 to restart a rally, a time penalty will be applied. This time penalty will be as follows:

- a. For each stage missed since previous restart a 5 minute penalty shall be assessed;
- b. The competitor stage time shall be calculated as follows: for each stage missed since previous restart the stage slow time plus 5 minutes shall be assigned.

Re-Start Position

- a. A crew which will restart a rally shall be placed in their appropriate start position for the rally unless deemed otherwise by the Clerk of the Course.

4.11 ARMS Rally Seeding

General

The ARMS Seeding System is employed for use only at ARMS Regional Rally events. In cases where there is an ARPRC component to a CARS Sanctioned National event, the competitor's CARS seed will be used.

A competitor's CARS seed will always supersede their ARMS seed in the event that their CARS seed is higher than their ARMS seed. Where a competitor has not competed in an ARMS event and thus does not have an ARMS seed, the CARS Regional Rally Director for ARMS will place the competitor in the seed group in which they belong based on their speed factor relative to other ARPRC competitors. This placement, along with its rationale, will be provided to the event organizer.

Seeding points are based on the accumulation of five years of ARPRC competition. The total seed points for a competitor remain current, i.e. the seed will be scored with event X for only the three most recent events. Competitors will retain their high seed for one competition year, and drop a maximum of one seed group.

Seed points are calculated as per following:

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

Seed qualifications are determined as follows:

Seed 1	All drivers with 90 or more seed points
Seed 2	All drivers with 60 to 89 seed points
Seed 3	All drivers with 30 to 59 seed points
Seed 4	All drivers with 10 to 29 seed points
Seed 5a	All drivers with 1 to 9 seed points
Seed 5b	All drivers having finished one regional event
Seed 6	All other drivers

NOTE: Seed points do not include the start and finish points as assigned in the championship points for overall Driver and Co-Driver.

4.12 Determination of the Championship

Overall Driver and Co-Driver, 2WD Driver and Co-Driver, Novice Driver, and Class Championships

All driver and co-driver Championships shall accumulate series points as follows:

Each competitor's total shall be the highest aggregate total of event Championship points scored, calculated in accordance with 4.7, 4.8

4.12.1 Tie-Breaker

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. If this fails to break the tie, the competitor with the most second-place finishes shall be declared the winner. If this still fails to break the tie, the competitor with the most third place finishes shall be declared the winner etc., until the tie is broken. If this 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 fails to break the tie, the total number of regional championship events entered that year shall determine the winner. The final tie-breaker shall be the total number of stage wins within the championship year. Any ties still existing after application of all tie-breakers shall remain as ties.

4.13 Manufacturers Championship

The Manufacturers Championship shall be determined as follows:

- a. The winner will be the manufacturer of the make of the automobile as opposed to the “model”, accumulating the most points in all events in the ARPRC;
- b. Different makes produced by the same manufacturer will be awarded points separately (e.g., General Motors produces Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile etc.);
- c. Points shall be awarded to each event according to overall finishing position in accordance with Section 4;
- d. In each event, a make shall count only the highest number of points given to a vehicle of that make; and,
- e. All events in the year shall count toward each manufacturer’s total; no events shall be dropped from the series score.

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