

# Western Canadian Rally Championship

## Rally Regulations

2026



Sanctioned by the Canadian Association of Rallysport

**Western Canada Rally Championship**  
**Regulations**  
**Western Canada Rally Series**

The CARS General Competition Rules and National Rally Regulations apply and govern all rallies, except as outlined in these rules for the Western Canada Rally Championship.

There shall be a Western Canada Rally Championship. This will be a western division series including two Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS) regions – Rally West (Prairie Rally Sport Association) and Rally BC (Rally Pacific Motorsports)

## **1 EVENTS**

1.1 The Western Canada Rally Championship will include five (5) events:

- a) Cochrane Winter Rally
- b) Rocky Mountain Rally – regional portion of the event
- c) Pacific Forest Rally – regional portion of the event
- d) Kananaskis Rally
- e) Big White Winter Rally – regional portion of the event

1.2. It is recommended that the total stage distance be 120 kilometres or less.

1.3 It is recommended that individual stage distance should not exceed 20 kilometres

## **2 CREW ELIGIBILITY**

### **2.1. Novice Driver / Co-Driver**

A novice driver is defined as one who has not finished a total of five regional or higher level events as a driver and/or has never won a Region Novice Driver Championship and/or has never placed in the top ten finishing positions in a Canadian Rally Championship event, or equivalent, as a first driver in a previous championship scoring period.

Novice status is to be retained throughout the competition year, regardless of finishing the required number of events part way in the year. Novices MUST DECLARE their status to the organizer before the start of the event.

A novice co-driver is defined as one who has not finished a total of five regional or higher level events as a co-driver and/or has never won a Region Novice Co-Driver Championship and/or has never placed in the top ten finishing positions in a Canadian Rally Championship Event, or equivalent, as a co-driver in a previous championship scoring period. A novice co-driver may only be awarded championship points when competing with a novice driver.

Novice status is to be retained throughout the competition year, regardless of finishing the required number of events part way in the year.

Novices MUST DECLARE their status to the organizer before the start of the event in order to be eligible for novice event awards. Novices must also insure that their status is correct on the entry list posted on the official notice board. The Region Directors reserve the power to amend errors of omission in series scoring.

The loss of novice status as a driver will not preclude that individual from competing as a novice co-driver and vice-versa.

2.2. Competitors eligible to score in the championship include CARS members who are members in good standing of Rally West and/or Rally Pacific Motorsports member clubs

2.3 To be eligible for WCRC series points a competitor must start at least two events with one of the events being a WCRC regional only rally (Not run congruently with a national event.)

### **3 ELIGIBILITY of VEHICLES and EQUIPMENT**

Vehicle classes for the Western Canada Rally Championship are as follows: Open 4 Wheel Drive (O4WD) Prepared 4 Wheel Drive (P4WD), Open 2 Wheel Drive (O2WD), Prepared 2 Wheel Driver (P2WD), Vintage.

3.1 See CARS National Rally Regulations for definitions of class vehicles. NRR 12 inclusive

#### **3.2. Vintage Class Preparation Rules**

The Vintage class is intended to provide a classification under which “low tech” vehicles can compete, with the objective that they are prepared to a standard of competitiveness that would have been possible at the time of vehicle manufacture. Modifications to enhance reliability should be allowable within the constraints below. Safety requirements remain as stated in the National Rally Regulations.

##### **3.2.1 Definition.**

Vehicles must be 2-wheel drive, normally aspirated models sold in Canada in minimum units of 100 or in the United States in minimum units of 500. Drive configuration must remain as originally manufactured (e.g. front engine, front drive).

Vehicle models must have been manufactured for a model year 25 years or more before the beginning of the current competition year. i.e. for competition year 2026, vehicles from model years 2000 and earlier are eligible.

Competitors are responsible to provide acceptable evidence of the actual model year of their vehicle.

##### **3.2.2 Engines and Induction Systems.**

Engines are unrestricted, but the engine block must be derived from the product line offered by the vehicle manufacturer in any of the eligible model years.

No forced induction is allowed.

The generic type of induction, i.e. carburetor(s), mechanical injection or electronic injection, normally available for the engine selected must be used.

##### **3.2.2.1 Displacement**

Actual displacement must be no greater than 5100cc.

#### **3.2.3 Bodywork**

- a) Except for b. and c., the modification, reinforcement, substitution, addition or deletion of parts

and components is permitted without restriction, provided the vehicle complies with the safety and general regulations.

- b) Exterior pieces (i.e.: all components licked by the air stream) must be visually similar to the original item, including bumpers. Except for doors and roofs, bolt-on body pieces may be constructed of an alternate material. A and B pillars must remain original. The original floor pan and firewall must remain and may be modified only to the extent necessary to accommodate allowed alternate components.
- c) Fenders may be modified to the extent necessary to provide tire clearance. Fender flares may be added. Installation of one-piece flared fenders or quarter panels is prohibited.

### 3.2.4 Mechanical Components.

Brakes, carburetors / injection, transmission, suspension, cooling, final drive ratio and type, clutch, pressure plate and flywheel are unrestricted except by paragraphs above.

### 3.2.5 Wheels.

Wheel diameter and width are unrestricted

### 3.2.6 Exemptions

Due to the nature of the class, and the difficulties of maintaining vehicles of this age, limited exemptions may be felt necessary to the age related rules above.

Exemptions applicable to a specific vehicle, for a specific championship, may be requested from the relevant national or regional office.

An exemption must explain any modifications to, or deviations from, the above rules in sufficient detail so that compliance may be verified at technical inspection. The written exemption must be attached to, and become part of, the vehicle logbooks.

## 4. WESTERN CANADA RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

4.1 The competitor shall count points from all of the events, To be eligible for the WCRC a competitor must start at least two events with one of the events being a WCRC regional only rally. Entering a regional portion of a National rally does not meet the requirement of this rule.

4.2 Overall championship points shall be scored as follows:

First	20 points	Sixth	6 points
Second	15 points	Seventh	4 points
Third	12 points	Eighth	3 points
Fourth	10 points	Ninth	2 points
Fifth	8 points	Tenth	1 point

In addition, one point will be assigned for starting a rally and one point will be assigned for finishing a rally. This will only apply in the overall standings, and not class standings.

4.3 Championship points in the novice class and in all the vehicle classes shall be scored as follows:

First	9 points	Fourth	3 points
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Second	6 points	Fifth	2 points
Third	4 points	Sixth	1 point

4.4 The category (driver or co-driver) in which a competitor is assigned championship points shall be in accordance with the entry form for the event. Should competitors switch duties in the vehicle, once the competition has begun, they shall not be eligible for championship points or event awards.

4.5 Ties will not be broken for the purpose of awarding championship points in a rally.

4.6 In the case of a tie for first position in the championship, the competitor with the most event wins in the series where the tie exists, shall be declared the winner of the championship. 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., 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 Western Canadian Championship series, where the tie exists, shall determine the winner.

4.7 Awards shall be made for first through third overall for drivers and co-drivers. Awards shall be made for first place driver and co-driver in each category. The Rally Pacific Motorsport and Rally West Region Rally Directors may make awards for additional class positions if series entries are sufficiently strong to justify these awards.