



# Atlantic Rally Cup

## Articles Governing the Atlantic Rally Cup

### 1 Competition Classes

The following classes are available for the Cup:

- PRO
- 2WD – Two Wheel Drive
- AWD – All Wheel Drive

2WD class consists of front wheel drive or rear wheel drive vehicles meeting NRS GRR classes O2H and O2L or ELE.

AWD consists of all wheel drive vehicles meeting NRS GRR classes OAH and OAL or ELE.

PRO class consists of any vehicle piloted by a driver with a PRO license. The navigator is not required to have a PRO license. The vehicle must meet safety standards (cage, seats, belts, construction, safety philosophy, etcetera) but is otherwise unrestricted in performance aspects.

For additional clarity on PRO class:

- Sequential gearboxes are allowed
- Engine displacement is unlimited
- Turbo restrictors are not required
- Aerodynamic aids are allowed

A PRO license cost \$800. If purchased mid-season after a standard rally license is purchased, the PRO license cost \$750. Proceeds from the sale of PRO licenses will be distributed as follows:

- One third will be directly to volunteers in the form of gas cards
- One third will be to event organizers to be put toward volunteer lodging
- One third will be toward investing in additional radio/communications/technology equipment

Racers with a PRO license are still allowed to enter any other class, and purchasing a PRO license solely for the purpose of donating to the volunteers and communications is allowed.

Vehicles with sequential gearboxes or other technology which would make them more suitable for PRO class remain, as they always have been, eligible to run in Exhibition class without the need for a PRO license and are welcome to enter any event. Vehicles in Exhibition class are not scored for ARC points.

## **2 Race Numbers**

Numbers 1 through 9 are reserved for PRO drivers. Upon purchasing a PRO license, the driver may choose any of the available single digit numbers, or, if all single numbers are taken, any two digit number not yet used during that season. Numbers are not reserved from year to year.

Numbers 10 through 99 are awarded to drivers based on their performance in the Cup the previous year. The AWD or 2WD driver with the most points will get #10, second place will get #11, etcetera.

Racers new to the ARC will be assigned a 9xx number their first year of competition.

### **2.1.1 Ranking the numbers**

As no overall champion is crowned for the ARC (instead a 2WD champion and an AWD champion), for determining car numbers all points will be added together. Thus, a 2WD win counts just as much as an AWD win when coming up with a points total. The total is used for nothing but determining car numbers.

For example, the following might occur:

Assigned #1 – Racer A with 150 AWD points

Assigned #2 – Racer B with 145 2WD points

Assigned #3 – Racer C with 140 AWD points

Only competitors who held a NASA Rally Sport rally license will be assigned a number in the following year. In determining car numbers, any ranking ties will be decided by the ARC promoter.

### **2.1.2 Requesting a Particular Number**

AWD and 2WD competitors do not have the option of requesting a number. They must run the number they earn.

### **2.1.3 Superstition**

The competitor who receives number 13 at the beginning of the year has the option of keeping number 13 or accepting the next available highest number, leaving number 13 unused.

### **2.1.4 Free vinyl**

One set of vinyl will be provided to the driver at the first ARC event they enter. It includes a number backer and a footer and header.

### **2.1.5 Replacement**

If replacement numbers are needed they can be purchased at the event.

## **3 Eligibility – Racer Requirements**

In order to gain points toward the cup the following is required:

- All racers shall hold a NASA Rally Sport Membership.
- All racers shall hold either a NASA Rally Sport Competition License or PRO license.
- These memberships and licenses must be in effect at each event the in which the Crew desire to score points in the Cup.

## 4 Cup Personnel

At each round, the following personnel shall have the responsibilities and authorities as set out.

### 4.1 ARC Promoter

The ARC Promoter, NASA Rally Sport Director Anders Green, will:

- Liaise with event organizers.
- Promote the Cup.
- Tabulate the Cup points.
- Adjudicate disputes, penalties, protests as necessary.

### 4.2 Cup Series Liaisons

All of the NASA Rally Sport East Competitor Liaisons listed on NASARallySport.com are available for questions and discussion about the Cup.

## 5 ARC Calendar

The ARC shall comprise of the following events. Each scored section at an event will be considered a round.

Event Name	Surface	State	Anticipated Rounds
Sandblast Rally	Sand	SC	1 single
Rally Kentucky	Gravel	KY	1 single
Bristol Forest Rally	Gravel	TN	1 single
Central UP Rally	Gravel	MI	1 single
Plenty of Tarmac	Tarmac	KY	1 single
Hardwood Cup Rally	Gravel	MI	1 single

The ARC Promoter reserves the right to cancel, amend, or add events or rounds at any time without affecting in any way its power to award any title.

## 6 Driving Suit Advertising and Identification

### 6.1 Driving Suit ID

At all rounds of the Cup NASA Rally Sport patches are optional.

### 6.2 Driving Suit Identification of other Sanctioning Bodies

For promotional reasons no identification of any US based motor sports sanctioning body other than NASA Rally Sport may be visible on the driving suit. Covering other patches satisfies this Article.

## 7 Vehicle Advertising and Identification

No team in violation of this article will be scored for stage times, event standings, or Cup points.

### 7.1 Vehicle Identification

Any advertising on competing vehicles other than that supplied by the organizer must not conflict with the car's official rally number so as to prevent recognition by Event Officials.

## 7.2 Competing Vehicle Identification of other Sanctioning Bodies

For promotional reasons no identification of US based motor sports sanctioning bodies other than NASA Rally Sport may be visible on competing vehicles.

## 7.3 Door panel requirements

Entrants are to provide a space 12" high x 29" wide on each front door of the vehicle. Additional materials may be supplied which would also be mandatory.

## 7.4 Scrutineering

### 7.4.1 Compliance

If after pre-event Scrutineering, a vehicle does not comply with the class regulations of the GRR the Stewards or Clerk of the Course may either set a deadline before which the vehicle must be made to comply or place the vehicle in the appropriate class.

### 7.4.2 Marking or Sealing

1. The Chief Scrutineer and assistance Scrutineers may, at their discretion, make identification marks on the vehicle chassis, engine and/or transmission housings at any time throughout an event and the Cup
2. Should identification mark be affixed, it is the sole responsibility of the crew to make sure these marks are preserved intact until the end of the event.

## 8 Determination of Cup

### 8.1 Competitive Points Allocation Table

Points will be issued based on results using the following table:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	32	11	10
2	27	12	9
3	23	13	8
4	20	14	7
5	18	15	6
6	16	16	5
7	14	17	4
8	13	18	3
9	12	19	2
10	11	20 and below	1

### 8.2 Starting Points

All entrants will receive four starting points for leaving the first time control of the event.

### **8.3 RallySolo**

RallySolo drivers will receive points in the ARC class in the appropriate (AWD or 2WD) class. Their non-existent codriver will absorb the codriver points for that particular place. Example: if a RallySolo driver took second in AWD, the codriver in the first place car would receive first place points, and the codriver in the third place car would receive third place points. No codriver would receive second place points.

### **8.4 Which Events Count Toward the Cup**

The Cup standings shall be calculated based on all rounds.

### **8.5 Points Multiplier**

The multiplier for the events is based on the number of miles or days run. In general, each day raced counts as a round's worth of points:

- single day, single round
- two days, two rounds
- three days, three rounds

Depending on the scoring of the particular event, those points may be combined (for example, a single event spread over two days, counting for double points) or awarded separately (for example, a single points event on Saturday followed by a single points event on Sunday. Very short events (anticipated winning time under 45 minutes) will be awarded 50% full points. A "race day" that consists solely of a super-special-stage, even if run multiple times, does not count toward the number of days counted for rounds.

### **8.6 Procedure for Tie Breaking for Overall Champion**

In case of a tie for the first position in the Cup, the tie breaking system is:

1. The competitor with the highest number of event finishes shall be declared the winner of the Cup.
2. If this fails to break the tie, the competitor with the highest event finishes by place shall be declared the winner. Most first overall, then most second overall, etcetera.
3. If this fails to break the tie, the competitor with the higher number of Cup events entered by the competitor in this calendar year.
4. And finally, competitors may mutually agree to flip a coin.

### **8.7 Cup Points Inquiry Period**

Inquiries concerning points standings must be received by ARC Promoter within sixteen days of the points for that event being posted online or they will not be considered. This rule in no way effects the times and procedures of event result finality: it only is related to Cup points. This rule does not modify the duties or abilities of the ARC promoter to apply penalties as necessary. Inquiries must be filed using the official Championship Inquiry Form available online.

### **8.8 Points Adjustment**

The Cup promoter reserves the right to remove or alter points from the competitors as needed to satisfy issues relevant to the sanctioning body.

## 9 Awards

### 9.1 The Atlantic Rally Cup

No overall cup will be awarded. All classes, PRO, 2WD, and AWD, run independently.

### 9.2 The Atlantic Rally Cup Class Awards

Class awards will be awarded to Driver and Co-Driver for all ARC recognized classes to the depth represented in the following table:

Competitors in class at year end	Trophies Awarded
10 or more	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
5 - 9	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>
1 - 4	1 <sup>st</sup>

### 9.3 Essence of Cup Participation

In order to receive a year end class trophy a competitor must compete in more than one rally in the class which they are contesting.

### 9.4 Unclaimed Awards

Awards not picked up at the awards ceremony may be shipped at the competitor's expense. Competitors must contact the relevant party with 14 days with shipping and payment details.

## 10 Sources

These Articles are at all times to be read in conjunction (as appropriate) with:

1. NASA Rally Sport™ General Regulations for Rallies and its appropriate Appendices
2. Any bulletins issued in accordance with the General Regulations for Rallies
3. Any bulletins issued by the Cup organizer and promoter
4. The Supplementary Regulations issued by the individual events

## 11 Interpretation

- ARC - Atlantic Rally Cup
- Cup - Atlantic Rally Cup
- Crew - the competing person(s) who is entered in the Cup
- Entrant - the person or legal entity that has entered in the Cup
- GRR - the General Regulations for Rallies issued by NASA Rally Sport
- NRS – NASA Rally Sport