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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

#RALLYWHANGAREI
25-27 SEPTEMBER 2026



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2026 INTERNATIONAL RALLY OF WHANGAREI

RALLY NZ INC

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS PART ONE

1. JURISDICTION

This event is a National Championship Rally with foreign participation, promoted by Rally New Zealand Club Inc and will take place on 25 – 27 September 2026 in the Northland area. The Rally forms Round 5 of the 2026 New Zealand Rally Championship (NZRC).

The Rally will be held under Part One and Two of these Supplementary Regulations, the MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its Appendices and Schedules particularly Appendix Three, Schedule R being the Standing Regulations for all Rallies and Appendix Two, Schedule A – Driver and Vehicle Safety Requirements.

The MotorSport New Zealand Permit Number – National Rally is: 260227

2. MAJOR OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course (CotC)	Steve Foster
Assistant Clerks of the Course (ACoC)	Andrea Bourhill, Donald Welsh, Ross Twyman, Sheree Shelton, Peter Nelson, Stuart Barnett, Andy Mygind, Cliff George
Secretary of the Event	Anita Greenland
Chief Safety Officer	Jim Matangi
Spectator Safety Officer	Andy Adams
Deputy Safety Officer	Lisa Adams
Chief Scrutineer	Dave Robb
Assistant Scrutineer	Mark Sheehan
NZRC Scrutineer	Stu Andrews
Chief Timing Marshal	Russell Mann
Assistant Timing Marshal	Jess Waugh
Competition Relations Officers (CRO)	Paul Mallard, Keith Williams, Ben Aro, Shiane Rinkin
Service Park Manager	Wayne Hughes
Judges of Fact	
Noise Schedule A 3.8 (1)	CotC, ACoC's, Post Chiefs, Scrutineers
Starts	Start Line Marshalls
Servicing	Any Rally Official
Communications Chief	Brian Littlewood
Results	Chris Parker (ChrisSport)
Results Co-ordinator	Chris Grant
NZRC Co-ordinators	Blair Bartels, Simon Bell, Carl Fenn
RallySafe Technician	Graham Buchanan
MotorSport New Zealand Stewards	David Burnett (Chair), Suzie Tickle, Lara Herbert
Organising Committee – Chairman/Members	Simon Bell (Chair), Andrea Bourhill, Carl Fenn, Steve Foster, Grant Hirst, Paul Mallard, Ross Twyman, Sheree Shelton, Andy Adams, Lisa Adams, George Bird, Lucy Traill, Jim Matangi, Blair Bartels, Chris Grant, Russell Mann
Address and contact phones (fax) for all matters pertaining to the Event are as follows:	
Rally Office Postal Address: PO Box 62021 Sylvia Park, Auckland 1644, New Zealand Telephone: +64 9 276 0882 Email: info@rallynz.org.nz	

3. THE EVENT

- 3.1 Venue:** Rally Whangarei is a two-day event and will take place on gravel roads in the Kaipara and Whangarei District regions. Service Parks will be located at Pohe Island Whangarei; Dargaville and Ruawai, Kaipara District.
- 3.2 Length:** Comprises 289km of Special Stages and 524km of touring. A full stage description is appended to these Regulations.
- 3.3 First Car Starts:** From TCO Rock n Roll Club, Pohe Island at 0600hrs, Saturday 26 September 2026.
- 3.4 First Car Finishes:** At (approx) 1500hrs, Sunday 27 September 2026 at the final Time Control which is situated at the Pohe Island Service Park.

NZRC and Event Prizegiving will commence as soon as practical after the final Time Control at the Service Park.

Competitors are reminded that Sunday 27 September is the start of daylight saving and clocks go forward one hour.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1** Entries should be made through the MotorSport New Zealand Online system: <https://online.motorsport.org.nz>
Entries will not be deemed valid until payment is received.

Please contact the Secretariat on info@rallynz.org.nz or 09 276 0882 for any queries about the online entry form or for assistance.

Alternatively, entries may be submitted manually in 'hard copy' form. All such entries must be made on the correct form, must be complete in all detail, and accompanied by the appropriate fees.

Entries should be forwarded to: Secretary of the Event
PO Box 62021
Sylvia Park, Auckland 1644, New Zealand

An entry will be accepted only if accompanied by the total entry fee. The entry fee must be credited in full to the Organiser's bank account. Refer Article 4.3 regarding payment.

Organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry in accordance with the prescribed provisions of the National Sporting Code.

- 4.2 Opening and Closing:** Entries open with the publication of these Regulations and close at 1700hrs on 11 September 2026. Entries post marked after the normal closing date but received prior to 1700hrs on 18 September 2026 will be subject to the late fee. The fee to lodge a Late Entry is \$100.00 incl. GST. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

4.3 Fees:

All entry fees

Include: 1x Road Book, 2x Route Maps, Vehicle Livery, RallySafe Fee

Exclude: Stage Notes and Reconnaissance

- (a) Entry Fee for international competitors: **\$3,299.00**
Day One & Two
- (b) Entry Fee for competitors registered in Categories 1-4 and 6 of the New Zealand Rally Championship:
\$2,399.00
Day One & Two

- (c) Entry Fee for competitors registered in Category 5 of the New Zealand Rally Championship: **\$1,449.00**
Day One only
- (d) Entry Fee for Whangarei Classic Competitors (2 Days): **\$1,799.00**
Day One & Two
- (e) Entry Fee for Open 4WD/2WD Competitors (1 Day): **\$1,399.00**
Day One or Day Two only
- (f) Additional Fee for One Day Competitors wishing to enter for Day Two: **\$400.00**
- (g) Reconnaissance Fee: **\$80.00**
- (h) Service Crew Registration: First vehicle included in entry fee
Each additional vehicle: \$20.00
- (i) Late Entry Fee: **\$100.00**
- (j) Change of Crew: The fee to lodge a change of crew after close of entries is **\$50.00**
- (k) Shakedown: The fee to complete Shakedown if not providing a minimum of 1 VIP ride is **\$150.00**

Please note:

- Day One only competitors who wish to compete on Day Two also may do so by advising the CRO and paying the appropriate fee of \$400.00 by 2000hrs on Saturday 26 September 2026.
- Those competitors who secured an early-bird entry through the organisers (specifically those who secured a free Day Two entry) must still advise the CRO if they wish to compete on Day Two.
- Please advise a CRO if you won't be restarting for Day Two as early as possible.

Payment:

The entry fee shall be paid by credit card as indicated on the entry form or bank transfer to the account indicated below (in the latter case, adequate proof of payment must be attached to the entry form).

Please use the driver's surname as a reference. Organiser's bank details:

ASB

Account Name Rally New Zealand Club Incorporated (the permitting Club)

Account Number 12-3233-0608424-00

Credit Card Visa/MasterCard *(a fee of 3% will be added to all credit card transactions)*

Refunds:

The entry fee shall be refunded in full only:

- If the event does not take place; or
- To teams whose entry application is rejected.

4.4 Number of Starters:

The organisers reserve the right to abandon the event if less than 50 entries are received at normal closing date. The maximum number of starters will be 100.

Any additional entries received will be placed on the reserve list in order of receipt.

4.5 Acceptance of Entry:

These will be notified by 18 September 2026 together with the seeded entry list.

4.6 Competitor Requirements:

- (1) **Knowledge and Understandings:** In submitting the entry competitors (Entrant and Drivers) are deemed to fully understand the MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its relevant Appendices and Schedules. Particularly,
 - (a) The National Sporting Code Articles pertaining to Protests and competitors' obligations, and
 - (b) Appendix Three Schedule R articles pertaining to Stage Notes, Pace Notes and Reconnaissance.

- (2) **Licence Requirements:** Both the No. 1 and No. 2 drivers shall hold a R Grade or higher MotorSport New Zealand issued Competition Licence.

If the Entrant is other than a driver, an Entrants licence in the name of the Entrant is required.

- (3) **New Competitors:** Any driver(s) who are competing at one of their first three Rally events or is competing for the first time after a period of two years must note this on their entry and must attend the New Competitor Special Briefing to be held at the Rock N Roll Club on Friday 25 September at 1500hrs.

- (4) **RallySafe Briefing:** will follow immediately after the New Competitor Briefing at 1515hrs.

5. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

- 5.1 **Compliance:** All vehicles shall comply with Appendix Two Schedule A and Appendix Three Schedule R of the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code unless stated otherwise in these Event Supplementary Regulations.

- 5.2 **Classes:** Vehicles will be divided into the following classes:

NZRC: As per the 2026 NZRC Articles

Open (Allcomers): Open 4WD and Open 2WD

Whangārei Classic Rally: As per the Otago Classic rules:

<https://otagorally.com/competitors/classic-rally-eligibility-criteria/>

Notes:

- NZRC Categories 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 competitors cannot enter another class except that Categories 4 and 6 competitors are automatically entered into the Whangārei Classic Rally
- Day One Open competitors are eligible for Day Two Awards if they complete the additional registration process outlined in Article 4.3
- NZRC Category 5 competitors are eligible for Day Two Open 4WD/Open 2WD Awards if they complete the additional registration process outlined in Article 4.3
- Day Two only Open Competitors are not eligible for any awards
- NZRC: To be eligible for the NZRC you also need to be registered with Rally New Zealand and be compliant with the [2026 NZRC Articles](#).

6. DOCUMENTATION AND SCRUTINEERING AUDIT

Documentation:

Competitors must present themselves at Documentation for the checking of licences and documents, issuing of competition numbers and applicable advertising material prior to presenting the car for audit scrutineering and for those cars with forced induction engines, restrictor inspection.

Cars will not be cleared to compete until all of these numbers and advertising requirements are firmly affixed in the appropriate places on the vehicle.

ALL COMPETITORS MUST BRING THEIR LOGBOOKS TO DOCUMENTATION.

The venues for Documentation will be:

1. **Tuesday 22 September** Rally New Zealand Office, by appointment (email: info@rallynz.org.nz).
2. **Wednesday 23 September** 1400hrs until 1800hrs Rock n Roll Clubrooms, Pohe Island.
3. **Friday 25 September** 0900hrs until 1400hrs for all other competitors, Rock n Roll Clubrooms, Pohe Island.
4. **Saturday 26 September** 1400hrs until 1500hrs for all competitors competing on Day Two only, Rock n Roll Clubrooms, Pohe Island.

RallySafe Unit Issue:

RallySafe units will be available for pickup on Friday 25 September from 0900hrs until 1400hrs for all competitors, Rock n Roll Clubrooms, Pohe Island.

For Day Two only competitors RallySafe units will be available for pickup on Saturday 26 September from 1400hrs until 1500hrs, Rock n Roll Clubrooms, Pohe Island.

Scrutineering:

Remote Safety Audits are available for this event and is the preferred option excluding NZRC Category 1 entries.

Competitors may arrange for their local Scrutineer to have their car Remote Safety Audited no earlier than 14 days prior to the event. NZRC competitors (excluding Category 1) must only select a local Scrutineer from the list below.

All Remote Safety Audits will be carried out using the MotorSport Online App by your chosen Scrutineer as outlined in Schedule A Part One Article 3.(4).

NZRC approved Remote Safety Auditors 2026			
Name	Location	Email Address	Mobile
Michael Jordan	Whangārei	reamary123@hotmail.com	021 149 3539
Lloyd Ives	Kaukapakapa	lloyd@it.org.nz	027 422 2416
Aaron Clarke	Henderson	ajcrace@gmail.com	021 485 272
Ron McMillan	Penrose	ronroadrace@gmail.com	021 931 765
Sean 'Rock' Elder	Hamilton	elderclan@xtra.co.nz	027 487 5680
Brandon Elder	Hamilton	elderclan@xtra.co.nz	027 288 2537
Maurice Thomson	Te Awamutu	taupomotorsport@gmail.com	027 475 4338
Don Brunt	Paeroa	bruntfarms@hotmail.com	027 473 9185
David Loughlin	Tauranga	davidloughlin@outlook.co.nz	021 917 866
Alistair Steele	Taupō	alistair.steele48@gmail.com	027 434 3500
Stuart McChesney	Napier	stu.mcchesney@gmail.com	027 440 0962
Kiley Jury	New Plymouth	A.v.s.ltd@me.com	027 708 5911
Greg Dietschin	Hawera	greg.dietschin@xtra.co.nz	027 454 5304
Blair Gray	Wanganui	blair@kootermotorsport.nz	027 633 1686
Timothy Lloyd	Palmerston North	octaneautomotive@xtra.co.nz	027 496 4411
Stu Andrews	Masterton	stuandrews52@gmail.com	027 544 3336
Mike Macready	Paraparaumu	m.w.macready@gmail.com	022 090 3451
Barry Carrington	Eastbourne	miniack@xtra.co.nz	027 441 8682
Leon Cast	Johnsonville	mowogeditor@yahoo.com	027 699 6838
John Clifton	Nelson	cliftons@orcon.net.nz	021 801 181
Rob McKenzie	Motueka	robmck1950@hotmail.com	022 130 1322
Jason Clark	Blenheim	jtrallie@gmail.com	027 222 2680
Joshua Skafer	Greymouth	skaferj@hotmail.com	027 864 5163
Gary Hawkes	Templeton	hawkesauto@xtra.co.nz	021 714 089
Cymon Hewitt	Bishopdale	d6motorsport@hotmail.com	027 222 9277
Phil O'Brien	Timaru	obrienfamily@slingshot.co.nz	027 2697 293
Gareth O'Hara	Oamaru	oamaru.workshop@rooneygroup.co.nz	022 077 6006
Daniel Feck	Cromwell	fecksfx@gmail.com	021 374 268
Nigel Ede	Queenstown	nigel@ezed.co.nz	027 290 5553
Daniel Cresswell	Dunedin	danielcresswell74@gmail.com	029 456 2102
Craig Barclay	Balclutha	craigbarclay76@gmail.com	027 457 3046
Roger Laird	Gore	lairdms@xtra.co.nz	027 436 8876
Neil Madden	Winton	neil_shellee@xtra.co.nz	021 489 824
Alan O'Brien	Invercargill	obrienclan001@gmail.com	027 353 1463

Should you have any question regarding Scrutineering please contact Dave Robb, 027 777 8019 operations@vernondevelopments.co.nz (all non-NZRC competitors) or Stu Andrews, 027 544 3336 stuandrews52@gmail.com (all NZRC competitors).

Whilst Remote Safety Audits are the preferred method, there will be provision at the Documentation venue for Safety Audits.

NZRC Category 1 Scrutineering will occur on Friday 25 September, from 1000-1200hrs at Pohe Island Service Park.

Criteria:

- Any car that has had 'C' Type seals broken, must also present their car for checking and re-sealing.
- Any car that has a turbo restrictor seal fitted must also present their car for a seal check and logbook notation.

All NZRC entries must present their logbook to the NZRC Scrutineer for sign off at Pohe Island Service Park from 1000-1200hrs on Friday 25 September.

If required only: Open 4WD/2WD and those not doing Reconnaissance, may scrutineer on Friday 25 September from 1000-1200hrs at Pohe Island Service Park by contacting the Chief Scrutineer.

Sunday (Day Two) only competitors must remote pre-scrutineer or scrutineer at one of the above times.

NZRC & Event Scrutineers:

Role	Scrutineer	Phone No
Event Chief Scrutineer	Dave Robb	027 777 8019
NZRC Scrutineer	Stu Andrews	027 544 3336
Assistant Scrutineer	Mark Sheehan	021 112 9175

Post-Event Scrutineering:

Post-Event scrutineering venue will be at Autocare Service Centre, 116 Dent St, Whangarei. All competitors that are required to attend Post-Event Scrutineering will, upon leaving the Final Control Area, follow the Marshal's instructions to the venue.

7. OFFICIALS IDENTIFICATION

Officials of the event will be identified as detailed below:

- Safety/Spectator Marshals – Orange vest with black "Safety"
- Stage Control (Post) Chief – Blue vest with black "Post Chief"
- Competitor Relations Officers – Red vest with "Competitor Relations Officer"
- Medical Officials – Blue Overalls
- Scrutineers – Black vests with "Scrutineer"

8. OFFICIAL BULLETINS

Official Bulletins may be issued in accordance with the provisions of the National Sporting Code.

9. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARDS

Official Digital Notice Board (DNB):

The Official Notice Board will be the digital Notice Board, published on the [event website](#). There will also be communication via the Sportity app (there will be no physical official Notice Board).

Sportity Application:

Event Password: **ROW2026**

Download the app on Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/sportity/id1344934434>

Download the app on Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sportity.app&hl=en&gl=US>

Crew representatives:

During the event, individual and general communication between all Rally Officials (Rally Control/Clerk of the Course, Rally Secretariat, CROs, Stewards, Technical staff etc.) and the competitors/crew members will primarily and as far as possible be conducted electronically (Sportity, cellphone, email).

For this purpose, each competitor is required to nominate ONE official representative authorised for the purpose of receiving any official notifications, along with their respective contact details (cellphone, email). This representative must be notified before or at Documentation.

This representative will be contacted both for general and individual communications. Any confirmation of receipt, if required, must mandatorily be returned by this representative via the Sportity App with their personalised QR code login. Confirmation of receipt in the Sportity App will constitute the receipt of the Bulletin or other communication and replace the requirement to sign for receipt of Bulletins.

All competitors (via their representative) will be informed by push notifications through Sportity about the publication of any documents on the event digital Notice Board.

10. RESULTS

Provisional results for Day One will be posted at 2000hrs on Saturday 26 September, and Day Two at 1600hrs on Sunday 27 September on the ChrisSport website: <http://www.chrissport.nz> / official digital Notice Board.

11. STAGE NOTES

The use of Stage Notes will be permitted in accordance with Schedule R Part One, Article 8.

Competitors who wish to use Stage Notes and/or participate in Reconnaissance must purchase the Stage Notes directly from the MotorSport New Zealand Authorised Supplier by emailing sales@rallynotes.nz no later than Friday 11 September 2026. In the case of a late entry after this date, Stage Notes will not be provided.

There is no obligation on any competitor to purchase the Stage Notes, however, this is a requirement for those competitors who wish to participate in reconnaissance.

Information: The Stage Note system uses an automated computer program to generate a description of the Special Stage road using sensors fitted to a vehicle driven through each Stage. Such Notes describe the route in more detail than the Road Book and can be used without Reconnaissance. The purchase and use of the Stage Notes is a direct contract between the competitor and Rally Notes New Zealand Ltd with the Organiser's involvement being limited to authorising the use and facilitating the preparation and distribution on behalf of Rally Notes New Zealand Limited.

12. RECONNAISSANCE

One pass reconnaissance is available for those competitors who have purchased Stage Notes.

Reconnaissance will begin at SS1 Houto, 36km west of Whangarei.

Note: no provision has been made for the reconnaissance of SSS9 and SSS10 Pohe Island. Competitors are able to walk the course on Pohe Island on the afternoon of Thursday 24th or Friday 25th.

Reconnaissance Schedule						
Report time		Special Stage		Distances kms		
Thursday 24 th				Special Stage	Tour	Total
9:00	9:15	1	Houto	12.18	41.79	53.97
10:00	10:15	2/3	Waihue 1&2	25.53	43.24	68.77
11:15	11:30	4/6	Greenhills 1&2	23.60	25.58	49.18
12:15	12:30	5/7	Tokatoka 1&2	19.06	46.04	65.10
1:45	2:00	8	Kirikopuni	13.21	48.80	62.01
Estimated return to Whangarei by 1500hrs						
Friday 25 th						
9:00	9:15	11/15	Ruarangi 1&2	7.30	1.72	9.02
9:20	9:35	12/16	Waikiekie 1&2	20.72	16.46	37.18
10:10	10:25	13/17	Omana 1&2	13.72	8.17	21.89
10:50	11:15	14/18	Bull 1& 2	20.31	45.44	65.75
Estimated return to Whangarei by 1230hrs						

Reconnaissance outside the schedule as set by the Organisers is considered a very serious offence and will be penalised.

Reconnaissance will be conducted in convoy strictly in accordance with the published schedule.

No late entry into a Stage for Reconnaissance will be permitted. During Special Stages crews must remain within the convoy.

At all times competitors maximum speed on Special Stages will be 80kph.

All cars must have their headlights on at all times whilst travelling on the roads of the Special Stages.

Crews are only permitted to enter a Special Stage from the start point shown in the Road Book and may not under any circumstance drive in a direction opposite to that of the Rally unless instructed by a Rally Official.

Crews must stop at the start of each Special Stage where a Rally Official will endorse their Reconnaissance card and at any other location where instructed.

Competitors shall create their own safety plan which appoints a team member who shall be responsible for the wellbeing of the crew during the Reconnaissance period.

Each crew using a Reconnaissance car will be issued with 3x Number Sets. The two large sets of numbers must be placed on the rear side windows of the Reconnaissance vehicle. The small numbers must be placed on the front windscreen in the top corner on the co-driver's side.

13. FINISH PROCEDURES

NZRC Category 5 and One Day Competitors:

The finish of the Rally for Day One only competitors will be at TC10A. From there competitors must follow the directions of Officials. Those competitors in the NZRC Category 5 and Open 4WD/2WD classes who intend to compete in Day Two will rejoin at TC10D without penalty.

Two Day Event Finish:

The finish of the Rally will be at TC18A. Travel from TC18A Ceremonial Finish to the Final Parc Ferme will be under the direction of Officials.

14. PERMITTED EARLY CHECK-IN

Competitors may book in early at TC2A, TC5A, TC10A, TC 10B, TC10C, TC10E, TC14A, and TC18A without penalty.

Early check in provides the opportunity for the Post Chief to reposition cars arriving at the next TC out of order, back to their correct order.

Competitors must follow the instructions of the Control Marshal for entry into TC0.

15. WHANGĀREI SUPER SPECIAL STAGE (SSS), REGULATIONS AND ORDER

The SSS will be held in the afternoon to provide a spectacle for spectators. Competitors will start at 1 minute intervals with cars competing on SSS9 being interleaved with cars competing on SSS10 once they have returned to TC 10. The length of time before starting SSS9 and SSS10 will vary for each competitor to accomplish the interleaving procedure.

Depending on the number of cars and weather conditions it is possible that the final cars may complete their second pass at dusk.

Red Flag procedure: If the competitor in front of you has not cleared the jump, a Red Flag will be shown and the following competitor must STOP for the Red Flag.

16. TIME CARD CHANGES DURING THE RALLY

Time Cards will be issued at Time Controls TC0, TC5A, TC9, TC10D, TC14A.

17. RE-JOINS

It is permissible for Competitors to re-join the event at the following Service Out Time Controls (TC2B, TC5B, TC10B, TC14B); any Stage Start Time Control or TC10D exit from Parc Ferme.

Re-joins will be at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course, competitors who wish to re-join must advise the CRO at the earliest opportunity.

A competitor who re-joins shall not feature in the final results as per MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code Schedule R, Part One, Article 27.2. NZRC Category 5, Open 4WD and Open 2WD competitors who finish Day One (at TC10A) and enter Day Two (re-joining at TC10D) will be classified in the final results.

Day One Competitors wishing to also compete on Day Two:

These competitors may choose to leave their car in a secure parking area located adjacent to the overnight Parc Fermé. They must then report to start Day Two at TC10D ten minutes before their due start time.

These competitors whose cars are not already in Parc Fermé including Day Two only competitors must report to the TC ten minutes before their due start time and drive into the Parc Ferme to start at TC10D.

18. OTHER PROCEDURES

Parc Fermé

NZRC Categories 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 Competitors must respect the itinerary including Parc Fermé overnight on Saturday at Semenoff Stadium, Okara Drive, Whangarei.

For all other competitors, a parking area adjacent to the Parc Fermé will be available on Saturday night which may be used at the competitor's discretion. As per Article 13 TC10A is the final TC for Day One competitors and TC10D is the re-joining point for Leg Two.

Should a car be unable to be restarted and driven under its own power from the Overnight Parc Fermé to the Service Area before service, the Officials/Marshals and/or team personnel shall be permitted to push or tow the car to its dedicated service bay. The maximum distance that towing is allowed between Overnight Parc Fermé and the Pohe Island Service Park is to be 5kms. No other work than towing is permitted.

There is no Parc Ferme on Friday night and no facility supplied.

19. GENERAL

A. Fuel

Fuel shall comply with the provisions of the Appendix Two, Schedule A, Part Two, Article 3 of the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code. The use of unleaded commercial petrol available at petrol filling stations is permitted.

Competitors are reminded to ensure that they are familiar with the MotorSport New Zealand Code of Practice – Fuel: <https://motorsport.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Code-of-Practice-Fuel-21122023.pdf>

Competitors are reminded they must respect the Road Book at all times including transiting through all remote refuels as shown in the Road Book.

Procedure in Refuel Zones:

- Only actions inside a Refuel Zone directly involved in the refuelling of the competing vehicle are permitted.
- The responsibility for refuelling including the required fire extinguisher operator is incumbent on the competitor and their team members alone.
- Engines must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.
- It is required that the Driver and Co-Driver remain outside the car during refuelling.
- Solely for the purpose of assisting with the refuelling procedure of their car, two team members of

each crew may access the Refuel Zone. They may only enter the Refuel Zone ten minutes before their car's arrival and must leave once refuelling is completed.

- Competitors are reminded of their requirement to have a fire extinguisher with operator on standby to be provided by the competitor while refuelling.
- All competitors must supply and use absorbent spill mats during refuelling. The use of kitty litter or drip trays is not permitted.
- If a spill occurs the car must be pushed away from the spill without starting the engine. The car is not permitted to leave the refuel zone until the spill has been cleaned up to the satisfaction of the Refuel Marshals.
- A car may be pushed out of the Refuel Zone by the crew, the two team members and/or officials without incurring a penalty.

Apparel for refuel areas:

The team member refuelling the car and the extinguisher operator must at a minimum wear the following apparel during refuelling operations;

- Cotton overalls
- Gloves
- Balaclava
- Covered shoes that are non-flammable material i.e. no running shoes

It is not permitted for the Driver or Co-Driver to refuel the car wearing their competition apparel, however they may act as the extinguisher operator.

Emptying and/or refilling the tank in the Service Park:

When necessary, as part of service (i.e. changing of fuel tank, changing of fuel pump, changing of fuel filter, changing of any other item of the fuel circuit), emptying and/or refilling is permitted in a Service Park provided that:

- The work is carried out with the knowledge and approval of the Service Park Manager.
- Fire extinguisher with operator on standby to be provided by the competitor.
- No other work is carried out on the car while the fuel circuit is open and/or during the emptying and/or refilling operation.
- A suitable safety perimeter is established around the car.
- Only sufficient fuel is added to reach the next Refuel Zone.
- Crews will be held responsible for any fuel spillage and subsequent environmental damage.

Distribution during the Rally:

Refuel Zones (RA) will be established as follows:

- Building and Fire Services, 30 Kioreroa Road, Whangarei.
- "GULL" petrol filling station at Whangārei – 130 Tauroa Street, Raumanga, Whangārei as identified in the Road Book.

Plus **Remote** Refuel Zones (RA):

- Day One: Dargaville, Ruawai and Maungatapere
- Day Two: Waiohira Hall

Note: All Competitors will need to make their own supply arrangements.

These zones are for refuelling only – no servicing is permitted. Servicing is defined as any repairs or addition of fluids to the competing car, other than to change a punctured tyre. Refer to MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code, Schedule R.

Full details will be shown in the Road Book.

B. Promotional Requirements, Shakedown Rides, Ceremonial Start

Mayoral Welcome:

All competitors except Day Two only competitors are **required** to attend the Official Welcome function on Thursday 24 September at 1900hrs at the Whangarei Council Building Te Ititahi Civic Centre, 9 Rust Avenue. Our event Sponsors along with the associated District Council, City Council and other business representatives will be present. This is your opportunity to assist in showcasing our sport as well as our appreciation for having the International Rally of Whangarei return to the region again.

Drivers or Co-Drivers that are not arriving into Whangarei until Friday and are therefore unavailable to attend must request written permission to not attend from the Clerk of the Course on info@rallynz.org.nz by Wednesday 23 September.

Shakedown:

All competitors are requested to assist the Organiser's promotion of the event by providing rides for VIP guests as part of the Shakedown at Pohe Island on Friday 25 September from 1300hrs-1500hrs.

All competitors can elect to take part in the Promotional VIP Rides provided they have completed and passed Scrutineering Checks.

Any competitor who wishes to take part in the Shakedown and does not provide a minimum of one VIP ride must pay the shakedown fee of \$150.00.

RallySafe units must be removed from cars before completing Shakedown and reinstalled prior to the Ceremonial Start as leaving them in will compromise the results from SSS9 and SSS10.

Note: Refuelling is permitted in the Service Park prior to and during Shakedown. All other refuelling requirements remain in place.

Ceremonial Start:

The Ceremonial Start will be preceded by a display park on Cameron Street, Central Whangarei. This display park will open at 1600hrs, and all competing vehicles must be in place by 1645hrs. To facilitate access and arrival cars must arrive as per the following schedule:

- **1615hrs – 1625hrs:** Cars 1 – 20 arrive to display park (parked closest to ramp)
- **1625hrs – 1635hrs:** Cars 21 – 40 arrive to display park
- **1635hrs – 1645hrs:** Cars 41 – 80 arrive to display park

Competitors are to be present in team apparel or competition clothing. Competitors will cross the ramp in reverse order to depart the start area from 1730hrs. A representative of the team may deliver the car to the Ceremonial Start area.

Competitors are asked to bring promotional materials such as posters and stickers to give out and sign at their vehicles prior to the Ceremonial Start.

Cars entered for Day Two only are not required to attend the Ceremonial Start and if they wish to attend the Ceremonial Start must advise the organisers by 1700hrs on Thursday 24 September so that a place can be allocated for them.

C. Prize List

General Classification: International Rally of Whangarei

1st Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver

2nd Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver

3rd Trophies for Driver and Co-Driver

Open 4WD/2WD: International Rally of Whangarei

Trophies will be awarded to the Driver and Co-Driver placed 1st 2nd and 3rd overall at the conclusion of Leg Two in 4WD/2WD (Two Day competitors).

Whangarei Classic: International Rally of Whangarei

Trophies will be awarded to the Driver and Co-Driver placed 1st 2nd and 3rd overall at the conclusion of Leg Two (Two Day competitors).

International Entrants: International Rally of Whangarei

Trophies will be awarded to the Driver and Co-Driver placed 1st 2nd and 3rd overall at the conclusion of Leg Two (Two Day competitors).

D. Itinerary

The Itinerary is appended to these Regulations and is subject to change; the Itinerary published in the Road Book will be the definitive one.

E. Livery Requirements

Livery and competition numbers will be provided by the organisers at Documentation.

NZRC competitors extra livery requirements will be as per the 2026 NZRC Articles. Please note that all livery as outlined in these Event Supplementary Regulations is compulsory and is not dependent upon being registered for any Championship or Series.

All competition vehicles must have all the livery as outlined in these Event Supplementary Regulations in place to gain access to the pre-start area.

F. Official Time

Official time throughout the entire Rally will be set from RallySafe.

G. Withdrawals and Re-joining

All withdrawals, either temporary or permanent, must be reported to Rally Control or a CRO as soon as possible. Competitors who have handed in a temporary withdrawal form or have phoned a temporary withdrawal to Rally Control, have the opportunity to re-join the Rally (refer Article 17). Competitors wishing to re-join must advise a CRO before their scheduled report time to the TC at which they intend to re-join. If the vehicle has been damaged the competitor needs to ensure it is rechecked by the Chief Scrutineer prior to re-joining or departing the event.

Re-joining competitors will be reseeded at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

H. Change of Co-Driver

Change of Co-Driver is permitted at any Service Out Control; the replacement Co-Driver must have completed all Documentation and Scrutineering requirements. Competitors wishing to take this option are to advise the Clerk of the Course via a CRO at the Service Park at least 15mins before reporting to the Time Control.

Competitors wishing to make this change are advised as per the MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code, the crew undertaking the change cannot feature in the results.

I. RallySafe

The 'RallySafe' tracking and timing technology will be used by all competitors. An overview of the system which provides significant safety benefits can be found on www.rallysafe.com.au

All competitors must have the RallySafe fitting kits installed prior to Scrutineering; these are available for purchase here - [SAS Shop](#)

Like all electrical components, the quality of 3-in-1 antennas can be compromised by impact, age, water ingress etc.

For this reason, competitors with existing RallySafe fitting kits should inspect the existing 3-in1 antenna for damage prior to the event and order a replacement as required.

Please be reminded that RallySafe is a supplementary system designed to enhance the primary incident procedures of the event.

Up to date RallySafe information is available via the following links

- [RallySafe Unit Briefing - Video](#)
- [RallySafe Competitor - Manuals](#)
- [Push to Pass Explained - Video](#)
- [RallySafe Competitor Bulletins](#)

Competitors must fit the RallySafe unit as per the fitting instructions available on <http://rallysafe.com.au/competitors-tm/>

RallySafe units must be fitted to competing cars prior to arrival at the Ceremonial Start venue.
RallySafe Staff will be on site to test unit operation.

J. Servicing

Day One there will be two remote locations for Servicing one in Dargaville and one in Ruawai. Day Two will be based out of the Pohe Island Service Park, Riverside Drive. Competitors must service on a ground sheet capable of holding the debris and mud that falls from the vehicle during servicing. Competitors are required to remove all rubbish from all Service Parks. This applies to the Dargaville, Ruawai and Pohe Island venues.

Pohe Island Service Park

Teams will be allocated a designated service area in the Service Park approximately 7m long x 5m wide. Due to the limited space available only registered vehicles will be permitted in the Service Park. **If you require additional space or want to service alongside another team, please contact the event secretary via email no later than 1700hrs Tuesday 15 September.** Allocations will be published on the event digital Notice Board on Thursday 24 September.

Remote Service Parks

Teams will not be allocated a designated service area in these Service Parks but each competitor may use a maximum space equivalent to 6m x 5m (vehicle plus EZ Up). Due to the limited space available only registered vehicles will be permitted in the Service Park. Service Crews are not permitted to enter the Service Park area until 60 minutes prior to their competing cars due arrival time. In addition to their competition vehicle, each competitor is allowed one vehicle parked in the remote Service Park and any others must be removed out of the zone before they start service. Trailers are not allowed to be parked in the remote Service Park.

Please note: There is to be no refuelling within the Service Parks.

K. Power Stage – NZRC Competitors

The Power Stage for all NZRC competitors will be SS4 Greenhill 1. In the event SS4 Greenhill 1 is interrupted for any reason, then the Clerk of the Course may nominate SS7 Tokatoka 2 to be the replacement NZRC Power Stage. Competitors will be advised at the start of SS7 Tokatoka 2.

L. Final Time Control & Parc Ferme

NZRC Category 5 and Open 2WD and Open 4WD Competitors

The finish of the Rally for Day One only competitors will be at TC10A. From there competitors must follow the direction of Officials. Cars will be released upon the completion of technical checking. NZRC Category 5 Class winners must remain for the prizegiving as per Article 19(M) below.

Those competitors in the NZRC Category 5, Open 4WD and Open 2WD classes who intend to compete in Day Two will re-join at TC10D (Parc Ferme – Out) without penalty.

Two Day Event Finish

The finish of the Rally for two-day competitors will be at TC18A Ceremonial Finish, Pohe Island, Whangarei at 1515hrs, Sunday 27 September. All NZRC Categories 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 vehicles will be released from Parc Ferme 60 minutes after they check into the final TC unless subject to a protest or technical checking. All other competitors will be released at the completion of the Ceremonial Finish.

M. Prizegiving

A Finish Ceremony to recognise NZRC Category 5 competitors will take place at Rally HQ, Rock n Roll Clubrooms, Pohe Island, Saturday 26 September. This will take place as soon as practical once all vehicles have entered the final Time Control (TC10A).

The NZRC and Event podiums will be held as soon as practicable after all required cars have arrived at the final Time Control TC18A, Sunday 27 September. The venue for this is in the Service Park, Pohe Island.

N. Starting System of Special Stages

The competitors start time will be allocated at the start line by the Start Marshal using the RallySafe system. The countdown will be provided within the car via the RallySafe unit. In the event of a failure to this system/process the Start Marshal will commence a manual start.

A false start will be detected by the Start Marshal with the RallySafe system as the backup information.

Competing crews are reminded the only entry they can make on the timecard is within the yellow section, all other entries are to be done by the Timing Marshal.

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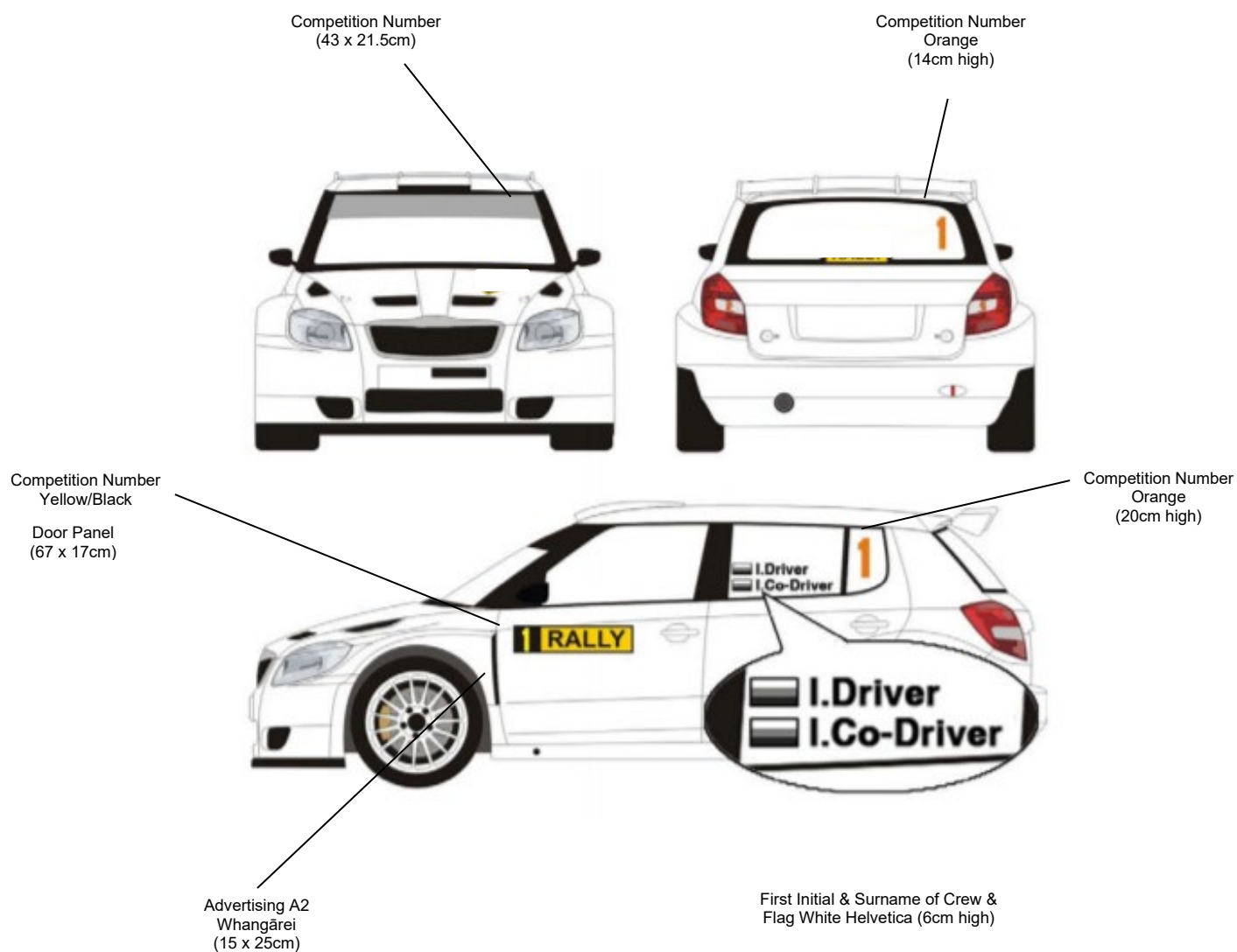


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APPENDIX 1: LIVERY PLACEMENT





ITINERARY DAY ONE



The Itinerary as published in the road book will be the definitive itinerary

International Rally of Whangarei 2026 - Day One							Version 1.0 21/05/2026
SHAKEDOWN							Friday 25 September 2026
TC	Location	SS	Liaison	Total	Target	First Car	
SS		Dist.	Dist.	Dist.	Time	Due	
Service Park Pohe Island							Shakedown
TC	Shakedown Pohe Island		1.61	1.61		12:55	
SD	Shakedown Pohe Island	1.10			0:05	13:00	
	Service Park Pohe Island		0.28	1.38			
Shakedown Totals		1.10	1.89	2.99			
CEREMONIAL START							Friday 25 September 2026
Ceremonial Start - Cameron Street Mall						17:30	
Start Leg 1 (Sections 1,2 and 3)							Saturday 26 September 2026
TC	Location	SS	Liaison	Total	Target	1st Car	
SS		Dist.	Dist.	Dist.	Time	Due	
0	Start - Pohe Island					6:00	SECTION 1
RA 1	Refuel: Building and Fire - Kioreroa Road, Whangarei Distance to next refuel - RA2	(12.18)	(62.90)	(75.08)			
1			36.17	36.17	0:45	6:45	
SS 1	Houto	12.18			0:05	6:50	
RA 2	Remote Refuel: Dargaville Distance to next refuel - RA3	(25.53)	(21.42)	(46.95)			SECTION 2
2			41.83	54.01	1:10	8:00	
SS 2	Waihue 1	25.53			0:05	8:05	
2A	Service In		6.55	32.08	0:40	8:45	
	Service A - Dargaville	(37.71)	(84.55)	(122.26)	0:30		SECTION 3
2B	Service Out					9:15	
RA 3	Remote Refuel: Dargaville @ Service Out Distance to next refuel - RA4	(25.53)	(21.48)	(47.01)			
3			14.87	14.87	0:21	9:36	
SS 3	Waihue 2	25.53			0:05	9:41	SECTION 2
RA 4	Remote Refuel: Dargaville Distance to next refuel - RA5	(42.66)	(75.84)	(118.50)			
4			43.24	68.77	1:18	10:59	
SS 4	Greenhill 1	23.60			0:05	11:04	
5			25.58	49.18	0:55	11:59	SECTION 3
SS 5	Tokatoka 1	19.06			0:05	12:04	
5A	Service In		13.38	32.44	0:40	12:44	
	Service B - Ruawai	(68.19)	(97.07)	(165.26)	0:30		
5B	Service Out					13:14	SECTION 2
RA 5	Remote Refuel: Ruawai @ Service Out Distance to next refuel - RA6	(42.66)	(53.63)	(96.29)			
6			8.36	8.36	0:16	13:30	
SS 6	Greenhill 2	23.60			0:05	13:35	
7			25.58	49.18	0:55	14:30	SECTION 3
SS 7	Totatoka 2	19.06			0:05	14:35	
RA 6	Remote Refuel: Dargaville Distance to next refuel - RA7	(13.21)	(55.10)	(68.31)			
8			46.04	65.10	1:15	15:50	
SS 8	Kirikopuni	13.21			0:05	15:55	SECTION 2
RA 7	Remote Refuel: Maungatapere Distance to next refuel - RA8	(2.64)	(39.18)	(41.82)			
9			48.86	62.07	1:10	17:05	
SSS 9	Pohe Island 1	1.32			0:03	17:08	
10			4.16	5.48	0:11	17:19	SECTION 3
SSS 10	Pohe Island 2	1.32			0:03	17:22	
10A	Service In*		4.35	5.67	0:11	17:33	
	Service C - Pohe Island	(58.51)	(137.35)	(195.86)	1:00		
10B	Service Out*					18:33	SECTION 2
10C	Overnight Parc Ferme In*		5.00	5.00	0:08	18:41	
Saturday Totals		164.41	323.97	488.38			
* Early Check In is permitted			Sunrise	06:07	Sunset	18:21	



ITINERARY DAY TWO - Reminder Daylight Saving Starts Today



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International Rally of Whangarei 2026 - Day Two							Version 1.0 21/05/2026
Start Leg 2 (Sections 4 and 5)				Sunday 27 September 2026			
TC	Location	SS	Liaison	Total	Target	1st Car	
SS		Dist.	Dist.	Dist.	Time	Due	
10D	Parc Ferme Out					7:00	
10E	Service In		5.00	5.00	0:08	7:08	
	Service D - Pohe Island	(0.00)	(5.00)	(5.00)	0:16		
10F	Service Out					7:24	
RA 8	Refuel: Building and Fire - Kioreroa Road, Whangarei						
	Distance to next refuel - RA9	(28.02)	(24.64)	(52.66)			
11			23.31	23.31	0:30	7:54	
SS 11	Ruarangi 1	7.30			0:05	7:59	
12			1.72	9.02	0:12	8:11	
SS 12	Waikiekie 1	20.72			0:05	8:16	
RA 9	Remote Refuel: Waitira						
	Distance to next refuel - RA10	(34.03)	(70.07)	(104.10)			
13			16.46	37.18	0:45	9:01	
SS 13	Omana 1	13.72			0:05	9:06	
14			8.17	21.89	0:26	9:32	
SS 14	Bull 1	20.31			0:05	9:37	
14A	Service In		47.63	67.94	1:20	10:57	
	Service E - Pohe Island	(62.05)	(97.29)	(159.34)	0:40		
14B	Service Out					11:37	
RA 10	Refuel: Building and Fire - Kioreroa Road, Whangarei						
	Distance to next refuel - RA11	(28.02)	(24.64)	(52.66)			
15			23.31	23.31	0:30	12:07	
SS 15	Ruarangi 2	7.30			0:05	12:12	
16			1.72	9.02	0:12	12:24	
SS 16	Waikiekie 2	20.72			0:05	12:29	
RA 11	Remote Refuel: Waitira						
	Distance to Finish	(34.03)	(70.07)	(104.10)			
17			16.46	37.18	0:45	13:14	
SS 17	Omana 2	13.72			0:05	13:19	
18			8.17	21.89	0:26	13:45	
SS 18	Bull 2	20.31			0:05	13:50	
18A	Ceremonial Finish In*		47.63	67.94	1:10	15:00	
	Ceremonial Finish					15:15	
	Final Parc Ferme						
Sunday Totals		124.10	199.58	323.68			
* Early Check In is permitted			Sunrise	07:05	Sunset	19:22	

TOTALS OF THE RALLY				
	SS	Liaison	Total	***
Saturday 26 September	164.41	323.97	488.38	56.99%
Sections 1,2,3				
Sunday 27 September	124.10	199.58	323.68	43.01%
Sections 4,5				
Total - 18 Special Stages	288.51	523.55	812.06	

*** = The Percentage of the total distance of special stages

APPENDIX 3: KEY DATES PRIOR TO RALLY WEEK

Friday 11 September		
1700hrs	Normal Entries Close	Rally Office
1700hrs	Competitors wishing to order Stage Notes must do so	sales@rallynotes.nz
Tuesday 15 September		
1700hrs	Requests for additional Service Park space or space alongside another team to be submitted	info@rallynz.org.nz
Friday 18 September		
1700hrs	Late Entries Close	Rally Office
	Acceptance of Entry and Seeded Entry List sent	Email to competitors

APPENDIX 3: RALLY WEEK PROGRAMME

Tuesday 22 September		
	Documentation by Appointment Only	Rally New Zealand Office
Wednesday 23 September		
1400 to 1800hrs	Documentation	Rock n Roll Club
Thursday 24 September		
0730hrs	Rally Control open	120 Port Rd, Whangarei
0900hrs	Reconnaissance commences	SS1 Houto
1500hrs	Reconnaissance finishes	SS8 Kirikopuni
1700hrs	Service Park Plan Published	Digital Noticeboard
1900hrs	Official Welcome	9 Rust Avenue
Friday 25 September		
0800hrs	Rally Control open	120 Port Rd, Whangarei
0900hrs	Reconnaissance commences	SS11/15 Ruarangi
0900 to 1400hrs	Documentation (competitors not doing Reconnaissance)	Rock n Roll Club
0900 to 1400hrs	RallySafe unit pickup	Rock n Roll Club
1000-1200hrs	Scrutineering NZRC Category 1 and others not pre-scrutineered NZRC Competitors must present logbooks	Service Park, Pohe Island
1230hrs	Reconnaissance finishes	SS14/18 Bull
1300 to 1500hrs	Shakedown	Pohe Island
1500hrs	New Competitor Briefing	Rock N Roll Club
1515hrs	RallySafe Briefing	Rock N Roll Club
1600hrs	1 st Stewards Meeting	Rally Control, 120 Port Rd, Whangarei
1615 to 1645hrs	Pre-Start Park Open	Cameron St
1700hrs	Day One Start List posted	Digital Noticeboard / Chrissport
1730hrs	Ceremonial Start	Cameron St
Saturday 26 September		
0600hrs	Rally Control Opens	120 Port Rd, Whangarei
0600hrs	First car departs TCO	Pohe Island
0650hrs	1 st Special Stage starts	SS1 Houto
1400 to 1500hrs	Documentation and RallySafe pickup for Day Two Competitors	Rock n Roll Club
1841hrs	1 st car finishes – Semenoff Stadium, Okara Drive, Whangarei	Parc Ferme,
2000hrs	Day One competitors wishing to enter Day Two must notify CRO	Pohe Island
2000hrs	2 nd Stewards Meeting	120 Port Rd, Whangarei
2000hrs	Provisional Results posted	Digital Noticeboard / Chrissport
2030hrs	Day Two Start List posted	Digital Noticeboard / Chrissport
Sunday 27 September – Reminder Daylight Saving starts today and clocks go forward one hour		
0630hrs	Rally Control Opens	120 Port Rd, Whangarei
0700hrs	First car departs TC10D	Parc Ferme Semenoff Stadium
0759hrs	1 st car starts SS11	SS11 Ruarangi 1
1500hrs	1 st car finished	Pohe Island
1600hrs	Provisional Results posted	Digital Noticeboard
1630hrs	3 rd Stewards Meeting	120 Port Rd, Whangarei

APPENDIX 4: STAGE DESCRIPTIONS

DAY ONE

SPECIAL STAGE ONE | HOUTO ROAD 12.18KM

A fast stage running away from the rising sun. A nice balance of fast and medium flowing corners. A good blast to ensure you the coffee has woken you up. Off to Dargaville now for some fuel... or maybe another coffee.

SPECIAL STAGES TWO & THREE | WAIHUE 25.53KMS

Starts out with the some very fast straights to get the heart rate up. Watch the 6L>5L past Nichols Rd, it caught a few in previous years. From there on in it's a fabulous smooth gravel road that is medium to fast with a hard base. Could be some dust in the trees towards the end. Second pass – can you knock 5-10secs off the first run?

SPECIAL STAGES FOUR & SIX | GREENHILL 23.60KMS

Starts fast the first RH junction with Access Road, make sure you get some air over the bridge as the livestream will be here. A fast blast up Access Road and then it's a LH turn onto the infamous Oparakau Road. Now it's time to bring back the mid-2000's memories as the sweeping cambered corners get the heart rate up all the way to finish just before SH12 – you are going to be looking forward to the second pass.

SPECIAL STAGES FIVE & SEVEN | TOKATOKA 19.06KMS

Enjoy parts of previous WRC stages, medium to fast packed gravel roads. A couple of slumps in the road and narrow bridges. Fast, undulating roads to finish.

SPECIAL STAGE EIGHT | KIRIKOPUNI 13.21KM

A nice way to leave the Kaipara District and go back to Whangarei. A typically fast and flowing stage, but don't be complacent as there are some tighter corners thrown in to make sure you are listening (or watching if you are driving blind). Off to Pohe Island now.

SPECIAL STAGE NINE & TEN | POHE ISLAND 1.32KM

This is not the time to become Colin or Ken – remember a spectator stage can bite and you are nearly home to the end of Day ONE. Starting from the Service Park you will do a run thru the in-field, out under the bridge and through the sweeping corners in the fields on the southern side (but watch the anti-cuts, they like to keep wheel collections). Turing left onto Dave Culham Drive push the accelerator HARD and head to the finish line, the chicane... one more to go... unless that was your second time. Time to do day two...esp if you were only doing Day One and it went so well.

DAY TWO

SPECIAL STAGE ELEVEN & FIFTEEN | RUARANGI ROAD 7.30KM

This will really wake you up. Don't take the short distance to be its not to be taken seriously, as this road has claimed some big names over the years in both Rallies and Rallysprints. This stage has it all, crests, big dips and one wickedly good junction, then it's a fast run with BIG commitment to the end of the stage over some amazing cresty corners. Just make sure to watch out for Emma's corner, keep tucked in.

SPECIAL STAGE TWELVE & SIXTEEN | WAIKIEKIE ROAD 20.72KM

Starts on a fast straight but watch the 4L over the crest. As Dave Holder and particularly Rob Scott knows, "it hurts your manhood" when you arrive at pace. Then it's a left turn and you are off on a roller-coaster of junctions as you loop back around to the refuel. This is a great stage to really have a go as there isn't much to catch you out. Good luck.

SPECIAL STAGE THIRTEEN & SEVENTEEN | OMANA ROAD 13.72KM

Back to it after the refuel, how's the concentration going? A fast little stage that's on a nice hard-packed gravel base, but skinny in places so watch your car placement. You will love the run through the stage, and the stage finishes on another famous road, Mititai. Next.... OMG IT'S BULL ROAD!!!

SPECIAL STAGE FOURTEEN & EIGHTEEN | BULL ROAD 20.31KM

This is it... the roller coaster and possibly my favourite road of the event. Bull Road is steeped in WRC history and is a wickedly good road. Some huge camber in places as winds its way south. Just watch the entry to the one-lane bridges, as Thierry Neuville found out, they hurt. Turning tight left onto Arcadia Road (have a thought for Brooklyn and Tyson) as you sweep through the junction, you will run now up a well-used WRC / IROW road to Central Road which then runs along the ridgeline to the finish. **What a way to finish your 2026 International Rally of Whangarei adventure.**