



# Black Rocks Regional Rally

## Supplementary Regulations

May 9-10, 2026

Presented by:



## Black Rocks Regional Rally 2026

### Jurisdiction:

The Black Rocks Regional Rally 2026 will be held under the Rally General Competition Rules of the Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS), the current CARS Rally Regulations, the Rally Regulations of the Atlantic Region, the current Bluenose Autosport Club (BAC) Rally Regulations, and these Supplementary Rules and Regulations. These documents are available from the following and will be available for scrutiny at the start.

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**ARMS:** Regional Rally Director, Mal Swann [atlantic@carsrally.ca](mailto:atlantic@carsrally.ca)

**CARS Rules:** <https://carsrally.ca/cars-info/rules/>

### Officials of the Event:

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## Status of the Event: Black Rocks Regional Rally 2026

Will be round one of the Bluenose Autosport Club Rally Championship and round one of the 2025 Atlantic Region Performance Rally Championship.

### Venue:

Mersey Roads at

**Start:** 44°41'56"N 63°58'18"W

**Finish:** 44°42'22"N 63°56'40"W

**HQ:** 44°41'11"N 63°58'26"W

See Maps on Page 9.

This site will act as Rally HQ, Registration for Co-Drivers, Drivers, Service Crew, Service Area, Refueling Area, Scrutineering, Parc Fermé, and Awards.

### Schedule of Events:

#### Saturday May 9, 2026

Service Opens	9:00 am
Check In	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Recce/Notes School	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Scrutineering/Tech Inspection	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Mandatory Drivers Meeting	11:00 am
Recce	11:30 am – 4:00 pm

#### Sunday May 10, 2026

Service Opens	8:00 am
Scrutineering ( <i>by appointment only</i> )	8:00 am – 10:00 am
Volunteers Head Out	9:00 am
Mandatory Drivers Meeting	9:30 am
Car 0 Starts Leg 1	10:00 pm
Car 0 Finish Leg 1	12:30 pm
Lunch / Service	12:30 pm – 1:50 pm
Car 0 Starts Leg 2	1:50 pm
Car 0 Finish Leg 2	4:30 pm
BBQ Dinner	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Results/Awards	6:00 pm

\*\*The Drivers meetings are mandatory. The driver **AND** co-driver of every team competing in the event must be present. Teams not represented at the meeting are subject to a fine of \$50.00. Roll call will be taken!

### Description of stages:

Black Rocks Regional Rally consists of road sections on DNR property near Exit 5A of Highway 103 on

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May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There is one stages, to be run three times in one direction (Leg 1) then run three times in the other direction (Leg 2). The stages will be run on closed gravel and dirt forestry roads of DNR. The stages are mostly single lane in width with varied surfaces, ranging from smooth gravel to packed soil. The entire event will be approximately 42 km of stage.

The entire route lies within:

Latitude: 44° 41' 56" to 44° 42' 22" N

Longitude: 63° 56' 40" to 63° 58' 18" W

Transits for each cycle will cover roughly 20 km on private dirt roads and public paved roads.

### Entry Closing Date and Seeded Draw:

Entries will be accepted from April 15<sup>th</sup> until the close of Registration (09h30, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026). The maximum number of entries to be accepted will be 16. Entries in excess of this number will be held in order of receipt. The Seeded Draw to determine starting positions will be held at 18h00 May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Draw will take place from all paid and complete entries received prior to 23h59 on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Start order will be determined in accordance to CARS GCR&R 21.2.2&3. The results of the seeded draw will be made available by 21h00 May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 on [www.BluenoseAutosport.ca](http://www.BluenoseAutosport.ca). See [page 6](#) for Tech Inspection details.

### Entry Fees:

Early: Entry received prior to 23h59 April 15<sup>th</sup> - \$500 CDN

Regular: Entry received between April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> - \$550 CDN

Late: Entry received after April 30<sup>th</sup> 00h00 and later - \$600 CDN

Registrations can be done by completing the competitor online registration form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9t1jxNRkwHggi6\\_k81zLoXKds3Tu-T0df4-3XTjT1s-ifbQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9t1jxNRkwHggi6_k81zLoXKds3Tu-T0df4-3XTjT1s-ifbQ/viewform) found on the BAC website, [www.bluenoseautosport.ca](http://www.bluenoseautosport.ca).

Online waivers are available to be electronically signed at <https://blunoseasc.speedwaiver.com/vbdye>. The resulting waiver confirmation should be saved on the participant's mobile device to be displayed at the event.

### 2026 Entry fees include:

- 1 competitor's official route book
- Fixed Location service
- Event Banner for the rally car
- Event Sticker
- CARS Event Insurance Coverage

### Refunds and Withdrawals:

Should you need to withdraw from the event, please inform the registrar by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Refunds will

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be processed 10 days after the conclusion of the event. Please see CARS General Competition Rules Organization of Events Article 4.10 for more details.

### **Eligibility & Documentation:**

#### Crews:

Eligibility as per CARS GCR&R, Eligibility of Crew (section 11).

A completed CARS Registration Form/Waiver must be signed by the Driver, Co-Driver and Entrant by the close of registration. Written permission from a parent or guardian for participation in the rally for persons under the legal age of majority for the province in which the event takes place. In Nova Scotia this permission would be required for anyone 18 years of age or younger. All crew members must sign the online waiver.

The following must also be completed and available by the close of registration: a. Provincial, or equivalent, driver's licence for any crew member listed as a driver. b. Vehicle registration for the competition vehicle and any service vehicle c. Third person liability insurance covering such vehicles. The registrar may choose to verify compliance with any aspect of the self-declaration.

#### Vehicles:

Eligibility is as per CARS GCR&R 12, Vehicles and Equipment.

Vehicles registered in the United States are acceptable, provided the driver is competing on a CARS entry permit and that it meets the requirements of current ARA/NASA Rally Regulations. These vehicles shall be classified according to CARS vehicle class regulations. A log book must be presented at the time of technical inspection. As per GCR&R 12.3.1.1&2

All competing vehicles must be roadworthy and, the following items in particular must be adequate and functioning properly:

- a. All brakes
- b. Horn
- c. Windshield wipers
- d. All legally required exterior lights
- e. Tires, including all spares
- f. Exhaust system

For each crew a signed self-declaration will be submitted at registration that the competition vehicle is road worthy and the above items are operating properly.

Due to portions of the transits being on public roads, all cars must be legally licensed and insured for travel on Nova Scotia roads.

### **Service and Re-fueling:**

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There will one service location co-located with HQ. The Service area opens at 7h30 Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and closes at 17h00. The Service area opens at 8h30 Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and closes at 17h00.

Service crews will be provided an event route book. This will include the rally route and maps, detailed itineraries and locations of supply facilities etc.

Each team must use a plastic tarp the size of the rally car underneath the rally car during service. Should one not be placed, a penalty will be issued at the organizer's discretion. All Service Crews must have at least one fire extinguisher with a minimum UL rating of 40BC or 2-20BC in their respective service area. The fire extinguisher shall be easily accessible and in an area visible to anyone within the teams' respective service spot.

There will be only one re-fueling area located at the service area. Re-fueling may only take place when the re-fueling area is open. These times will be indicated in the Official Route Book and the Service books. Refueling at other locations during the rally shall be deemed to be illegal service and may be penalized according to NRR VII.C. NOTE: Refueling of any vehicle is not permitted in the service area.

### **Technical Inspection:**

Competitors must present their logbook at technical inspection. Log books will not be issued/available at the event. Log books can be obtained from the CARS regional directors(CARS GCR&R 12.8).

The Scrutineer may inspect any competing vehicle at any time during the event to ensure vehicle eligibility and safety. A time allowance may be provided to facilitate this inspection. In the event that an infraction is found, the event Stewards will be notified.

All competitors will be able to purchase door number panels and windshield banners at cost. (Link to [online order form](#)). Competitors are required to reserve the areas indicated below for display of event and sponsor materials.

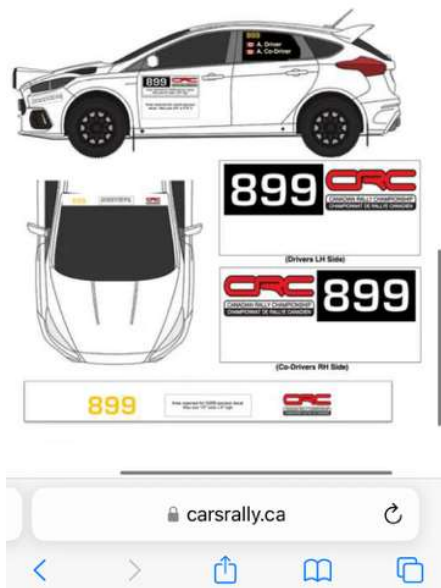
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iv. The middle of the window banner is reserved for a series sponsor decal if applicable.

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Inspection of personal equipment (Helmet, HANS, etc.) will take place Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, at the time of registration. Competitors will also be asked to fill a self-declaration form verifying the adequacy of their gear. Competition vehicles may also be inspected at this time, although not yet required.

## Reconnaissance:

Two pass recce will be available on Saturday May 9th for all stages. This is following techinspection. Certain areas of the stages are used in both directions. Recce with caution. Rally cars may be used for recce.

While on the stage roads, the following conditions will be penalized:

- Reversing
- Exceeding maximum recce speed of 60kph or less if otherwise indicated (remember these roads are open to other traffic; there will be two-way rally traffic).
- The maximum speed on transit roads shall 60kph or the posted limit. - Driving without due consideration for other road users (you may encounter residents, rally volunteers or forestry truck drivers)
- Taking additional passes

Competitors guilty of any of the above will be assessed the following penalties:

- First offence a FINE (amount at discretion of Steward) plus a personal meeting with the event organizer and steward to present the reasons why you should be allowed to continue in the event.
- Second offence, a substantial fine plus an additional personal meeting with the event organizer and steward to present reasons why you should be allowed to continue in the event.

If reasons presented are not valid you will be excluded from the event. Entry fees will not be refunded.

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Any rally competitors found on the stage roads outside the official reconnaissance time (within 60 days prior to the event) will be deemed to be practicing and as such will be subject to the usual CARS sanctions and will be excluded from the event (see CARS GCR&R 17.8.1).

A Recce / Notes School will be held on Saturday May 9th from 1000 – 1100 and is open to all competitors. Non-competitors may also register for this School and recce following these same regulations. Space is limited and only registered rally volunteers may register for Recce-only. These non-competitors must register by Friday May 1st at 1400 and the fee is \$ 40 (or have brought in a new bronze level sponsor).

### **Timing and Safety Rules:**

CARS Timing will be used for the rally (see CARS GCR&R 15.5). We will NOT be using an electronic timing system. Please review CARS GCR&R 17.9 for the appropriate use of Safety Warning Devices.

### **Restarts:**

Please review CARS GCR&R 15.15 for details on the “restart after retirement” procedure. There will be no exceptions to these rules so please read and understand them.

### **Route Modifications:**

Any modifications to the route, rules or schedule will be posted on the official board and will have to be signed by a Steward (CARS NRR 4.7 and 4.17). After the start of any leg, any modification will be posted at a control and competitors will have to sign that they have received notification (CARS NRR 21.8.5).

### **Awards:**

Trophies will be awarded to overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for 4WD class.

Trophies will be awarded to overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for 2WD class if at least 3 teams are registered in the class by May 1<sup>st</sup> otherwise only 1<sup>st</sup> place will be presented for 2WD.

### **Miscellaneous:**

All officials of the event (including marshals, radio personnel, traffic control, etc.) shall be deemed judges of fact and as such may point out any infraction of the Rally Rules and Regulations to the Organizer.

Competitors and Crews are reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages before the end of any day's competition activities at an event is forbidden (CARS GCR&R 5.11). End of day is defined as when the last competitor vehicle arrives back to the Service Area.

Tantallon is the closest town to HQ about 20 minutes away. Plan for fuel, food, and supplies accordingly.

## Black Rocks Regional Rally 2026

Some motels in the area include:

**Halifax BackPackers Beach House Hostel**

8555 St. Margarets Bay Rd, Black Point

(888) 431-3170

<https://www.halifaxbackpackers.com/>

**Wilson's Coastal Club**

7532 St. Margarets Bay Rd, Boutiliers Point

(902) 425-4662 / (866) 766-2233

<https://wilsonscostalclub.com/>

**BayBreeze Motel and Cottages**

6970 St. Margarets Bay Rd, Boutiliers Point

(902) 826-2213 / (800) 565-2615

<https://baybreeze.ca/>

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## Maps:

