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2017 LATVIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATIONS

1. General conditions

1.1. Latvian Rally Championship (hereinafter - LRC) is an open championship. LRC is multi-event competition, regulated according to the FIA International Sporting Code, (hereinafter – FIA Code), the General Provisions of the LAF National Sporting Code (hereinafter – LAF Code), the Latvian Rally General Provisions, present Regulations and it's additions, the Technical provisions of the FIA in international groups and classes for cars, technical regulations of the LAF in international groups and classes and these explanations regarding to the FIA regulations, as well as the Traffic Law of Latvian Republic (except roads closed specially for rally). Non-Latvian-going championship events are governed by national competitions series rules and regulations of the event.

1.2. The translations of the FIA legal documents published by the LAF are non-official, they are for information purposes only and their national interpretation can't be opposed to the explanation given by the FIA. In interpretation of the FIA's legislative the English text will prevail.

1.3. According to the Article 1.3. of the FIA Code any person or group of persons who organizes or participates in competitions, need to know the FIA statutes and the FIA regulations, the FIA Code and National regulations, be prepared to comply with them without reserve, as well as to comply with the decision of sporting authorities and the consequences thereof.

1.4. Time and place of LRC events:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rally name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Additional status</u>
1.	13.-14.01.2017.	Alūksne 2017	Alūksne	LAF Rally-sprint
2.	11.02.2017.	Sarma 2017	Gulbene	LAF Rally-sprint Historic rally
3.	19.-20.05.2017.	Talsi 2017	Talsi	FIA BRT LAF Rally-sprint Historic rally
4.	22.-23.07.2017	Rallijs Latvija 2017	Rīga, Jūrmala, Tukums	FIA BRT LAF Rally-sprint Historic rally
5.	<u>25.-26.08.2017</u>	Voru Rally	Veri, Estonia	
6.	07.10.2017.	Liepāja 2017	Liepāja	FIA ERC
7.	08.10.2017.	Liepāja 2017	Liepāja	FIA ERC

1.4.1. Championship date and location may be changed, no later than 60 days prior to the scheduled championship race. The date of winter races can be changed no later than 7 days prior to the scheduled championship race, according to the decision of the Council of the Rally Commission (hereinafter - CRC).

1.5. LRC Classification.

The Council of the Rally Commission of LAF in LRC 2017 determines following groups of sport cars:

1.5.1. 1st group “LRC 1”

Includes: **WRC, RRC, R5, R4, S2000; A8; A7; A6; N4; N3; N2; N1; R3; R2; R1**; - according to the FIA technical regulations and approved by the interpretations of the LAF technical rules;

L13* (over 3000 cm³ to 4000 cm³); **L12** (2500 cm³ to 3000cm³), **L11** (2000 cm³ to 2500cm³) – all-wheel drive cars according to the LAF technical regulations; **L10** (over 1600 cm³ to 2000 cm³); **L9** (over 1400 cm³ to 1600 cm³), **L8** (over 1000 cm³ to 1400 cm³); B6 and B7 classes.

*participation in L13 class is according to the decision of the RC specified car models.

1.5.2. 2nd group “LRC 2”

Includes: **N4**- according to the FIA technical regulations; LV-N4 class according to the FIA technical regulations and preferential terms of the LAF technical regulations, according to the national homologation.

1.5.3. 3rd group “LRC 3”

Includes: **N1, N2, N3, A6, A5, R2, R1** (MS1) – according to the FIA technical regulations. **L10**** (over 1600 cm³ to 2000 cm³); **L9**** (over 1400 cm³ to 1600 cm³), **L8**** (over 1000 cm³ to 1400 cm³) – L group cars - single axle drive cars according to the LAF technical regulations.

1.6. Latvian Rally Cup.

The Council of the Rally Commission of LAF for the Latvian Rally Cup 2017. determines following groups of sport cars:

1.6.1. 4th group “RK 1”

Includes: **R3, A7** according to the FIA technical regulations.

L11 (2000 cm³ to 2500 cm³); **L12** (2500 cm³ to 3000 cm³); **L13** (over 3000 cm³ to 4000 cm³), as well (**L8, L9** and **L10**)**.

– single axis drive cars according to the technical regulations of the LAF.

** - in a single race, participant can enter only in one group.

1.6.2. 5th group “RK 2”

Includes: “Baltic Open” – “B6” and “B7” all-wheel drive cars according to the LAF technical regulations.

1.6.3. 6th group „LRC Junior”

Participants: all pilots (according to the LAF Code) no older than 25 years (on the January 1st, 2017), and with a single axis drive car that corresponds to **A, N, R, L** group and its engine capacity does not exceed 2000 cm³.

1.6.4. 7th group “RK Historic”

Separate Cup for car series (till L14 class), which were built no later than 1995, according to the LAF regulations or the FIA historic technical passport and homologation regulations. Races for these groups take place only in certain LRC events (See. Point 1.4).

1.7. Conditions for obtaining title.

1.7.1. LRC champion title in each group, will be won, if during the season in the group have participated no less than eight participants and the championship has taken place in no less than 4 events.

1.7.2. Only crew, which passed the administrative control, scrutineering and received a mark in the first control point indicated in the itinerary, is considered as participated.

1.7.3. Participants of LRC and the Cup qualify for LAF’s award “Latvian Sport Master of Autosport” in accordance with the rules in force of the year of the series.

1.8. In drafting a starting list for each group of all events taking place in Latvia, the principle that the first six championship and Cup crews (up to the point of current event) are placed as close as possible to each other must be observed.

1.9. LRC official website is *www.autorally.lv*

On this site all the current information on LRC events, the event’s official documentation before the race and during the race, the results of the race, the judge’s and the steward’s decisions, the official documentation and results of the series, are published. Only this web site has the official web site status for course of the series.

2. Regulations of events, basic principles of organization of events

2.1. Each LRC event Organizer (hereinafter - Organizer) publishes an appendix of the Regulations (hereinafter – Event Supplementary Regulations) at least 30 days before the event. The Organizer and stewards has a right to make changes in the Event Supplementary Regulations according to the FIA Code and the LAF Code.

2.2. Running of the LRC event is provided by relevant Organizer and the competition is managed by panel of judges established by the organizer. Stewards, Clerk of the course, Safety Officer and Chief Secretary are confirmed by the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF.

2.3. The Organizer selects the route of each event of the LRC in accordance with the FIA and the LAF requirements.

2.4. The Organizer publishes event's application procedure, individual and team entry fee and contribution procedure in the Events Supplementary Regulations. In case of not participating, if an applicant does not withdraw the application, a fine is 70 euro.

2.5. A competitor has the right to place advertisement stickers on their cars that do not interfere with the scheme (see Appendix 1 of the Regulations) and if it is not prohibited by the General provisions of the Latvian Rally or by the Event Supplementary Regulations.

2.6. Advertising space, located directly besides the start numbers and below the start numbers as well as elsewhere on the rally plates, are intended for the Organizer advertisements. These advertisements are mandatory and participants/entrants may not refuse. The start number stickers can be of a size up to 50 cm in width and 52 cm in height and additional space up to 67cm * 14cm in international competitions.

Texts of the advertisements are clearly indicated in the Appendixes of the Event Supplementary Regulations, no later than 7 days before the event.

2.7. The Organizer can place their advertisements on cars in accordance with Appendix 1 of these Regulations. The Organizer or the LAF can penalize a participant for deviations from the Appendix 1 of the Regulations with a penalty specified in the Event Supplementary Regulations. The LAF has the right to cancel any penalties imposed by the Organizer, if the Organizer has failed to comply with the Appendix 1 of the Regulations. The Organizer has the right to implement in the Event Supplementary Regulations sanctions for entrant's refusal to place the Organizer's advertising stickers on his or her car, considering that the penalty for refusal of the Organizer's advertising should not exceed double entry fee.

2.8. The Organizer may indicate a prohibited area of regions or roads in the Event Supplementary Regulations, where entrants may not be in up to 90 days before the event.

2.9. Reconnaissance of the event's route is allowed only for cars with a gas exhaust system, noise level and other parameters that comply with the Traffic laws and the Latvian rally regulations, as well as the requirements of the organizer.

2.10. Reconnaissance speed infringements may be penalized according to the Event Supplementary Regulations. Penalties may not exceed the amount which is equivalent to:

- for the first infringement from 10 to 20 km/h – EUR 15 for each excess km;
- for the first infringement from 20 to 40 km/h – EUR 20 for each excess km;
- for the second infringement from 10 to 40 km/h – EUR 20 for each excess km;
- for the third infringement or the infringements above 40 km/h are reported to jury to apply the penalty.

The Organizer of the event is not entitled to reduce or exempt from the above-mentioned penalties. In events, which takes place outside Latvia or in European Championship or in a cup series, these penalties may be changed and will be determined in accordance with the regulations of these rallies.

3. Participants in the LRC.

3.1. Only participants who are licensed for rally may participate in LRC 2017.

3.2. In order to qualify in the LRC or the cup, foreign participants must submit an application (Appendix 2) to the Rally Commission of LAF and pay the participation fee EUR 200.

3.3. Drivers, who have not reached the age of 18, can take part in LRC only with special decision of the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF on the condition that the other driver (co-

driver or pilot) is LAF Rally Commission approved racing driver with rally experience. On general traffic roads (in race and reconnaissance time) it is allowed for both drivers to drive the car, but all Traffic rules regarding training driving must be complied with, when the car is driven by the pilot under the age of 18. Participation in the LRC for drivers under the age of 16 years is permitted by the Council's of the Rally Commission of LAF separate decision and these competitors are permitted to drive the car only during the race in sections closed for general traffic.

4. Race procedure and security.

4.1. Distance of all special stages will be in the range of 100 to 120 km (with a tolerance of (+) or (-) 15%).

4.2. All competitors who have quit during an event, must wait for the concluding car ("green light"), return a **carnet** with the true reason for withdrawal. For infringements of this rule the Council of Rally Commission of LAF (after the clarification of circumstances) may penalize the crew with a money fine of EUR 70,00 or prohibit to participate, if it is established that the competitor deliberately hid the reason for withdrawal.

4.3. In case of competitor's withdrawal due to "crash" or "drive off the road", it is required to show the car to the race scrutineers. For infringements of this rule the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF may penalize the crew with a money fine of EUR 150,00 or prohibit the participation in the next race.

4.4. In case of road traffic accident, crash and technical fault in Super Stages (hereinafter - SS), where the race car is on the road, or closer than 3 meters to the road, drivers must warn other drivers by placing the emergency warning signs no less than 100 m from the accident place in a visible place on the side of the road where the crashed car is located.

4.5. In case of an accident without injuries that require immediate medical assistance, crew must clearly display sign "OK" to the following three cars.

4.6. If immediate medical intervention is needed, sign "SOS" must be showed to the following three cars.

4.7. Each crew that was able, but failed to comply with the conditions in paragraphs 4.4., 4.5., 4.6., Stewards may penalize according to requirements of the FIA Code and the LAF Code.

4.8. In 2017 use of HANS system will be mandatory for all competitors participating in LRC competitions.

4.9. In 2017 in all events of the Championship, taking place in Latvia, GPS security monitoring system will be used, which allows to determine the precise location of the crew in route and allows to alert the Rally Control Center. This system is also used during reconnaissance and can be used, as the inspection device to apply penalties for the participant's infringements of rules.

4.10. Repeated start of the rally, or application of Rally 2 system in the LRC is according to the FIA RRSR 2017 regulations.

5. Restrictions on the LRC.

5.1. Tire restrictions.

In the LRC 2017 events Special Stages with asphalt pavement it is allowed to use only tires for gravel special stages.

5.2. Fuel restrictions.

In the LRC it is allowed to use fuel that meets the FIA technical regulations. The fuel used in the LRC events taking place in the territory of LR, it is required to have the Fuel Declaration (Appendix No. 3) where the applicant shows, that the used fuel is in accordance with FIA regulations. The Fuel Declaration may be handed in and signed by fuel suppliers on behalf of the applicant, if they supply and fill fuel only in the rally refueling areas.

5.4. Restrictions during reconnaissance.

5.4.1. In LRC stages there is a regulated reconnaissance minimum - two times of reconnaissance with each unique special stage or part of special stage, which are included in the competition's route. For pilots under the age of 19, as well as the beginners in LRC, there are permitted exceptions – 3 times before each Latvian-going event.

5.4.2. In all LRC events there are equal standards of speed limit in reconnaissance:

80 km/h – in route sections where it does not require any special restrictions and is allowed by Traffic rules;

50 km/h – in narrow route sections where safety can be compromised, in urban or village areas, in other areas designated by organizers;

30 km/h – in route sections where there is a need to minimize speed (homes, villages, urban areas, increased danger zones). The Organizer will have to place road signs in these areas, in order for participants to recognize them.

5.5. Anti-doping restrictions.

According to the World Anti-Doping Code, it is possible to measure alcohol level during the competition. Alcohol (ethanol) is determined using the breath test. In case of an infringement, participant will be excluded from current competition and the violation will be reported to the Rally Commission.

6. Individual rating in LRC.

6.1. Results of each event of the championship in individual standing, shall be determined by adding together the results of special stages and fine time for road competitions, as well as other infringements provided in the Event Supplementary Regulations. Higher place is awarded to the crew with a smaller amount of time. In case of same result a higher place is awarded to the crew, which has a better result in the first SS, if the result is still the same - the second SS, then the third SS and etc.

6.2. Only in **the standing of Junior Cup** for each win in a special stage, the crew gets 1 bonus point in the standing of Junior Cup. If several crews present the same fastest time in the special stage, all the crews receive bonus points. Bonus points are not awarded if the special stage is canceled. If the crew, at the start of a special stage, is being penalized for a false start, it does not receive bonus point.

6.3. In the LRC standing the points won in events by the crew are added together. As the LRC occurs in 7 events, LRC results are calculated by using the formula $N-1$, where N is the sum of points the crew has won in all events of LRC, but 1 is the lowest points, that the crew has won in one of the events held. In case of less events held, results of all events are included.

If the crew is disqualified or excluded in one of the events based on technical regulations violations, this result is included in the standing.

6.4. In standing of groups points are awarded in compliance with the official results, according to the following calculations:

Place	Points in LRC	Bonus points for the rally circle (Note: only if the length of SS in circle is over 30km)
1.	25	7
2.	18	6
3.	15	5
4.	12	4
5.	10	3
6.	8	2
7.	6	1
8.	4	
9.	2	
10.	1	

Bonus points for the rally circle can be obtained only if the circle SS length is more than 30km. To receive bonus points, the crew has to arrive to the final rally Parc Ferme.

6.5. In case of same amount of points in LRC standing a higher place is awarded to the crew, which won a higher place in a separate event, if this criterion is equal - more higher places in LRC (more 1st places, more 2nd places, more 3rd places, etc.), if this criterion also is equal - a higher place during an event with greater number of participants in the group.

7. Rules for the LRC teams and standing in the LRC

7.1. Teams can participate in the LRC Teams' competition, if they have submitted an application and paid the team championship membership fee to The Council of the Rally Commission of LAF.

Team can be applied:

- a) by paying an entry fee for the whole season - EUR 500;
- b) by registering a team application, and nominating there at least one crew.

7.2. LRC teams receive:

- a) a priority places in service parks of the LRC events and an opportunity to get a service area larger by up to 20% free of charge;
- b) to publish their press releases in official web site - www.autorally.lv;
- c) access to the LAF GPS security system.

7.3. The LRC teams can consist of maximum three crews, two best crews receive points for the team in each event. In addition, a junior crew may be included in the team, the best junior result gives points to the team in each event. Team's second and third crew can be changed unlimited number of times during the year. The sportsman may not change the team more than once per year.

7.4. In teams' standing in each event, teams' receive points of their two highest placed crew's in overall standing between the all-wheel drive and a single axle drive vehicles. Points for these crews are assigned following calculation below:

Place in group	Points in LRC
1.	25
2.	18
3.	15
4.	12
5.	10
6.	8
7.	6
8.	4
9.	2
10.	1

7.5. In case of same amount of points a higher place is awarded to the team, which won a higher place in overall standing of a separate event.

7.6. Teams are awarded "bonus" points for junior (under Art.1.6.2. of this Regulations) participation in teams:

- in each event, team may receive up to 4 points, if junior crew registered in this team has placed:

Place in group	Additional points for team, except the last event
1st place "Junior classification"	4
2st place "Junior classification"	3
3st place "Junior classification"	2
4st place "Junior classification"	1
5st place "Junior classification"	1
6st place "Junior classification"	1
7st place "Junior classification"	1
8st place "Junior classification"	1

7.7. Team's result of the year in the LRC standing, is determined as the sum of points received by the team in all events. In case of same amount of points a higher place is awarded to the team, which won a higher place in separate events.

8. Procedure for protests and appeals.

8.1. Protests and appeals are governed by the LAF Sporting Code, and the Art. 8 of these regulations.

8.2. All protests must be submitted to the competitor relation's officer. The photo and the coordinates, as well as the schedule of competitor relation's officer are published in the Event's Supplementary Regulations Appendix.

8.3. Protest fees are as following:

8.3.1. For the protest against the running of the event or the results, the fee is EUR 150. In case a protest will be submitted to international competitions, fee is according to FIA RRSR 2017.

8.3.2. Fee for the protest, which will be submitted about technical condition of a car, where it is clearly defined that the dismantling of car parts will be necessary (engine, gearbox, steering system, brake system, electrical wiring, chassis, etc.) is determined EUR 1500. Expenses incurred in the process of dismantling and transporting the car shall be paid by the claimant, if the protest is unfounded. Or by the participant against whom the protest is filed if it has proven to be justified.

If the protest has proven to be unfounded, and if the costs for investigating the protest (technical inspection, logistics costs) are higher than the amount paid, the difference shall be paid by the claimant. In turn, if the costs are lower, the difference will be returned to him. If the protest is rejected, the contributions, in accordance with the steward's decision, in full or in part, remain to the organizer and competitor, against whom the protest was held.

8.3.3. If costs, incurred in result of the incident connected with the protest for additional checking of the car's hub and adequate preparation for further participation in the competitions, are greater than the protest fee, the compliant shall pay the difference under estimate approved by the LAF Technical Commission and the Council of the Rally Commission of the LAF.

8.4. An appeal to the Court of Appeal of the LAF is governed by the Section No 12 of the LAF Sporting code. The fee for an appeal specified by the Presidium of the LAF is EUR 1000.

9. Prize giving.

9.1. In the LRC standing, the best first three places in group will be awarded, if during the year at least eight crews participated in the group.

9.2. In the LRC standing, the best first three teams will be awarded.

Appendixes:

- 1.** Location scheme of advertising and numbering;
- 2.** The LRC application for foreign participants
- 3.** The LRC fuel declaration

Good luck!

The Regulations of the Latvian Championship 2017 are developed and approved by the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF on the 8th November, 2016. These Regulations shall enter into force on the 1st December, 2016.

The Regulations of the Latvian Championship 2017 are published in Latvian, English and Russian. In case of differences, Latvian version is decisive according to the Art. 1.1. and 1.2.