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2013 LATVIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATIONS

1. General prescriptions

1.1. Latvian Rally Championship (hereinafter - LRC) is open championship. LRC is multi-event competition, regulated according to the FIA International Sporting Code, (hereinafter – FIA Code), the General Provisions of Latvian LAF National Sporting Code (hereinafter – LAF Code), the Latvian Rally General Provisions, present Regulations and additions, the Technical provisions of FIA in international groups and class for cars, technical regulations of LAF in international groups and class and these explanations, as well as the Traffic Laws of Latvian Republic (excepting roads closed specially for rallies). Non-Latvian-going Latvian Championship event is governed by national competitions series rules and regulations or the event.

1.2. The translation of the FIA legal documents translated published by LAF are an informal, they are for informational purposes only and their national interpretation can't be opposed to the explanation given by FIA. In interpretation of the FIA's legislative the English text will prevail.

1.3. According to the Article 58 of FIA Code any person or group of persons who organizes or participates in competitions need to know the FIA statutes and FIA regulations, the FIA Code and National regulations, be prepared to comply with them without reserve, as well as to comply with sporting authorities' decisions and the consequences thereof.

1.4. Time and place of LRC events

| Event | Time | Rally name | Place | Additional status |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1. | 01.-02.2013. | - Rally Liepāja - Ventspils | Liepāja | ERC |
| 2. | 03.02.2013. | - Rally Liepāja - Ventspils | Ventspils | ERC |
| 3. | 23.-24.02.2013. | - Rally Sarma 2013 | Gulbene | Rallysprint, event of Lithuanian Championship, BWRC, NEZ |
| 4. | 17.-18.05.2013. | - Rally Talsi 2013 | Talsi | Rally of Champions ® |
| 5. | 19.-20.07.2013. | - Rally Estonia 2013 | Otepaa, Estonia | NEZ, event of Estonian Championship |
| 6. | 09.-10.08.2013. | - Rally 300 Lakes 2013 | Zarasai, Lithuania | event of Lithuanian Championship |
| 7. | 30.-31.08.2013. | - Rally Kurzeme 2013 | Liepāja | Rallysprint, event of Estonian Championship |
| 8. | 21.-22.09.2013 | - Rally Latvija 2013 | Jūrmala, Kuldīga | Rallysprint, NEZ |

1.4.1 Places and dates can be changed no later than 60 days before planned LRC event.

1.5. LRC.

The Council of the Rally Commission of LAF in LRC 2013 determines following groups of sport cars:

1.5.1. N4

Include: N4 - according to the FIA technical regulations.

1.5.2. R4

Include: R4, S2000, N4 - according to the FIA technical regulations.

1.5.3. “A Plus”

Include: WRC, A8, WRC2011, RRC – according to the FIA technical regulations and approved by the interpretation of the LAF technical rules;

L13 (over 3000 cm³ to 3500 cm³), L12 (2500 cm³ to 3000cm³), L11 (2000 cm³ to 2500cm³) all-wheel drive cars according to the LAF technical regulations.

1.5.4. “R2”

Include: N1, N2, N3, A6, A5, R2, R1 (MS1) - according to the FIA technical regulations.

1.6. Latvian Rally Cup.

The Council of the Rally Commission of LAF in Latvian Rally Cup 2013 determines following groups of sport cars:

1.6.1. „2WD”

Include: R3, A7 according to the FIA technical regulations.

L10 (over 1600 cm³ to 2000cm³); L9 (over 1400 cm³ to 1600 cm³); L8 (over 1000 cm³ to 1400 cm³)

L11 (2000 cm³ to 2500cm³); L12 (2500 cm³ to 3000cm³); L13 (over 3000 cm³ to 4000 cm³).

All L class cars – single axis drive cars according to the technical provisions of LAF.

1.6.2. „LRC Junior”

Run: only in Latvian-going rally events.

Participants: all pilots (according to the LAF Code) no older than 23 years (on the 1 January 2013), and with a single axis drive car that corresponds to **A, N, R, L** group and its engine capacity does not exceed 2000 cm³.

1.7. Conditions for obtaining title.

1.7.1. LRC champion title in each group, except **“A Plus” and R4**, will be fought, if during the season in the group are participated no less than eight participants.

1.7.2. For a participated is considered to be a crew who has done administrative check, scruteneering and have checked in in first TC of timetable.

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1.7.3. Participants of the "N4" class car in one race may start in one LRC group.

1.7.4. LRC champion title in "A Plus" will be fought, if in Latvian ongoing rallies of the season not less than eight participants participated. Participant receives group "A plus" points, if he or she participates in at least in four Latvian-going championship events.

1.7.5. Participants of LRC and the Cup qualify for LAF's award "Latvian Sport Master of Autosport" in accordance with the rules in force in series events in a year.

1.8. By making Start List for each group in all Latvian-going events the rule is that first six crews from Championship and Cup (for given event) in Start List should be placed as close as possible to each other.

1.9. LRC official website is www.autorally.lv

In this site are published all the current information on LRC events, the event's official documentation before the race and during the race, the race results, the judge's and the jury's decisions, the show official documentation and results. Only this web site is the official web site for information status in the course of the series.

2. Regulations of events, principles of events organization

2.1. Each LRC event Organiser (hereinafter - Organizer) publishes an annex of the Regulation (hereinafter – Event Supplementary Regulations) at least 30 days before the event. The Organizer and stewards has right to make changes in the Event Supplementary Regulations according to FIA Code Art.66 and LAF Code Art.3.19.

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

2.3. The Organiser 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. If an applicant does not refuse the application, a fine is 50.00 LVL.

2.5. A competitor has the right to place ads on his car stickers according to the scheme (see Annex 1 of the Regulations) when it is not prohibited by the General provisions of the Latvian Rally or by the Event Supplementary Regulations.

2.6. Advertising space, located directly next to the start number and below to the start number in 34 cm band, as well as elsewhere on the rally plates foreseen for the Organizer ad. This ad is mandatory and participants/entrants may not be refused. Start number sticker can be of a size up to 50 cm in width and 52 cm in height. Texts of the ads are clearly indicated in the Annexes of the Event Supplementary Regulations, no later than 21 days before the event.

2.7. The Organiser can place their ads on cars in accordance with Annex No 1 of this Regulation. The Organiser or LAF can punish a participant for deviations of the Annex of the Regulations with a penalty specified in the Event Supplementary Regulations. LAF has the right to cancel any penalties imposed by the Organiser, failure to comply with the regulations of this Annex. The Organizer has the right in the Event Supplementary Regulations impose

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sanctions for entrant refusal to place the Organizer's advertising stickers on his or her car, considering that the

penalties for refusal of the Organizer's advertising should not exceed double entry fee.

2.8. The Organiser may impose in the Event Supplementary Regulations a ban for entrants to stay in regions or roads published in the Event Supplementary Regulations 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 complying with the Traffic laws and the FIA General provisions, as well as the requirements of the organiser.

2.10. Reconnaissance speed infringements are certainly punishable according to the Event Supplementary Regulations. Penalty should not exceed the amount which is equivalent to:

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

The event's Organizer is not entitled to reduce or exempt the above-mentioned penalties. In events going outside Latvia or European Championship round these penalties may be changed and will be defined accordingly to rules of these events.

3. Participants in the LRC.

3.1. In LRC 2013 may to start participants licensed only by the Rally Commission of LAF, EU or FIA NEZ area.

3.2. Foreign participants must submit an application (Appendix 2) to the Rally Commission of LAF and to pay the participation fee EUR 200, or its equivalent in Latvian lats for the pass to LRC.

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) to serve for the LAF Rally Commission approved racing driver with rally experience. In general traffic open roads (in race and reconnaissance time) is allowed to both drivers to drive car, but must follow to all Traffic rules regarding training driving, where 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 according to the LAF Rally Commission's separate decision and these competitors are permitted to drive only during the competition for general traffic in closed road sections.

4. Race and security.

4.1. Special stage distance will be in the range of 90 to 120 km (with a possible variation (+) or (-) 10%).

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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 fact-finding) to team members may impose a fine 50,00 LVL or prohibit to start, if it is found that the competitor deliberately hid the reason for withdrawal.

4.3. In case of withdrawal of competitors due to "crash" or "descent from the road", it is required to show the car to the race scrutineers. For the violation of this condition the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF may impose a fine of 100,00 LVL or prohibit start in the next race.

4.4. In case of road traffic accident, incident and technical error in SS, where the race car is on the road bed, or closer than 3 meters to the road, drivers warn other drivers by placing the emergency warning signs not less than 100 m from the accident place in visible place of side of the road where the crashed a car.

4.5. In case of an accident where no injuries that require immediate medical assistance, crew must clearly display sign "OK" the following three cars.

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

4.7. Each crew will be in a position to, but failed to comply with the conditions in paragraphs 4.4., 4.5., 4.6., the stewards may punish according to the FIA Code and the Code requirements of the LAF.

4.8. In 2013 use of HANS system will be mandatory for all competitors participated in LRC competitions.

4.9. In 2013 in all LRC events **highly recommended** is using of GPS monitoring system, which allows to see exact position of the car on a rally route and alert the rally control center.

5. Restrictions on the LRC.

5.1. Tire restrictions.

In 2013 are specified limit on the number of tires per race, under the following conditions:
a) where the total length to limited special stages up to 100km - are allowed to use **8** tires (according to the winter or gravel circumstances);

b) where the total length to limited special stages over 100 km - is allowed to use **10** (according to the winter or gravel conditions) tires;

c) in LRC 2013 events with asphalt pavement special stages are allowed to use tires for the gravel special stages. In special stages, where the asphalt cover more than 51% of the total stage length, the applied tires does not count in the competition's tires limit;

5.2. Fuel restrictions.

In the LRC 2013 are allowed to use fuel meeting the FIA technical regulations. The fuel used un LRC events taking place in the territory of LR, is required fuel Declaration (Annex No. 3) where the applicant shows that the used fuel is in accordance with FIA regulations. The fuel

declaration may make and sign fuel suppliers on behalf of the applicant if they supply fuel and filling it only in the rally refueling areas.

All participants in the LRC Latvian-going events can pre-order and receive "Carless" and "VP" fuel products in each rally service park. Full information on product delivery to each event will be announced on each rally "Rally Guide".

5.3. In the LRC "Rally 2" system is not used. Use of this system in particular event is not prohibited, but the crew, who resumed the race after "Rally 2" system does not receive points for LRC event.

5.4. In LRC stages are regulated reconnaissance minimum - two times of reconnaissance with each unique special stage or part of special stage which included in the competitions route. For pilots under the age of 18 are permitted exceptions aligned with the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF before each Latvian-going event.

5.5. At all LRC events are equal standards of the speed limit in reconnaissance:

- 80 km/h – in route sections where does not require any special restrictions and allow the speed of the Traffic rules;
- 50 km/h – in narrow route sections where can be compromised safety, in urban or village areas, in other areas at the discretion of the organisers;
- 30 km/h – in route sections which the need to minimize speed (homes, villages, urban areas, to sensitive sites), place in these locations will need to label for participants to identify those areas.

6. Individual rating in LRC.

6.1. Results of each stage of the championship in individual rating shall be determined by adding together the results and fine time for road competitions, as well as other infringements provided for 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 is a better first SS result, even if the result is the same - the second SS, then a third-SS and etc.

6.2. In 2013 in each LRC and Cup class "power stage" system is used. Participants allocate an additional 2 points for the win and 1 point for second place in the last SS of the event to each event's points received. If SS is interrupted, bonus points are awarded if until stopping of this SS has participated for at least 75% of this group.

6.3. In the LRC standings summed crew scored points in events. LRC is in 8 stages, LRC results are calculated by using the formula $N-1$, where N is the sum of points the crew won in all events of LRC, but 1 is the lowest score of the crew has won in one of the event held. In the case of less events held, include results of all events.

If the crew is disqualified or excluded in one of the events, this result is included in the standings.

6.4. In classification groups points are awarded the first ten sites provided the following calculation:

| Place | Points |
|-------|-----------|
| 1. | 15 |
| 2. | 12 |
| 3. | 10 |
| 4. | 8 |
| 5. | 6 |
| 6. | 5 |
| 7. | 4 |
| 8. | 3 |
| 9. | 2 |
| 10. | 1 |

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

6.5. Organiser may provide an absolute evaluation of his event.

7. LRC teams rules and score in LRC

7.1. In LRC team score participate only teams submitted an application and paid an entry fee of championship to the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF. The team entry fee in 2013 is 500,00 LVL.

7.2. LRC teams receive:

a) a priority places in service parks of the LRC events and free access to get more service area up to 20%;

b) to publish their press releases in official web site - www.autorally.lv

7.3. LRC teams have three crews. In addition to the teams may be included the junior crew. To the first LRC event team has to apply two crews. Team may change third crew any number of times during the year. A participant can't change the team more than once during a year. At each LRC event the team registering for the competition must submit a new application with a reference of participant are included to the assessment of team and the crew nominated for the Junior Championship.

7.4. In teams score of the each event are included points of two crew's standing between the all-wheel drive and a single axle drive vehicles. Points of these crews are assigned to the following calculation:

| Place in group | Points |
|----------------|-----------|
| 1. | 15 |
| 2. | 12 |
| 3. | 10 |
| 4. | 8 |

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| 5. | 6 |
| 6. | 5 |
| 7. | 4 |
| 8. | 3 |
| 9. | 2 |
| 10. | 1 |

7.5. Participants receive points according to their place in group (all-wheel drive or single axle drive). In case of same amount of points a higher place is awarded to the team, which won a higher place in overall classification of separate event.

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

- to the team's assessment in the every event up to 4 points are attached if junior crew registered in a team has taken:

| Place | „Bonus” points for teams |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st place „Junior classification” | 4 |
| 2nd place „Junior classification” | 3 |
| 3rd place „Junior classification” | 2 |
| 4th place „Junior classification” | 2 |
| 5th place „Junior classification” | 2 |
| 6th place „Junior classification” | 2 |

7.7. The team's result in LRC standings team's result is determined as the sum of points scored 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. Protests and appeals procedures.

8.1. Protests and appeals must be determined by the LAF Sporting Code, and Art. 8 of these regulations.

8.2. Protests about non-compliance of competitive car must be submitted no latter than 15 minutes after parking a competitive car at *Parc Ferme*.

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

8.4. Protest fees are following:

8.4.1. Protest against the event's running or outcomes are charged 100.00 LVL.

8.4.2. Fee for the protest, which was submitted on the non-compliance of competitive car in the hardcore car dismantling assemblies (engine, gearbox, steering system, brake system, electrical wiring, chassis, etc.) is determined for 1000 LVL.

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 and it proved to be justified.

If the protest proved to be unfounded, and if the costs for investigating of the appeal (technical inspection, logistics costs) are higher than the amount paid, the difference shall be paid by the claimant. Conversely, if the costs are lower, the difference will be returned to him.

8.4.3. If the protest is rejected, the contributions, in accordance with the steward's decision, in full or in part, remain to the organiser and competitor, against whom the protest held.

8.4.4. If costs incurred in result of the incident connection with protest and additional checking of the car's hub and adequate preparation for further participation in the competition, over 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 LAF.

8.5. An appeal to the Court of Appeal of LAF governing to Section No 12 of the LAF Sporting code. The fee for lodging an appeal prescribed by Presidium of LAF is 700.00 LVL.

9. Prize giving.

9.1. At every event will award the first three places in the classification groups if in the classification group were participated at least 6 crews.

9.2. At each event the first-place team is awarded.

9.3. The organizer has rights in collaboration with sponsors and supporters to determine the other prizes.

9.4. LRC standing will award best first three places in the classification group, if in this group participated for at least eight crews.

9.5. LRC standing will award best first three teams.

Annexes:

No 1 Location scheme of advertising and numbering;

No 2 LRC application for foreign participants

No 3 LRC fuel declaration

Good luck!

Latvian Championship Regulations 2013 developed and approved by the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF on 15 November 2012. Those Regulations shall enter into force of 14 December 2012.

Latvian Championship Regulations 2013 are published in Latvian, English and Russian. In case of difference of the Latvian version is decisive according to the Art. 1.1. and 1.2.