

2014 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 Law 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:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rally name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Additional status</u>
1.	31.01.-01.02.2014	- Liepāja	Liepāja	European Rally Championship 2nd event
2.	01.-02.02.2014.	- Liepāja	Liepāja	European Rally Championship 2nd event
3.	12.-13.05.2012.	- Sarma 2014	Gulbene	Rallysprint, event of Estonian Rally Championship
4.	17.-18.05.2014.	- Rally Talsi 2014	Talsi	Event of Lithuanian Rally Championship, NEZ, NEZ junior cup
5.	13.-14.06.2014	- Viru 2014	Estonia	LRC
6.	08.-09.08.2014.	- 300 Lakes 2014	Zarasai, Lietuva	LRC, NEZ
7.	29.-30.08.2014.	- Rally Kurzeme 2014	Liepāja	Rallysprint
8.	18.-19.10.2014. (res. 28-29/09)	- Rally Latvija 2014	Jūrmala, Cēsis	Rallysprint, NEZ, NEZ final

1.4.1.

Championship date and location may be changed, not later than 60 days prior to the scheduled championship stage.

1.5. LRC Classification.

The Council of the Rally Commission of LAF in LRC 2014 determines following groups of sport cars:

1.5.1. 1st Group R5

Include: RRC, R5, R4, S2000, A8, N4* – according to the FIA technical regulations and approved by the interpretation 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.

1.5.2. 2nd group N4

Include: N4* - according to the FIA technical regulations.

1.5.3. 3rd group R2

Include: N1, N2, N3, A6, A5, R2, R1 (MS1) – according to the FIA technical regulations and; L10 *(over 1600 cm³ to 2000 cm³), L9* (over 1400 cm³ to 1600cm³), L8* (over 1000 cm³ to 1400cm³)

– 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 in Latvian Rally Cup 2014 determines following groups of sport cars:

1.6.1. „2WD”

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

L11 (2000 cm³ to 2500cm³); 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 provisions of LAF.

*-participant at one stage can enter only in one group

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 2014), 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, will be win, if during the season in the group are participated no less than eight participants.

1.7.2. Crew, which passed the administrative control, scrutineering and received matches in the first control point marked in the map, is considered competed.

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 in series events in a year.

1.8. In drafting a start list for each group for all stages taking place in Latvia must be observed the principle that the first six championship and Cup crews (in the particular competition) are 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 stewards 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 70.00 euro.

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 Organiser 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 sanctions for entrant 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 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 – 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 for applying of the penalty.

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

3. Participants in the LRC.

3.1. In LRC 2014 may to start participants licensed only by the Rally Commission of LAF, EU or NEZ area.

3.2. Foreign participants for classification must submit an application (Appendix 2) to the Rally Commission of LAF and to pay the participation fee EUR 200 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 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 fact-finding) to team members may impose a fine EUR 70,00 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 EUR 150,00 euro 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, 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 requirements of the LAF Code.
- 4.8.** In 2014 use of HANS system will be mandatory for all competitors participated in LRC competitions.
- 4.9.** In 2014 in all events of the Championship are strongly recommended GPS security monitoring system which allows to determine the precise location of the crew in route and alert notification is possible to the rally control center.

5. Restrictions on the LRC.

5.1. Tire restrictions.

In LRC 2014 events with asphalt pavement special stages are allowed to use only tires for the gravel special stages.

5.2. Fuel restrictions.

In the LRC 2014 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 is not used "Super Rally" system. Use of this system in particular event is not prohibited, but crew, who resumed the race after "Super Rally" system does not receive points for the 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 discretion of 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. Starting from 2014 in each LRC and Cup class are introduced “power stage” system. 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. Only in the Junior Cup test's for each win in special stage, the crew gets 1 bonus point in Junior Cup standings. If several crews present same the fastest time in the special stage, the crews receive bonus points. Bonus points are not awarded if the special stage is canceled. If the crew at the start of special stage is being punished for false start, it does not get bonus points.

6.4. 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.

6.5. In standing groups points are awarded the first ten sites provided the following calculation:

Place	Points in LRC, except last event	Points in last event
1.	15	25
2.	12	20
3.	10	16
4.	8	13
5.	6	10
6.	5	8
7.	4	6
8.	3	4
9.	2	3
10.	1	2

6.6. 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.

6.7. 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 2014 is 500,00 euro.

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;
- c) access to LAF GPS security system.

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. A crew, which has been registered for the Teams Classification could not be applied 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:

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Place in group	Points in LRC, except last event	Points in last event
1.	15	25
2.	12	20
3.	10	16
4.	8	13
5.	6	10
6.	5	8
7.	4	6
8.	3	4
9.	2	3
10.	1	2

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 standings of separate event.

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

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

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

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.

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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 later 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 150 euro.

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 1500 euro.

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 1000.00 euro.

9. Prize giving.

9.1. At every event will award the first three places in group if in the 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 group, if in the group participated for at least eight crews.

9.5. LRC standing will award best first three teams.

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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 2014 developed and approved by the Council of the Rally Commission of LAF on 13rd November 2014. Those Regulations shall enter into force of 1st December 2014.

Latvian Championship Regulations 2014 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.