



## Young Driver Support Scheme 2022

Mayo & District Motorsport Club CLG run a “Young Driver Support Scheme” over the course of a number of Autocross events each year to encourage young drivers to get involved in motorsport and to start off at an appropriate and realistic level in terms of initial costs of participation,

Autocross is a fantastic “entry level” discipline where many basic skills of proper car control, car preparation and car maintenance, as well as an understanding of the rules of our sport can be developed and improved upon in a safe and controlled off-road environment to provide an enjoyable day out without much of the expense associated with Stages Rallying.

The Scheme is open to Mayo & District Motorsport Club members only and is aimed at promoting a supportive, competitive and educational environment for those who will become the future talents of our sport.

The short-term goals are:

- 1 To allow young competitors within the club to compete in entry level motorsport.
- 2 To compete in a championship against drivers of the same age and experience.
- 3 To provide a worthwhile award at the end of the Scheme / Championship for the winner.

The ultimate goal is the development of a young driver to elite athlete level

- 1 Autocross Championship winner
- 2 Billy Coleman Award winner / Nomination to MI Rally Academy
- 3 Irish Tarmac Championship, Grp N, British Rally Championship, EVO Challenge, etc.
- 4 Production World Cup.
- 5 WRC Driver.

### General criteria:

Mayo will run 4 Autocross events in 2022.

May 8<sup>th</sup>.

June 12<sup>th</sup>.

July 17<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The club reserves the right to amend the venue, surface (i.e. Grass, Tarmac) or event (i.e. Sprint) for one or more of the events.

The award will be decided over four rounds. For the scheme to be valid a minimum of three events must run. Less than three and the scheme will be declared null and void.

Drivers must be paid up members of Mayo & District Motorsport Club in 2022, before the commencement of the scheme.

**Drivers must be fully compliant members in accordance with the “Membership Requirement sheet”.** (Minimum marshal /assist at 2 stages rally events, assist at 2 autocross events). If you have not fulfilled this requirement your registration will be declared null and void. **This criterion does not apply to Class 7 and Class 8 entrants.**

Drivers must be under 30 years of age at the start of the calendar year 2022. This age requirement may be amended after the first year.

Drivers must reside in or have their parental home within the Mayo & District catchment area i.e. Mayo, South Sligo, West Roscommon, North Galway.

The award will be decided as follows:

Best 3 out of 4 rounds to count.

Points will be awarded to **registered** competitors within each class as follows :

#### REGISTERED COMPETITORS IN EACH CLASS

	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place competitor	10	9	8	7	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place competitor	9	8	7	6	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place competitor	8	7	6		
4 <sup>th</sup> Place competitor	7	6			
5 <sup>th</sup> Place competitor	6				
6 <sup>th</sup> Place competitor	5				
7 <sup>th</sup> Place competitor	4				
8 <sup>th</sup> Place competitor	3				
9 <sup>th</sup> Place competitor	2				
Each starter	1				

Bonus points will be awarded as follows (Not dependent on the number of registered competitors)

1 <sup>st</sup> in class	3
2 <sup>nd</sup> in class	2
3 <sup>rd</sup> in class	1

Bonus points will be awarded for Set-up, (1 point) and Clean-up (1 point) of each event

Points will not be transferable between classes. Therefore, if a competitor changes class during the running of the Scheme, points already scored will not transfer to the new class.

### **Overall award:**

In the event of ties between class winners, the class winner having the greatest number of firsts in class over the counting rounds will be deemed the winner. Should this not resolve the tie, then class seconds from the competitors will be similarly considered and so on. Should this not resolve the tie, the overall placings of the competitors involved will be added together for the counting rounds on a points basis e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> overall = 2 points. The driver with the best overall performance i.e. the lowest points total will be deemed the winner.

No further awards will be made.

### **Registration:**

Drivers will be registered automatically for the Young Driver Scheme in 2022 before the start of the first qualifying round that they enter. Drivers will be eligible for awards on the day, within the class they have entered.

### **Event entry:**

Priority will be given to registered competitors whose completed entry form, including entry fee, is received before the entry closing date.

### **The prize:**

Provision of financial support to the value of €750 which must be utilised for the development and progression of the competitor within the sport.

Note: It is not a cash prize.