

Mayo and District Young Driver Support Scheme.



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Preamble:

The requirement for new licence holders to attend a one day training course in Monaghan has forced some young drivers to have a rethink on where they should start off in Motorsport.

Do they commit a large part of their budget to establish that Stage rally events are too expensive and not for them or do they start off in “entry level” Motorsport.

This has unwittingly brought about a situation where young drivers are now starting off their Motorsport careers at the correct level, i.e. in Loose Surface events - off road, controlled environment, learning proper car control.

At this moment there are many young drivers in the Club who compete in Stages Rallies but due to financial and other constraints are unable to contest the National Championship or any other regional championship.

This restricts them from attempting to qualify for the Billy Coleman award-which is the award which recognises the best young driver (under 27) each year in Ireland.

To encourage young drivers to start off at this level, **Mayo & District Motorsport Club** have decided to initiate a “**Young Driver Support Scheme**”.

Short Term Goals:

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 championship for the winner of the Championship
4. To provide the opportunity and facility for young drivers, a recognised at risk category, to learn to drive a Car to its limits in a structured environment without endangering either the driver or the public.

Ultimate Goals: The development of a young driver to elite athlete level;

1. Autocross Championship winner – Mayo Young Driver Support Scheme
2. National Autocross Championship Winner
3. Forestry, National Stages or Tarmac, Junior Winner
4. Billy Coleman award winner
5. Tarmac championship, British Championship, International One Make Championship
6. IRC, WRC3, WRC2
7. IRC or WRC Professional Driver

Irish drivers have been successful at all levels listed above, with Craig Breen, Kris Meeke, Keith Cronin, Daniel McKenna, Robert Barrable and Stephen Wright to name just a few flying the Irish flag internationally.

Drivers must be under 30 years of age at the start of the calendar year 2015.

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

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, the 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. 2nd 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 must register for the young driver scheme before the start of the first qualifying round that they enter.

Registration forms will be available on request before the first round of the championship.

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 :

1. €500 voucher or Euro equivalent to winner.
2. Young Driver of the Year Trophy.