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## **Maple Leaf Rally Club's Winter Rally**



**February 14-15, 2026**

**Bancroft, Ontario**

## **Supplemental Regulations**

Version 1 12/29/26



## SUPPLEMENTAL RULES & REGULATIONS

### STATUS of the EVENT

- 1st event of the 2026 Ontario Road Rally Championship (ORRC)
- incorporating the Bear Cub Rally, a non-ORRC event.

### ORGANIZING CLUB

- Maple Leaf Rally Club

### OFFICIALS of the EVENT

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Routemaster	- Bruce Leonard			
Chief Radio Marshal	- Ross Wood	VE3WOD		
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Web page	- Ian Lalonde			

### DATE

- **Saturday, February 14 into Sunday, February 15, 2026 (overnight)**

### DESCRIPTION

- Road rally featuring challenging roads in the late evening and early morning (overnight), following the ORRC Rules (rules available from RallySport Ontario)
- Route - approximately 380 km on public roads (no car breakers), in three legs, each finishing at the rally headquarters at Limerick Community Centre.
- Challenging driving conditions (expect ice & snow). Possibility of unplowed roads.
- Instructions – Easier Navex style instructions ranging from simple distance and turns to tulips to slightly more challenging. Instructions will be relatively simple compared to a typical ORRC Navex rally. Emphasis will be on navigation, not puzzles.
- Timing - very straightforward - average speeds and elapsed times - some controls will be to the full minute; some to 1/10th of a minute. You will be advised in advance which controls are timed to the tenth. There will be a number of Elapsed Time sections used to get from one series of roads to another. Time Allowances will be used for this rally – please see below.
- Lateness time allowed - 20 minutes at controls, 40 minutes at end of legs and 60 minutes at Finish.

## **Bear Cub Rally**

The Bear Cub Rally will be part of the Polar Bear Rally, using just Leg A, approximately 200 km. Both rallies will follow the same route and have the same speeds. The Bear Cub will end at the end of Leg A. Instructions will be strictly distance-to-turns. Bear Cub entrants will not be eligible for ORRC points. At the end of Leg A, a team may opt to continue with the remaining Legs B & C by payment of \$50 (to total \$110, the regular Polar Bear Rally entry fee). Legs B & C instructions will be more than distance-to-turns, but will not be difficult. A team continuing with Legs B & C will qualify for ORRC points.

## **VENUE**

- Headquarters - Start & Finish at the **Limerick Community Centre**, 7645 Hwy 620 (1 km west of Hwy 62). GPS Coordinates are 44.88983 -77.71978.

- Route runs on roads around Bancroft. All competitors will be provided with a route map, however if you wish to supply your own maps, we guarantee that the route will not go beyond the following boundaries:

Furthest North –	Maple Leaf	Furthest East –	Gilmour
Furthest South –	Apsley	Furthest West –	Tory Hill

- Gas stops will be provided en route at a maximum distance of **300 km**. Ensure that your tank is filled before arriving. Nearest stations to rally HQ that will be open are the Shell and Esso in Bancroft; Ultramar on 28 north of Young's Point; Ultramar on 62 north of Hwy 7, Madoc.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Vehicle - any licensed and roadworthy, street-legal vehicle under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act may compete. Proper exhaust muffling systems must be in place (see "Public Relations" below).

**Good condition winter tires are mandatory.**

- Competitors - The driver must present a valid driver's licence, vehicle ownership, proof of insurance and a letter of permission (if the vehicle is owned by someone other than the driver) at Registration. No competition licence is required. **Note** – this event features challenging driving conditions and may not be suitable for teams with no rally experience. Navigation is simple.

## **SCHEDULE – Tentative – Final to be posted later**

Opening of Registration	8:00 P.M.
Driver's Meeting	9:30 P.M.
First car starts	10:01 P.M.
Break	01:30 A.M. (approx.)
Break	4:45 A.M. (approx.)
First car finishes	6:45 A.M. (approx.)
Awards and Breakfast	7:00 A.M. (approx.)

## **ENTRY**

- Entry fee for Polar Bear - **\$110** Cdn. (**includes continental breakfast**). Registration can be made on-line at: <http://www.mlrc.ca/MLWR/index.html>, Payment by **e-transfer** only to [treasurer@mlrc.ca](mailto:treasurer@mlrc.ca).
- Entry fee for Bear Cub - **\$60** Cdn. Registration at: <http://www.mlrc.ca/MLWR/index.html>, Payment by **e-transfer** only to [treasurer@mlrc.ca](mailto:treasurer@mlrc.ca).
- No guarantee of refund for any withdrawals less than 48 hours prior to the Start of the event.
- There will be a \$10 administrative charge on all online refunds.
- Note – there will be a cash rebate of \$10 at Registration to any team where both driver and navigator are current members of MLRC. To obtain the rebate, the competitors must present proof of membership at Registration.

Entry limit - Entry will be **limited to the first 40 entries** received. You are entered when payment is confirmed. Note – an entry will not be considered complete until payment has been received.

Competitors will start in order of receipt of entry, within their respective classes. Expert competitors will start first, then Novice. There will be no seeding of drivers.

Exceptions to the above will be at the Organizer's discretion.

## **AWARDS**

Awards will be presented as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Expert  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bear Cub

To score in the ORRC Series, you must be a current member of an RSO club.

## **SPECIAL NOTES**

**Winter conditions** - This rally is run in some of the more remote areas of Central Ontario in winter. It is essential that you come prepared with lots of warm winter clothing, spare food, water, shovels, tow straps etc. in case you have to spend time in the cold.

**Safety** - Warning triangles - Every competing car **MUST** carry a minimum of **1 reflective triangle, a minimum size of 30cm (12 inches)** (no flares allowed) and it must be stored safely within reach of either the driver or navigator while on route. If a competing team is immobilized on the route, they must immediately place one triangle at the side of the road (on the same side as they are stopped) facing oncoming rally traffic, a sufficient distance from the stopped vehicle to give ample warning. Triangles will be checked at the start of the rally before teams will be given their routebooks. Teams may also be asked to show their triangle at any point during the event.

N.B. Failure to comply with the triangle rule will result in **EXCLUSION** from the event. In addition to triangles, Rallysport Ontario recommends a Red Cross card be carried in the car and used in case of medical emergency. This card can be downloaded and printed from the RSO website or can be purchased in laminated form at registration for \$3 at the event. Red Cross cards will be

checked at the start of the rally along with triangles before teams will be given their routebooks.

**Control Procedure** - Competitors arriving at a control car displaying an MLRC club board must pull safely off the road beyond the control car to receive a timing sticker. Your time will be taken as you pass the control board. Baulking in sight of the control car will result in a time penalty. Competitors are asked to move forward at least five car lengths as soon as they have received their sticker.

**Public Relations** - This event travels through populated areas through the night and into the morning. As such, cars must have a street-legal exhaust system. The Organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry whose exhaust is deemed offensive to the general public. Caged cars must have the Organizers' written approval prior to entering. In designated **Quiet Zones** drivers must turn off all auxiliary driving lights and drive as unobtrusively as possible. Speed limits must be obeyed! You may not exceed 50 km/h or the posted limit in a Quiet Zone, whichever is lower. Failure to comply may result in a ten minute penalty being levied by the organizer for the first offence and exclusion for a second offence.

Narrow Bridges – there are a number of narrow bridges on the route. As the route follows open public roads, there is the possibility of on-coming public traffic. Use caution.

Navigation – RallySport Ontario, [Regulations for Road Rally](#)

**Radar** will be used at various spots during the rally, and, should a speeding violation be observed, penalties will be applied, ranging from time penalties up to immediate exclusion from the rally. Radar and checkpoint workers are deemed Judges of Fact; a protest may not be made against the decision of a Judge of Fact. His/her decision shall be accepted as final.

Speeding penalties

- exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 5 km/h – 5 minute time penalty; second offence – 10 minute time penalty;
- exceeding the posted speed limit by 10 to 15 km/h – 10 minute time penalty; second offence - immediate exclusion from the rally;
- exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 15 km/h – immediate exclusion from the rally.

**Unsafe Driving** - Any team driving in an unsafe manner or in any way creating a negative impression with the residents in the area of the rally will be **prohibited from continuing in the event** and are liable to **disciplinary action from RallySport Ontario**.

## **ODOMETER CHECK**

There is an odometer check at the beginning of Leg A. There is no odometer check required before the rally.

## **TIME ALLOWANCES**

The purpose of Time Allowances (TA) is to allow rally teams that have gone off course or fallen behind on time to run competitively without trying to make up the time lost before the next checkpoint. Each team is given the option of requesting a TA. ***There is no need to exceed the posted speed limits.***

a) Teams start with a TA-budget of 19.5 minutes for each Leg of an event. A Leg is a series of checkpoints between main time controls or rest stops.

b) Time Allowance must be requested at the control before disclosure of your TIME IN.

c) TAs may be declared in one minute increments beginning with one-half minute. Valid TA's are 0.5, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5, *etc*, ...18.5, 19.5.

d) TAs improperly requested, usually of a whole minute, will be rounded up to the next half-minute for scoring (e.g. requesting 2.0 becomes 2.5)

e) If you are delayed, and observed to be delayed by the control marshal you can be granted a small TA for the exact amount of the delay. The marshal is a Judge of Fact; false claims will not be considered. Baulking in sight of a control is not a legitimate delay.

f) The granted Time Allowance will be subtracted from your actual ET (elapsed time from previous staffed control, Control 7 to Control 8, for example).

g) In each leg, the first TA used will be free, and all subsequent uses will have a 0.5 penalty.

### **Notes:**

The TA budget of 19.5 minutes will keep you within maximum lateness, assuming you were 'zeroing' most controls (no penalties). Competitors must be careful to not exceed maximum lateness while using a TA as they will still be scored as having maxed that control despite the TA use.

Checkpoints (controls) will still close at the same time as if there were no TA regulation.

**Example 1.** If you were 1.7 minutes late, and requested a TA of 1.5 minutes, your new score is 1.7 subtract 1.5 = 0.2 late **penalty**.

**Example 2.** If you were 1.7 minutes late, and requested a TA of 2.5 minutes, your new score is 1.7 subtract 2.5 = 0.8 early **penalty**.

**Example 3.** If you were 1.5 minutes late, and requested a TA of 1.5 minutes, your new score is 1.5 subtract 1.5 = 0.0 (no penalty)

Note: The above samples do not include TA penalties.

Full details are on the [RSO website](#)

### **Miles vs. Kilometres**

American entrants accustomed to manually calculating a factor will do the same to convert kilometres to miles.

### **FOR FURTHER EVENT INFORMATION**

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Car #:	Entry Class: Expert <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> .
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**Driver Registration Information:**

Driver First Name:	
Driver Last Name:	
Driver Address:	
Driver City:	
Driver Province/State:	
Driver Emergency Contact/Phone:	
Driver Home/Cell Phone:	
Driver Email:	
Driver Club:	
Driver's Licence Number:	

**Navigator Registration Information:**

Navigator First Name:	
Navigator Last Name:	
Navigator Address:	
Navigator City:	
Navigator Province/State:	
Navigator Emergency Contact/Phone:	
Navigator Home/Cell Phone:	
Navigator Email:	
Navigator Club:	

**Vehicle Registration Information**

Owner:	
Year:	
Make:	
Model:	
Colour:	
Licence Plate:	
Licence Province:	
Insurance Company & policy number:	