

LATVIAN CUP IN MINIRALLY 2020 SEASON

REGULATIONS

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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. Latvian Cup in Minirally 2020 for standard cars (further in the text – Cup) is a multi-event series, which takes place in accordance with the Latvian Automobile Federation (LAF) National Sporting Code and which are regulated by the LAF Standard Automobile Commission (SAK) minirally regulations, LAF SAK documentation, LAF SAK technical regulations, Latvian national road traffic regulations, these regulations, and the supplementary regulations for each event. These regulations have been published in both Latvian and English. In case of disputes regarding interpretation of the text in the regulations, the Latvian text will be used to make a final decision.
- 1.2. The Cup for Standard (street-legal) cars is split into the following classes:
 - 1.2.1. **“2WD Rookie”** – class for drivers who have less than 2 years of experience in minirally, using two wheel drive street-legal cars. Drivers who have won this class in their first season are also ineligible to compete for a second year. Exceptions can be made only with a written decision by LAF SAK.
 - 1.2.2. **“4WD Rookie”** – class for drivers who have less than 2 years of experience in minirally, using four wheel drive street-legal cars. Drivers who have won this class in their first season are also ineligible to compete for a second year. Exceptions can be made only with a written decision by LAF SAK.
 - 1.2.3. **“1600”** – street-legal cars with two wheel drive and engine capacity up to 1600cc.
 - 1.2.4. **„2000”** – street-legal cars with two wheel drive and engine capacity up to 2000cc.
 - 1.2.5. **„2WD”** – street-legal cars with two wheel drive, regardless of engine capacity.
 - 1.2.6. **„4WD”** – street-legal cars with all-wheel drive and engine capacity up to 2800cc.
 - 1.2.7. **„4WD+”** – street-legal cars with all-wheel drive, regardless of engine capacity.
 - Engine capacity is determined in accordance with article 5.4.
- 1.3. **„Minirally Junior cup”** – cup for drivers 18 years of age or younger (born no earlier than in 2002), using two-wheel drive rally cars with engine capacity up to 1600cc (naturally aspirated engine). Using a car with an engine over 1600cc is permitted only with a written decision by LAF SAK.
- 1.4. As part of Minirally events, but without competing in season standings, there is an Open class for drivers with rally or rallysprint cars with all the necessary documentation. These cars must meet the technical regulations they have been built for, and competitors have to use full safety equipment.
- 1.5. Cup events can take place at the same times as other LAF or other ASN approved competitions.
- 1.6. Minimum number of events in the Cup – four.
- 1.7. Doping and blood alcohol level controls can be done at any time during an event. Doping control procedure and list of prohibited substances – in accordance with World Anti-Doping Agency and FIA regulations. Blood alcohol level control can be done by the organizer, using an alcometer. In case the limit (0.0 permilles) is exceeded, the competitor is prohibited from competing in the event with a decision by the steward or clerk of the course, and that can be extended to a disqualification for a longer period by the LAF Presidium.

2. CUP CALENDAR

Event	Name	Date	Location
1.	“Karosta”	02.05.2020.	Liepāja
2.	“Gulbis”	06.06.2020.	Gulbene
3.	“Cēsis”	04.07.2020.	Cēsis
4.	“Ropaži”	05.09.2020.	Ropaži
5.	“Latvija”	24. or 25.10.2020.	Rīga

3. ORGANIZATION AND EVENT SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

- 3.1. The Cup is led and results are managed by LAF SAK in cooperation with the Cup event Organizers.
- 3.2. Cup events are organized by LAF SAK approved Organizers and they are managed by a LAF SAK Board approved team of officials.
- 3.3. Special stages used in Cup events are chosen by the Organizer, following the LAF SAK requirements and recommendations.
- 3.4. Cup event location and time can be changed no less than 60 days before the planned date.
- 3.5. In accordance with the LAF National Sporting Code requirements, the Organizer submits the Cup event supplementary regulations at least 45 days before the event.
- 3.6. Organizer and the Stewards have the rights to make changes to the supplementary regulations if they follow the procedure outlined in the LAF National Sporting Code.
- 3.7. It is recommended for all Organizers to have the Cup events in a single-day format.
- 3.8. If the Cup event has an official awards ceremony (taking place on the finish podium), it is permitted to have the awards ceremony before approving the official results. In such cases, the Organizer needs to outline the awards ceremony procedure in the supplementary regulations.
- 3.9. Organizer must have all the event documentation available until the Cup season standings are approved.
- 3.10. The maximum suggested total distance of an event is up to 150 km, with special stages totalling between 20 and 25 km.
- 3.11. Entry fee for a Cup event is 150.00 EUR + any applicable taxes.
- 3.12. The organizer provides all competitors with pacenotes for the special stages, giving all crews an opportunity to test them in accordance with LAF SAK minirally regulations, and outlining this procedure in the supplementary regulations.
- 3.13. Crews are penalized for hitting or incorrectly going through a speed dampener:
 - 3.13.1. for hitting a speed dampener – 10 seconds for each element,
 - 3.13.2. incorrectly going through a speed dampener – 30 seconds.
- 3.14. The following penalties are given to crews not abiding the road traffic rules:
 - 3.14.1. first offense – 50 EUR fine, with a steward’s decision;
 - 3.14.2. second offense – 30 second time penalty;
 - 3.14.3. third offense – steward’s decision;

3.14.4. all fines are added to the LAF SAK budget.

3.15. The official website of the Cup, which contains all news and information about a Cup event (official documentation before and during an event, decisions, results, as well as other information), is www.minirallijs.lv, with the official documentation also available on www.laf.lv.

4. COMPETITORS

4.1. Crews

4.1.1. Cup is for LAF SAK and other ASN licenced competitors with a valid driving licence.

4.1.2. LAF SAK full-year licence cost is 100.00 EUR (it is valid for all LAF SAK competitions).

4.1.3. Cup events can be contested by competitors with LAF SAK full-year licence, or competitors who have bought a one-time licence for 15.00 EUR. Competitors with one-time licences also receive points in the Cup season standings.

4.1.4. Co-drivers without a driving licence are allowed to compete in Cup events.

4.1.5. Drivers and co-drivers under the age of 18 are allowed to take part in the Cup. Drivers under the age of 18 can compete if they are co-driven by a LAF SAK approved co-driver with experience in rally. Such approval is given with a written LAF SAK decision. Either the driver or the co-driver can be at the wheel in the road sections (both during the event and during recce), but, if the driver is at the wheel at this time, all road traffic rules regarding under-18 drivers must be followed. Drivers under the age of 16 are only permitted to drive the car on closed roads (special stages) during the competition.

4.1.6. Each competitor must have personal health insurance with a minimum coverage of 1500.00 EUR. The insurance policy must include the following risks: death, disabilities and trauma; it is also necessary for the policy to cover injuries resulting from participating in motorsports events.

4.1.7. Each crew in a competition is determined by its driver.

5. CARS, TIRES, EQUIPMENT

5.1. Vehicles competing in the event must meet the Latvian laws and requirements for driving on public roads. All cars must have a valid CSDD technical inspection sticker (if it has a one-month inspection sticker, it must not list any faults with the brake system, suspension or steering system). Cars registered outside of Latvia must have passed the technical inspection in that particular country.

5.2. Competing vehicles cannot have any significant body or other part defects. Cars must have a non-removable full metal roof (no cabrio/targa type cars are allowed) and must have an overall look matching how the car came from the factory for street-legal car classes, and match the look of the homologated version of the car for OPEN class cars.

5.3. Usage of a roll-bar. For street-legal cars, it is permitted to place a roll-bar behind the front seats. The roll-bar cannot hinder the use of safety belts or the seat adjustment. Roll-bar must be mounted to the chassis either with screws or it can be welded in.

5.3.1. Recommendation for roll-bar construction:

- In accordance with FIA Sporting Code Appendix J paragraphs 253 and 283;
- Main bars 45*2.50 or 50*2.00;
- All supporting bars 40*2.00 or 38*2.50, or 45*2.50.

5.3.2. It is forbidden to use racing („cup”) seats or to use racing seat belts.

5.4. Minimum weight:

5.4.1. Cars competing in the Cup (in accordance with article 1.2), must meet the following minimum weight, based on the engine capacity:

<i>Engine capacity</i>	<i>2 valves per cylinder</i>	<i>More than 2 valves per cylinder</i>
up to 1400cc	700 kg	800 kg
from 1400cc to 1600cc	780 kg	800 kg
from 1600cc to 2000cc	860 kg	930 kg
from 2000cc to 2500cc	940 kg	1030 kg
from 2500cc to 3000cc	1020 kg	1110 kg
over 3000cc	1100 kg	1200 kg

5.5. Engines capacity for engines with forced induction is calculated by multiplying the geometric engine capacity with a coefficient. For engines using petrol, this coefficient is 1.7, for diesel engines it is 1.5. Rotary (Wankel) engine capacity is calculated as follows: 1.5 is multiplied by the maximum volume of the combustion chamber, and multiplied by the number of combustion chambers. For all calculations above, the number π equals 3.1416.

5.6. Cars must be over the minimum weight at all times during the event, except for the time it is undergoing repairs during service.

5.7. The minimum weight is determined as follows: without the crew and its equipment (helmets, clothing, books, instruments, spare parts, etc.). Spare wheel is included in the minimum weight. If using a spare wheel is required for a car to meet the minimum weight requirements, it must be carried inside the car throughout the event. Before weighing the car, it is forbidden to top up any of its liquids, including fuel. Topping up liquids, including fuel, cannot be used to make the car meet the minimum weight requirements.

5.8. Using ballast is strictly forbidden.

5.9. Competing vehicles are permitted to exceed the engine capacity limits by 2.5%, but that is allowed only by using OEM replacement pistons for engines which do not have changeable cylinder liners.

5.10. In order to ensure safety, LAF SAK can create additional technical requirements for standard class cars.

5.11. Minirally Junior Cup competitors and drivers under 18 years of age are permitted to compete only in two-wheel drive rally cars with engine capacity up to 1600cc (only naturally aspirated engines). Exceptions are possible only with a decision by the LAF SAK Board.

5.12. In minirally, only tires included in the permitted tire list (available on <http://minirallijs.lv/riepas>) can be used. If a competitor's tires are not in the list, the decision about their legality is made by the scrutineer.

5.13. OPEN class competitors must use tires that meet rally or rallysprint regulations.

5.14. On special stages, the crew has to be wearing clothing that covers the whole body, and drivers must use gloves.

- 5.15. On special stages, the crew has to use helmets made for motor sports, at least with an “E” marking (helmets with existing or expired FIA homologation are recommended), which must be securely strapped.
- 5.16. During the event, there cannot be any unsecured items in the car, its engine bay, or the trunk.
- 5.17. Interior ventilation directly from the engine bay is prohibited.
- 5.18. If the battery is placed in the trunk, it must be adequately protected against short-circuiting.
- 5.19. On the special stages, car sunroofs and windows must be closed.

6. DETERMINING THE RESULTS

6.1. Crews

- 6.1.1. Crews are determined based on the driver entered for a particular Cup event.
- 6.1.2. Cup even results are determined by adding up all the special stage times and penalties. Crews with the lowest total time are placed higher. In case of an equal result, the higher place is given to the crew with a faster time on SS1. If that time is also equal, the times from SS2, SS3, etc. are compared, until it can be settled.
- 6.1.3. In accordance with the results of a Cup event, crews receive points in the season standings, based on their placement within their class:

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	30	24	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	4	3	2	1

- 6.1.4. Season standings for the Cup are determined by adding up the points earned in all events taking place during the season. Higher place is given to the crews with more points.
- 6.1.5. If multiple crews have the same number of points at the end of the season, a higher place is given to the crew with more first place, second place, third place, etc. finished (one 1st place is better than any number of 2nd places, etc.). If it is not possible to determine the higher placed crew through that criteria, the following criteria is a higher position in the round with the most competitors in their class. If that is also equal, the next criteria is position in the final round, then the penultimate round, and so on until the tie can be settled.
- 6.1.6. Points for the season standings are given to crews with LAF SAK full-year licence, as well as those who drive with one-time licences.
- 6.1.7. A crew is deemed to have started an event if it has passed the administrative checks, technical scrutineering, and has received a marking for arriving in the first time control.

7. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 7.1. Protest submission procedure is outlined in the LAF Sporting Code. Appeal submission and examination procedure is outlined in the LAF Sporting Code.
- 7.2. Protest submission fee is 150 EUR.
- 7.3. Appeal submission fee is 1000 EUR.

8. AWARDS CEREMONY

- 8.1. After each Cup event, the Organizer must award:
 - 8.1.1. Places 1, 2, and 3 in each class that has had at least six competing crews;
- 8.2. Organizers have the right to list additional prizes in the Supplementary Regulations of the event.

8.3. In the season standings, LAF SAK will award:

8.3.1. Places 1, 2, and 3 in standard (street-legal) car classes;

8.3.2. Places 1, 2, and 3 in the “Minirally Junior Cup”.