

Regularity (time/speed/distance) class in minirally

As part of the 2020 minirally cup (except for minirally “Latvija 2020”), there will be a ROAD class. In this class, the cars will compete on a time/speed/distance basis, having to do each stage at a set average speed, and the winning crew will be the one that has the smallest amount of penalty seconds at the end of the event.

Description of the event format:

1. Entry fee for ROAD class: 100 EUR + taxes as listed in the national laws. Licence cost – in accordance with the Minirally regulations.
2. During administrative checks, ROAD class crews receive a road book, as well as a table with the average speeds for each special stage. Recce of the stages is forbidden.
3. Penalties for violations in the time controls, during road sections and/or other penalties are given in accordance with the minirally regulations.
4. There will be a set average speed in each special stage, with which the crews will have to drive. Organizers have the right to set multiple average speeds within a single stage, for example – from the start to 2.00 km you have to drive at 60 km/h, and from 2.00 km to the finish you have to drive with an average speed of 50 km/h.
5. There will be one or more result control points in each special stage. These points will never be less than 1.00 km from the start of the special stage. The competitor does not have to stop in these result control points, this is just the place where their current result is noted at the particular point in the special stage. Precision of the result control point measurements – up to 0.1 seconds if it is done electronically, and 1 second if it is done with a chronometer.
6. The competitors are not informed about the locations of result control points. By comparing each competitor's actual result with the ideal time (which is calculated by determining the time necessary for a crew to reach that point in the stage if they drive at exactly the given average speed), the competitors are given penalty seconds in each of these points. This is how the penalty seconds are calculated: the actual discrepancy from the ideal time is multiplied by 10. So, if a competitor has arrived to a result control point 3.5 seconds before the ideal time, they would receive 35 penalty seconds. The penalty amount is the same regardless of whether the competitor is early or late to a result control point.
7. Crews are forbidden to stop in the stage – the car always needs to be moving.
8. If a crew goes through a result control point with a result that is more than 20% different from the ideal time, a decision on additional penalties (up to exclusion from the event) is made by the steward.
9. Event results are calculated by adding up the penalty seconds accrued in all of the result control points for each crew.
10. Event results are also displayed in the minirally online results section during the event, where each crew's stage result is 5 minutes + the amount of penalty seconds in that particular stage. The crew with the lowest sum of penalty seconds will place higher.
11. The organizer awards the three best ROAD class crews in each event. ROAD class crews also receive points in the season standings, in accordance with the Minirally regulations.
12. At the end of the season, LAF Standard Automobile Commission will award the three best crews, which have earned the most total points in all four events.