



APPROVED:  
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**INTERNATIONAL PRESS RALLY**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

**I.PROGRAM**

**Opening date for entries**

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at [raceadmin.eu](http://raceadmin.eu)

**Closing date for entries**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 17:00.

**Publishing of entry list**

Entry list will be seen on the website [raceadmin.eu](http://raceadmin.eu) and [www.pressauto.lt](http://www.pressauto.lt) from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**Publishing of start list**

10:00 on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in [raceadmin.eu](http://raceadmin.eu) and [www.pressauto.lt](http://www.pressauto.lt)

**Administrative check and scrutineering**

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (19:00 – 21:30) and June 16<sup>th</sup> (7:00 – 9:00) in Best Drive autocenter in Vilnius.

**Reconnaissance**

Reconnaissance is allowed only by examining the area by walking, riding a bicycle or an electric scooter. Driving a car is prohibited. The participants who break this requirement will be excluded from the race or will be imposed a fine as specified in the paragraph 12.1 of these regulations.

**Drivers briefing**

Drivers briefing for leg 1 will be held on 9:30, June 16<sup>th</sup> in Best Drive autocenter in Vilnius.

**Rally start**

Rally will start on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 in Best Drive autocenter in Vilnius.

**Rally finish**

Rally will finish on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 16:00 in Šventoji.

**Provisional results**

Provisional results of the rally will be published June 17<sup>th</sup>, 19:30 at Pajūrio sodyba.

**Official results**

The official rally results will be published on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 20:00 at Pajūrio sodyba.

**Rally closing ceremony**

Closing ceremony will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 21:00 at Pajūrio sodyba.

## Official notice board and headquarters

Official notice board at [www.raceadmin.eu](http://www.raceadmin.eu) ir [www.pressauto.lt](http://www.pressauto.lt)

### Place

Pajūrio sodyba.

### Dates

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 18:30-22:00

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 8:30-21:00

### Contacts

Clerk of the Course: +370 624 23838; Chief Secretary: +370 686 85146

## II. ORGANIZATION

2.1. Rally name: International Press rally 2023.

2.2. Rally organizer: Lithuanian's journalists autoclub, Paukščių Tako 53, Didžioji Riešė, Vilnius reg. Mobile: +370 659 11055

2.3. Organizing Committee:

**Valdas Valiukevičius** – President of the Lithuanian's journalists auto club, Chairman of the Organizing committee

**Vitoldas Milius** – Vice-chairman, +370 659 00555

**Roma Balienė** – Vice-chairman, +370 698 82739

**Dina Sergijenko** – Chief of communications, +370 655 45565

2.4. Rally Officials:

**Chief marshal – Arnas Paliukėnas**

**Clerk of the course – Darius Šileikis, tel. +370 624 23 838**

**Race director – Valdas Valiukevičius, tel. +370 659 11 055**

**Deputy director of the race – Vitoldas Milius, tel. +370 659 00 555**

**Deputy director of the race – Roma Balienė, tel. +370 698 82 739**

2.5. Official tabards:

2.5.1. Chief Marshals of the control posts – blue tabard and an identification card.

2.5.2. Marshals of the control posts – yellow or orange tabard and an identification card.

2.5.3. Security marshals - red tabard and an identification card.

## III. GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1. This is the official unclassified race which is being held on Lithuanian roads and is included in Lithuanian journalists autoclub and Lithuanian motorsports event list.

3.2. Rally is held in accordance with:

- Lithuanian automobile sports code,
- 2022 Lithuanian Rally Championship regulations
- These Supplementary Regulations.
- Traffic rules of Lithuania.

3.3. The first driver must be a journalist.

## IV. RALLY CHARACTERISTICS

4.1.	Total length of the route:	about 450 km (may be revised)
	Special stages:	20 (may be revised)
	Total length of the special stages:	60 km (may be revised)
	Number of laps:	2
	Number of sections:	4
	SS pavement:	asphalt

4.2. Special stages: slalom, special stages on closed tracks.

4.3. There might be secret control posts along the rally route.

## V. CARS AND TIRES

5.1. It is allowed to participate in competition with factory standard or racing cars (insured and technically good, with valid technical inspection).

5.2. Cars are divided into classes:

5.2.1. **Tourist** group. Classification is held if **Classic** group is formed.

5.2.2. **Classic** cars group. Cars that are made earlier than 1992 January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classification is held if there are no less than 20 participants.

5.2.3. **Electric (EV)** cars group, which route can differ from others.

5.2.4. **Sport** group, in which non-journalists can compete. Cars are divided into classes according to paragraph 5.3.

5.2.5. **Press** group. The driver of the crew must be a journalist and provide supporting documents.

5.3. **Sport** and **Press** group cars are divided into classes:

I class – up to 2 000 cm<sup>3</sup>;

II class – up to 3 000 cm<sup>3</sup>;

III class – up to 4 000 cm<sup>3</sup>;

IV class – above 4 000 cm<sup>3</sup>;

Turbodiesel cars are added to classes by their engine displacement without any coefficient.

A coefficient of 1.7 will be applied for gasoline cars with one or more turbochargers.

5.4. **Classic** cars are divided into the following classes: **Oldtimer** (manufactured before 1979) and **Youngtimer** (manufactured before 1992).

5.5. **Electric (EV)** cars are divided into the following classes: up to 160 KW, up to 240 KW and more than 240 KW.

5.6. In case there are less than four cars in a class, they will be connected to the upper class by Steward's decision or will compete only in Overall Classification.

5.7. Participants may only register in one class.

5.8. Only certified road-type tires are allowed, designed for use on European roads during the summer season (there must be a sign “E” with the country's homologation code on the tire).

## VI. REGISTRATION

6.1. Closing date for entries – April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 17:00.

6.2. The organizers will not register the crew if, in their opinion, the crew's skills or the suitability of the car do not correspond to the rally level. The organizers reserve the right not to comment on the reasons for refusal.

## VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL APPLICATION COMMISSION

7.1. Team applications are submitted until June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7.00-9.00.

7.2. Maximum number of participants is limited to 70 crews. This number can be changed by a separate decision of the organizers.

7.3. Participants must attend the Administrative checking on personally given time (If participants are late, they will be fined €10 for each minute of delay):

7.4. Administrative checking is open from 19:00 to 21:30 on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 7:00 to 9:00 on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Best Drive autocenter in Vilnius.

7.5. During administrative checking a crew member or representative is required to appear personally and have following valid documents (if they were not uploaded while registering online):

- valid journalist's credential (first drivers);

- driving license (except for second drivers for whom the exception can be made by the Steward);

7.6. During the administrative checking a crew representative or one of the members is given starting number, mandatory advertising, official rally stickers and other documents.

7.7. Scrutineering is open from 19:00 to 21:30 on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 7:00 to 9:00 on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Best Drive autocenter in Vilnius.

7.7.1. Crew members or team representatives must provide the following documents during scrutineering (if they were not uploaded while registering online):

- vehicle third party liability insurance policy or “green card”;

- vehicle registration certificate;

- technical inspection document.

7.8. Starting numbers and mandatory rally advertising, issued during the administrative checking, must be applied on the car before the scrutineering.

7.9. During scrutineering safety helmets and other equipment will be checked. Additional scrutineering may be performed at the pre-start area or on the racetrack.

7.19. There is no Parc Fermé after scrutineering.

## VIII. ENTRY FEES AND INSURANCE

8.1. Entry fee for participating in International Press Rally 2023 is €500 (VAT included). 50% discount is applied for Press classification participants. The board of the Lithuanian journalists' autoclub decides about the possibility of the crew to start in the Press classification.

Each additional crew guest must pay €200 (VAT included). It gives the right for accommodation and meal.

Additional guests of the crew are allowed only with the Rally Director's permission.

8.2. Team entry fee – €100 (VAT included).

8.3. For the crew who paid the entry fee but cannot participate due to serious reasons (with appropriate documentation) 50% of entry fee will be returned.

8.4. Entry fee must be paid to Lithuanian's journalists autoclub's bank account. Company code 191917682, account number LT94 7300 0100 8399 2022, bank AB Swedbank, SWIFT code HABALT22.

8.5. Each participant must have valid motor vehicle civil liability insurance policy or "green card". Event organizer is not liable for damages caused by the rally participants to the third parties.

## **IX. ADVERTISING**

9.1. Stickers and their positioning presented by Lithuanian's journalists auto club are mandatory for participants and cannot be refused. Any other participant advertising is permitted only by written consent of the organizer.

9.2. The participant may refuse mandatory advertising by paying €500 (VAT included).

9.3. The organizer provides the sufficient number of promotional stickers for each crew which are issued during administrative checking.

9.4. If the crew loses a sticker with the starting number, it will be excluded from the competition.

## **X. KEY REQUIREMENTS**

10.1. If quarantine is still valid during rally, then the briefing, award ceremony and other events will be held according to the Lithuania's quarantine. Rally participants will be informed about those special requirements in additional bulletin, if any of them are applicable.

10.2. At all times, while driving on special stages (except for precise driving stages), both crew members must fasten seat belts and wear safety helmets.

10.3. All the crew's offences during the competition are recorded in the crew's time card.

10.4. All the offences are published in the official notice board. Organizer's and police officer's decisions on violations of traffic rules during the competition are not protested and protests are not accepted.

10.5. Crews that violate the traffic rules during the competition will be fined €30-100 by decision of the Steward.

## **XI. THE EVENT**

11.1. During all rally the official race time – Eastern European summer time (CET +2, UTC +3). The starting order is determined by the organizer.

11.2. The starting order is unchanged until the end of the first leg.

11.3. Starting order for the second leg is determined by the results of the first leg without penalties on road sections.

11.4. Road sections between time controls are free except when there are precise driving stages.

11.5. There can be secret control posts in the middle of the track, they must be driven without stopping.

11.6. Starting procedure, if carried out by support of electronic equipment:

11.6.1. When a car with both crew members arrives at the start line, the marshal shall write the actual starting times in the timecard (in hours and minutes).

11.6.2. The crew regains the timecard when 30 seconds are left before the start. The electronic clock displays time in hours, minutes and seconds.

11.6.3. With each of last 5 seconds before start, the electronic clock displays a new red lamp.

11.6.4. When the red lamps are off, the crew is allowed to start.

11.6.5. A traffic light stands in 20-30 meters; it's indicating a false start (start of movement before the permission of a judge or a traffic light signal). When crew is standing at the start line, the red light is on.

11.6.6. 5 seconds before the start, yellow light is on. If crew starts correctly, the green lights are on for 20 sec.; in case of false start yellow light is on for 20 seconds.

11.6.7. In any case after 20 seconds the red light is on again.

11.7. Starting procedure, if executed by marshals:

11.7.1. When a car with both crew members arrives at the start line, the judge shall write the actual starting times in the timecard (in hours and minutes).

11.7.2. The crew regains the timecard when 30 seconds are left before the start.

11.7.3. Seconds left till the launch are counted aloud: "30 – 15 – 10".

11.7.4. When 5 sec. are left, remaining ones are counted aloud: "5-4-3-2-1". The start clock is displayed to the crew.

11.7.5. Start is allowed by raising arm with a clock or by a flag swing upwards, if the time is counted on the track.

11.8. During all the rally, car service and fuel refill are not limited.

11.9. Each car must be equipped with a triangular emergency sign. In case of stopping a car on a special stage, it must be placed in a conspicuous place at least 50 meters before the standing car to alert other participants. Crews that fail to implement this requirement would be fined by the Steward.

11.10. In case of the accident at special stage, if immediate medical assistance is not required, green sign "OK" is to be shown. Otherwise the "SOS / Red Cross" sign is shown. The sign is to be displayed for at least three crews going behind. Crews who fail to implement this requirement would be fined by the Steward.

11.11. Retiring crews must inform the Clerk of the Course about their retirement, mobile: +370 624 23 838.

## XII. PENALTIES

12.1. All the penalties provided in Lithuanian Automobile Sport Code, 2023 Lithuanian Rally Championship regulations and its appendixes and these Supplementary regulations, can be used.

12.2. Penalties are imposed for the following:

- Late arrival at TC - 10 sec. per minute.
- Early arrival at TC - 60 sec. per minute.
- Failing to arrive at TC before the closing time or being late for more than 15 min. – 5 min.
- Failing to start or finish SS – actual worst result in the class + 7 min.
- False-start – 10 sec for the first time; 60 sec for each next time.
- Non-compliance of "Base" – 10 sec.; (willful non-compliance "Base" action is punished by separate Steward's decision).
- Overthrown or moved from the original place cone – 5 sec.
- Driving not according to SS drawing - the actual worst result in the class +30 sec.
- 1 sec. of inaccuracy in precise driving stage will be grant a penalty of 0,1 sec. The time tolerance for precise driving stage is plus or minus 2 seconds.
- Absence in the press conferences – €100 fine.

12.3. Training prior to the race on special stages is prohibited. Violation will be fined with €300 + VAT or the crew will be disqualified from the race.

12.4. If event marshals, organizers or police determine that one of the crew members consumed alcohol and concentration in his/her blood is more than 0,0 per mille, the following sanctions will be applied: exclusion from the race with the possible disqualification from the next year's race. The same penalties will apply if the rally participant is under the drug influence. Exclusion from the competition may be applied in other cases as well, such as rough violation of the traffic rules.

## XIII. PROTESTS

Protests are submitted to the Clerk of the Course. If Clerk of the Course is temporary absent the protest may be submitted to the Chief Secretary. The protest shall be accompanied by €100 + VAT fee, which will not be refunded if the protest is not satisfied.

## XIV. RESULTS

14.1. International Press Rally 2023 results are calculated by summing up the times achieved in special stages, the penalty time results from the road sector and other times of the fines received during the competition.

14.2. In case crews show the same results, the one with a better result in the last SS gets a higher place. If the results remain the same – the SS before is checked etc.

14.3. Points are given for every class depending on the number of crews that started in the class plus Prize points (1<sup>st</sup> place – 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 3 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 1 point):

Example:

If 10 crews start in the class:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 10 pts + 6 (PP)

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 9 pts + 3 (PP)

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 8 pts + 1 (PP)

4<sup>th</sup> place – 7 pts, etc.

If 7 crews start in the class:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 7 pts + 6 (PP)

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 6 pts + 3 (PP)

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 5 pts + 1 (PP)

4<sup>th</sup> place – 4 pts, etc.

14.4. The winning teams are determined by summing points received in the classes by the 2 best team crews.

14.5. If teams have equal results, places are determined by summing times of two best crews.

14.6. Number of team crews is unlimited. **Sport** and **Tourist** group crews are not included in the team entry form.

## XV. AWARDS

- 15.1. International Press Rally 2023 winners and winners in the classes are awarded with diplomas.
- 15.2. Teams-winners are awarded with diplomas.
- 15.3. Women crews who achieved best results are awarded with special prizes.
- 15.4. Winners of different special stages may be awarded with special prizes.
- 15.5. Winning crew absence at the prize-giving is fined with €100 + VAT fine and loses the right to prizes.

#### **XVI. PLACE OF AWARD CEREMONY**

Rally winners will be awarded on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 21:00 in the race closing ceremony place at the rally base.