

INTERNATIONAL “PRESS RALLY 2026” SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

Event	Date, Time & Details
Opening date for entries	<p>From March 2, 2026</p> <p><i>Registration link:</i> raceadmin.eu/Pressrally/2026/register</p>
Closing date for entries	<p>March 15, 2026, at 17:00</p>
Publication of the registered participants list	<p>The participants list will be published from April 1, 2026, at 10:00 on the websites raceadmin.eu and pressauto.lt.</p>
Publication of the starting order	<p>1st loop: May 29, 2026, at 08:40 (via raceadmin.eu and the “Sportity” app).</p> <p>2nd loop: May 30, 2026, at 22:30 (via raceadmin.eu and the “Sportity” app).</p>
Administrative Checks and Scrutineering	<p>Times:</p> <p>May 28, 2026, 16:00–20:00</p> <p>May 29, 2026, 07:00–08:30</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Molėtai Physical Education and Sports Centre, Ažuolų g. 10, Molėtai.</p>
Marshalling and pre-start area	<p>On May 29, 2026, the pre-start staging area will be located on Vilniaus g., Molėtai (coordinates: 55.23159, 25.41899).</p> <p>All participants must arrive at their group's assigned time for staging in the pre-start area, strictly following the communication issued by the Clerk of the Course on May 29, 2026.</p>

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Reconnaissance of the course	<p>Reconnaissance of the course is permitted solely on foot. Reconnaissance by car is strictly prohibited.</p> <p>Participants who violate this requirement will not be allowed to start the rally or will receive the penalty specified in Article 12.1 of these regulations.</p>
Competitors' briefing	<p>The mandatory competitors' briefing video will be published on May 28, 2026, at 16:00, coinciding with the start of the administrative checks.</p>
Rally start	<p>May 29, 2026, at 09:00</p> <p>Location: Molėtai, Vilniaus g. (coordinates: 55.23159, 25.41899).</p>
Rally finish	<p>May 30, 2026, at 16:00</p> <p>Location: Palanga, "Atostogų parkas".</p>
Publication of results	<p>Provisional results will be published on May 30, 2026, at 19:30.</p>
Publication of final results	<p>Final results will be published on May 30, 2026, at 20:00.</p>
Closing of the event	<p>May 30, 2026, at 20:00</p>
Official Notice Board and Rally Headquarters	<p>Official digital notice board:</p> <p>www.pressauto.lt and the Sportity app (password: PR2026).</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>Palanga, "Atostogų parkas".</p> <p>Opening hours:</p> <p>May 29, 2026, 18:30–22:00</p>

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	May 30, 2026, 08:30–20:00
Contacts	<p>Clerk of the Course: Darius Šileikis, tel. +370 624 23838</p> <p>Chief Secretary: Rasa Jakienė, tel. +370 686 85146</p>

II. ORGANISATION

2.1. Name of the rally	International “Press Rally 2026”.
2.2. Rally organiser	Lithuanian Journalists’ Auto Club, Paukščių tako g. 53, Didžioji Riešė, Vilnius district, tel. +370 659 11 055.
2.3. Organising Committee	<p>Valdas Valiukevičius – President of the Lithuanian Journalists’ Auto Club, Chairman of the Organising Committee.</p> <p>Vitoldas Milius – Deputy Chairman, tel. +370 659 00 555.</p> <p>Roma Balienė – Deputy Chairwoman, tel. +370 698 82 739.</p> <p>Paulius Sviklas – Communications Manager, tel. +370 686 23 221.</p>
2.4. Rally Officials	<p>Steward – Arnas Paliukėnas.</p> <p>Clerk of the Course – Darius Šileikis, tel. +370 624 23 838.</p> <p>Rally Director – Valdas Valiukevičius, tel. +370 659 11 055.</p> <p>Deputy Rally Director – Vitoldas Milius, tel. +370 659 00 555.</p> <p>Deputy Rally Director – Roma Balienė, tel. +370 698 82 739.</p> <p>Chief Secretary – Rasa Jakienė, tel. +370 686 85 146.</p>

2.5. Attire of Officials	<p>2.5.1. Chief marshals of control posts – blue vest and marshal license.</p> <p>2.5.2. Control post marshals – lime or orange vest and marshal license.</p> <p>2.5.3. Safety marshals – red vest and marshal license.</p>

III. GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1. General Status	This is an official amateur automobile rally competition held on Lithuanian roads, included in the event calendar of the Lithuanian Journalists' Auto Club and Lithuanian motorsport events.
3.2. Organised in accordance with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lithuanian Automobile Sport Code; • The 2026 Lithuanian Rally Regulations; • These Supplementary Regulations and their appendices; • The Road Traffic Rules of the Republic of Lithuania.

IV. RALLY SPECIFICATION

4.1. Total distance of the route	approx. 600 km (subject to change)
Number of special stages	20 (subject to change)
Total distance of special stages	60 km (subject to change)
Number of loops	2
Number of sections	4

Surface of special stages	asphalt
4.2. Additional competitions:	Slalom, special stages on closed circuits.

V. VEHICLES AND TYRES

5.1. General Requirements	Participation is permitted with standard production or sports cars that are technically sound, possess valid motor third-party liability insurance, and have a valid mandatory technical inspection.
5.2. Vehicle Groups	<p>5.2.1. Classic group – vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1996.</p> <p>5.2.2. Electric Vehicle (EV) group – the route for this group may differ from other groups.</p> <p>5.2.3. Sport group – non-journalists may compete in this group. Vehicles are divided into classes according to Article 5.3. The maximum number of participants in this group is 50 crews.</p> <p>5.2.4. Press group – the driver must be a journalist and must present supporting documentation during administrative checks.</p>
5.3. Sport and Press Group Classes	<p>Vehicles are divided into classes based on engine displacement :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class I – up to 2,000 cm³ ; • Class II – up to 3,000 cm³ ; • Class III – up to 4,000 cm³ ; • Class IV – over 4,000 cm³ .

	<p>Diesel powered vehicles are classified according to actual engine displacement without applying a coefficient. For turbocharged petrol engines, a 1.7 coefficient is applied when calculating engine displacement for class allocation.</p>
<p>5.4. Electric Vehicle (EV) Classes</p>	<p>Vehicles are divided into classes based on maximum power :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 200 kW ; • Up to 300 kW ; • Over 300 kW.
<p>5.5. Classic Group Routing</p>	<p>Classic group vehicles compete on the same stages as other groups, unless otherwise decided by the Clerk of the Course.</p>
<p>5.6. Class Consolidation</p>	<p>If fewer than 4 cars are registered in a class, they may be moved to a higher class or allowed to compete only in the overall classification by decision of the Steward. This provision does not apply to the Classic group.</p>
<p>5.7. Registration Limits</p>	<p>Participants may register in only one class.</p>
<p>5.8. Tyres</p>	<p>Only certified road tyres approved for summer use on European roads are permitted. Tyres must bear an “E” marking along with the homologation country code.</p>

VI. REGISTRATION

6.1. Entry Deadline	Final deadline for entry applications – March 15, 2026, at 17:00.
6.2. Entry Approval	The organisers will not approve a crew if, in their opinion, the crew’s skill level or the vehicle’s suitability does not meet the rally standards. The organisers reserve the right not to comment on the reasons for refusal.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS AND SCRUTINEERING

7.1. Team Entries	Team entry applications must be submitted by May 28, 2026, at 19:00.
7.2. Participation Limit	The number of participants is limited to 85 crews. This number may be changed by a separate decision of the organizer.
7.3. Eligibility and Licenses	All athletes holding a valid annual international, A, AJ, B, or C category driver’s license issued by LASF or another national ASN are eligible to participate in the “Press Rally 2026” classification. A one-time LASF C category license, valid only on the competition day, may also be issued during administrative checks.
7.4. Arrival at Administrative Checks	Participants must arrive at the administrative checks at their designated time. Failure to arrive at the scheduled time will result in a €10 fine for each minute of delay.
7.5. Document Verification	<p>During document verification, a crew representative or one member must personally present the following valid documents if they were not submitted electronically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid journalist accreditation (required for first drivers in the “Press” group); • Driver’s license (except for second drivers, who may be exempt by decision of the Steward).

7.6. Issuance of Event Materials	During document verification, starting numbers, mandatory organiser advertising, the rally sticker set, and other event documents are issued to the crew representative or member.
7.7. Technical Scrutineering Documents	<p>During pre-start technical scrutineering, the crew or team representative must present the following valid documents if not submitted earlier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor third-party liability insurance policy or a “Green Card”; • Vehicle registration certificate; • Valid mandatory technical inspection certificate.
7.8. Application of Advertising	Starting numbers and mandatory rally advertising issued during administrative checks must be affixed to the car before pre-start technical scrutineering.
7.9. Safety Equipment Inspection	During technical scrutineering, crew helmets, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and other mandatory equipment will be checked. Repeated inspections may be carried out in the pre-start area or on the track.
7.10. Parc Fermé	There will be no parc fermé after pre-start technical scrutineering.

VIII. ENTRY FEES AND INSURANCE

8.1. Crew Entry Fee	<p>The entry fee for a crew to participate in the International “Press Rally 2026” is € 770.</p> <p>A discount is applied to participants in the “Press” classification. The Board of the Lithuanian Journalists’ Auto Club decides on the crew's eligibility to start in the “Press” classification. Participants are informed via their provided email.</p>
8.1.1. Entry Fee Coverage	The entry fee includes:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route preparation; • Track rental; • Preparation of road books; • Media team work (photo galleries, video production, press releases); • Work of marshals, track personnel, and security staff; • Service vehicle services; • 2 nights' accommodation at “Atostogų parkas”; • 5 meals on the route and at “Atostogų parkas”; • Closing evening at “Atostogų parkas”; • Prizes. <p>A €250 fee is charged for each additional crew guest, providing the right to accommodation and meals. Additional guests are accepted only with the permission of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.</p>
8.2. Team Entry Fee	The team entry fee is €50.
8.3. Refund Policy	If a crew that has paid the entry fee cannot participate for a justifiable reason (with supporting documents), 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.
8.4. Payment Details	<p>The entry fee is paid to the Lithuanian Journalists' Auto Club .</p> <p>Company code: 191917682 .</p> <p>Account: LT94 7300 0100 8399 2022 .</p> <p>Bank: AB “Swedbank”.</p>

8.5. Insurance Requirements	Every participant must have a valid motor third-party liability insurance policy or a “Green Card”. The event organizer is not responsible for damage caused by rally participants to third parties.

IX. ADVERTISING

9.1. Mandatory Advertising	Advertising provided by the Lithuanian Journalists’ Auto Club, along with the advertising stickers and their placement, is mandatory for participants and cannot be refused. Any advertising by a participant is permitted only with the written consent of the organizer.
9.2. Refusal of Mandatory Advertising	A participant may refuse the mandatory advertising by paying a fee of € 770, including VAT.
9.3. Distribution of Stickers	The organizer provides each crew with the necessary quantity of advertising stickers during the administrative checks.
9.4. Loss of Starting Number	A crew that loses the organizer’s sticker with the starting number will be excluded from the competition.

X. BASIC REQUIREMENTS

10.1. Safety Equipment	During special stages, both crew members must wear seat belts and approved racing helmets.
10.2. Recording of Infringements	All crew infringements during the competition are recorded in the crew's time card and in official marshals' reports.
10.3. Publication and Appeals	All infringements are published on the official electronic notice board in Sportity and on the results platform www.pressauto.lt .

	Decisions of the organizer and police officers regarding violations of traffic regulations during the competition are final and not subject to protest.
10.4. Traffic Violations	If a crew violates Road Traffic Rules during the rally, a fine of € 30–€ 100 may be imposed by the decision of the Steward.

XI. RUNNING OF THE COMPETITION

11.1. Official Time and Order	Throughout the rally, Eastern European Summer Time (CET +2, UTC +3) is considered the official time. The starting order is determined by the organizer.
11.2. First Loop Order	The starting order determined by the organizer remains unchanged until the completion of the first loop. This does not apply to EV class participants.
11.3. Second Loop Order	The starting order for the second loop is determined according to the results achieved in special stages during the first loop, excluding road section penalties.
11.4. Passage between TCs	Passage between Time Controls (TC) is free, except in cases where a regularity (precision driving) test is conducted between different TCs.
11.5. Electronic Start Procedure	<p>11.5.1. When the car with both crew members arrives at the start line, the marshal records the actual start time (hours and minutes) in the time card.</p> <p>11.5.2. 30 seconds before the start, the time card is returned to the crew. The electronic clock displays hours, minutes, and seconds.</p> <p>11.5.3. 5 seconds before the start, five red lights illuminate one by one every second.</p>

	<p>11.5.4. When the red lights go out, the crew must start immediately.</p> <p>11.5.5. A traffic light located 20–30 m after the start line indicates a false start. While the car is at the start line, this light shows red.</p> <p>11.5.6. 5 seconds before the start, the light turns yellow. If the start is correct, a green light illuminates for 20 seconds; in case of a false start, the yellow light remains for 20 seconds.</p> <p>11.5.7. In all cases, the red light reappears after 20 seconds.</p>
11.6. Manual Start Procedure	<p>11.6.1. When the car with both crew members arrives at the start line, the marshal records the actual start time in the time card.</p> <p>11.6.2. 30 seconds before the start, the time card is returned to the crew.</p> <p>11.6.3. The countdown is announced aloud: “30–15–10”.</p> <p>11.6.4. 5 seconds before the start, the countdown is announced aloud: “5–4–3–2–1”, while showing the start clock.</p> <p>11.6.5. Permission to start is given by raising the hand with the start clock or by an upward flag gesture if the stage is timed.</p>
11.7. Service and Refueling	Car servicing and refueling are unrestricted throughout the competition.
11.8. Emergency Signal	Every car must carry a red warning triangle. If a car stops on a special stage, a crew member must place it in a visible location at least 50 m before the car to warn others. Failure to comply will result in a financial penalty imposed by the Steward.
11.9. Accident Procedure	If an accident occurs on a special stage and no urgent medical aid is needed, the green "OK" sign from the road book must be displayed. Otherwise, the red "SOS" (cross) sign must be shown. The sign must be displayed to at least three following crews. Failure to comply will result in a financial penalty.
11.10. Withdrawal	Crews withdrawing from the competition must inform the Clerk of the Course at tel. +370 624 23 838.

XII. PENALTIES

12.1. General Provisions	All penalties may be applied in accordance with the 2026 Lithuanian Rally Regulations T-2026, their appendices, and these Supplementary Regulations.
12.2. List of Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late arrival at TC – 10 sec per minute; • Early arrival at TC – 60 sec per minute; • Failure to arrive at TC before closing or delay over 15 min – 5 min penalty; • Failure to complete a Special Stage (SS) – actual worst time in class + 7 min; • False start – 10 sec for the first instance, 60 sec for each subsequent instance; • Failure to comply with "base" (prescribed path) – 10 sec (deliberate violation is penalized by the Steward's decision); • Knocked down or displaced marker cone – 5 sec; • Driving off-course or not according to the diagram in a special stage – actual worst time in class + 30 sec.
12.3. Illegal Reconnaissance	Practicing in special stage locations with vehicles before the race is prohibited. Penalty – €300 + VAT or refusal of start in the rally.
12.4. Substance Abuse and Serious Violations	If marshals, organizers, or police determine that a crew member has consumed alcohol (concentration > 0.00‰) or is under the influence of narcotics, the following sanctions apply: exclusion from the competition with possible disqualification from the following year's event. Exclusion may also be applied for other cases, such as gross violations of Road Traffic Rules.
12.5. Track Limit Violations	Straddling kerbs on closed circuits, where one side's wheels are on the asphalt and the other side's wheels are on grass or soil – 30 sec penalty.

XIII. PROTESTS

Submission of Protests	Protests must be submitted to the Clerk of the Course. If the Clerk of the Course is temporarily unavailable, the protest shall be submitted to the Chief Secretary.
Protest Fee	A protest must be accompanied by a fee of € 100 including VAT. This fee is non-refundable if the protest is rejected.

XIV. DETERMINATION OF RESULTS

14.1. Calculation of Results	The results of the International “Press Rally 2026” are determined by adding the times achieved in the special stages, the penalty times received in road sections, and any other penalty times incurred during the competition.
14.2. Dead Heat (Tie-break)	If crews achieve an identical total time, the higher position is awarded to the crew with the better result on the last special stage. If these are also identical, the second-to-last stage is evaluated, and so on.
14.3. Class Point System	<p>Points in each class are awarded based on the number of starting crews in that class, plus bonus points (1st place – 6 points; 2nd place – 3 points; 3rd place – 1 point).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If 10 crews start in a class:</i> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1st place: 10 pts + 6 (BP);</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2nd place: 9 pts + 3 (BP);</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3rd place: 8 pts + 1 (BP);</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">4th place: 7 pts, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If 7 crews start in a class:</i>

	<p>1st place: 7 pts + 6 (BP);</p> <p>2nd place: 6 pts + 3 (BP);</p> <p>3rd place: 5 pts + 1 (BP);</p> <p>4th place: 4 pts, etc.</p>
14.4. Team Classification	Team winners are determined by totaling the points earned by the two best-performing crews in their respective vehicle classes.
14.5. Team Tie-break	For teams with an equal number of points, the positions are determined by totaling the times of the two best-performing crews.
14.6. Team Size	The number of crews within a single team is unlimited.

XV. AWARDS

15.1. Class Awards	Winners and prize-winners of the International “Press Rally 2026” in each vehicle class will be awarded prizes.
15.2. Team Awards	The winning teams will be awarded prizes.
15.3. Ladies' Classification	The best-performing female crews will be awarded separately.
15.4. Special Prizes	Winners of additional competitions may be awarded special prizes.
15.5. Attendance Requirement	Failure of prize-winning crews to attend the awards ceremony is subject to a € 100 fine and the forfeiture of their right to prizes.

XVI. AWARDS CEREMONY LOCATION

Location and Time	The rally winners and prize-winners will be awarded on May 30, 2026, at 21:00, at the closing venue and rally headquarters: “Atostogų parkas”, Palanga.

XVII. INSURANCE

17.1. Organizer’s Insurance	<p style="text-align: center;">Organizer’s Civil Liability Insurance:</p> <p>The Organizer provides civil liability insurance for competition participants, valid while driving on special stages from start to finish, or until the moment of the crew's withdrawal or exclusion from the competition.</p>
Coverage Limit	The Organizer has entered into an insurance contract that covers the Organizer’s civil liability to third parties during the competition for an amount up to € 20,000. Civil, administrative, and criminal liability during the event lies with the party directly responsible for the incident.
Damage to Third Parties	The insurance contract covers damage caused to third parties; however, damage caused between drivers (competitors) is not covered by the insurance contract.
17.2. Drivers’ Insurance	<p>All first and second drivers must obtain personal accident insurance valid during motorsport training and competitions. The minimum insured amount is € 3,000. Insurance can be arranged through your own insurance company or via email at lasf@lasf.lt no later than May 26, 2026.</p> <p>The crew must present a valid insurance policy during administrative checks. All crews must also possess valid motor third-party liability insurance or an international "Green Card" during administrative verification.</p>

	<p>By signing the entry form, participants and applicants waive any right to compensation for any incident. This waiver applies to the FIA, LASF, the organizer, officials, and other applicants and/or drivers.</p> <p>First and second drivers from non-EU countries must have valid travel insurance covering recreational sports risks.</p>
17.3. Damage Notification	<p>Crews must report any damage caused by their vehicles on the track to the organizer no later than the end of the competition day. Ignoring this duty may result in a € 200 fine.</p>
17.4. Insurance Policy Exclusions	<p>Under the insurance contract, service vehicles and other support vehicles bearing organizer-issued stickers are not insured (except for vehicles insured by the organizer) and always drive at their own risk.</p>
17.5. Liability Exclusions	<p>The organizer is not responsible for any consequences of a participant's behavior (damage caused) resulting from failure to comply with rally rules, regulations, these supplementary regulations, or the legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania.</p>
PREPARED:	APPROVED:
2026-02-27	2026-02-27
Rally Director	Valdas Valiukevičius
LASF General Secretary	Indrė Janauskaitė

