



## 2023 HIGHLAND RALLY GENERAL RULES

RNI District Association will be responsible for the running of the North Regional Highland Rally, which will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Black Isle Showground, Mannsfield, Muir of Ord.

This is one of the main events of the year and it is hoped that again, your Club will give it your full support and co-operation towards making it a successful Rally. They must also be under 28 years of age on the day of the Rally (unless otherwise specified).

### Entry Fee

The entry fee is £50 per Club which covers all competitions. Admission to the Rally is free. **Entry fees will be invoiced.**

### Entries

Entry form must be submitted no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. No club will be able to compete unless a fully completed entry form is returned. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### Raffle

Each club will receive 5 tickets per active member as of Feb 2023. **All sold and unsold Raffle tickets MUST BE RETURNED to our Raffle Convenor Lynne Fraser by 10am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Highland Rally.** For each club to receive full Raffle Prize points they must sell ALL their tickets. Any unsold/missing tickets will result in the club being fined and points being lost.

### Rules

No member may compete for two clubs in any of the Rally competitions. Otherwise both clubs will be disqualified without warning.

**Any competitor under the influence/or smelling of alcohol will not be permitted to take part, this is at the discretion of the Rally or Practical Convenor and the stewards.**

The rules for each competition are detailed below and should be adhered to. Should there be a requirement to adjust any on the day, the final decision shall fall to the Rally Convenor and all clubs shall be notified.

Should any controversy arise regarding competitions or the application of the rules, the decision of the Rally Committee/Convenor is final.

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OTHERWISE BOTH CLUBS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED WITHOUT WARNING.**

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### STOCKJUDGING

The classes, subject to availability shall be: -

Class 1 – ANGUS CATTLE

Class 2 – LIMOUSIN CATTLE

Class 3 - COMMERCIAL CATTLE

Class 4 – BLUE TEXELS

Class 5 - BLACKFACES

Class 6 - TEXELS

Teams A team shall consist of three members. There is no maximum on the number of teams that a Club may enter. Any competitor seen near the stock before the competition commences or with any person other

than an official during the competition will be disqualified. On commencing, 8 minutes will be allowed for competitors to observe each of the animals and write down their placings.

Reasons All three members from the top eight teams will give reasons. Team reasons will be on Class 1, Class 2 and Class 4. The top 12 individuals will give reasons which will be on Class 6 (Individuals may have to give two sets of reasons but only this set will count to their individual score)

Time Competitors will report to either Rod Gillies, Stock judging Convenor or the Master Scorer at 9.30am. to register and any team who does not have their cards by 10.15am will be disqualified. The first person noted in each team will be the person responsible for ensuring their team does reasons if applicable. Competition will start at 10.15am PROMPT. All competitors to report to the Main Building at the Mansfield Showground, before moving in groups to the Stockjudging area. After all the classes have been judged members MUST come away from the stock shed. **Any competitors thought to be irritating stock on purpose will be disqualified immediately.**

Prizes A trophy will be presented to the winning team and Best Individual. In addition, merit certificates will also be awarded.

### **Points towards the Rally Trophy - 25, 20, 15, 10, 5**

## **PRACTICAL COMPETITIONS**

Time All practical events will be available for members to completed between 11.00am and 1.30pm. Clubs who fail to complete the competition within this time will not be counted. The time allowed per event will be at the discretion of the steward/judge.

Rules Any competitor under the influence/or smelling of alcohol will not be permitted to take part, this is at the discretion of the Practical Convenor and his stewards.

Prizes 1st - 6th merit certificates will be awarded to the first six teams in each event.

Points 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 will be awarded for each event

## **EVENTS**

### **Digger Handling – (MUST BE OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE)**

Entry 1 individual per entry, maximum of 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior/Associate)

Rules Competitors to follow a course and task as specified on the day. Should any competitor not follow correct safety procedures they will be disqualified immediately. This event will not be based on time taken but skills involved however, your times will be noted in case of a tie-break.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT COMPETITORS MUST BE OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE.**

### **Setting up a sheep race**

Entry 2 individuals per entry, maximum of 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior/Associate)

Rules As a team you will be required to take down the handling system (which has been set up correctly in advance) and then set it back up in the correct manner, this task will be timed and marked accordingly to being set up correctly.

### **Fault Finding**

Entry 2 individuals per entry, 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior/Associate)

Rules Team to identify as many faults as they can on a machine.

### **Identification**

Entry 1 individual per entry, 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior/Associate)

Rules Individual to identify as many items as possible.

### **Quiz**

Entry 1 individual per entry, 2 entries per club per section (2 Junior, 2 Senior/Associate)

Rules Individuals to answer questions correctly

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### **SPORTS**

The Football and Tossing the Sheaf will commence at 1.30pm with the remainder of the events starting from approximately 2.30pm onwards. The events will be completed in the order as noted below:

Prizes 1st, 2nd & 3rd merit certificates will be awarded to the first three placings in each event.

Points 6, 5, 4 will be awarded for each event.

### **Football**

#### **Boys Five-a-Side Football**

Teams Teams to consist of 5 members. Each Club are entitled to enter 1 team.

Rules Teams will play 5 minutes each way. In the event of a draw, 3 penalties will be taken by each side and thereafter penalties will be sudden death.

It will be ran as a Knock out tournament.

All competitors must report to the steward within 4 minutes of being called.

One substitute per team is permitted.

#### **Girls Five-a-side Football**

Teams Teams to consist of 5 members. Each Club are entitled to enter 1 team.

Rules Teams will play 5 minutes each way. In the event of draw, 3 penalties will be taken by each side and thereafter penalties will be sudden death.

It will be ran as a knock out tournament.

All competitors must report to the steward within 4 minutes of being called.

One substitute per team is permitted.

### **4 x 100m Relay Race**

Team 1 team per club, but to consist of 2 boys and 2 girls (Must be a minimum of 1 junior and 1 senior/Associate)

Rules Five metres will be allowed on either side of each starting line, within which distance the baton must be handed over

### **Wool Bag Race**

Team 1 team per club to consist of 2 boys and 2 girls (Must be a minimum of 1 junior and 1 senior/Associate)

### **Tug of War**

**Entries** 1 Team per club Team to consist of 6 members – minimum 2 juniors and 2 of opposite sex. Two members can be associate members if required. No subs unless injury.

**Rules** **Footwear – work boots allowed**

Knockout format with draw made on the day. Depending on number of teams competing, preliminary rounds may be used to get to even numbers for knockout, culminating in semi-finals, final and third/fourth place.

### **Tossing the Sheaf**

**Sections** Junior & Senior/Associate – girls and boys

**Entries** Two competitors per Club per section may enter

**Rules** This event shall be taking place over the course of the afternoon. The number of attempts will be decided on the day. Once the sheaf is thrown (maximum number of attempts to be agreed on the day) and height cleared you will move up to the next height (the height increase increments will be at the stewards discretion on the day).

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**THE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMEND THE FOREGOING RULES**