



# **SPORTING REGULATIONS**

## 1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile is organising, in collaboration with its ASNs, a worldwide detection programme for young rally drivers entitled "FIA Rally Star".

The goal of this programme is to facilitate access to motorsport by selecting and supporting talented drivers detected by the ASNs.

These Sporting Regulations have been laid down by the FIA. They are supplemented by the Supplementary Regulations of the Slalom and Digital Challenges, which are published by each ASN for the events that they organise, and by the Continental Final and Women's Final Supplementary Regulations, which are published by the FIA.

For the sake of readability, the masculine form was used throughout these regulations. Naturally the feminine form is also implied.

## 2 DEFINITIONS

### 2.1 FIA RALLY STAR COMMITTEE

Committee in charge of overseeing the smooth running of the FIA Rally Star programme and settling any disputes. Its composition is set out in Appendix II.

### 2.2 BULLETIN

Official written document that clarifies or supplements the Supplementary Regulations. A Bulletin cannot change or amend the FIA Rally Star Sporting Regulations without a written waiver from the FIA.

### 2.3 COMMUNICATION

An official written document for informational purposes, which can be published by the FIA, the ASN organising a Challenge or the Clerk of the Course (CoC) of a Challenge.

### 2.4 CANDIDATE

A person who fulfills the FIA Rally Star eligibility criteria, has completed the registration form on the [fiarallystar.com](http://fiarallystar.com) website and paid possible registration fees. The Candidate agrees to adhere to the current Sporting Regulations. Only he is allowed to drive during the different stages of the FIA Rally Star programme, including Digital Motorsport. The Candidate can also be appointed as Driver under these Regulations.

### 2.5 DECISION

Document published by the FIA, the ASN organising a Challenge or the CoC of a Challenge in order to announce the outcomes of inquiries, hearings or investigations.

### 2.6 FIA

Any mention of the FIA refers to the FIA Rally Department.

### 2.7 ASN

National Sporting Authority that is a member of the FIA.

### 2.8 CHALLENGE

Detection and selection event organised by an ASN or the FIA. A Challenge can be centred around Slalom or Digital Motorsport.

### 2.9 SLALOM

Motorsport discipline recognised by the FIA, resembling a road-handling course consisting of natural or artificial obstacles.

### 2.10 DIGITAL MOTORSPORT

Activity related to the virtual practice of motorsport, via software. The term "Digital" can be used in the context of the FIA Rally Star programme.

### 2.11 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS (SR)

Document published by the ASN organising a Slalom or Digital Motorsport Challenge, or by the FIA for the Continental Finals and the Women's Final. It is intended as a supplement to the current Sporting Regulations, detailing all the different organisational measures and conditions of these events. The Supplementary Regulations must be approved by the FIA and can only be modified via a Bulletin.

### 2.12 FIA RALLY STAR GUIDELINES

Non-regulatory document published by the FIA, summarising the requirements and recommendations related to organising a Challenge.

### 2.13 CLERK OF THE COURSE (COC)

Official who holds a licence issued by his ASN, responsible for the running of a Challenge, Continental Final or Women's Final in compliance with the applicable regulations.

### 2.14 NATIONAL DETECTION PROGRAMME

Detection programme for young drivers set up by an ASN and recognised by the FIA under the FIA Rally Star programme.

### 2.15 WILD CARD

Direct access for a Candidate to a Continental Final. A Wild Card can be issued by an ASN or partner of FIA Rally Star. All Wild Cards must be approved by the FIA.

### 2.16 NATIONAL FINAL

Optional event organised by an ASN which seeks to establish a hierarchy among the Candidates who qualified during the Challenges.

## 2.17 CONTINENTAL FINAL

Event organised by the FIA that brings together the Candidates qualified by the ASNs from one of the six Regions defined in Appendix I.

## 2.18 WOMEN'S FINAL

Event organised by the FIA that brings together female Candidates who have qualified at one of the Continental Finals.

## 2.19 XC CROSS CAR

Offroad vehicle in conformity with Article 279B of the FIA Appendix J. However, these vehicles may partially derogate from this regulation for the specific needs of the programme.

## 2.20 JURY

Panel appointed by the FIA Rally Star Committee for each Continental Final tasked with selecting the winners.

## 2.21 TRAINING SEASON

Programme designed by the FIA for those Candidates who are selected during the Continental Finals. The Training Season comprises coaching sessions, practice sessions and participation in certain rallies, so that Candidates can acquire the skills required to become professional rally drivers.

# 3 APPLICATION

## 3.1 COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS

- 3.1.1 Only ASNs that have agreed and signed the FIA Rally Star legal agreement are authorised to organise Challenges and present Candidates to the Continental Finals.
- 3.1.2 All Candidates and officials participating in the different stages of the FIA Rally Star programme undertake in their own names and on behalf of their support team to adhere to the provisions set out in the applicable regulations and in the FIA Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. Failure to do so could result in sanctions which can go as far as disqualification from the event.
- 3.1.3 The ASNs, FIA Rally Star partners, tyre manufacturers, car suppliers and all other providers related to a Challenge must comply with the obligations that apply to them as well as the decisions taken by the FIA.
- 3.1.4 Only the FIA can grant waivers to these regulations.
- 3.1.5 All waiver requests in relation to these regulations must be submitted to the FIA. Any article of the Supplementary Regulations that modifies these regulations is considered void if it has not been subject to a written waiver by the FIA.

- 3.1.6 The CoC is responsible for applying these regulations and the Supplementary Regulations before and during the Challenge, Continental Final and Women's Final. He must inform the FIA and/or the ASN of any significant incidents during the event he is overseeing.
- 3.1.7 Any cases not provided for in the regulations that take place during the Challenge, Continental Final or Women's Final will be reviewed by the CoC, alone authorised to take decisions.
- 3.1.8 Anything that is not expressly authorised in these regulations is prohibited.
- 3.1.9 The FIA Rally Star Committee will be informed of any violation of these regulations, and is authorised to take a decision or appoint a Panel of the Stewards tasked with investigating and deciding what action to take.

## 3.2 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

All documents, including the Supplementary Regulations and its Bulletins, must be drafted in both English and the language spoken by the ASN organising the Challenge, at a minimum. In case of dispute, the English version prevails.

## 3.3 INTERPRETATION

In the event of a difference of interpretation of these regulations, the FIA will adjudicate or ask the FIA Rally Star Committee for its advice. During the event, the CoC will rule on any conflicts.

## 3.4 SEVERABILITY

If a provision of these Sporting Regulations is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that shall not affect:

- the validity or enforceability in that jurisdiction of any other provision of these Sporting Regulations; or
- the validity or enforceability in other jurisdictions of that or any other provision of these Sporting Regulations.

## 3.5 CONFIDENTIALITY

Any and all communications between the FIA, its partners, the ASNs and the Candidates are confidential and not to be made public by any party without prior permission by the FIA.

## 3.6 APPLICATION DATE

These regulations will enter into force on 1 January 2021.

# 4 ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

## 4.1 REGISTRATION

- 4.1.1 Participation in the FIA Rally Star Challenges is subject to the creation of an account on [fiarallystar.com](http://fiarallystar.com).

4.1.2 A physical person may not hold more than one account on fiarallystar.com. Any infringement will be punished by exclusion from the programme.

## 4.2 AGE CRITERIA

4.2.1 On 1 January 2022, the participating Candidate must be at least 17 years old and not older than 26 years old. ASNs are free to impose more restrictive conditions, which they must indicate in the Supplementary Regulations.

4.2.2 Minors will be required to have a signed parental authorisation from their legal representative(s) for the Challenges and/or Continental Final.

## 4.3 DRIVING LICENCE

4.3.1 As the Slalom Challenges take place in areas that are closed to traffic, a driving licence is not required, except if specified in the Supplementary Regulations.

4.3.2 A Candidate who is selected during a Continental Final will need to obtain his driving licence at the latest by 1 February of the Training Season. Failing this, he will not be able to continue the programme and will be replaced by a substitute driver.

## 4.4 NATIONALITY

4.4.1 Each Candidate must be a national of a country represented in the FIA through an ASN.

4.4.2 Without prejudice to Article 4.4.1, each ASN is free to determine nationality requirements of Candidates participating in the Challenges and presented at the Continental Final.

## 4.5 EXPERIENCE

4.5.1 Each ASN is free to accept or not Candidates who already have competition licences for the Challenges that it organises.

4.5.2 Drivers are not eligible to participate in the Continental Finals if they:

- have participated in a round of the FIA World Rally Championship;
- have finished in the top 20 in the overall classification of a round of an FIA Regional Rally Championship or Trophy;
- are supported or have been supported by a manufacturer or importer;
- have finished in the top 10 of a national rally championship;
- have finished in the top 5 of a well-established single-make cup or trophy.

4.5.3 The FIA and/or the organising ASN reserves the right to exclude any candidate who does not adhere to the criteria or spirit of the programme.

4.5.4 Drivers already eligible for a Continental Final,

regardless of the qualification method, will not be taken into account when establishing the classifications for subsequent Challenges.

## 4.6 EXPENSES

The FIA is not liable for any travel and accommodation expenses of the Candidates and ASN representatives related to the Challenges and Continental Finals.

## 5 GENERAL PROGRAMME

The FIA Rally Star programme consists of five stages:

1. The Slalom and Digital Motorsport Challenges, organised at the national level by the ASNs or directly by the FIA;
2. The Continental Finals, which bring together the Candidates selected via the Challenges or National Detection Programmes, and the Women's Final;
3. The Training Season for Candidates selected following the Continental Finals and the Women's Final;
4. Participation in the FIA Junior WRC for successful Candidates after each season;
5. Participation in the FIA WRC3 or WRC2 for the Candidate who would win the FIA Junior WRC as part of the FIA Rally Star programme.

## 5.1 CHALLENGES

- 5.1.1 Each ASN can organise one or more Challenges based on Slalom or Digital Motorsport.
- 5.1.2 An ASN that organises several Challenges can also organise a National Final, in order to select the best drivers through a competition among the Candidates who qualify at the various Challenges. This national final should take place under the same regulations as a Challenge.
- 5.1.3 If several ASNs from the same region are geographically near each other and have a low number of potential Candidates, they can organise joint selections. A reference ASN must be appointed and the Supplementary Regulations must specify the qualification requirements of each ASN involved.
- 5.1.4 ASNs can organise Challenges up to 10 days before the date of their Continental Final. The Challenges and Continental Finals calendar is published on fiarallystar.com.
- 5.1.5 The FIA organises online Digital Motorsport Challenges based on the WRC 9 video game and called #RallyAtHome Challenges. If a #RallyAtHome Challenge ends less than ten days before a Continental Final or after that Continental Final, Candidates from the countries concerned can not become eligible for that Continental Final.

## 5.2 CONTINENTAL FINAL

The FIA organises six Continental Finals in the regions

set out in Appendix I:

- Europe
- Middle East and North Africa
- Africa
- Asia-Pacific
- South America
- North America

Only Candidates from the ASNs of the Region concerned may participate in the Continental Final.

The qualified Candidates are evaluated using identical XC Cross Cars provided by the FIA.

Following each Continental Final, the Jury determines:

- The winner of the Training Season;
- The candidate qualified for the Women's Final;
- One or two substitute drivers, including at least one female driver.

### **5.3 WOMEN'S FINAL**

Following the last Continental Final, the six qualified female drivers are evaluated during a Women's Final selection. The Jury must award a female driver with a Training Season and a substitute.

### **5.4 TRAINING SEASON**

- 5.4.1 The seven drivers who qualify during the Continental Finals and the Women's Final, along with their co-drivers, are given the opportunity to take part in a comprehensive programme organised by the FIA and consisting at a minimum of:
- A training and preparatory course
  - A training programme and personalised follow-up
  - Eight practice days
  - Six rallies in a Rally3 car

- 5.4.2 During the Training Season, the drivers must fulfil the progress and individualised performance criteria, defined by the FIA Rally Star Committee. Upon conclusion of the season, the FIA Rally Star Committee evaluates these criteria in order to select four drivers, including one female driver, who will participate in the FIA Junior WRC programme the following season.

### **5.5 FIA JUNIOR WRC**

- 5.5.1 The four drivers selected following the Training Season will have the chance to take part in a comprehensive programme over the course of the FIA Junior WRC rounds of the following season. This programme includes practice sessions and a training and personalised follow-up programme.
- 5.5.2 During their FIA Junior WRC season, the drivers must meet the progress and individualised performance criteria, defined by the FIA Rally Star Committee.
- 5.5.3 If one of the four drivers wins the FIA Junior WRC

during this first season, he will receive an additional allowance to the one he receives for this title, in order to be able to compete in a minimum of six WRC3 or WRC2 rallies the following season. The FIA Rally Star Committee will also identify two drivers to be awarded a complete second season of the FIA Junior WRC.

- 5.5.4 If none of the four drivers wins the FIA Junior WRC during the first season, the FIA Rally Star Committee will evaluate the progress and performance criteria and select three drivers to be awarded a complete second season of the FIA Junior WRC. If one of the three drivers wins the FIA Junior WRC during the second season, he will receive an additional allowance to the one he receives for this title, in order to be able to compete in a minimum of six WRC3 or WRC2 rallies the following season.

### **5.6 CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS**

- 5.6.1 If drivers do not meet the progress and performance criteria defined by the FIA Rally Star Committee at each stage of the programme, the FIA reserves the right to select fewer drivers than initially planned.
- 5.6.2 The FIA reserves the right to change, replace or eliminate all or part of the allowances if the sporting, technical or budget conditions require it.

## **6 SLALOM CHALLENGE**

### **6.1 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1.1 A Slalom Challenge takes place over the course of a single day and on one track.
- 6.1.2 Such an event can be organised on the same site with several tracks and/or over several days. In this case, each track/day association is considered a separate Slalom Challenge. Challenges organised on the same site and on consecutive dates can share the same Supplementary Regulations.
- 6.1.3 As long as they are completely identical, several cars can be used in the same Challenge.
- 6.1.4 Each day consists of two stages:
- Stage 1, during which Candidates are selected based on the number of participants per time slot;
  - Stage 2, which determines which Candidates are eligible for the National or the Continental Final.
- 6.1.5 At all times, Candidates must comply with the instructions of the CoC, the Marshals and more generally FIA Rally Star guidance. Failing this, Candidates will be immediately disqualified.
- 6.1.6 Candidates must always respect the running order and placement of cars given by the officials.

- 6.1.7 When driving, Candidates must be equipped with both a helmet and safety belt which must be attached. The Candidate must be wearing closed shoes.
- 6.1.8 Candidates are allowed to wear non-slip driving gloves. If the Candidate does not wear gloves, hand sanitisation is mandatory before getting on board.
- 6.1.9 In the event of a mechanical malfunction whilst driving, the candidate will be given the chance to redo the lap, except if the malfunction is due to an illegal manoeuvre of the car or non-compliance with the rules.

## 6.2 REGISTRATION

- 6.2.1 Candidates can register for a Challenge via the form available at [fiarallystar.com](http://fiarallystar.com).
- 6.2.2 Candidates can also register onsite, if any places are available once registration has closed.
- 6.2.3 Each Candidate is allowed to participate in a maximum of two Slalom Challenges organised by the same ASN.
- 6.2.4 Candidates who do not attend a Challenge for which they have registered could be refused future entry if they do not cancel their registration before the specified deadline.

## 6.3 ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS

- 6.3.1 All Candidates must present themselves at the location and time indicated on their invitation, with valid identification (ID card, driving licence, passport), as well as any documents specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 6.3.2 Following the administrative checks, the Candidate must participate in the briefing.
- 6.3.3 A Candidate's participation in the Challenge cannot be guaranteed if he arrives late.

## 6.4 STAGE 1

- 6.4.1 Stage 1 takes place on a track set up in accordance with the specifications of the FIA Rally Star Guidelines.
- 6.4.2 The start is given from a stationary position with engine running. The starting sequence is indicated in the briefing given to Candidates.
- 6.4.3 Each Candidate will complete one untimed reconnaissance lap of the track.
- 6.4.4 After completing the untimed reconnaissance lap, each Candidate completes two timed laps on the track. The best time is selected for the Stage 1 classification.
- 6.4.5 The electronic timer is started by a light sensor, located 40 cm after the start line. Timing stops when the car goes through a second sensor,

located on the finish line inside the braking zone.

- 6.4.6 If a Candidate moves one of the cones marking the course, he will be given a one-second penalty.
- 6.4.7 If a Candidate makes a false start, moves two or more cones, moves the cone that indicates the end of the braking zone, or does not complete the course in its entirety, his lap time will be eliminated.
- 6.4.8 The first phase is divided into 60-minute time periods. After each period, a classification is established, taking into account each Candidate's best time, along with any penalties.
- 6.4.9 In the event of a sudden change in driving conditions (rain etc.), the CoC can divide a period into two parts, which can be of varying lengths if necessary. Two separate classifications are then established.
- 6.4.10 For each period, a maximum of 10% of the fastest Candidates can qualify for Stage 2.
- 6.4.11 All calculations related to the number of qualified candidates are rounded up to the nearest higher whole number.
- 6.4.12 In case of Dead Heat, both Candidates qualify for Stage 2.
- 6.4.13 If there are no female drivers among these Candidates, the best female driver qualifies for Stage 2.

## 6.5 STAGE 2

- 6.5.1 Stage 2 allows all the Candidates qualified during the Stage 1 periods to compete against each other.
- 6.5.2 Stage 2 takes place with the same cars and on the same circuit as Stage 1, but on a different layout in accordance with the specifications in the FIA Rally Star Guidelines.
- 6.5.3 The procedures regarding the start, timing and penalties are identical to Stage 1.
- 6.5.4 After completing an untimed reconnaissance lap of the new layout, each Candidate will complete two timed laps.
- 6.5.5 In order to showcase the driver's skills, the cars can be equipped with a device that reduces the rear wheel grip. This option can be used on one or two laps of Stage 2 and must also include an untimed reconnaissance lap at the wheel of a car equipped with this device. The usage of this device must be indicated in the Challenge's Supplementary Regulations.
- 6.5.6 The Stage 2 classification is established by adding up the times of the two runs, along with any penalties.
- 6.5.7 Depending on the conditions specified in the Supplementary Regulations, the fastest male

Candidate and female Candidate according to the Stage 2 classification become eligible for the National Final or the Continental Final attached to their ASN.

- 6.5.8 In case of Dead Heat, both Candidates become eligible.

## **6.6 PUBLICATION OF RESULTS**

- 6.6.1 The classifications are published on a notice board located near the welcome area, after receiving the CoC's approval.
- 6.6.2 The Stage 2 classification and the list of Candidates eligible for the National Final or Continental Final are published on the fiarallystar.com website, after receiving the CoC's signature.

## **7 DIGITAL CHALLENGE**

### **7.1 BACKGROUND**

- 7.1.1 A Digital Challenge can be organised over several days. The duration is specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 7.1.2 At all times, Candidates must comply with the instructions of the CoC and more generally FIA Rally Star guidance. Failing this, Candidates will be immediately disqualified.
- 7.1.3 Candidates must always respect the placement of simulators given by the officials. The only allowed setting is the seat position.
- 7.1.4 When driving, the Candidate must wear shoes.
- 7.1.5 Candidates are allowed to wear non-slip driving gloves. If the Candidate does not wear gloves, hand sanitisation is mandatory before getting on board.
- 7.1.6 In the event of a technical malfunction whilst driving, the officials will authorise a new run, except if the malfunction is due to an illegal manoeuvre of the simulator or non-compliance with the rules.

### **7.2 REGISTRATION**

- 7.2.1 Candidates can register for a Challenge via the form available at fiarallystar.com.
- 7.2.2 Candidates can also register onsite, if any places are available once registration has closed.
- 7.2.3 Each Candidate is allowed to participate in a maximum of two Digital Challenges organised by the same ASN.
- 7.2.4 Candidates who do not attend a Challenge for which they have registered could be refused future entry if they do not cancel their registration before the specified deadline.

### **7.3 ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS**

- 7.3.1 All Candidates must present themselves at the location and time indicated on their invitation, with valid identification (ID card, driving licence, passport), as well as any documents specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 7.3.2 Following the administrative checks, the Candidate must participate in the briefing if required by the officials.
- 7.3.3 A Candidate's participation in the Challenge cannot be guaranteed if he arrives late.

### **7.4 DIGITAL SPECIAL STAGE (DSS)**

- 7.4.1 Digital Stage takes place on a simulator set up in accordance with the specifications of the FIA Rally Star Guidelines and using a specific PC version of the WRC 9 video game.
- 7.4.2 After setting his seat position, each Candidate has 18 minutes to complete a maximum of three runs in the DSS. The start of the countdown is indicated by the Clerk of the Course or his representative.
- 7.4.3 If the countdown ends before the end of the three runs, only the finished runs will be retained for the Digital Challenge classification.
- 7.4.4 A run is considered as soon as the car crosses the starting line to start the timer.
- 7.4.5 In the event of incidents occurring in the DSS, the software automatically imposes penalties. These penalties are not questionable.
- 7.4.6 At the end of the three runs or eighteen minutes, the Candidate's best time is taken into account for the Digital Challenge classification.

### **7.5 NUMBER OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES**

- 7.5.1 Depending on the conditions specified in the Supplementary Regulations, the fastest male Candidate and female Candidate according to the Digital Challenge classification become eligible for the National Final or the Continental Final attached to their ASN.
- 7.5.2 If a Digital Challenge has more than 300 participants, the next fastest driver also becomes eligible.
- 7.5.3 In case of Dead Heat, both drivers become eligible.

### **7.6 PUBLICATION OF RESULTS**

The classifications and the list of Candidates eligible for the National Final or Continental Final are published on fiarallystar.com after receiving the CoC's signature.

## 8 #RALLYATHOME CHALLENGES

### 8.1 BACKGROUND

- 8.1.1 A #RallyAtHome Challenge is an online event organised over one week.
- 8.1.2 Candidates must own the WRC 9 and the FIA Rally Star DLC (downloadable content). They are free to choose the hardware (platform, controls, rig) used.
- 8.1.3 The #RallyAtHome Challenges calendar is published on fiarallystar.com and in WRC 9.

### 8.2 REGISTRATION

- 8.2.1 To be classified, Candidates must register on fiarallystar.com and link their account with the FIA Rally Star DLC. The procedure is described at the launch of the DLC.
- 8.2.2 Each Candidate can participate to an unlimited number of #RallyAtHome Challenges.
- 8.2.3 A fiarallystar.com account can only be linked once with a DLC. Therefore, a Candidate must use the same platform for all #RallyAtHome Challenges.
- 8.2.4 Multiple accounts are not allowed (e.g. 2 accounts on the same platform or 2 accounts on different platforms).

### 8.3 GAMEPLAY

- 8.3.1 The special stage, weather conditions, time of the day and car are identical for all Candidates and decided by the FIA and the development team.
- 8.3.2 Each Candidate can test the stage for 100 runs. These runs are never taken into consideration for the #RallyAtHome Challenge classification.
- 8.3.3 Each Candidate has 5 runs to set a time that is be taken into consideration for the #RallyAtHome Challenge classification.
- 8.3.4 A run is considered as soon as the car crosses the starting line to start the timer.
- 8.3.5 In the event of incidents occurring in the stage, the software automatically imposes penalties. These penalties cannot be contested.
- 8.3.6 Each Candidate's stage best time is taken into account for the #RallyAtHome Challenge leaderboard.

### 8.4 CHEATING

- 8.4.1 A Candidate may be banned and excluded from all #RallyAtHome Challenges if a cheat or abusive exploit is detected. The FIA reserves the right to add penalties, ban or disqualify drivers if the abuse of any advantageous features is detected. In-game penalties cannot be contested.
- 8.4.2 Every driver identified using abuse or advantageous features like 'Wallriding' or 'Railriding', or

any other non-adapted racing behaviour, receive a penalty of 15 seconds minimum. The penalty can be increased depending on the FIA's evaluation.

### 8.5 TECHNICAL FAILURES & COMPLAINTS

- 8.5.1 In case of server crashes during an event which would make the competition impossible or altered, the FIA will inform the Candidates on social media (<https://www.facebook.com/fiarallystar/>) about the decision to postpone the event, make it longer, or cancel it, depending on the importance of the crash.
- 8.5.2 Any complaints must be made as soon as possible to the following address: rallystar@fia.com or they may be ignored depending on the circumstances. The replay file should always show names above the player's car. Replays that do not display player names may not be counted as evidence.

### 8.6 CHALLENGE CLASSIFICATION

- 8.6.1 After the closure of each #RallyAtHome Challenge, the FIA publishes on fiarallystar.com an overall classification by merging the leaderboards of all platforms.
- 8.6.2 The winner of the relevant #RallyAtHome Challenge is the Candidate with the highest classification and meeting the eligibility criteria defined in Article 4.
- 8.6.3 The winner becomes eligible for the Continental Final corresponding to the country of his nationality.
- 8.6.4 If a #RallyAtHome Challenge has more than 20,000 unique participants, the next eligible Candidate also becomes eligible for his Continental Final.
- 8.6.5 ASNs are authorised to extract from #RallyAtHome Challenges classifications a national ranking to select Candidates for participation in their Slalom Challenge, a Digital Challenge or a National Final.

### 8.7 PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The classifications and the list of Candidates eligible for the Continental Final are published on fiarallystar.com after receiving the FIA Rally Star Sporting Manager's signature.

## 9 CONTINENTAL FINAL

### 9.1 BACKGROUND

- 9.1.1 A Continental Final brings together the Candidates from the ASNs within a region, as defined in Appendix I.
- 9.1.2 The Candidates can be selected via the Slalom Challenges, the Digital Challenges, the #Rally-



AtHome Challenges or the National Detection Programmes. They can also get Wild-Cards from ASNs or FIA Rally Star partner.

- 9.1.3 The Continental Finals are organised by the FIA with the logistical collaboration of one or more ASNs.
- 9.1.4 The Continental Finals take place on dirt tracks or specially designed areas. They involve driving tests using XC Cross cars, a Digital Challenge, physical tests and individual interviews to evaluate the Candidates' potential.
- 9.1.5 The layout of the circuit for the XC Cross Cars changes after each stage, in order to increase the difficulty for Candidates.
- 9.1.6 Before each stage, the XC Cross Cars are checked by a reference driver, who will drive at least 3 km in each car.
- 9.1.7 The electronic timing is conducted using a light sensor, located on a clearly visible line.

## **9.2 JURY**

- 9.2.1 The Jury of all Continental Finals is appointed by the FIA Rally Star Committee. A Jury consists of at least a president and four members.
- 9.2.2 The composition of the Jury is indicated in the Supplementary Regulations of the Continental Final. None of the Jury members can be associated with any of the ASNs in the region concerned. As a rule, Jury members must comply with the FIA Code of Ethics and Code of Good Conduct.
- 9.2.3 Based on the objective and subjective criteria that it deems necessary, the Jury oversees the selection of:
  - The winner of the Continental Final, who is awarded a Training Season;
  - The Candidate who qualifies for the Women's Final;
  - One or two substitute drivers, of which one must be female.
- 9.2.4 The Jury must use a Candidate evaluation grid established by the FIA and conduct an individual interview with each of the Candidates qualified for Stage 3.
- 9.2.5 In the event of exceptional circumstances (mechanical failure, change in weather, etc.) or difficulty in deciding between Candidates, the Jury can ask the CoC to organise an additional competition between two or more Candidates.
- 9.2.6 The Jury's decisions require an absolute majority. They cannot be reversed or appealed.

## **9.3 ENTRY PROCEDURE**

- 9.3.1 The maximum number of Candidates participating in a Continental Final is set at 150.

- 9.3.2 Each ASN can decide how many Candidates to have at a Continental Final, as long as there are:
  - eight Candidates from Digital Challenges;
  - six Candidates from Slalom Challenges;
  - one Candidate from the National Detection Programmes or benefiting from a Wild-Card.
- 9.3.3 An ASN that has five Candidates or more must include at least one female driver for every five Candidates.
- 9.3.4 Depending on availability, the FIA can grant additional places in the Continental Final upon request from an ASN.
- 9.3.5 Each ASN must communicate to the FIA a list of Candidates in priority order before the deadline set out in the Supplementary Regulations. The FIA then publishes the entry list, along with a waiting list in the event that a Candidate withdraws.

## **9.4 ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS**

- 9.4.1 All Candidates must present themselves at the location and time indicated on their invitation, with valid identification (ID card, driving licence, passport), a medical certificate allowing the practice of motorsport, and any documents specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 9.4.2 Following the administrative checks, the Candidate must participate in the briefing.
- 9.4.3 A Candidate's participation in the Continental Final cannot be guaranteed if he arrives late.
- 9.4.4 A list of Candidates authorised to participate in the Continental Final is issued following the administrative checks.

## **9.5 PENALTIES**

- 9.5.1 The scale of penalties is the same for all XC Cross Car driving sessions.
- 9.5.2 If a Candidate moves a cone marking the course or being used as a chicane, a one-second penalty per cone displaced is added to the time of the relevant lap.
- 9.5.3 If a Candidate does not drive the defined course in its entirety, the lap time concerned will be eliminated.
- 9.5.4 If a Candidate does not adhere to the safety rules, the CoC can impose a sanction going up to disqualification from the Continental Final.

## **9.6 STAGE 1**

- 9.6.1 A random draw is used to divide the Candidates into groups of 12 maximum. The order of the random draw determines the running order on the track.
- 9.6.2 All Candidates of the same group use the same XC Cross Car, except in the event of a technical issue.

- 9.6.3 Each Candidate completes three series comprised of an initial reconnaissance lap, followed by a series of timed laps and a deceleration lap before returning to the pit lane. The number of laps per series is equivalent to 2 to 3 km and is specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 9.6.4 The Candidates then complete a second series, in reverse order compared to the first series.
- 9.6.5 Each group classification is obtained by adding the drivers' best laps from each series.
- 9.6.6 The top three of each group qualify for Stage 2.

## 9.7 STAGE 2

- 9.7.1 A random draw is used to divide the Candidates into groups of nine maximum. The order of the random draw determines the running order on the track.
- 9.7.2 All Candidates of the same group use the same XC Cross Car, except in the event of a technical issue.
- 9.7.3 Each Candidate completes three series comprised of an initial reconnaissance lap, followed by a series of timed laps and a deceleration lap before returning to the pit lane. The number of laps per series is equivalent to 3 to 4 km and is specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 9.7.4 The Candidates then complete a second series, in reverse order compared to the first series.
- 9.7.5 The group classification is obtained by adding the drivers' best laps from each series.
- 9.7.6 The top ten of the overall classification qualify for Stage 3.

## 9.8 DIGITAL CHALLENGE

- 9.8.1 The Digital Challenge offers Candidates the chance to qualify for Stage 3 on a driving simulator.
- 9.8.2 Following Stage 1, the Candidates in 4th and 5th place of each group can reserve a 15-minute timeslot to participate in the Digital Challenge. Depending on availability, additional timeslots may be offered to Candidates beyond 5th place.
- 9.8.3 Following Stage 2, the Candidates ranked from 11th to 20th place in the overall classification can reserve a 15-minute timeslot to participate in the Digital Challenge. Depending on availability, additional timeslots may be offered to Candidates beyond 20th place.
- 9.8.4 If a Candidate participates in the Digital Challenge, no other Candidate is allowed to look at the simulator screen. Only staff from the FIA Rally Star organising team is allowed to look at this screen. Any breach of this rule will result in disqualification from the Digital Challenge.

- 9.8.5 Each Candidate is allowed three attempts of the Digital Challenge special stage during his 15-minute timeslot.
- 9.8.6 Candidates in the top two spots of the Digital Challenge qualify for Stage 3.

## 9.9 STAGE 3

- 9.9.1 Candidates' participation in Stage 3 is subject to the signature of the proposed FIA Rally Star contract. This contract includes:
  - definition of rights, obligations and responsibilities of each party
  - details on the protection in place for each party in the event of failure to meet commitments
  - a provisional calendar of required availability in order to continue the programme
  - financial details regarding costs and exemptions
  - the commitment of each party to adhere to the conditions provided for in the contract.
- 9.9.2 If a Candidate refuses to sign the FIA Rally Star contract, he can be replaced by another Candidate according to the overall classification of Stage 2.
- 9.9.3 Each Candidate completes three series comprised of one initial reconnaissance lap, followed by a series of timed laps and a deceleration lap before returning to the pit lane. The number of laps per series is equivalent to 5 to 6 km and specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 9.9.4 A classification that takes into account the three best laps of each Candidate is published after each series.
- 9.9.5 The Candidates use a different XC Cross Car during each series, except in the event of a technical issue.
- 9.9.6 The running order of the Candidates on the track is determined as follows:
  - Series 1: random draw
  - Series 2: classification of Series 1 in reverse
  - Series 3: classification of Series 2 in reverse

## 9.10 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

- 9.10.1 All the lists and classifications are published on the [fiarallystar.com](http://fiarallystar.com) website, after receiving the CoC's signature.
- 9.10.2 The names of the winners are announced following the Jury's consultation. The participation of the winning and substitute drivers in the prize-giving ceremony of the Continental Final is mandatory.

## 10 WOMEN'S FINAL

### 10.1 BACKGROUND

- 10.1.1 The Women's Final is organised by the FIA during

the last Continental Final, with the logistical collaboration of one of more ASNs.

- 10.1.2 The Women's Final brings together the six Candidates selected by the Juries of the Continental Finals, or their substitutes in the event of withdrawal.
- 10.1.3 The Women's Final takes places on a dirt track or specially designed area. It involves driving tests using XC Cross Cars, a Digital Challenge, physical tests and individual interviews to evaluate the Candidates' potential.
- 10.1.4 The layout of the circuit for the XC Cross Cars changes after each stage, in order to increase the difficulty for Candidates.

## **10.2 JURY**

- 10.2.1 The Jury of the Women's Final is appointed by the FIA Rally Star Committee. A Jury consists of at least a president and four members.
- 10.2.2 The composition of the Jury is indicated in the Supplementary Regulations of the Women's Final. None of the Jury members can be associated with any of the ASNs in the region concerned. As a rule, Jury members must comply with the FIA Code of Ethics and Code of Good Conduct.
- 10.2.3 Based on the objective and subjective criteria that it deems necessary, the Jury oversees the selection of:
  - The winner of the Women's Final, who is awarded a Training Season
  - A substitute driver
- 10.2.4 The Jury must use a Candidate evaluation grid established by the FIA and conduct an individual interview with each of the Candidates.
- 10.2.5 In the event of exceptional circumstances (mechanical failure, change in weather, etc.) or difficulty in deciding between Candidates, the Jury can ask the CoC to organise an additional competition between two or more Candidates.
- 10.2.6 The Jury's decisions require an absolute majority. They cannot be reversed or appealed.

## **10.3 ORDER OF EVENTS**

- 10.3.1 The conduct of events of the Women's Final is identical to that of Stage 3 of the Continental Final.