



Midnight Rally 2026

19 - 20 September 2026

Presented by the Rally Association of Vancouver Island

The Midnight Rally is a navigational, time-speed-distance rally, sanctioned by Rally Pacific Motorsports (the BC region of CARS), following the current BC Rally Regulations, which are posted here: https://www.rallybc.ca/archives/2023/BC_TSD_Rally_Regulations_2023.pdf

and the CARS general competition rules, which are posted here:
<https://carsrally.ca/documents/competitors/> .

Midnight is part of the BC Rally Championship.

The rally runs on straight-forward instructions and take place entirely on Vancouver Island. In addition to the route instructions, maps will be provided. The rally will be about 450km long, with a gas stop at approximately the halfway mark. We will start with an odometer check section of about 30km. Roads are expected to be about 50% pavement and 50% gravel. The official measurements and calculations are based on the km figures and the instructions will be in km. If you need instructions in miles please contact us.

Required equipment: 4 tires and spare in good condition, 1 self-supporting, reflective warning triangle (30cm per side), first aid kit, 5BC fire extinguisher, open cars require a roll bar. See also tech form. Additional lights on the front should meet legal requirements as to type and mounting height; and must be wired to the high beam lights such that the additional lights turn off when switching to low beam. Fog lights may be wired independently.

Recommended equipment: map light, driving lights, warm clothing, tow rope. Some helpful hints: Maximum distance between gas stops is 250km (150mi) but remember that many cars get worse mileage on unpaved roads. The sweep truck will have 4-wheel drive and extraction capability, but may not always be able to extract wayward cars from the BC scenery. Drivers are asked always to drive with their headlights on and to be particularly courteous to traffic not connected with the rally.

The rally will be divided into two legs, ending with a gas stop or the finish. Each leg is divided into Transit and Regularity stages. Transit stages give a stage time that is adequate for completing the stage well within speed limits. Your time will not be recorded in these transit stages. Regularity stages list specific average speeds, which are below the posted speed limits, which you must maintain in each part of the stage. Your timing in these stages determines your score.

Timing controls will be in regularity stages only, at various unannounced locations, and will not be placed within 200m of a stop sign, yield sign, busy intersection, or a pause or caution instruction. Cars may not slow down excessively within sight of a timing control. At the control official's discretion, the time may be recorded early when that happens. Procedure when approaching a control is simply to drive straight past without stopping. The control official will record your time. For double checking the results, you may wish to note the time and mileage at each control, but this is not required. Car numbers will be assigned by the rallymaster.

Timing & Scoring: Timing will be to 0.1 second, but scoring is one point per whole second early or late. This means that there is effectively a 0.9 second grace period either side of perfect time, to allow for inaccuracies in checkpoint position and timing accuracy.

Primary timing will be using the phone-based Richta app. This requires one dedicated smart-phone (iPhone or Android) in each vehicle, and uses the phone's GPS to log the time at which you pass each checkpoint location. Your times will be uploaded when you connect to Wi-Fi, or if you enable data, when you reach coverage. Time decs will be entered through the Richta app.

Time Declarations: Time declarations must be entered through the Richta app. If circumstances mean that you are unable to run on time, you have the choice to run at a specified delay of any whole minute plus 15, 30 or 45 seconds, from 0:15 up to 19 minutes and 30 seconds. This is intended to allow you to deal with circumstances that are beyond your control, such as being held up by a grader or local traffic, or stopping to help at an accident, as well as problems of your own devising (e.g. visiting a ditch), and then resume rallying at your specified delay. There is no penalty for using a Time Declaration.

The maximum penalty at a single control is 300 points (5 minutes) and the maximum penalty for a regularity stage is 600 points (10 minutes). Control officials will remain in place at least until all remaining cars are beyond 10 minutes later than absolute rally time. Ties will be broken by the most zero scores, then the most 1 second penalties, etc.

Officials of the Event:

Route Master: Michael Immel (m_i@telus.net)
Registrar: Linnea Uphoff (ravi.rallye@gmail.com)
Scoring: Linnea Uphoff and Michael Immel
Steward: Klaus Kreye (ravi.klaus@shaw.ca)

Awards and Classes: Trophies will be awarded, for overall position and according to the classes laid out for the BC region rally championship:

Paper: No calculators, pre-printed rally tables or accessory odometers.

Calculator: Any distance-measuring device so long as it does not display average speed or calculate target times. Calculating devices are allowed, but must not be programmable, and must not interface with a distance or position input.

Unlimited: Unlimited equipment.

Novice: Neither team member having entered more than 3 Regional championship level TSD rallies prior to the start of the current year, with no limit on equipment.

Historic: Vehicles manufactured more than 25 years prior to Dec 31 of the year preceding the current competition season. Navigational equipment is unlimited.

Schedule:**Tuesday September 8 – Thursday September 10**

19:00 Novice meetings, recorded zoom meeting, held multiple times to accommodate potential schedule conflicts. If you would like to attend, but cannot make any of these dates, please contact ravi.rallye@gmail.com

Monday September 14

23:59 Close of entries, after which preliminary start order is assigned.

Saturday September 19

18:00 – 19:30 Registration and technical inspection at Evergreen Center,
6660 Sooke Rd, Sooke

19:30 Drivers Meeting in parking lot

20:00 Car 0 begins rally

Sunday September 20

06:00 - 07:00 End of rally, Café 356

07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast and awards

Fees and Costs

Entry Fee: \$230 for entries received before midnight September 14. Members of BC rally clubs (RAVI, WCRA, IRSA, SBRCC) are eligible for a \$15 discount per member (i.e. \$15 for driver, \$15 for navigator). Registration to be made through Motorsportreg.

Maximum entries accepted: 25.

Once we have reached 25 entries or after closing date, MSR will prevent you from entering, so please mail us at ravi.rallye@gmail.com. Any entries received above the maximum will be held on a waiting list.

The CARS general liability waiver will be automatically sent to the driver once entry is confirmed. Driver and Navigator must complete the waiver.

Event officials reserve the right to reject any entry without recourse.

An entry may be withdrawn:

- (a) without penalty, up to 48 hours before the start of registration;
- (b) with up to 25% of the entry fee in penalty, less than 48 hours before the start of registration (percent at the organizers discretion);
- (c) with up to 100% of the entry fee in penalty after the opening of registration (percentage at the organizers discretion).