# The Cyprus Rally
# Rally Guide

# 23 - 25 October 2026

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

**Welcome to the Cyprus Rally 2026!**

Dear Competitors & Guests,

The Cyprus Rally 2026 signifies the beginning of the second half-century for our event, as this year's rally is the 52nd in its history, which dates back to 1970. The first international Cyprus Rally was held in 1971.

Building on the success of last year's 50th Cyprus Rally, which for the first time crowned two FIA Middle East Rally Champions—multi-time champion Nasser Al-Attiyah and newcomer Abdullah Al-Rawahi, who shared the title — we are proud to host this year's, another highly important round of the FIA Middle East Rally Championship.

We are expecting a very competitive fight for victory across all categories and classes, with FIA MERC contenders going head-to-head with fast local crews.

For decades, our rally has thrilled both participants and spectators, and we are committed to carrying that tradition forward in this edition. With over 50 years of experience and a deep passion for the sport, we are fully equipped to host a successful event and deliver an exceptional rally experience.

It is my promise, as a member of the Organizing Committee, and that of every volunteer of this rally, that we will perform our duty diligently in order for us to enjoy a safe and exciting event.

Following the Ceremonial start on Friday, October 23, 2026, at the Larnaca Phoinikoudhes seafront area, the race unfolds over the weekend of October 24-25, 2026, featuring 12 gravel special stages.

The operational base of the event remains in Nicosia, with the Headquarters, the Media Center, and the Service Park located in extremely close proximity to each other, at the city's entrance, next to the Police Headquarters.

I warmly welcome you all, inviting you to the Ceremonial Start. Let's enjoy and celebrate the 52nd Cyprus Rally.

Keep safe and well,

**Nayia Kontopoulou**
**Clerk of the Course**

## 2. EVENT OVERVIEW / HISTORY

The Cyprus Rally was first held in 1970. Back then, it was a long, rough, tough and ultimately destructive event, with unattainable average speeds and controls placed to extract maximum time penalties. However, it was efficiently organised, and overseas visitors enjoyed the warm hospitality and genuine friendliness of the event.

Despite suffering a two-year gap (1974/75), the rally quickly climbed the European coefficients, reaching coefficient 3 in 1978.

**1982** saw the Cyprus Rally promoted to the top level in Europe and it went on to become one of the elite, when coefficient 20 was devised in 1988. From then, the goal was the World Championship.

The Cyprus organisers were thrown in at the deep end when the Rally was taken into the WRC as a last-minute replacement for the China Rally in May **2000**, leaving them just four months in which to put everything together.

The event was a level playing field for the WRC teams as Armin Schwarz was the only driver to have competed on the island. A crushing start-to-finish victory gave Carlos Sainz his first win in the Ford Focus and his 23rd in the WRC. Team-mate Colin McRae came in second and François Delecour rounded off the top three for Peugeot.

The **2001** Rally moved from sweltering September to flaming June and Ford won again. This time Colin McRae took the honours. Richard Burns was runner-up for Subaru and Carlos Sainz was third in another Ford.

Marcus Grönholm won the **2002 Cyprus Rally**, run in lashing April rainstorms, without winning a single stage! His Peugeot team-mate Burns was second and Tommi Mäkinen brought his Subaru home in third place.

In **2003,** the rally was back to June and Subaru's Petter Solberg scored his first win of the season – a season that culminated in his taking the World Championship crown. Harri Rovanperä managed to hang on to second place in his Peugeot while Sébastien Loeb took third in the Citroën, leading the three double chevrons to a 3-4-5 finish.

Sébastien Loeb was declared winner of the **2004** Cyprus Rally in the Citroën Xsara, after Marcus Grönholm was disqualified because of a technical infringement on the Peugeot 307 WRC. Estonian Markko Märtin was second, retaining the Manufacturers' Championship lead for Ford, and Carlos Sainz was third in the second Xsara.

**2005** saw double world champion Loeb rack up the fourth of his record-breaking ten season's victories in his Citroën Xsara. When engine problems put paid to Marcus Grönholm's Peugeot and Petter Solberg's Subaru on the first day, Loeb pulled away from the rest of the field and eventually cruised to victory, 4m 09.5s ahead of Austrian Manfred Stohl, who took second in his OMV-backed Xsara. Third place went to Markko Märtin in the second Peugeot 307 WRC.

Loeb continued to rewrite the history books by securing a record-breaking 28th WRC victory at the **2006** Cyprus Rally. Partnered by Daniel Elena, Loeb's Citroen Xsara finished with a comfortable winning margin of 21.2 seconds over Grönholm's Ford Focus. Grönholm's team-mate Mikko Hirvonen was third overall in a second Focus.

In **2007**, the Cyprus Rally was round 6 of the FIA Middle East Rally Championship (MERC) and Charalambos Timotheou became the first Cypriot driver to win the event since 1991, taking overall victory with Pambos Laos in their Mitsubishi EVO IX. Defending Middle East and P-WRC champ Nasser Al-Attiyah of Qatar and co-driver Chris Patterson came 2nd in their Subaru Impreza WRX STi, while Cypriots Dimitris Papasavvas and Vangelis Xenofontos, also in an Impreza WRX STi, completed the podium.

The Cyprus Rally was round 2 of the **2008** FIA Middle East Championship. Cypriot Nicos Thomas and co-driver SG Chips won the event in their Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution IX. At 20 years of age, Thomas was the youngest driver ever to win the Cyprus Rally and also the youngest driver to ever win a MERC event. Cypriot Savvas Savva secured 2nd place in their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VIII, while Qatar's Nasser Al-Attiyah finished 3rd in his Subaru.

**2009** marked a return to the WRC with the **FxPro Cyprus Rally** round 3 on the calendar. Sébastien Loeb - with Daniel Elena at his side - scored an emphatic victory in his Citroen C4 and made history by securing his landmark 50th WRC victory in the process! Finland's Mikko Hirvonen finished second in his Ford Focus, with Norwegian privateer Petter Solberg securing the last place on the podium in his Citroen Xsara.

**2010** saw the **FxPro Cyprus Rally** join the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC), while also serving double duty as an official round of the 2010 FIA Middle East Rally Championship (MERC). The final round of the 2011 IRC calendar, and round 7 of the MERC, the event saw defending Middle East Rally Champion Nasser Al-Attiyah of Qatar and his co-driver Giovanni Bernacchini of Italy steer their Ford Fiesta S2000 to a stunning victory. While Al-Attiyah had enjoyed an outstanding record of victories in Cyprus's Troodos Rally, this marked his first Cyprus Rally win. The inaugural Love Cyprus Golden Stage Rally, held immediately after the FxPro Cyprus Rally, was won in thrilling style by Norway's Andreas Mikkelsen and his co-driver Ola Floene in their Ford Fiesta S2000.

In **2011**, the Cyprus Rally moved west to Pafos and saw Norway's Andreas Mikkelsen secure the IRC title on the final event of season. No fewer than five drivers had the chance to take the IRC title here, but it was Mikkelsen who proved the master, steering his Skoda Fabia S2000 to a worthy victory alongside co-driver Ola Floene. Qatari ace Nasser Al-Attiyah, who had been a favourite to take victory, was running second on the final day when engine failure ended his event prematurely. In a confident performance, Mikkelsen kept his cool to take the event and the season with phenomenal pace and considerable style. Immediately after the Cyprus Rally, Belgium's Thierry Neuville and co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul dominated the 2nd ever Cyprus Golden Stage Rally from the start, steering their Peugeot 207 S2000 to a well-earned victory with a bravura display of driving.

In **2012**, the Cyprus Rally stays in Paphos. Final event of 2012 Intercontinental Rally Challenge and the penultimate round of FIA Middle East Rally Championship. Nasser Al-Attiyah and co-driver Giovanni Bernacchini steered their Ford Fiesta RRC to a memorable 3 minute 35.3 second victory over closest rival Andreas Mikkelsen. The Norwegian manage to win the 2012 Intercontinental Rally Challenge. Toshi Arai's performance was enough to see him finish the event in 3rd place overall and as the 1st among the IRC Production Cup drivers in a Subaru Impreza. Savvas Savva finish the rally 6th and he was first among the Cyprion Crews. Britain's Harry Hunt secured himself the IRC 2WD Cup in his Citroen DS3. He started the event locked in a battle with France's Robert Consani (Renault Clio

R3) but Consani's event ended in SS4, leaving the route to the 2WD Cup clear for Hunt who just had to finish the event.

In **2013**, the Cyprus rally moved to the capital after a long absence, while also serving double duty as an official round of the 2013 FIA Middle East Rally Championship. In truly imperious form, Nasser Al-Attiyah and Giovanni Bernacchini on board their Ford Fiesta RRC clinched victory and a ninth Middle-East Rallying Championship in the CNP Asfalistiki Cyprus Rally 2013. With only Dubai left in the MERC the Qatari multi-champion can now set his sights on next years Rally Dakar. Almost three minutes behind them was Sheikh Khalid Al Qassimi and Scott Martin with their Citroen DS3 RRC. The battle for second place was glorious with the Emirati driver claiming second place only 4.7s in front of the Qatari rallying prodigy Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari and his co-driver Killian Duffy. In 4th place overall was 2010 MERC champion Misfer Al-Marri and Nicola Arena on board their Ford Fiesta RRC. Right behind them was the Cyprus championship leader Costas Georgiou "Chips" with Elena Pieri and their Mitsubishi Lancer.

**CNP ASFALISTIKI Cyprus Rally 2014** was a one-of-a-kind event. Two sanctioned FIA rounds ran side by side with the 9th round of the ERC and the 5th round of the MERC both took place on the same weekend. Yazeed Al Rajhi rocked the island with a commanding win from Friday Super Special Stage in the streets of Nicosia. The Saudi with Michael Orr by his side battled Kajetan Kajetanowicz and Jaroslaw Baran of Poland throughout the rally. Abdul Aziz Al Kuwari was third overall with his Ford Fiesta while the Sheikh Khalid Al Qassimi finished fourth. Fifth place overall was the Portuguese crew of Bruno and Carlos Maghalaes and their Peugeot 208 T16. Christos Demosthenous and Pambos Laos finished six and first among the Cypriot crews.

Eight-time Middle East Rally Champion, Qatar's Nasser Ali Attiyah on board a Ford Fiesta RRC conquered the **CNP ASFALISTIKI Cyprus Rally 2015** after a relentless battle with Poland's Kajetan Kajetanowicz with a Ford Fiesta R5 who finished second overall just seven seconds behind the Qatari driver who secured the ninth Middle East Rally title. That was Al Attiyah's fourth victory in the Cyprus Rally equaling France's Sebastian Loeb's record. CNP ASFALISTIKI Cyprus Rally counted as the ERC's eighth round and round five of the Middle East Rally Championship. Qatari Abdulaziz Al Kuwari with co-driver Clarke Marshall behind the wheel of a Ford Fiesta RRC finished third overall, in front of Portugal's Bruno Magalhaes, also on board a Peugeot 208 T16.
Christos Demosthenous and Pambos Laos behind the wheel of a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9 took top honours among the Cypriot crews, finishing ninth overall. Savvas Savva and Andreas Papandreou driving a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo

Alexey Lukyanuk was dominant in **CNP ASFALISTIKI Cyprus Rally 2016**, clinching overall victory and the European Rally Championship runner up spot, in the ERC season finale. He won 11 out of thirteen special stages losing only two to his rival for the second place of ERC standings, Latvia's Ralfs Simarcis (Skoda Fabia R5) who finished third overall. Germany's Marijan Griebel, ERC Junior Champion finished a surprising second overall in his first Ford Fiesta R5 drive. ERC regular David Botka on board a Citroen DS3 finished fourth overall. Christos Demosthenous finished fifth overall and first among Cypriot crews «Chips Junior» on board an Evo 9 finished sixth overall in his Cyprus Rally debut as a driver, followed by Costas Zenonos also with a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9. Two times Turkish Rally Champion, Murat Bostanci of Castrol Ford Team Turkiye driving a three-cylinder Ford Fiesta claimed the ERC3 victory followed by his teammate Bugra Banaz.

**Nasser Al-Attiyah** came out victorious of a drama-filled **2017** Cyprus Rally, scoring a record-braking five victories in the sunshine island, surpassing Sebastien Loeb's four victories. 2017 rally confirmed its name as one of the most difficult events in the European Rally Championship. Al Attiyah essentially won the 2017 event with a considerable margin of over six minutes from second placed and first among local crews Simos Galatariotis with Antonis Ioannou on a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X. Third place for Panicos Polykarpou and Gerald Winter driving a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX while Alexandtros Tsouloftas received the Colin MCRae Flat-out Trophy.

**Cypriot Simos Galatariotis** on board a Skoda Fabia R5 won the **2018** Cyprus Rally after ten years in the closest battle ever recorded both in the Cyprus Rally and the European Rally Championship history. He won by just 0.6 seconds in front of the Portuguese Bruno Magalhaes also driving a Skoda Fabia R5. Hungary's Herczig and Ferencz finished in third overall completing a Skoda Fabia R5 1-2-3. Nasser Al Attiyah who climbed to the first place overall in penultimate stage, was forced to stop and change a punctured tyre in SS13 loosing precious time slipping in fourth place overall.

**In 2019** Nasser Al-Attiyah extended his record number of victories in the Cyprus Rally, by winning the event for the sixth time in his glorious career. Driving a VW Polo R5, Nasser was fastest in eleven out of twelve special stages, finish ahead of the local hero Simos Galatariotis, who was disqualified from the final standings of the event after failing to adhering to Parc Ferme rules which dictate that following the end of the Finish Ceremony all cars are to gather for Parc Ferme. British Chris Ingram, who secured a spot in Cyprus Rally for his Skoda Fabia R5 following crowd funding, was second and WRC veteran Mikko Hirvonen on the wheel of a Ford Fiesta R5 finished third. Argentinian Juan Carlos Alonso driving a Mitsubishi Lance Evo X secured the FIA European Rally Championship's ERC2 production class title one round before the final curtain, by winning the category in Cyprus.

Nasser Al-Attiyah won the **Cyprus Rally 2020** for the 7th time in his career and the second time in a raw (this is his third victory during the last four years). He was driving a Volkswagen Polo R5, co-driver by the Frenchman Mathieu Baumel. Al-Attiyah is the record man of the Cyprus Rally. Al-Attiyah won in Cyprus for the 17th time – he won nine times the Troodos Rally and one the Pafos International Rally. Cypriots Panagiotis Yiangou / Panagiotis Kyriakou, finished in the second place with a Hyundai i20. They had a steady race and despite the problems they faced in the last Saturday's stage, they counterattacked on Sunday and finished second, taking the prize "Loris Ellinas" given to the first Cypriot crew, in honor of the first winner of the Cyprus Rally in 1970. The podium was completed by Christos Demosthenous / Costas Pavlou with a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX. They made a lasting counterattack after S.S. 2 when they had fallen 12th. Sunday morning started on the 4th.

Alexandros Tsouloftas and co-driver Stelios Elia, in the bucket of a Volkswagen Polo GTi, won all six special stages of Leg II. Along with their five second places in Leg I five special stages, they won the 49th International **Cyprus Rally 2021**, for the first time in their careers! Petros Panteli / Pampos Laos finished in second place with a Citroen DS3 overtaking Al Rawahi / Al Hmoud (Ford Fiesta) in the last stage and relegating them to third place. Fourth position went to Yiangou / Englezou with a Hyundai i20. In the MERC 2 category, an exciting battle took place, with Christodoulou / Xenophontos prevailing, with a Subaru Impreza. In the 2WD category, Televantos / Stavrou with a Peugeot 208 comfortably prevailed.

Nasser Al-Attiyah from Qatar etched his name in the history of the event with golden letters as the winner of the **50th Cyprus Rally 2023**, alongside co-driver Matthieu Baumel in a Volkswagen Polo GTi R5. This marked his 8th victory at the Cyprus Rally, extending his record, and the 4th victory for Baumel. Al-Attiyah's win was crucial for the FIA Middle East Rally Championship, as he tied in the standings with Abdullah Al-Rawahi, who finished 2nd overall. Ultimately, the FIA crowned both of them as FIA MERC Champions for 2024. Local hero Christos Demosthenous finished 3rd. Cyprus' multi-champion Simos Galatariotis had led after the first day but was forced to retire during the first special stage of Day 2 after damaging his Volkswagen Polo GTi R5 on a jump.

Nasser Al-Attiyah from Qatar once again etched his name in Cyprus Rally history, claiming his 9th victory at the **51st Cyprus Rally 2024**, alongside co-driver Giovanni Bernacchini in a Škoda Fabia. After a fierce battle with local hero Simos Galatariotis, Al-Attiyah took the lead when Galatariotis was forced to retire with a driveshaft failure on SS11 (two stages before the finish). Panayiotis Yiangou finished 2nd, while Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari completed the podium and secured his maiden FIA Middle East Rally Championship title.

## 3. RALLY WINNERS

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| 1970 | Victor Zachariades, Loris Ellinas, Roger Fisher (CY/GB) | Fiat 125 |
| 1971 | Christos Kirmitsis, Peter Lawrence (CY/GB) | Ford Escort TC |
| 1972 | Lefteris Makrides, Phivos Erotokritou (CY) | Mercedes 250CE |
| 1973 | Stig Blomqvist, Arne Hertz (S) | Saab 96 V4 |
| 1974 and 1975: rally not run | | |
| 1976 | Shekhar Mehta, Yvonne Pratt (EAK) | Datsun |
| 1977 | Kypros Kyprianou, Alkis Longinos (CY) | Hillman Avenger |
| 1978 | Roger Clark, Jim Porter (GB) | Ford Escort |
| 1979 | Ari Vatanen, Dave Richards (FIN/GB) | Ford Escort |
| 1980 | Roger Clark, Neil Wilson (GB) | Ford Escort |
| 1981 | Vahan Terzian, Yiannakis Theophanous (CY) | Mitsubishi Colt |
| 1982 | “Tony”, “Rudy” (I) | Opel Ascona |
| 1983 | Jimmy McRae, Ian Grindrod (GB) | Opel Manta |
| 1984 | John Buffum, Fred Gallagher (US/GB) | Audi Quattro |
| 1985 | Mauro Pregliasco, Daniel Cianci (I) | Lancia 037 |
| 1986 | Patrick Snyers, Danny Colebunders (B) | Lancia 037 |
| 1987 | David Llewellin, Phil Short (GB) | Audi Quattro |
| 1988 | Bjorn Waldegard, Fred Gallagher (S/GB) | Toyota Celica GT-Four |
| 1989 | Yves Loubet, Jean-Marc Andrie (F) | Lancia Integrale |
| 1990 | Dimi Mavropoulos, Nicos Antoniades (CY) | Audi Coupe Quattro |
| 1991 | Antonis Jeropoulos, Michael Michael (CY) | Mitsubishi Galant VR4 |
| 1992 | Alessandro Fiorio, Vittorio Brambilla (I) | Lancia Delta Integrale 16V |
| 1993 | Alessandro Fiorio, Vittorio Brambilla (I) | Lancia Delta Integrale 16V |
| 1994 | Alessandro Fiorio, Vittorio Brambilla (I) | Lancia Delta HF Integrale |
| 1995 | “Bagheera”, Naji Stephan (RL) | Lancia Delta Integrale |
| 1996 | Armin Schwarz, Denis Giraudet (D/F) | Toyota Celica GT-Four |
| 1997 | Krzysztof Holowczyc, Maciej Wislayski (PL) | Subaru Impreza 555 |
| 1998 | Andrea Navarra, Alexandra Materazzetti (I) | Subaru WRX 1 |
| 1999 | Jean-Pierre Richelmi, Stephane Prevot (MC/F) | Subaru Impreza |
| 2000 | Carlos Sainz, Luis Moya (E) | Ford Racing Focus WRC |
| 2001 | Colin McRae, Nicky Grist (GB) | Ford Focus RS WRC01 |
| 2002 | Marcus Grönholm, Timo Rautiainen (FIN) | Peugeot 206 WRC |
| 2003 | Petter Solberg, Phil Mills (N/GB) | Subaru Impreza WRC 2003 |
| 2004 | Sébastien Loeb, Daniel Elena (F/MC) | Citroën Xsara WRC |
| 2005 | Sébastien Loeb, Daniel Elena (F/MC) | Citroën Xsara WRC |
| 2006 | Sébastien Loeb, Daniel Elena (F/MC) | Citroën Xsara WRC |
| 2007 | Charalambos Timotheou, Pambos Laos (CY/CY) | Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX |
| 2008 | Nicos Thomas, SG Chips (CY/CY) | Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX |
| 2009 | Sébastien Loeb, Daniel Elena (F/MC) | Citroën C4 WRC |

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| 2010 | Nasser Al Attiyah / Giovanni Bernacchini (QA/I) | Ford Fiesta S2000 |
| 2011 | Andreas Mikkelsen / Ola Floene (N/N) | Skoda Fabia S2000 |
| 2012 | Nasser Al Attiyah / Giovanni Bernacchini (QA/I) | Ford Fiesta RRC |
| 2013 | Nasser Al Attiyah / Giovanni Bernacchini (QA/I) | Ford Fiesta RRC |
| 2014 | Yazeed Al Rajhi / Michael Orr (KSA/GB) | Ford Fiesta RRC |
| 2015 | Nasser Al Attiyah / Matthieu Baumel (QA/FRA) | Ford Fiesta RRC |
| 2016 | Alexey Lukyanuk / Alexey Arnautov (RUS/RUS) | Ford Fiesta R5 |
| 2017 | Nasser Al Attiyah / Matthieu Baumel (QA/FRA) | Ford Fiesta R5 |
| 2018 | Simos Galatariotis / Akis Ioannou (CY/CY) | Skoda Fabia R5 |
| 2019 | Nasser Al Attiyah / Matthieu Baumel (QA/FRA) | Volkswagen Polo GTI R5 |
| 2020 | Nasser Al Attiyah / Matthieu Baumel (QA/FRA) | Volkswagen Polo GTI R5 |
| 2021 | Alexandros Tsouloftas / Stelios Elia (CY/CY) | Volkswagen Polo GTI R5 |
| 2023 | Nasser Al Attiyah / Matthieu Baumel (QA/AND) | Volkswagen Polo GTI R5 |
| 2024 | Nasser Al-Attiyah / G. Bernacchinni (QA / ITA) | Skoda Fabia R5 |

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| ASN Technical Delegate | Mr George Papadakis |
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## 4.2. RALLY HQ CONTACT DETAILS

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## 4.4. HQ OPENING HOURS & MEDIA CENTRE OPENING HOURS

### Rally HQ Opening Hours

| **H.Q. Opening Hours** | |
|---|---|
| Wednesday 21st October, 2026 | 10:00–20:00 hours |
| Thursday 22nd October, 2026 | 07:00–22:00 hours |
| Friday 23rd October, 2026 | 07:00–21:00 hours |
| Saturday 24th October, 2026 | 06:30–21:00 hours |
| Sunday 25th October, 2026 | 06:00–21:30 hours |

# 5. PROGRAMME AND CRITICAL DEADLINES

## 5.1 SCHEDULE BEFORE RALLY WEEK

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| Upon receipt of FIA Visa number | Supplementary Regulations published | Website/DNB |
| | Entries Open | |
| **FRIDAY 25th September 2026** | | |
| 17:00 | National cars registration form to be submitted | |
| **WEDNESDAY 30th September 2026** | | |
| 12:00 | Closing date for entries (late Fee) | Rally HQ |
| **FRIDAY 2nd October 2026** | | |
| 12:00 | Closing Date for entries (Reduced Fee) | Rally HQ |
| **FRIDAY 3rd October 2026** | | |
| 17:00 | Rally Guide published | DNB |
| **FRIDAY 9th October 2026** | | |
| 12:00 | Closing Date for entries (late Fee) | Rally HQ |
| **MONDAY 12th October 2026** | | |
| 17:00 | Original entry form must reach the Organiser | Rally HQ |
| 17:00 | Publication of List of Entries in seeded order | DNB |
| **WEDNESDAY 14th October 2026** | | |
| 18:00 | Closing date for Media Accreditation with the National Press officer | Press Office |
| **THURSDAY 15th October 2026** | | |
| 18:00 | Closing date for ordering service park facilities | Rally H.Q. |
| | Closing date for consecutive service area requests | |

## 5.2. SCHEDULE DURING THE RALLY WEEK

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **TUESDAY 20th October 2026** | | |
| 08:00-19:00 | Opening of the service park – All Competitors | Service Park |
| 19:00 | Closing date for co-driver details | Rally H.Q. |
| 19:00 | Closing date for on-board camera registration | |
| **WEDNESDAY 21st October 2026** | | |
| 08:00-14:40 | Reconnaissance -Leg 1 | Article 9 and Appendix II |
| 16:00-20:00 | Collection of materials and documents – Administrative checks. According to a schedule to be issued in a bulletin | Rally H.Q. |
| | Collection of Reconnaissance Tracking Units | |
| | Issuing of Road Books | |
| **THURSDAY 22nd October 2026** | | |
| 07:30-13:00 | Reconnaissance – Leg 2 | Article 9 and Appendix II |
| 09:00-16:00 | Scrutineering – Sealing & Marking of Components – Installation of Rally Safety Tracking unit on rally car | Article 11 |
| 16:00-17:00 | Return of Reconnaissance Tracker systems & Reconnaissance card | Rally H.Q. |
| 20:00 | Publication of the Amended Entry List | DBN |
| **FRIDAY 23rd October 2026** | | |
| 08:30-09:30 | Free Practice for FIA Priority, MERC registered, and other drivers entered with Class RC2 cars | TBN |
| 09:30-10:15 | Qualifying Stage for FIA Priority, MERC registered, and other drivers entered with Class RC2 cars | TBN |
| 10:45 | Publication of the QS Provisional Classification | DNB |
| 10:30- 12:00 | Shakedown for all cars that did not participate in FP/QS, and VIP runs | TBN |
| 14:00-16:00 | Re-scrutineering of cars who did not pass the scrutineering | Article 11 |
| 17:30 | Publication of Start List for Ceremonial Start and the Start List for Leg 1 | DNB |
| 18:00-18:30 | Cars in starting zone | Larnaca Phinikoudes area |
| 18:00 | Pre-rally Press Conference | Larnaca Phinikoudes area |
| 19:00 | Ceremonial Start | Larnaca Phinikoudes area |

**DNB : Digital Notice Board**

## 6. ENTRY DETAILS

### 6.1.1 Titles for which The Cyprus Rally 2026 counts:

FIA Middle East Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-Drivers
FIA MERC2 for Drivers and Co-Drivers
FIA MERC3 for Drivers and Co-Drivers
FIA MERC4 for Drivers and Co-Drivers
FIA Junior MERC Championship for Drivers
FIA Master MERC Championship for Drivers
CAA National Rally Challenge 2026

### 6.2. Entry Fees

**6.1 With the optional advertising proposed by the organisers:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Private Entrant: | Reduced fee | €1.800,00 |
| | Late fee | €1.950,00 |
| Legal entrant: | Reduced fee | €1.950,00 |
| | Late fee | €2.400,00 |

**6.2 Without the optional advertising proposed by the organisers:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Private Entrant: | Reduced fee | €2,000,00 |
| | Late fee | €2,400,00 |
| Legal entrant: | Reduced fee | €2.100,00 |
| | Late fee | €2.500,00 |

Private Entrant: Car entered by a member of the crew who competes under his/her own name or pseudonym.
Legal Entrant: Car entered by a team or a company or other legal entity, holding a valid legal entrant's licence.
Private or Legal entrants not carrying the organiser's optional advertising must notify it on their entry form.
Vat (currently at 19%) **is included** in the abovementioned entry fee.

6.3 Entry **Packages**
The competitors will receive a package as follows:

| | **Legal entry** | **Private Entry** |
|---|---|---|
| Supplementary Regulations | **Sportity +website** | **Sportity +website** |
| Road Book | **2** | **1** |
| Official maps | **Sportity +website** | **Sportity +website** |
| Rally Guide | **Sportity +website** | **Sportity +website** |
| Service Plates | **2** | **1** |
| Auxiliary Plates | **2** | **1** |
| Personnel Passes | **10** | **6** |

**6.4** The entry application will be accepted if accompanied by the total entry fees or by a receipt issued by the competitor's National Sporting Authority.

## Payment details

The entry fees must be paid by bank transfer to the Organiser's bank account as per details below:

| | |
|---|---|
| Bank: | Eurobank |
| Account Name: | Cyprus Automobile Association |
| Account Number: | 116-01-040105-01 |
| IBAN Account no.: | CY25 0050 0116 0001 1601 0401 0501 |
| SWIFT BIC: | HEBACY2N |

Note: Any bank charges incurred must be paid by the entrants in addition to the entry fees. Please ensure the entrant's name and account holder are included as reference on all bank transfers.

# 7. SERVICE PARK

## 7.1 Information about Service Park

### Location

The Service Park will be located at Lieutenant-General Evangelos Florakis Street (next to the Police HQ and the Police Road Safety Park), close to the Rally HQ.
GPS references of the **Service Park**: **N35 08.830 E033 22.594 (Service Out)**

During the Rally servicing is allowed only in the Service Park as defined in the FIA Regional Rally Championship Sporting Regulations. This Service Park is marked in the Road Book and the maps of the Rally.

The complete Layout of the Service Park and Remote Service Park can be found in Appendices.

### Allocated surfaces in Service Park for MERC Teams, Non-Registered and NATIONAL Teams:

| | |
|---|---|
| MERC and LEGAL Non-Registered Team: | 120 m² for 1 rally car<br>50 m² for each additional car |
| PRIVATE Non-Registered Team: | 80 m² for 1 rally car<br>50 m² for each additional car |
| REDUCED Registered Team (Local Event): | 70 m² for 1 rally car<br>50 m² for each additional car |

The teams/competitors may bring their auxiliary vehicles into the service park, as long as they park within their designated area and **only during the designated hours** (Designated hours to be announced during the collection of materials and documents – Rally HQ and on the Service Park's Official Notice Board). Otherwise, these vehicles will have to be taken to the auxiliary parking adjacent to the Service Park.

The service area surface is “compact crusher run”.

Crews requesting consecutive service area should indicate so by e-mail caa@cytanet.com.cy to the Secretary of the Rally by **1st October, 2026** at the latest.

### 7.2 Admission to the Service Park

The Service Park will open on **Tuesday, 22nd October, 2026** at 08.00 for ALL competitors.
All parties are kindly asked to respect these opening times.

On arrival all competitors should contact:
Mr Neoklis Prodromou at the Coordination Office of the Service Park.

Teams / competitors or Tyre Manufacturers wishing to bring equipment or sea containers to the Service Park area before the given opening time must inform the organiser thereof. Should the organiser not have received such notification, we cannot guarantee any access to the area. All costs of moving the equipment either within or outside the Service Park to its final position will be borne by the relevant owner of the equipment.

Competitors are kindly asked to remind all their team staff to always carry their IDs. **APPENDIX S AND ITS RELEVANT PROVISION WILL STRICTLY APPLY**

### 7.3 Opening hours and parking

The Service Park will be open as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Tuesday, 20th October, 2026 | 08:00 – 19:00 hours |
| Wednesday, 21st October, 2026 | 07:00 -20:00 hours |
| Thursday, 22nd October, 2026 | 07:00–21:00 hours |
| Friday, 23rd October, 2026 | 06:00–21:30 hours |
| Saturday, 24th October, 2026 | 06:00–21:30 hours |
| Sunday,2 5th October, 2026 | 06:00–20:00 hours |
| Monday, 26th October, 2026 | 08:00 – 12:00 hours |

During the Rally only vehicles with affixed Auxiliary and Team plates will be given access to the Service Park. Auxiliary vehicles may only enter the Service Park to bring or collect personnel and/or equipment during the following times:

Every infringement will be sanctioned by the Clerk of the Course with penalty of €100,00.
Service Park is **one-way direction** both for Rally cars as well as the team and auxiliary vehicles.
Maximum speed inside the Service Park is limited to 10 km/h.

**The auxiliary or Team sticker must be fixed to the top right of the front windscreen**.
Due to restricted room in the Service Park, all trailers and tractor units **must be removed** to the designated parking area. You can get all the information regarding this parking area upon your arrival in the service park. Parking of Auxiliary, Media-Tabards, Media and VIP vehicles will be located in the car park outside the service park.

During the night Service Park will be closed. If any privateer teams wish to accommodate their staff in their service area, this must be agreed with the Service Park Manager.

### 7.4 Facilities in the Service Park

**7.4.1.** The organiser will provide the following facilities in the Service Park free of charge:

- Waste collection for mixed waste, oil, paper, etc.
- Toilet facilities
- General lighting
- General security
- Running water (direct pipelines to Teams plus common sources for others)

**7.4.2.** Ordering of extra facilities

| **Facilities** | **Price (€)**<br>**All Prices VAT Excluded** |
|---|---|
| Toilet, price including emptying for 6 days | €150,00/Unit |
| Toilet emptying once a day for 6 days | €45,00 per visit |
| Motor home septic tank emptying once a day for 6 days | €30,00 Each |
| Electricity, 1 x 16A / 220V | Please enquire |
| Security Services | €10 /Hour |

Orders for electricity will be confirmed 2 weeks prior to the event, supply depending on total amount of orders

**7.4.3. Service Facilities' Order Procedure**
The following procedure must be followed by all competitors ordering services through the organiser:

- Place your order by e-mail to the Secretary of the Rally, caa@cytanet.com.cy,
- Within 5 working days from receiving your order, the organizer will send you an invoice for the services ordered.
- This invoice must be paid by the 10th October, 2026.

For any questions, please contact the Secretary of the Rally, by e-mail, caa@cytanet.com.cy.

**7.5. Security**
Overnight guarding of the Service Park will be arranged by the Organizers, however the Organizers are not responsible for any losses, thefts or damages etc. Extra security services are available. For further details please contact the Rally office.

### 7.6. Recycling and waste

For environmental reasons all competitors are kindly asked to use the recycling areas arranged at the Service Park for waste. It is absolutely forbidden to spill any oil or waste water on the ground in the Service Park.
Before leaving the Service Park after the Rally (or possible retirement) each team must report to the Service Park Manager, who will check that their allocated area has been left in good condition.

## 8. TWO-WAY RADIO

### 8.1. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Radio transmitters are subject to licensing. The Organizers have made the necessary applications and a number of frequencies are available for the competitors' use. Please inform us the soonest, of your existing radio frequencies in order to check if these are available for use.

Bear in mind that throughout the Rally, the use of frequencies for amateur radio is prohibited. At the Pre-Event Scrutineering, the radio transmitters and licences will be inspected. Radio transmitters in aircraft will be inspected too. The use of radio transmitters will be monitored throughout the Rally. Unlicensed use or use outside the terms of a licence of a radio transmitter may lead to prohibition of the use of the radio transmitter.

### 8.2. CONTACT DETAILS TO PERSON IN CHARGE

An application for the use of radio transmitters licence must be sent to the Rally Office either by fax at (+357) 22 313 482 or e-mail at caa@cytanet.com.cy.

## 9. TYRES/FUEL

**9.1.** All the cars must be fitted with moulded tyres. Hand cutting or modification of the specified tread pattern is not permitted. Only marked tyres may be used on special stages.
In addition to complying with the 2026 RRSR, the following quantities and type of tyre are confirmed to use:

**9.1.1.** For all drivers entered in class RC2 and RGT cars, a maximum of **16 tyres** may be used during the rally.

**9.1.2.** For all drivers entered in class RC3, RC4 and RC5, a maximum of **12 tyres** may be used during the rally.

**9.1.3.** In accordance with art. 13.14 of the 2026 FIA RRSR all tyres used must be readily available commercially

### 9.2 Tyres for reconnaissance

In compliance with the 2026 FIA RRSR, Article 35.2.b, free tyres for gravel are used for reconnaissance.

### 9.3 Tyres for qualifying

For competitors eligible to take part in Qualifying, tyres will be taken from the overall quantity, except the spare wheel (s) fitted in the car. For Free Practice and Shakedown tyres will not count for the overall quantity.

### 9.4 Treatment of Tyres

Any chemical and/or mechanical treatment of tyres is prohibited.
Any device for heating the tyres once fitted on the rim is prohibited.
Whether fitted on rims or not, keeping tyres in an artificially heated environment below 35c is allowed.

### 9.5 Barcode Number

Each tyre must have either:
-Two identical moulded barcode numbers (one on each side of the tyre/ each barcode having a different colour as defined by the FIA) supplied by the 2026 FIA-approved barcode supplier, a specific or:
-A single moulded barcode number supplied by the 2026 FIA-approved barcode supplier.
These barcodes will be used to check that the same tyres remain fitted to a particular car between tyre changes and that competitors are not exceeding the maximum quantities allowed. The tyre barcode must always be visible from outside the car.

### 9.6 Tyre marking procedure

A wheel/tyre marking/ barcode reading zone will be established at the exit of the Service Park.

The crew must stop its car and wait for the instructions of the scrutineers and/or marshal, in the absence of scrutineers or marshals, the crew may leave the zone without stopping.

**9.7** Any breach of the tyre regulations will be submitted to the Stewards.

**9.8** **FIA fuel** must comply with articles 61, 62 (V3) and 252.9.1 of Appendix J. Super unleaded 98 octane fuel is widely available in Cyprus.
**The competitors are responsible for checking the conformity of the event fuel each time they receive delivery, and before it is used in competition.**

**9.9** All competitors should only refuel at the refuelling area at the exit of the Service Park and at the areas for Refuelling only which are indicated in the Road Book. In these areas, any kind of servicing is prohibited. A maximum of two team members shall be allowed to refuel the car, but shall not be allowed to do any other work on the car.

## 10. IMPORT OF VEHICLES AND SPARE PARTS

The ATA carnet is not a requirement for bringing your equipment into Cyprus. If you already have one it is useful.

The Organizers arranged with the Chief of Customs for the following procedure:

1. A list of all equipment carried in each van or truck, signed and stamped by your company must be brought by the driver or other accompanying person. Copy of this list should be faxed to the organizers beforehand.

2. Photocopy of the passport of each driver of each vehicle, and photocopy of each vehicle's logbook should also be faxed.

3. In order for a car to be released from customs, a written and signed authorization by the vehicle owner, naming the driver authorized to import the car, must be presented. If the owner is a company the authorization should also bear the company's stamp.

4. Upon arrival, random checks shall be carried out by customs officers to ascertain that the items in the trucks are actually on the respective lists.

5. The same procedure shall be followed on departure to verify that all items imported are actually exported even if they are damaged.

6. We shall make arrangements for a clearing agent to be at the port in order to expedite procedures.

## 11. HELICOPTER USE

### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE/INFORMATION

In compliance with the FIA Safety Regulations and the local Air Traffic Authority, every helicopter flying in support of the rally must be registered with the organizers.

For helicopter rental, please contact the Rally Office.

## 12. HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS

For details of the hospitality arrangements please contact the organiser:

**Cyprus Automobile Association**
**Tel.: +357 22313233**
Email: caa@cytanet.com.cy

## 13. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION/RESERVATIONS

For details of the hospitality arrangements please contact the organiser:

**Cyprus Automobile Association**
**Tel.: +357 22313233**
Email: caa@cytanet.com.cy

We recommend that all competitors specify their needs as soon as possible so that the relevant bookings are made in time.

## 14. RECONNAISSANCE

### 14.1 Procedure for registration

**14.1.1** Reconnaissance will be run in accordance with Article 35 & 35(V3) of the 2026 FIA RRSR.

**14.1.2 Reconnaissance** cars must be in conformity with Article 35.1 of the 2026 FIA RRSR.

**14.1.3** When registering for reconnaissance one of the crew members must be present to sign an indemnity and register the details of the reconnaissance car (spare recce car, if any), mobile telephone number and contact details of the place of residence Art. 30.1, 2026 FIA RRSR.

**14.1.4** The Reconnaissance Registration Form can be filled in during the Preliminary Documentation on **Wednesday 21st October, 2026 at** the Rally HQ.

### 14.2 Specific and/or national restrictions – speed limit

**a.** It is emphasized that reconnaissance is not practice. The competitors must drive in a manner that does not endanger or cause inconvenience to traffic or people living near the stages. All road traffic laws of Cyprus must be strictly complied with and the safety of other road users must be respected.

**b.** Reconnaissance is **PROHIBITED** from the publication of the rally supplementary regulations to the aforementioned dates. The presence of any entrant and/or crew member entered in the rally, on any part of a special stage, in any way whatsoever, is considered as reconnaissance and will be penalised. **Illegal reconnaissance will be reported to the Stewards (2026 FIA RRSR, Art. 35.3.)**

c. Crews are required to present their reconnaissance timecard at the start and finish of all special stages. Crews will only be permitted to enter and leave special stages through the start and finish controls shown in the Road Books and may not, under any circumstances drive in a direction opposite to that of the Rally.

d. The **maximum speed limit of 60 kph** (or as specified) is imposed on all special stages during reconnaissance unless the organizers introduce a lower speed limit.

In compliance with Article 34.2.2 of the 2026 FIA RRSR, speeding during reconnaissance will incur a fine applied by the clerk of the course as follows:

- **€ 25 per km per hour over the speed limit.**

The amount of this fine will be unaltered by any fine imposed by the police. The fine will be doubled in case of a second offence committed during reconnaissance in the same rally.

e. Other traffic infringements during reconnaissance will incur a penalty applied by the Stewards according to Art. 34.3.4 ~~34.2.2~~. of the 2026 FIA RRSR.

**14.3** Reconnaissance is restricted to **2 passes** in the same special stage (art. 35.4.3 of the 2026 FIA RRSR).

### 14.4 Registration, Installation of Tracking and speed control devices

**14.4.1** Registration for reconnaissance will take place as stated in the Rally Programme. At that time reconnaissance number plates, timecards and the schedules will be issued.

**14.4.2** **All recce cars will be fitted with a monitoring system** of the speed and recce car position. A **deposit of €300,00** will be required. The Reconnaissance GPS tracking system must be used at all times during reconnaissance.

## 15. RALLY SAFETY TRACKING SYSTEM (GPS tracking)

### 15.1. Reconnaissance

The tracking units to be used during reconnaissance will be delivered on Wednesday **21st October, 2026, between 16:00–20:00 hours, at the RALLY HQ.**

All competitors must return the devices (**together with recce time card**) on Friday 23rd October, 2026 between 16:00-17:00 hours at the Rally HQ.

## 16. SCRUTINEERING, SEALING & MARKING

### 16.1 Venue and Timetable

- **Venue and location**

  Scrutineering and marking will take place at the **Honda garage**, Fedras Str No. 8, Kaimakli 1027, Nicosia - (**GPS N35.10.929 E33.23.429).**

- **Times/schedule**

  From 09:00 to 16:00 hours on **Thursday, 22nd October, 2026,** according to a time schedule to be issued in a Bulletin.

**Scrutineering provisions:**

b. Cars must be presented to the scrutineers with the competition numbers, rally plates and the optional advertising affixed on the car before entering the scrutineering venue.
c. In compliance with Article 12.2 of the 2026 FIA RRSR, FIA technical passport is mandatory for S2000, and Rally2 cars.
d. The crew must show the car's complete **original homologation** form as well as any appendices to this form. Any infringement will be reported to the Stewards.

### 16.2 Mud Flaps:

Transversal mud flaps are mandatory and must comply with Appendix J Article 252.7.7.

### 16.3 Windows:

The use of silvered or tinted film is authorised only on the rear windows. Front side window films must be transparent and clear (in accordance with Appendix J Article 253.11)

### 16.4 Driver's Safety Equipment:

Drivers' safety equipment, including clothing, helmets, FHR device, etc intended to be used by each crew member, must be in compliance with FIA Appendix L – Chapter III and will be checked at the pre-event scrutineering. SOS and OK signs in accordance with Art.53.2.2 of the RRSR will also be checked. Extracts from FIA Appendix L can be found in Appendix V here after.

### 16.5 Noise Level:

For all cars the noise level on the open road must not exceed 103db(A)

### 16.6 Special National Requirements: N/A

### 16.7 Tracking Devices:

In compliance with Article 18.2 of the 2026 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations competing cars will be fitted with data logging and tracking devices that will give an accurate trace of the position, movement and status of all competing cars during special stages and liaison sections of the rally.

Any attempt to tamper with or to interfere with the data logging devices fitted to competing cars, or any device that fails to record a trace due to interference by the Crew will be reported to the Stewards who may impose a penalty that may go as far as disqualification.

**All competing cars must follow the rally route as this is determined by the organizer and outlined in the Road Book. No deviation is allowed and no tolerance from the rally route is permitted.**

Competitors are obliged to pay a deposit of €300 for the tracking units installed on their vehicle. This amount will be refunded to them upon returning the devices.

## 17. START / FINISH PROCEDURES

### 17.1 Ceremonial Start Procedure and order

The ceremonial start will be on Friday 23rd October 2026 at 18:00 hours. Cars will be started at 1 (one) minute intervals in an ascending numerical order.

All cars authorised to take the start with their crews must be driven to the Starting Zone at any time between **16:30-17:30** hours on Friday 23rd October 2026. **Route will be included in the Road Book**. A penalty of €50 per 15-minute delay shall be imposed, to a maximum of 30 minutes. Cars arriving after a 30minutes delay will not be authorised to start.

Where a crew in its competing car is unable to participate in the ceremonial start, it shall be permitted to start the remainder of the rally at its allocated start time provided that the Stewards are notified and subject to passing the necessary scrutineering checks. The crew concerned must still attend the ceremonial start wearing overalls and at their due time, art.no. 39 2026 FIA RRSR.

### 17.2 Electronic Start Procedure

The electronic start procedure shall be clearly visible to the crew from the start line and may be displayed as a countdown clock and/or a sequential light system. The electronic start procedure may be coupled to a device to detect and record if a car leaves the start line ahead of the correct signal (false start). The electronic start system will be described in a bulletin.

### 17.3 Finish Procedure

Competitors will arrive at the Holding Control-Finish at 17:00 hours on Sunday 25th October 2026. The top 3 crews will proceed to the prize giving ceremony which will be held on a special podium on high level.

3rd, 2nd and 1st overall crews are directed to the special area and all three crews stand behind their appropriate boxes.

Dignitaries will be invited in reverse order to present the trophies: 3rd overall, 2nd, 1st overall.

The National Anthems of the winning driver will be played. As the winning driver's anthem is played, the flags of the first three drivers are hoisted. Where the nationality of the winning manufacturer is different from that of the driver, the national anthem of the manufactures is played whilst its flag is hoisted.

The top three crews are presented with bottles of champagne, which they spray for the photographers (not less than 30'').

The top three crews are then escorted to the Post-rally Press Conference which is hosted in the same area.

In accordance with article 66 of the 2026 FIA RRSR. After the podium the vehicles will be driven in the Parc Ferme which will be shown in the Road Book.

### 17.4 Permitted early check-in

**Crews are authorised to check in early without incurring penalty at TC 6C Flexi Service Out (end of Leg) and TC12D Holding Control (end of Rally).**

## 18. PR ACTIVITIES

Pre-Event Press Conference, Friday 23rd October, 2026 – 17:00 at Ceremonial Start Area. Can be attended by accredited media only.

## 19. MEDIA INFORMATION

### THE MEDIA CENTRE

The Cyprus Rally 2026 Media Centre and Accreditation Desk will be based in the POED Building, 184 Leoforos Kyrineias, 2112 Plati Aglantzias Nicosia.

### MEDIA CENTRE OPERATING HOURS:

| **Media Centre / Media Accreditation** | |
|---|---|
| Thursday, 22nd October, 2026 | 10:00–20:00 hours |
| Friday, 23rd October, 2026 | 10:00–21:00 hours |
| Saturday, 24th October, 2026 | 08:00–21:00 hours |
| Sunday, 25th October, 2026 | 07:00–21:00 hours |

**CONTACTS:**

**Press Officer:** **Mikaelo Papadakis**
Mobile telephone: + 357 99 843072

Event telephone no.: NA
Pre-event fax no. : + 357 22 818112
E-mail: papadakism@tsmsportsmarketing.com

### MEDIA COVERAGE

**Local media**

A full programme of press and TV coverage is under way for the support of the Cyprus Rally.
All TV stations and press are involved in promoting the event. For the lead-up to the event, regular radio interviews highlighting the itinerary to enhance greater spectator numbers will take place as well as local.

**TV interviews at targeted media relations**

Moreover, since this is the age of information, online media will be covering the event on a minute-by-minute basis.

During the event a live update at the end of each leg will be reported by each national TV station. 24 hours of media broadcast across all the Cyprus TV landscape:

- ANT1
- CyBC 1
- TV ONE
- SIGMA
- ALPHA

Additionally, the 2026 Cyprus Rally will also be covered by the subscriber's and cable channels of Cyprus.

**Digital Media**
The Cyprus Rally Facebook page and site is already announcing news of the event.

A digital plan is in place to promote teams and sponsors through the Cyprus Rally 2026 official website (cyprusrally.com.cy), Facebook, Instagram and X profiles and pages.

### 19.1 Media Accreditation Guidelines

The Cyprus Rally has to apply to strict criteria for media. Please read the following guidelines carefully and make sure all the information requested is supplied with your accreditation. Incorrect and/or incomplete Forms may not be considered.

The accreditation is envisaged for:

- Journalists
- Media photographers

Accreditation is not envisaged for advertising, marketing or public relations agencies, media representatives, who are not journalists, photographers or video cameramen, as well for representatives of teams or sponsors.

By submitting your accreditation request, you must promote Cyprus Rally 2026 at all time – before, during and after the event.

A maximum of three (3) representatives per organization (including only one Photographer pass) will be considered for accreditation. A separate application form should be submitted for each person to be accredited.

**Information to be supplied with each application:**

- An accreditation request on the publication's official letterhead, signed by the Managing Director or Editorial Chief. Any request signed by clerical staff will not be accepted.
- A completed accreditation form.

The Organizer shall consider the submitted media accreditation application forms within five (5) working days from the day of receipt. Once applications have been processed by the Cyprus Rally Media Team and approved by Eurosport Events, an email confirming successful accreditation will be sent to the applicant(s). This confirmation email must be produced when signing on in the Media Centre. You will NOT be able to sign on without this email.

**Issue of Accreditation**
Granting and/or rejecting accreditation is fully in hands of the Organizer of Cyprus Rally 2026, and it is also limited by the number of accredited representatives to a size of the media center and by warrantee of their safety at the track of the competition. The accreditation cards and the media tabards will be available from October 22nd 2026 at the Media Center.

All Media Accreditation Packs will be delivered at the Media Centre, against presentation of the MEDIA Accreditation request (email), an Identification document (National Press Card and Passport or ID Card) and with the signature (by the journalist himself/herself) of the Responsibility Term.

Upon filling-in the Media Accreditation Application Form you confirm that you have become acquainted with the Media Accreditation Rules and Media Safety Rules and resolve to comply with the above. The Organizer shall retain the right to annul the issued accreditation due to the breach of the Media Accreditation Rules or the Media Safety Rules. The accreditation cards and the media tabards can be received ONLY IN PERSON.

**Special Provision for Photographers, Radio Journalists and TV/VIDEO crew**

All photographers, radio journalists and TV/video crew willing to get the accreditation shall have:

- A media tabard supplied by the organizers of the Cyprus Rally 2026 for accredited photographers, radio journalists and TV/video crew media tabards are available in the Accreditations Office.
- Handing over of the received media tabard to another person is strictly prohibited!
- The accredited photographers, radio journalists and TV/video crew operators with media tabards shall be entitled to be present in the areas of the rally route specially envisaged for photography and filming, no further than 1 (one) meter away of the safety stripes.
- The Organizer reserves the sole right to distribute media tabard to selected media representatives. There is no special application form for the media armband.
- Accredited media representatives are not allowed to use ground-controlled flying objects.
- Upon request of the Organizer, each accredited representative is obliged to provide to the Organizer the evidence of journalist of photographic activity.

### 19.2 Television and Radio Accreditation procedures

Accreditation Application Form must be filled in by all Broadcast Media and submitted to the following email address:

- press@cyprusrally.com.cy not later than Wednesday, 15th October, 2026.

After the deadline applications will not be processed and therefore applicants will not be able be accredited. Following this date, each applicant will receive an official confirmation letter and should present this letter at the event's welcome Centre in order to receive an envelope enclosing their passes

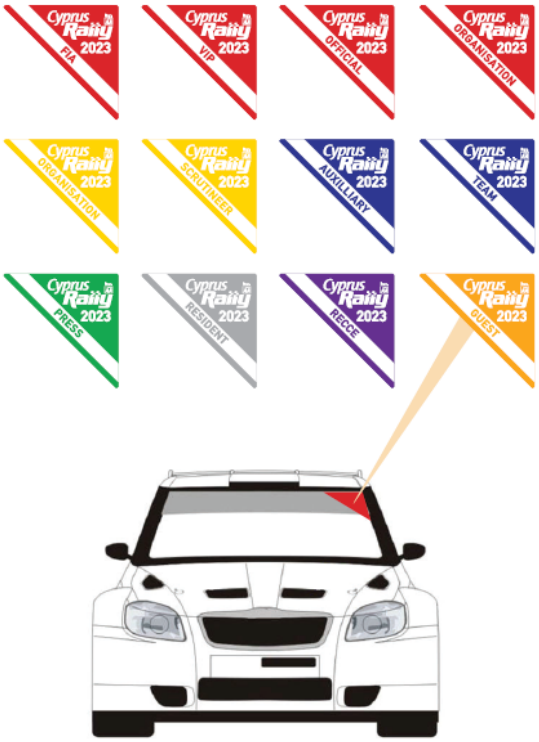
Each applicant, should fill in all personal details as well as the reason why they intent to film during the event. In addition, each applicant should specify if they will broadcast through TV channel or just filming for a driver's personal use.

## 20. MEDICAL AND SAFETY SERVICES

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

| | |
|---|---|
| **Police/Fire/Ambulance** | 112 |
| **Police Headquarters Nicosia** | 22802020 |
| **Forest Department** | 1407 |
| **Air Sea Rescue** | 1441 |
| **Major Hospitals (enquiries)** | 1400 |
| **Private Doctors on call (Weekends & Public Holidays)** | |
| Nicosia | 90901422 |
| Limassol | 90901425 |
| Larnaca | 90901424 |
| **Late night pharmacies** | |
| Nicosia | 90901402 |
| Limassol | 90901405 |
| Larnaca | 90901404 |
| Airports | |
| Larnaca & Paphos | 77778833 |
| **Cyprus Telecommunications Authority** | |
| Operator & Customer hotline | 132 |
| National Directory Enquiries | 11892 |
| International Directory Enquiries | 11894 |
| International calls via operator | 80000198 |

## 21. PASSES AND PLATES











All areas including rally control




Rally HQ, Stages and Service Park




Rally HQ, Media Centre, Stages, Service Park




Stages, Service Park




Ceremonial Start & Finish, Stages, Service Park, Rally HQ






Media Centre, Interview Areas, Photographer Areas, Ceremonial Start & Finish, Stages




Stages, Service Park

## 22. GENERAL FACTS

There are many reasons why the beautiful Mediterranean island of Cyprus is one of the world's best-loved holiday destinations. There are the stunning beaches, the beautiful mountain scenery, the wealth of historical sites and the traditional warm Cypriot welcome. Aphrodite, the goddess of love, was born on the shores of Cyprus and, after spending some time here, you'll understand why she made it her home.

Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean after Sicily and Sardinia. It covers an area of 9,251 square kilometres (3,608 square miles) and lies at the north-eastern corner of the Mediterranean, at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa. It is an island of contrasts with a coastline made up of stunning rock formations interspersed by long sections of sandy beach.

The main mountain range is the Troodos, with its highest peak, Mount Olympus, at 1,951 metres. There are 380 rural villages in the Republic and the population is just under a million. The main language is Greek but English is widely spoken (you'll find someone with a knowledge of English even in the rural villages).

There are four main towns in Cyprus: the capital Nicosia (Lefkosia), Larnaca (Larnaka), Limassol (Lemesos) and Paphos (Pafos). The main airports are at Larnaca and Paphos and modern motorways link all the main towns. The main seaports are at Larnaca and Limassol – Limassol being the main port.

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR NICOSIA

Nicosia is the capital of Cyprus, a status it has enjoyed for 1000 years since the 10$^{th}$ century, though its beginnings date back 5000 years to the Bronze Age. It lies roughly in the centre of the island in the Mesaoria Plain, flanked by the beautiful northern range of Kyrenia Mountains with its distinctive 'Pentadaktylos - the five finger mountain. There are various suggestions as to the origin of the name Nicosia – or *'Lefkosia*' in Greek - but the most likely one is linked to the popular tree, the tall 'Lefki ' which once adorned the city.

Nicosia, the capital, is currently the biggest and most densely populated city on the Island. The developing, urban, yet historic and charming city of Nicosia is the major centre for arts, culture, diplomacy and business.

Seat of Government, Diplomatic headquarters and cultural centre of Cyprus, the capital presents two distinct faces: the old, original part of the city, surrounded by sturdy Venetian walls over 400 years old, and a busy modern metropolis which has a population of 171.000 together with the suburbs.

The Venetians demolished most of the Lusignan monuments, including churches and palaces, and used the masonry to fortify the city against the anticipated Ottoman invasion. In 1567, just before the conquest of Cyprus by the Ottomans, the Venetians started to build new protective walls in place of the old Lusignan walls ringing the city, so as to be able to defend Nicosia. They were to have a circumference of three miles, 11 bastions, each like a castle, and three gates. The remnants of the walls still encircle the old city today. The three gates were the Kyrenia Gate in the north, the

Famagusta Gate in the east, and the Paphos Gate in the west. The Kyrenia Gate is still intact today, and remains as an attractive historic monument of northern Nicosia.

Within the large area encircled by the strong bastion walls that served to protect the town for centuries are many places of great historic interest.

The central Eleftheria Square links old Nicosia with the elegant modern city that has grown up outside the walls, where hotels, offices restaurants and gardens blend happily with the fine old houses and colonial buildings of this cosmopolitan city.

Places of interest in old Nicosia can be seen by taking a short walk .The Laiki Geitonia Area is a pedestrianised area of narrow winding streets, combining residential houses with craft shops and tavernas. It is a very popular area for both locals and tourists to browse among its many shops.

The heart of the city, within the 16th century Venetian walls has a number of interesting Museums and art galleries, Byzantine churches and a number of medieval and neo-classical buildings. Much of the charm and beauty of the old city is its labyrinthine alleyways and elegant courtyard houses. Outside the walls the new city with its modern facilities is a cosmopolitan centre of a modern European capital.

The heart of the city is Eleftheria (Freedom) Square, with the city hall, the post office and the library. Adjacent, pedestrian-only Ledra and Onasagorou streets are lined with shops of every type. These streets lead to the liveliest part of the old city with narrow streets, boutiques, and cafés. At the end of Onasagorou Street, Panagia Faneromeni is a church built in 1872, constructed with the remains of an old castle and a convent.

Nicosia is also known for its fine museums. The Archbishop's Palace, the Folk Art Museum, National Struggle Museum, Cyprus Ethnological Museum (House of Dragoman Hadjigeorgakis Kornesios) and the Handicrafts Centre.

In Nicosia also there are mosques, like the Selimiye Mosque (Nicosia). This ancient church is the chief mosque in the northern side of Nicosia, and the festivals of Bayram and other Moslem gatherings are conducted here.

In terms of entertainment the old city has a lot to offer. Quite a large number of cafeterias and cafes with cultural character, restaurants (Greek and Cypriot cuisine, Spanish, Italian, Mexican etc.) and well-known fast-food brands are wide spread along the walled city. Bars, pubs and night clubs all within easy rich keep the old town enjoyable and alive.

(Remember, if you are going to cross from south to north, you will need your passport)

TIME

Cyprus time is GMT+3 from the last Saturday in March to the last Saturday in October and GMT+2 in the winter months.

## APPROXIMATE DISTANCES BETWEEN TOWNS

Nicosia to limassol .....83 km
Nicosia to Paphos.....146 km
Nicosia to Larnaca .....45 km
Nicosia to Troodos .....71 km
Nicosia to Agia Napa .....80 km
Pafos to Larnaca.....139 km
Paphos to Limassol.....68 km
Paphos to Troodos (via Limassol) .....114 km
Larnaca to Limassol.....70 km
Limassol to Troodos .....46 km

## BANKING

Banks operate from Monday to Friday from 0830 to 1330. They do not open on Saturdays.

Banks in the main tourist areas provide an afternoon tourist service and a number of automatic currency exchange machines operate on a 24-hour basis in major town centres and main tourist resorts. Most banks also have ATMs, which accept the majority of major credit and bankcards.

Hotels, large shops, restaurants etc accept major credit cards.

## CURRENCY

The currency of the Republic is the euro.

The notes and coins in circulation are:

Notes: 5-, 10-, 20-, 50-, 100-, 200-, and 500-euro

Coins: 1-, 2-, 5-, 10-, 20-, and 50-cent, and 1-euro and 2-euro.

## ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply in Cyprus is 240 volts AC 50Hz. Sockets are 13amp, square pin. Adapters are available on request at most hotel reception desks and can also be purchased from supermarkets, grocery shops etc.

## WATER

It is safe to drink mains tap water in Cyprus, as there are no water-borne diseases. However, due to the climate, Cyprus has severe water shortages and it is important not to waste water.

## TELEPHONES

Call boxes are coin or card operated, increasingly the latter. For international calls from Cyprus dial 00 followed by the country code and the number. Pay-as-you-go packages for mobile phones are widely available, enabling the transmission of calls and SMS messages at local rates within Cyprus and abroad. Connection packs and top-up cards can be purchased at kiosks and most stores.

## DRIVING IN CYPRUS

**Visitors to Cyprus from EU counties need their national driving licence, provided it is valid for the** class of vehicle they wish to drive. Non EU citizens must have an international driver's licence to drive, however they can also drive for a limited number of 30 days on their national licence (certain

restrictions apply to certain countries). In order to hire a car, the driver must be over 25 years of age and have held a valid national/international licence for at least three years.

Important Note: In Cyprus, driver steer wheel is on right side of the car.

## FUEL

Petrol, diesel and unleaded petrol are freely available at EKO, Mobil, Esso, Lina, Petrolina and Agip stations. Petrol is sold by the litre. Petrol stations are open at the following times:

Monday, Thursday, Friday from 06:00 to 19:00 hours.
Tuesday, from 06:00 to 14:00 hours in the Limassol, Larnaca and Paphos Districts; petrol stations are open all day in the Nicosia District.
Wednesday from 06:00 to 14:00 hours in the Nicosia District only; petrol stations are open all day in the other districts.
Saturday from 06:00 to 15:00 hours.

All petrol stations are closed on Sundays, but most stations have fuel vending machines, which accept bank notes and credit cards. Vending machines operate during non-working hours and the instructions are in English.

## MINI GUIDE FOR DRIVERS

- Traffic moves on the left hand-side of the road, not on the right.
- The maximum speed limit on the motorways is 100 km/h and the minimum is 65 km/h. On all other roads, the maximum speed limit is 80 km/h, unless a lower one is indicated. In built-up areas, generally the speed limit is 50km/h, unless otherwise indicated.
- The use of front and rear seat belts is obligatory.
- Rush-hours in towns are approximately between 07:30 and 08:00 hours and, between 13:00 and 13:30 hours and, in the late afternoon.
- Driving while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited and strict penalties are in place for anyone caught doing so.
- It is illegal for drivers to use a mobile telephone while the car is in motion.
- Crash helmets must be worn when riding motorcycles and scooters. Headlights must be switched on at all times of the day. Pillion passengers must be over 12 years old.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Shared Taxi/Mini-bus service: This inexpensive and convenient half hourly service operates between major towns until 18:00 hours daily on weekdays.

Private taxis: Meters should run from the start of each journey.

Buses: Buses operate between all major towns. For more information call 26234252 (Paphos), 77777755 (Nicosia), 77778121 (Limassol), or 80007744 (Larnaca). Buses also operate to and from the island's major International Airport at Larnaca. For Limassol-Larnaca Airport call 77777075. For Nicosia-Larnaca Airport call 77771477.

Intercity Buses: 70007789 (recording in English as well); information can also be obtained from www.intercity-buses.com

## FOOD AND WINE

Food-lovers will appreciate Cypriot cuisine, as it consists of many varied dishes and flavors. Some specialties are favorites with visitors to the island.
Meze--a collection of over 20 different appetizers and savory dishes. This is a meal not to be hurried.
Kebab (or souvlaki in Greek) --small chunks of charcoal grilled pork or chicken, served in pitta bread with salad.
Souvla--large chunks of charcoal grilled lamb, served with salad and roast potatoes.
Stifado--beef or hare, cooked in wine, vinegar, onions and tomatoes.

There is a great variety of Cyprus wine: red, white and rose. KEO, Carlsberg, and Leon beer are brewed on the island. Cyprus is famous for the Brandy Sour, which is made from Cyprus brandy, lemon juice, angostura bitters, soda water and ice.

And finally a few words of Greek to help you on your way . . .

Kali-mera ..... Good morning
Kali-nikta ..... Goodnight
Yassoo ..... Hello, hi, bye-bye, ciao
Adeeo ..... Goodbye

Ef-haristo ..... Thank you
Endaxi ..... OK
Para-kalo ..... Please
Sig-nomi ..... Excuse me
Mia beera para-kalo ..... May I have a beer please?
Ena neskafe para-kalo ..... May I have a coffee please
Nero para-kalo ..... Water please

Posa einai ..... How much is it?
To logar-iasmo ..... The bill please
Ti ora einai ..... What time is it?
Pou ine…..;..... Where is…..?
Dromos ..... Road

Aris-tera ..... Left

Dhex-ia ..... Right

Efth-ia ..... Straight

Strofi ..... Bend, turn

Pano ..... Up, upper

Kato ..... Down, lower

Pou ine o kirios dromos; ..... Where is the main road?
Ne ..... yes
Ohi ..... No