

**Pirelli Star Driver Award 2009**  
**Entry Conditions v2**  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Pirelli 'Star Driver' award is a worldwide search for the five best young rally drivers from the 2009 FIA **Regional Championships**. Each region will hold qualifying events and a final 'shootout' event.

The successful drivers from these Championships in 2008 and 2009 will be invited to contest a series of six World Championship rallies the following season (2009 and 2010) in order to gain experience and show their skills on the world stage. The drivers will be provided with identical Group N cars supplied and serviced under an FIA agreement.

## **DEFINITIONS**

- Region:** The FIA Regional Rally Championship Countries  
**Area:** A specific Country or group of countries from within the Region as specifically determined by the Region Executive
- South American Zones:** The two Rally series held in two different parts of South America and known as Codasur and Nacam

## **ENTRY CONDITIONS**

- 1) The PSD project is open to competitors from all FIA affiliated countries within the region or area of the qualifying competitions.
- 2) For the purposes of the PSD Award, the FIA Regions are:
  - Europe (including South America)
  - Middle East
  - Asia Pacific
  - Africa
- 3) One Competitor nominated from each of the Codasur and Nacam Zones will be invited to contest the European Final. The Nacam and Codasur Zones will issue specific conditions, approved by the PSD Working Group, for drivers to qualify as the representative of each Zone.
- 4) All drivers must be permanent residents of a country from within a Region of the championship and are only eligible to compete for this award at events nominated for that region (see Event Scoring).

- 5) The drivers, (but not co-drivers), must be under 27 on the 1st January 2009, and must:
  - register with the region secretariat before the close of entries for the event concerned
  - lodge a copy of their Birth Certificate at the time of registration
  - not have contested more than 3 WRC events (including P/JWRC) in the previous or current year
  - at the time of registration nominate the event(s) that he will contest as PSD qualifying event(s)
  - give details of the previous competition experience.
- 6) There shall be no registration fee for the PSD.
- 7) Acceptance of registration will be subject to the approval of the region Executive.
- 8) PSD entrants may also register to contest their Regional Championship for which they shall pay the appropriate Registration fee if any.
- 9) Competitors may use any car that qualifies for their Regional Championship
- 10) The signing of the event entry form is acceptance of the fact that the regulations of the relevant Regional Championship apply in all circumstances

## **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE**

- 11) Travel assistance may be allocated by each Region Executive to competitors from within the region to assist in the costs incurred in travelling to events which are within the region yet outside their home area.
- 12) Travel assistance will not be allocated to residents from the country that is hosting a qualifying event.
- 13) Each region will manage the travel assistance and any qualification process to benefit from such assistance.
- 14) In accordance with the points gained, the 1st and 2nd placed competitors in each of the qualifying events will receive travel assistance to contest the Regional Final. The value of this assistance will be determined by the region Executive who in recognising particular qualities of a competitor contesting the event in a lesser powered car may also select an additional competitor to benefit from travel assistance to the 'shootout' event.

## **EVENT SCORING**

- 15) The event Organisers will maintain a separate category (Pirelli Star) in the results of the qualifying event.

- 16) Independent of the event results, points will be allocated to PSD qualifying drivers based on stage positions, thus recognising consistent speed, as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 “
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 “
4 <sup>th</sup>	2 “
5 <sup>th</sup>	1 “

The accumulated points at the end of the event will assist to determine the PSD results for that event (see also point 19).

- 17) Competitors must contest at least one qualifying event in their Region or Area in order to qualify for their Final. They may contest more than 1 event.
- 18) The winning driver from each FINAL event will be awarded the Regional Pirelli Star Driver title and contest the nominated WRC events as the Region's representative.
- 19) In the case of the European Region, recognising the entry of the drivers from the Codasur and Nacam zones, 2 drivers will be nominated to contest the WRC.
- 20) The Region's Executive reserve the right to review entries seeking funding.
- 21) Each Regional winner will be determined by the Region Executive, or persons appointed by them, based on the stage placing and other factors such as on event performance evaluation, personal assessment, media relations and other pertinent factors. The overall result of the event is not necessarily a determining factor. Their decision will be FINAL
- 22) The qualifying events are:

### **European Region**

- a) There will be organised 3 Qualifying events opened for the all European countries except those mentioned in item b) run on tarmac
- Rally 1000 Miglia (Italy)
  - Croatia rally (Croatia)
  - Bulgaria rally (Bulgaria)

- b) There will in addition be organised one shoot out event on gravel connected with Neste Rally Finland (30.07.-02-08). This is only for competitors from the Northern Region (Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Island, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia) including UK and Ireland
- c) 5 best drivers from the qualifying events + 2 drivers from shoot out (item b) will be selected for the final bearing in mind
  - Only one driver from a country can be nominated for the final depends on the scored points under the Art. 16 or results of shoot out
  - The regional commission has a right to select maximum 1 “joker” drivers among those who didn't qualify but the extraordinary performance of their driving is at the requested level
  - Separate classification will be used for the ERC (4WD) and for the 2WD Cup
  - Each finalist will have a right for the travel contribution EUR 2000
  - 2 best finalists nominee to WRC have a right for the awards EUR 5000
- d) The European Region final will be organised as a “shoot-out” in Freistadt, Austria on 26. – 27. September 2009
- e) all information concerning of European Pirelli Star Driver Award will be published at [www.rally-ERC.com](http://www.rally-ERC.com)

### **Middle East Region**

The qualifying events are subject to further review and will be advised prior to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

### **Asia Pacific Region**

- Pacific Area:
  - Queensland Rally
  - Whangarei Rally
- Asia Area:
  - Indonesia Rally
  - Hokkaido Rally
- Final (Shootout):
  - China Rally

## **Africa Region**

- North Area:
  - Kobil Rally of Tanzania
  - KCB Safari Rally Kenya
  
- South Area:
  - Zambia International Rally
  - Zimbabwe Challenge Rally
  
- Final (Shootout):
  - Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally

### **The winner/s from each Region will receive:**

1. A drive in fully sponsored Group N rally car in 6 rounds of the WRC run by a team contracted to the FIA for this purpose
2. The car will be insured against damage or loss
3. Travel expenses to and from each event
4. Accommodation at each event entered
5. Provision of a car for reconnaissance
6. Pirelli Team driving overalls
7. Pirelli Team uniform
8. Tyres for both the Event and Reconnaissance
9. Participation in a Personal Development programme organised for the 5 PSD Competitors
10. The ability to involve personal sponsors, subject to FIA approval
11. The opportunity to contest other rounds of the PWRC entirely at the drivers expense
12. The FIA at its sole discretion reserve the right to cancel the agreement with the driver at any time.

### **The winners will be required to provide:**

1. A signed contract with the team for both the Driver and Co-driver
2. Completed event entry forms
3. Personal insurance against Injury or Death
4. Indemnity in relation to Injury or Death
5. Attendance where required at any promotional or Media functions or activities
6. Attendance at the personal development programme.