

# **CUP Iron Mule Rally**

**Supplemental Regulations** 

**August 22-23, 2025** 

Felch, MI



**Event Website:** 

https://www.cuprally.com

NRS Event Website:

https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/event/2023/CUP-Iron-Mule-Rally

The General Regulations and Rules are available on the NASA web site: <a href="https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/rules">https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/rules</a>

The NASA Rally University is available at: <a href="https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/Rally-University">https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/Rally-University</a>

### Welcome Message

The CUP Rally Organizing Committee is excited to present the 2025 CUP Iron Mule Rally. A gravel Rally in the heart of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Mostly flowing, technically challenging and firm county roads welcome you to test your skills and above all, have a great day in the woods. And for 2025, we continue with 2 Friday night stages to kick things off.

CUP Iron Mule Rally will include Jemba course notes, open recce, SxS class and hold on to your hats, Rally Moto!!!

Be sure the thank the volunteers because without them none of this is possible. Many of them come from the local area and support the CUP Rallies in their community.

Bill Westrick CUP Rally Organizer

Welcome to da U.P da Eh!

#### Announcement

CUP Iron Mule Rally will be run in compliance with the NASA Rally Sport General Regulations for Rallies (GRR'S). Per section 2.2.2 of the GRRs, the regulations governing the conduct of a rally sprint are the same as those governing a stage rally

Modifications to this document will be made by bulletins posted to Sportity event site. During the event, bulletins may also be distributed electronically via text, email, Sportity App, or other means. There will be no physical notice board. Bulletins during the event may be provided at controls when needed. If this does occur a crew member will be asked to sign a form to acknowledge receipt.

This event will use the Sportity App to keep interested parties informed. The app is available in iPhone and android app stores. The password for this event is "NRS2025". Note: if you used the password at a different event you need to back out to the home page and select CUP Iron Mule for the correct documentation

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## 1 Schedule of the Rally

The official schedule may be found online at <a href="https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/stage-schedule/2025/CUP-Iron-Mule-Rally">https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/stage-schedule/2025/CUP-Iron-Mule-Rally</a> The online schedule includes GPS links where possible.

## 2 Event Description

#### 2.1 Place and Date of the Event

Name of the event: CUP Iron Mule Rally

Place of the event: Felch, MI

Event Website: <a href="https://www.cuprally.com">www.cuprally.com</a>
Date of the event: August 22-23, 2025

### 2.2 Titles for Which the Rally Counts

Atlantic Rally Cup

## 2.3 Location of Rally Headquarters

Felch Community Center

## 2.4 Location of the Operations Center

Felch Community Center

#### 2.5 Location of Start and Finish

Friday rally start will be at the MTC in the vicinity of the Stage 1 time control. The Friday finish will be at the MTC just following the Stage 2 time control.

Saturday rally start will be at the MTC Out from the Service Area. Saturday finish will be at the final MTC into the Service Area.

## 2.6 Location of the Awards Ceremony

Felch Community Center

#### 2.7 Location of Service Area

Service area will be located on the grounds of the Felch Community Center, Felch, MI. Service locations will be marked.

#### 2.8 Road Surface

The course has gravel and dirt roads. Stages vary from fast, wide, and smooth to tight and technical. This rally has it all...

#### 2.9 Event Details

Total distance of the course	104 miles
Number of special stages	9
Total distance of the special stages	98 miles
Number of sections	3

## Organization

## 2.10 Organization Committee

Chairman of the Rally	Roger VanDamme	rgvandamme@gmail.com
Clerk of the Course	Bill Westrick	westrick.bill@gmail.com
Volunteer Coordinator	Lynn Wolf	skibum.lynn@gmail.com
NASA Rally Sport Director	Perry Seaman	perry@nasarallysport.com

## 2.11 Senior Officials

NASA Rally Sport Steward	TBD	TBD
Clerk of the Course	Bill Westrick	westrick.bill@gmail.com
Chief of Controls	Bill Westrick	westrick.bill@gmail.com
Chief of Communications	Kevin Deloughary	kdeough@gmail.com
Chief of Scoring	Bill Westrick	westrick.bill@gmail.com
Chief Scrutineer	Chris Czyzio	chrisczyzio@aol.com
Competitor Registrar	Bill Westrick	westrick.bill@gmail.com

## 3 Entries

## 3.1 Opening and Closing Dates

Reserved Entry Begins	Monday, July 7, 2025	12:01 AM EST
Early Entry Begins	Monday, July 21, 2025	12:01 AM EST
Regular Entry Begins	Monday, August 4, 2025	12:01 AM EST
Entry requires approval after	Monday, August 18, 2025	12:01 AM EST
Entry Closes	Friday, August 22, 2025	09:00 AM EST

Entry and payment must be received by these times to be eligible for the prices listed. Instant credit card payment can be made at <a href="https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/account">https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/account</a>

## 3.2 Entry Fees

	Cars	Moto
Reserved entry	\$625.00	\$325.00
Early entry	\$700.00	\$400.00
Regular entry	\$750.00	\$450.00

## 3.3 Entry Procedure and Paperwork

Reserved entry pricing is available to competitors that entered Hardwood CUP Rally 2025 or Sand Blast Rally 2025.

The entry pricing is available only to competitors who have entered and paid in full by the deadline above. Submitting an entry without payment is not sufficient to obtain regular entry prices. Entries after the deadline above will require review and approval for acceptance to the event.

All entry details and payment are handled within your account at <a href="https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/account">https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/account</a>. Also available within your account is immediate credit card payment of the entry fee. Your entry will only be secured with payment in full.

Check through the entry details within your account and ensure that they are filled out. Please note that items are manually verified by a person and will not immediately change status from red to green as you enter information. Check back later for status. All items must be green before race day except for social media handles.

Your account never goes away, if you have previously raced or volunteered with us please take the time to use your existing account for your entry and find your codriver's and crew chief's correct account to associate with your entry.

Note that you will also need a NASA Membership, NASA Rally License, and an approved NASA Rally Medical. These things are also obtained through your account on the NASA Rally Sport website. New medical forms are due no later than 0800 on August 15, 2025 to allow time for processing and review. Please adhere to the deadline, however later forms may attempt to make arrangements with <a href="medical-form@nasarallysport.com">medform@nasarallysport.com</a>. Questions regarding many rally topics including the medical form are answered in the rally university at <a href="https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/Rally-University">https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/Rally-University</a>.

New Competitors are encouraged to enter early to ensure they are invited to Novice Competitor Orientation and can get their entry paperwork together.

## 3.4 Novice Competitor Orientation

Competitors who have not completed three Novice Competitor Orientations (NCO) will need to attend the CUP Iron Mule NCO. Your status may be checked within your entry online if you are unsure.

The NCO will be held online via a zoom call on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. It is your responsibility to ensure that you attend the NCO before the event. No novice competitor will be allowed to participate in recce or race without attending the scheduled NCO. Others who are not competing are welcome to attend along with you for future credit or just for information. The details for the meeting are included at the end of this document.

NCO meeting details will be posted as an event bulletin

#### 3.5 Event Cancellation

The organizers reserve the right to cancel the event if insufficient entries are received prior to the rally. Note that the organizers are committed to the success of this rally, even with few entries and do not take any decision to cancel lightly.

#### 3.6 Number of Entrants Accepted

The current schedule can accommodate approximately 25 entries. Entries over that number will be evaluated for impact to the event before the entry is approved.

## 3.7 Eligible Classes

The following car classes will be scored during the rally although they do not count toward a championship. RallySolo competitors need to contact the registrar if they are interested in entering.

\*NOTE: Novice competitors **must** receive approval from the NASA Rallysport Championship Director to enter RallyMoto Heavy Class. The Adventure class will not be scored at the event, competitors should enter the proper class and can ride at Adventure speeds if they desire.

Classes below will be scored per the NASA Rally Sport GRRs.

Event classes:	Open AWD Heavy, Open AWD Light, Open 2WD Heavy, Open 2WD Light, SxS, Moto Heavy, Moto Medium, Moto Dakar, Moto Light
Atlantic Rally Cup Classes:	AWD, 2WD, Rally Moto

## 3.8 Side by Sides

SxS vehicles that comply with section 6 of NASA Rallysport GRRs can compete at CUP Iron Mule Rally. Other similar vehicles may be classed as SxS at the discretion of the organizers.

## 3.9 Rally Solo

Rally Solo entries will be accepted for this event.

#### 3.10 Refunds

Entry fees shall be refunded in full if the event is canceled.

Entry fees shall be refunded in full if the organizer refuses the entry.

Entry fees shall be refunded minus \$100 if the competitor withdraws their entry prior to the opening of onsite registration. There are no refunds after opening of onsite registration Entry fees will not be refunded for any competitor/team who is required to attend the Novice Competitor Orientation, fails to attend, and then wants to start the rally.

In all cases, processing fees will not be refunded.

In all cases, entry fees will be refunded electronically via transfer or other means convenient to the organizer in a timely fashion.

## 4 Advertising

## 4.1 Organizer Supplied Advertising

If the organizers supply an advertising sticker package for CUP Iron Mule Rally, it must be displayed from scrutineering until the end of the awards ceremony, without exception.

#### 4.2 Identification numbers

The size and location of the space for vehicle numbers is governed by the NASA GRR"S. All stickers, vinyl, paint, patches or graphics containing text, logos, or numbers of alternate sanctioning bodies must be removed or completely and neatly covered. Blue painters' tape is not considered neatly covered.

## 5 Fuel

Fueling is permitted in your service area if the vehicle is on the ground, no one is in the vehicle, it is not running and crew or volunteer is actively manning a fire extinguisher. A tarp must be placed under the vehicle to refuel. It is recommended that a catch pan be used while fueling. Be prepared to clean up any fuel spills immediately.

No fuel arrangements have been made. Competition teams are responsible for acquiring their own fuel sources.

Regular octane fuel (87) and Premium octane fuel (92) is available at Da Hardwood Store about 10 miles away in Hardwood on M-69.

Regular octane fuel (87) and Diesel are available at Nordic Grocery about 1.5 miles away north of Felch on Co Hwy 581.

## 6 Testing & Shakedown

No testing is allowed within Dickinson County, with definitions and penalties as per the NRS GRRs at https://www.nasarallysport.com/main/rules

CUP Iron Mule Rally will not provide a Shakedown stage.

## 7 Reconnaissance (Recce)

The organizer will provide Jemba stage notes. During the reconnaissance, each team shall make their own notes or modifications to the supplied Jemba stage notes only. It is strongly recommended teams participate in recce. The use of the Stage Notes is a direct contract between the competitor and P-Sport, Inc., with the organizer's involvement being limited to authorizing the use and facilitating the preparation and distribution on behalf of P-Sport, Inc.

## 7.1 Registration Schedule

Recce and competitor registration will be Friday August 22, 2024, per the event schedule. All competitors must register before recce to avoid penalties under NASA GRR 2.15.

#### 7.2 Reconnaissance Vehicle Insurance

It is important to note that the vehicle used for reconnaissance must be covered by insurance in accordance with NASA GRR section 2.3.2. Recce vehicles must be included in the registered vehicle list.

#### 7.3 Reconnaissance Vehicle Identification

The event may issue identification stickers for recce vehicles. If issued, instructions for placement will be provided during Recce check in.

#### 7.4 Reconnaissance Schedule

Reconnaissance will be permitted August 22nd only per the published schedule. No recce will be permitted on August 23rd.

Reconnaissance Speed Limit will be 30 mph

Due to event time constraints, reconnaissance will be limited to 2 passes only. Event officials will monitor and observe recce but will not utilize official time controls or check in/out procedures.

During both recce and the rally any interaction with any regulatory agency resulting in a traffic ticket or citation that would reflect poorly on the Rally, may be subject to DISQUALIFICATION with no refund. Judgment of fact is solely at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course. The decision is final and there is no process for appeal.

Competitors are reminded that stage roads will be open to normal traffic during reconnaissance and that they must drive in a manner that does not endanger or inconvenience other traffic. Either law enforcement or event officials using any method can and will check speed compliance.

Competitors are reminded that all stages are run in both directions. <u>YOU WILL ENCOUNTER TWO WAY TRAFFIC</u>. Do not ignore the published schedule.

#### 7.5 Reconnaissance Vehicle

No competition vehicle may be used for reconnaissance. No reconnaissance vehicle may have decals or numbers unless provided by this event.

## 8 Administrative Checks and Registration

#### 8.1 Location

Felch Community Center.

#### 8.2 Times

Per the published rally schedule.

## 8.3 Documents to be presented

The following items will be checked at registration:

- Online entry (driver info, co-driver info, vehicle info, license, etc.) with all required information completed.
- Event waivers will be presented for signature.

#### 8.4 Competitor Packet

Competitors may download to their device (smart phone, tablet, laptop etc.) the most current supplementary regulations and bulletins. A road book <u>may</u> be sent, via email, to all the competitors before the event. A printed road book will be available to all competitors at registration.

New competitors will receive car vinyl package at registration upon completion of all administrative checks and signature of required waivers. Your first set of vinyl is free. For 2024, the door backers were redesigned and existing competitors will receive the first set free. Windshield banners for existing competitors are available for purchase at registration for \$15 as usual.

There will be no "Service Packet".

### 9 Scrutineering

Scrutineering time and location is found on the rally schedule. Scrutineering will check the safety and eligibility of the vehicles to compete. Vehicles may also be checked for general roadworthiness, verification of VIN, or other aspects of vehicle legality. All safety gear to be worn by competitors (fire suit, helmet, head restraint) must also be presented with the vehicle for examination.

## 9.1 Log Books

Log books may be retained by the Chief Scrutineer. If retained, log books must be picked up at the end of the event. The Chief Scrutineer will be made aware of any DNFs and those vehicles will be inspected before the log books are returned. Following the event, any remaining log books may be mailed to you at your expense by contacting the Chief Scrutineer. Please ensure you get your log book before you leave the event. No logbooks will be issued at this event unless prior arrangements are approved by the chief scrutineer well ahead of time.

## 9.2 Parc Exposé

There is no scheduled Parc Exposé at CUP Iron Mule Rally.

## 10 Start of the Rally

## 10.1 Publication of Starting Order

After close of registration Friday August 22nd, 2025 and published via bulletin on Sportity.

#### 10.2 Official Time

CUP Iron Mule Rally is located in Central Time Zone. Official time will be synchronized to the atomic clock broadcast as displayed on a scoring tablet. This will be available at registration. For Android users you may also find official time on the NASA Rally Sport Clock app in the Google play store.

#### 10.3 Ceremonial Start

There will not be a ceremonial start

#### 10.4 Official Start Location

Friday: MTC1 prior to ATC1. Free transit will be used from Felch Community Center to MTC1. Saturday: MTC 3 at the Felch Community Center

#### 10.5 Official Start Time

See the stage schedule on the NASA Rally Sport website

#### 10.6 Maximum Permitted Lateness

The MPL for competition vehicles is 15 minutes or as determined by the Clerk of the Course for special cases.

#### 10.7 Notification of Traffic Violations

Any competitor who receives a traffic violation or discovers that their Team has received a traffic violation, must notify the Clerk of the Course as soon as possible. Penalties will be awarded as per NASA Rally Sport GRR's or as determined by event officials. Any crew or team failing to take documented action to notify the Clerk of the Course at the next service or time control immediately following the receipt of the traffic violation may be subject to the additional penalties up to exclusion from the event and loss of rally license.

#### 10.8 Retirement

Any crew retiring permanently from the rally must report such retirement to the organizers/stewards as soon as possible or by using the electronic communication (text message, email, online inquiry system). Any crew failing to comply will be liable to a sanction at the Stewards' discretion.

### 10.9 Re-Starting

CUP Iron Mule Rally is all about seat time but there are limited opportunities for returning a vehicle to the field. The points at which any reentry will be considered is between legs and/or during a service period. The vehicle must be re-inspected by the Chief Scrutineer or other rally official and approved by the Steward and the Clerk of the Course. The vehicle will be scored as a DNF.

Competitors will be re-inserted as close to their previous position as possible without causing delays to the schedule.

CUP Iron Mule will utilize the NASA Rallysport Red Flag procedure. Details to be posted via bulletin.

#### 11 Service Areas

#### 11.1 Location

Felch Community Center, Felch, MI (will be marked as described above Section 2.7 of this document.)

11.2 A tarp must be used under the vehicle when being serviced. Refueling is considered service. Any spills of liquids must be immediately contained, cleaned up and properly disposed.

#### 11.3 Access Times for Service Vehicles

Service team members may enter and begin set-up in the service area on August 23rd per the event schedule.

**Vehicles not registered for service may not enter the service area**. All individuals, including team members, crew, and any spectator, must sign the event waiver and wear a bracelet demonstrating that the waiver has been signed. There will be ample parking close to the service area for non-registered vehicles.

### 11.4 Trash disposal

All trash must be removed. Pick up your trash and the trash of others. Trash left behind will be removed and teams responsible may be fined to pay for cleanup. Never mind the public shaming that will be executed. Remember, we are guests of the community. Leave your service area cleaner than you find it.

## 12 Trophies and Prizes

Will be awarded. How many will be based on number of entrants.

## 13 Results

13.1 Publication of Provisional and Final Results Provisional and final results will be posted on the NASA Rally Sport website in accordance with the NRS GRRs.

## 14 Stage Maps

Official maps will be published in advance of the event via Sportity. Do not use online maps previously available on the website unless it specifically indicates it is OFFICIAL with a date printed on it or contained in official published documentation (Route Book, etc.).