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## **Targa Newfoundland simplifies rules for competitors**

*St. John's, NL, May 1, 2024* ... Targa Newfoundland, the only tarmac-based car rally in North America since 2002, has simplified the rules and regulations to make them easier for competitors to understand and follow, and easier for organizers to manage.

There are three competitive and one non-competitive divisions in this legendary event, which runs September 12-19: Targa 1 and 2, Grand Touring, and Fast Tour. The competitive Targa 1 and 2 divisions are further grouped by two-wheel and all-wheel-drive vehicles made before or after the year 2000.

“We wanted to make it easier for competitors to figure out which division to enter,” says Targa Newfoundland President Joe Dowden. “You just need to choose from the competitive and non-competitive divisions and identify whether your car is two-wheel or all-wheel-drive, whether it has a roll cage, and when it was made. It’s as simple as that.”

Targa Newfoundland divisions:

- **Fast Tour (FT)**, a non-timed, non-competitive motorsport adventure, top speed 130 kph
- **Grand Touring (GT)**, a time, distance and speed competition, top speed 140 kph
- **Targa 1**, a competitive event for cars without roll cages, top speed 140 kph
- **Targa 2**, a higher speed competition for cars with roll cages, top speed 190 kph

Targa 1 and 2 are broken down into the following groups:

- **Two-wheel drive (2WD)** built before or after the year 2000 (Classic or Modern)
- **All-wheel drive (AWD)** built before or after the year 2000 (Classic or Modern)

From the start in 2002, Targa Newfoundland adopted a set of rules and regulations based upon those from Targa Tasmania. As the vehicles changed and pivoted towards modern cars with more electronics we rethought our classification system.

When we reintroduced Targa in 2023, we combined the Bambina (two-day) and Targa (six-day) event classifications into one new system for both events. It was instantly popular as it allowed us to accept virtually any vehicle, however modified, and class it based on simple criteria.

For the complete **Rules and Regulations** and other information on Targa Newfoundland, visit [targanfld.com](http://targanfld.com).

### Divisions and Groups, Targa Newfoundland, 2024-27

Division	Group	Safety	Average Speed	Top Speed
Fast Tour	All	Roll bar (open cars)	110	130
Grand Touring	All	Roll bar (open cars)	130	140
Targa 1	2WD (Classic and Modern)	Roll bar recommended, (required in open cars)	130	140
	AWD (Classic and Modern)	Roll bar recommended, (required in open cars)	130	140
Targa 2	2WD (Classic and Modern)	Roll cage (all)	140	190
	AWD (Classic and Modern)	Roll cage (all)	140	190

### About Targa Newfoundland

Targa Newfoundland draws professional and amateur competitors from around the world. Competitors will cover over 2000 km (about 1240 miles) including about 500 km (310 miles) of closed courses on winding, narrow, public roads through spectacular scenery, towns and outports. The six-day competition will take teams from the historic capital city of St. John's to the charming fishing outport of Leading Tickles and about two dozen points in between. A shorter two-day Bambina event is also an option.

Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada's easternmost province, is a land of adventure and breath-taking natural beauty. With rugged coastline, towering cliffs, and pristine wilderness, Newfoundland and Labrador is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts and thrill-seekers alike.

Owned and operated by Newfoundland International Motorsports Limited, Targa Newfoundland is one of three internationally recognized Targa motorsports events in the world.

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