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3 (a) Competition and Crew Requirements	01/01/2024	01/01/2024

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1. PREAMBLE

The purpose of *Rally Regularity* is to provide the opportunity for a Special Stage *Rally* that has additional control measures to reduce the terminal and average speed of the automobiles in competition. *Rally Regularity* will permit the *Entry* of an *Automobile* that does not necessarily comply with the requirements for a Special Stage *Rally*, in accordance with the *Motorsport Australia Manual* (the *Manual*), and a variation to the requirements for apparel for each crew member. Additional controls and mitigation measures will be applied to address the variance from existing *Motorsport Australia* requirements.

It is the responsibility of the *Event Organiser* (the *Organiser*) and each *Competitor/Crew* to ensure that these regulations are strictly adhered to.

Every effort has been made to create these *Rally Regularity* regulations so that both new and existing *Rally Competitors/Crews* can participate in a Special Stage *Rally Event* with a focus on accuracy and navigation in a risk-controlled *Event* format.

2. ORGANISATION OF A RALLY REGULARITY

2.1 EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Each *Event* must be conducted in accordance with the requirements for a closed road (access controlled) Special Stage *Rally*, as per the *Motorsport Australia* Rally Standing Regulations – Special Stage Rallies (RSR SSR).
- (b) The *Event Organiser* must set a precise target time for each competitive stage that does not exceed an average of 70 km/h. A maximum (terminal) speed of 110 km/h must be applied. It will be up to the *Organiser* to regulate maximum speed using appropriate control methods (i.e. passage controls, speed reduction zones, GPS speed and tracking device, e.g. RallySafe Lite, etc.). The target time for each stage shall be clearly detailed in the instructions issued to each *Crew* by the *Organiser*.
- (c) Each *Crew* must maintain a minimum speed of no less than 20 km/h during a competitive stage (unless responding to an incident, breakdown, stopping at a passage control, or any scenario that may be considered as reasonable by the *Organiser*). Stopping on a stage solely for the purpose of managing average speed for a competitive stage is strictly prohibited. The *Organiser* is responsible for the monitoring of this requirement and, where any infringement is noted, to ensure that a substantial penalty is imposed to discourage the practice.
- (d) Results, detailing the target time set for stage, and the actual times achieved by each *Crew* must be submitted directly to the *Motorsport Australia* (Rally@motorsport.org.au) immediately following the *Event*.
- (e) The distance and time allowed for a *Rally Regularity Event* is at the discretion of the *Organiser*.

2.2 EVENT STATUS

- (a) A *Rally Regularity Event* may be run as a standalone Club Competition Special Stage *Rally* in its own right or run in conjunction with a Special Stage *Rally* (i.e. as a “piggyback”). Where a *Rally Regularity* is run in conjunction with another *Event*, the *Rally Regularity* field must run at the tail of the field, behind the other *Crews* in the Special Stage *Rally*. If a *Rally Regularity Event* is being run in its own right, the full requirements of a closed road (access controlled) Special Stage *Rally* (as per the RSR SSR) will apply.
- (b) Permit Fees shall be applied as per those set for *Club Competition* Special Stage Rallies.

- (c) Any *Event* wishing to run a *Rally* Regularity component must ensure it is included as a condition listed on the *Motorsport Australia* Event Permit for the *Event*. The *Event* *Organiser* must confirm this with the *Motorsport Australia* Permits team when applying for their *Event* Permit (permits@motorsport.org.au).

3. COMPETITOR AND CREW REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Drivers must possess current, valid civil driving licence. *Motorsport Australia* Licence requirements for a *Competitor*, *Driver*, *Co-Driver* and *Navigator* refer to the *Motorsport Australia* Manual – General Appendix – Licences, (<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/general-regulations>). The Licence requirements for each *Event* must be listed in the *Event* Supplementary Regulations.
- (b) These licences must be presented to the *Organisers* at pre-event Documentation and upon request. This applies to any *Crew* member who drives the vehicle during the *Event*.

~~Each *Competitor* and *Crew* member must hold a *Motorsport Australia* License. See *Motorsport Australia* License Appendix at: <https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/general-regulations>.~~

- (c) Each *Crew* member must wear a helmet and apparel complying with requirements for Club and Multi-Club *Rally* as listed in *Schedule D* – Apparel of the *Manual*, with the exception of:
 - (i) FHR Standard A: the requirement to wear FHR is not mandatory. Whilst FHR is not mandatory, it is highly recommended in an *Automobile* that is suitably equipped for its use, in which case the FHR must comply with Standard A.
 - (ii) Helmet Standard A: Standard B helmet permitted, except where a FHR is used in which case a Standard A helmet is required.

4. AUTOMOBILE REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Each *Automobile* must comply with *Schedule A* and *B* (as listed in “General Requirements for Cars and Drivers” in the *Manual*), Articles 4 and 5 of the *Rally Standing Regulations* - Vehicles General (RSR-VG) and these Regulations, as well as the specific regulations relevant to the status of the *Event*.
- (b) Each *Automobile* that is not issued with a *Motorsport Australia* Log Book must either be fully road registered, or registered as part of a club/historic permit scheme issued by a recognised State Registration authority (such as “H” plates in Victoria).
- (c) Each *Automobile* that has been issued a *Motorsport Australia* Log Book must be fully road registered, registered as part of a club/historic or *Rally* Permit scheme, or have a valid Unregistered Vehicle Permit issued by a recognised State Registration authority for the purpose of participation in a *Rally*.
- (d) Each *Automobile* that is not issued with a *Motorsport Australia* Log Book must comply with Level C (lap sash belt) as listed in the Technical Appendix *Schedule I* – Safety Harnesses and Window Nets of the *Manual* (Table I-1), but are not required to have a Safety Cage Structure (as defined in *Schedule J* of the *Motorsport Australia* Manual).

5. SPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Scoring shall be timed to the second, with penalties being 1 point per second late of the target time, and 5 points per second early, of the target time as determined by the *Event* for each Special Stage. Penalties shall also apply for early arrival on Liaison sections, with Late Running time being applied where appropriate for late arrival on both Special Stages and Liaison sections, as per the RSR SSR. Exceeding Late Running Time will result in *Exclusion*.
- (b) If a *Crew* arrives over 1 minute early of the target time in a Special Stage, in addition to the 5 points per second penalty, they are to be given a caution by the Clerk of the Course. If a *Crew* receives 3 cautions in the course of one *Event*, they are automatically excluded from the *Event*. Notification of any exclusions need to be reported by the *Organiser* to the Stewards at the *Event*, and the *Motorsport Australia* *Rally* Executive Officer (Rally@motorsport.org.au) immediately following the *Event*, with reference to Article 2.1(d) regarding the submission of Results.
- (c) A *Rally* Regularity *Event* shall either be route charted, navigational (using Articles 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of the National Touring Standing Regulations - Navigational Assembly NTSR-NA), or a combination of the two. Pace or Safety noting and any reconnaissance is not permitted.

6. UPDATES/AMENDMENTS TO THESE REGULATIONS

Motorsport Australia will monitor *Rally Regularity* Events closely to ensure both compliance with the regulations, and also that the “spirit” and intent of *Rally Regularity* is being upheld. *Motorsport Australia* may alter existing or include additional regulations or requirements to ensure the safe and ongoing conduct of *Rally Regularity* at their discretion. Any such alterations to these regulations will be communicated directly to State *Rally* Panels, and those *Event* calendared which are to include a *Rally Regularity*.