MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA MANUAL

RALLY / ROAD APPENDIX RALLY STANDING REGULATIONS RALLY REGULARITY (RR)



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1. PREAMBLE

The purpose of *Rally* Regularity is to provide the opportunity for a Special Stage *Rally*, other *Rally* or Touring *Event* 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 an *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, or segment within a competitive stage that does not exceed an average of 70 km/h unless a different speed is approved by Motorsport Australia on recommendation of the Course Checker (Rally@motorsport.org.au). 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 Event Organiser of the stages should try as much as possible to select roads that would make it unlikely that the 110km/h speed will be attained. The target time for each stage or segment with in a competitive 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*) unless a different minimum speed is approved by *Motorsport Australia* on recommendation of the *Course* Checker (*Rally@motorsport.org.au*). 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 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

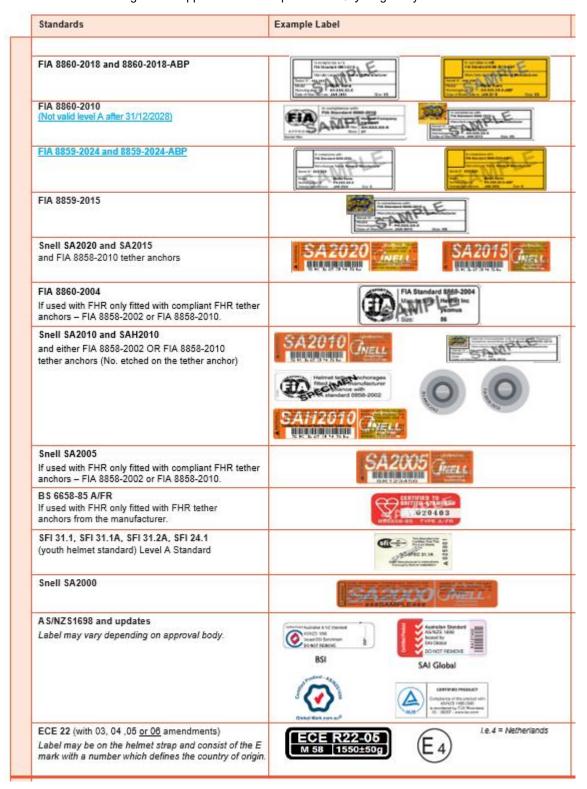
- (a) A Rally Regularity Event may be run
 - (i) as a standalone Club Competition Rally Regularity Event in its own right, or
 - (ii) in conjunction with a Special Stage *Rally* (i.e. as a "piggyback"), or
 - (iii) in conjunction with or stages as part of an *Event* run under the National Touring *Standing Regulations*, NTSR-EG Special Test, NTSR-NA Sub Event and Special Tests, NTSR-TRE Special Test.
- (b) Where a *Rally* Regularity *Event* is run in conjunction with a Special Stage *Rally Event*, the *Rally* Regularity *Event* field must run at the tail of the field, behind the other Crews in the Special Stage *Rally*.
- (c) If a Rally Regularity Event is being run in its own right, or Stages as part of a Touring Event, the full requirements of a closed road (access controlled) Special Stage Rally (as per the Motorsport Australia Rally/Road Appendix Rally Standing Regulations Special Stage Rally) will apply. https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/rally
- (d) Permit Fees shall be applied as per those set for Club Competition Special Stage Rallies.
- (e) 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. This applies to any Crew member who drives the vehicle during the *Event*.
- (b) The Competitor, Driver, Co-Driver and/or Navigator must possess current, valid Motorsport Australia Speed Licence or higher Licence (e.g., Rally Licence, Circuit Racing Licence, Off Road Licence). The Motorsport Australia Licence application is found at https://motorsport.org.au/licence/. Note: these Licences are not available for purchase at the Event, but are available for a single Event
- (c) The Licence requirements for each Event must be listed in the Event Supplementary Regulations.
- (d) These licences must be presented to the *Organisers* at pre-event documentation and upon request.
- (e) Each Crew member must wear a helmet and apparel complying with requirements for *Rally Regularity* as listed in *Schedule* D Apparel of the *Manual of Motorsport* at https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/technical-appendix/ the minimum requirements are listed below.
 - Each *Driver* and *Co-Driver/Navigator* shall comply with these requirements until the completion of a competition section/stage.
 - (ii) Clothing <u>Mandatory</u>; Clothing must be from ankles to neck to wrists. Clothing of flammable synthetic material, such as nylon, is not acceptable; *Motorsport Australia* approved flame-retardant overalls are recommended.
 - (iii) Flame Retardant Underwear <u>Not mandatory</u>; *Motorsport Australia* approved flameretardant underwear is recommended.
 - (iv) Flame Retardant Balaclava <u>Not mandatory</u>; a motor sport standard balaclava is recommended.
 - (v) Footwear <u>Mandatory</u>; shoes with leather uppers that cover the foot. Shoes which have a leather upper but which include elasticised ankle regions are acceptable (e.g. elastic-sided work boots).
 - (vi) Flame Retardant Socks <u>Not mandatory</u>; *Motorsport Australia* approved flame-retardant socks are recommended.
 - (vii) Gloves <u>Not mandatory</u>; *Motorsport Australia* approved flame-retardant gloves are recommended
 - (viii) Frontal Head Restraint (FHR) <u>Not mandatory</u>, *Motorsport Australia* approved device is recommended. Note: if used must be combined with an appropriate helmet.

(ix) Helmet – <u>Mandatory</u>, Each *Driver* and *Co-Driver/Navigator* is required to wear an approved helmet, a list of approved helmets is on next page.

The following helmet approvals are acceptable for Rally Regularity.



Further information is available in *Schedule D – Apparel of the Manual of Motorsport* at https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/technical-appendix/

4. AUTOMOBILE REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Each *Automobile* must comply with these regulations, as well as the specific regulations as may be listed in the *Event Supplementary Regulations*.
- (b) Each *Automobile* must either be fully road registered, registered as part of a club/historic/rally permit scheme issued by a recognised State Registration authority (such as "H" plates in Victoria) or have a valid Unregistered Vehicle Permit issued by a recognised State Registration authority for the purpose of participation in a *Rally*.
- (c) A *Motorsport Australia Log Book* is not required. An Automobile that has been issued a *Motorsport Australia Log book* must present the Log Book at Scrutineering.
- (d) Each vehicle shall comply with the following -
 - (I) Seat Belts <u>Mandatory</u>; The minimum seat belt requirement is a Lap Sash Belt for each occupant in the vehicle. Further information is also available in the *Motorsport Australia*Technical *Appendix*, *Schedule* I at https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/technical-appendix/
 - (II) Fire Extinguisher <u>Mandatory</u>; Each Vehicle must be fitted with a fire extinguisher of at least 1kg meeting the following minimum standard compliant with AS1841.5 ABE Powder which must be securely mounted inside the vehicle. Further information is also available in the *Motorsport Australia* Technical *Appendix*, *Schedule* H at https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/technical-appendix/
 - (III) Roll Over Protection (Safety/Roll Cage) Not mandatory; If a vehicle is fitted with Roll Over Protection, then this must meet the specifications for a minimum of a Type 2 safety cage structure incorporating requirements for Competition with more than one occupant as stated in the Motorsport Australia Technical Appendix, Schedule J at https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/technical-appendix/
 - (IV) Mud Flaps Mandatory; Mud flaps of stout material shall be fitted behind all driving wheels, and in the case of front wheel drive vehicles, behind all four wheels. They shall be no closer than 50mm to, and no further than 100mm from, the ground, shall mask the full width of the tyre when viewed from behind, and be within 300mm of the tyre;
 - (V) Tyres The use of studded or spiked tyres is prohibited. All tyres shall be treaded in the original manufacturing process to a minimum depth of 2mm. Tyres shall not be used that are expressly designed for use on motor racing circuits and carry a label "For competition use only".
 - (VI) Fire Wall The Vehicle must be fitted with protection between engine and driver's compartment to prevent the passage of flame;
 - (VII) Exhaust Noise The Vehicles exhaust must be configured such that the sound emitted when measured 30m from the road edge does not exceed 95dB(A) unless event regulations set a lower limit:
 - (VIII) Fuel Tank The vehicle must have each fuel tank vented externally to the bodywork;
 - (IX) Fuel use only pump commercially available fuel; Further information is also available in Motorsport Australia Technical Appendix, Schedule G at https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/technical-appendix/
 - (X) Windows Vehicles shall be fitted with a laminated windscreen. Windows tinted with a film which complies with the state vehicle regulations in the relevant state may be used;
 - (XI) Phone Holder etc Any component, equipment or device installed within an *Automobile* be secured with sufficient fixings to remain restrained under a deceleration or acceleration of 25g.
 - (XII) Air Bags It is recommended that vehicles fitted with SRS air bags have the airbags disabled and/or removed. If an air bag is not disabled, then nothing shall be mounted in the path of deployment of the air bag (e.g. distance measuring or vehicle tracking devices). If disabled, a decal to that effect (specific to that Event) shall be affixed to the Automobile adjacent to, or under, the Driver and Passenger windows
 - (XIII) Signs Signs and advertising are permitted on vehicles, including crew names

- (XIV) Equipment, The following equipment must be carried within the vehicle-
 - Reflective Triangles At least one reflective or fluorescent red warning triangle of metal or
 plastic material (sides at least 350mm in length) must be carried in the vehicle at all times
 while competing. Each triangle must be fitted securely and easily accessible by the crew,
 and must be displayed in cases where a stationary car could be a hazard to other road
 users (e.g., breakdown).
 - SOS/OK Signs Each car is to carry at least one 'SOS/OK' sign. 'OK' shall be green or black, and 'SOS' shall be red. The sign may incorporate reflective materials.
 - Emergency Extraction Each vehicle must carry a minimum of two tools designed for and capable of cutting a safety harness/seat belt and any other similar material (i.e. HANS device tether strap). Each device must be suitably fixed and be easily accessible to the members of the Crew whilst restrained in the seat by the harness/seatbelt
 - Glass Windows Each vehicle with glass windows, must carry a tool designed to break
 automotive glass. Each device must be suitably fixed and be easily accessible to the
 members of the Crew whilst restrained in the seat by the harness/seatbelt. This tool may be
 combined with a safety harness/seat belt cutter.
 - First Aid Kit vehicles are required to carry on board a weatherproof emergency first aid kit, which can be easily accessed, containing at least the following-

2 x extra large universal accident dressings
2 x large open weave bandages
2 x medium open weave bandages
1 x pair dressing scissors
1 x roll adhesive tape
6 x safety pins
1 x large burn dressing with a non-adhesive surface
1 x thermo accident blanket
2 x medium combination pads
6 x adhesive plaster strips
1 x triangular bandage
2 x sterile eye pads
1 x first aid manual

These items may be purchased from St John Ambulance as a kit or from any reputable first aid supply company.

(XV) Camera

It is permitted for cameras to be used as follows:

- Externally they must not protrude more than 100mm beyond the surface of the bodywork.
- External mountings must only be done by screwing, metal screw clamp, express clamp, metal inserts, bonding/adhesive including double sided tape. Suction devices are not permitted.
- Internally they (including their mountings) are not permitted between the vertical transverse
 plane through the rearmost point of the dashboard and the vertical transverse plane of the
 rearmost point of the driver/co-driver's seats.
- Internal mountings must only be done by screwing, metal screw clamp, express clamp, metal inserts. Not permitted are bonding, double-sided tape, adhesive material, suction devices, etc.
- Camera fitment must not hinder the Crew's visibility, exit or extrication in case of emergency.
- Mountings must be able to withstand a minimum deceleration of 25 g.
- They must be installed for any scrutineering.
- (XVI) Further information on all these requirements is available on the Motorsport Australia web site at https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/technical-appendix/ and
 - at https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/rally/
- (e) Automobile Checks (Scrutineering)

Prior to the start of *Competition* each *Automobile* will be checked by the *Organiser* for compliance with these regulations, including safety and eligibility.

5. SPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Competitive Stage Target Times must be set by the *Event Organiser* for each competitive stage or segment within a stage as follows, respecting Article 2.1 (b) and be detailed in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or Bulletin;
 - (i) A precise target time for a competitive stage, or
 - (ii) Different precise target times for each segment within a competitive stage. Where the competitive stage is split into segments then;
 - (A) The competitive stage must be greater than 10km, total distance, unless approved by Motorsport Australia on recommendation of the Course Checker. (Rally@motorsport.org.au).
 - (B) The different segments of a competitive stage must be
 - (I) shown in the route Instructions as way points with GPS coordinates and
 - (II) on the road by signs as designated in Article 7 or by the Organisers and must be shown in the in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event* Bulletin.
 - (iii) The *Organisers* may use Passage Controls as described in the *Event Supplementary* Regulations and shown by a road side sign as designated in Article 7 or by the *Organisers* and must be shown in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event* Bulletin.
- (b) Scoring of the Competitive Stages shall be timed to the second, with penalties being
 - (i) 1 point per second late of the target time;
 - (ii) Early Arrival, of the target time;
 - (A) 1 point per second early of the target time for 1 second up to and including 5 seconds early arrival.
 - (B) 5 points per second early of the target time for 6 second up to and including 10 seconds early arrival.
 Eg, if a crew is 8 seconds early then 5 seconds @ 1 point = 5 points, then 3 seconds @ 5 points = 15 points, total 20 points.
 - (C) 30 points if greater than 10 seconds early of the target time.
 - Eg, if a crew is 8 seconds early then -5 seconds @ 1 point = 5 points, then 3 seconds @ 5 points = 15 points, total 20 points.
 - (iii) 50 points for each instance where a crew exceeds the maximum speed of 110 km/h (refer Article 2.1 (b)).
 - (iv) 20 points for each instance where a crew's speed falls below the minimum speed of 20 km/h (refer Article 2.1 (c)).
- (c) Penalties shall also apply for early and late arrival on Liaison sections with Late Running time being applied where appropriate for late arrival on both Competitive Stages and Liaison sections.
 - (i) Late arrival at Time Control including *Start* of *Rally* 5 points per minute or fraction of a minute
 - (ii) Early arrival at Time Control 60 points per minute or fraction of a minute.
 - (iii) or, as advised in the Event Regulations.
- (d) Late Running Time Limits
 - (i) Any lateness exceeding 30 minutes on the Target Time between two Time Controls, or a total lateness exceeding 40 minutes at the end of each Section and/or Leg/Heat will result in the *Disqualification* of the Crew.
 - (ii) In no case can early arrivals be used as a means of reducing the lateness resulting in the Disqualification of the Crew
 - (iii) The *Disqualification* time may be increased at any point by the Stewards, following a recommendation from the Clerk of the Course.
 - (iv) The Crews concerned shall be informed of this decision as soon as possible.

- (v) Disqualification for exceeding the maximum permitted lateness may only be applied at the end of a Section or at the end of a Leg/Heat
- (vi) or, as advised in the Event Regulations.
- (vii) Crews disqualified for lateness are either:
 - (A) not permitted to rejoin the *Event*: or
 - (B) if provided for in the Event or Sporting Regulations, apply to the Clerk of the Course for permission to rejoin the Event at a suitable point as determined by the Clerk of the Course.
- (e) Clerk of the Course Cautions / Disqualification
 - (i) If a Crew arrives over 1 minute early of the target time in a Competitive Stage or segment within a stage, in addition to the points per second penalty, they are to be given a caution by the Clerk of the Course.
 - (ii) If a crew exceeds the maximum terminal speed of 110 km/h (refer Article 2.1 (b)) they are to be given a caution by the Clerk of the Course.
 - (iii) If a Crew receives 3 cautions in the course of one *Event*, or the crew grossly exceeds the maximum terminal speed of 110 km/h, the crew will be referred to the Stewards who may impose a penalty up to *Disqualification*. This referral should be dealt with promptly and the Crew summoned to an immediate Stewards Hearing.
 - (iv) Crews disqualified under this clause may NOT continue to participate in the Event
 - (v) Notification of any Disqualification needs to be reported by the Organiser to Motorsport Australia (Rally@motorsport.org.au) immediately following the Event, with reference to Article 2.1(d) regarding the submission of Results.
- (f) A *Rally* Regularity *Event* shall either be route charted as per the RSR SSR, 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 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.

7. RALLY REGULARITY ON COURSE SIGNS

The following signs are in addition to the On Course Signs shown in the RSR – Special Stage *Rally Standing Regulations*.



