
DATE: 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

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MEETING: VIDEOCONFERENCE

RATIFICATION OF DECISION MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS

Tarmac Rally Licence

The Commission recommended to the Board to rescind the requirement for an International Rally Licence for tarmac rally and that it be replaced by a National Rally Licence with a Tarmac Rally Endorsement. The Board resolved to accept the proposal.

Specifically, Drivers, Co-Drivers and Navigators will now require the following:

Category C Endorsement - 130km/h category

- Driver and Co-driver: National Rally Licence
- Navigator: National Rally with Navigator Only Endorsement

Category B Endorsement - 165km/h category and between 130km/h and 165km/h max speeds.

- Driver and Co-driver: National Rally Licence + Tarmac Rally Category B Endorsement + Online Tarmac Rally Safety Course (ADI)
- Navigator: National Rally with Navigator Only + Tarmac Rally Category B Endorsement with Navigator Only + Online Tarmac Rally Safety Course (ADI)

Category A Endorsement - Outright 200km/h category and greater than 160km/h max speeds.

- Driver and Co-driver: National Rally Licence + Tarmac Rally Category A Endorsement + Online Tarmac Rally Safety Course (ADI) + Tarmac Rally Category A Endorsement application
- Navigator: National Rally with Navigator Only + Tarmac Rally Category A Endorsement with Navigator Only + Online Tarmac Rally Safety Course (ADI) + Tarmac Rally Category A Endorsement application

The Commission ratified the following documents:

- 25 Motorsport Australia Endorsement Tarmac Rally Category A
- 2024 General Appendix – Competition Licenses
- Clerk of the Course No Incident Confirmation Letter

MATTERS ARISING / NEW BUSINESS

MIN 0716 C2 Classic Rally Regulations

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to decide whether to allow a substitute Independent Rear Suspension unit to be fitted to a Live Axle Vehicle under the C2 Classic Rally Car Regulations.

The Commissioners highlighted their concerns surrounding the potential safety risks and engineering challenges. The Commission noted the importance of expert analysis and agreed to refer the matter to the Technical Working Group.

MIN 0717 Application for C3 Special Classic Rally Car

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to determine whether an application for a Hillman Avenger would comply with the C3 Special Classic Rally Car Category.

The Commission noted that there are no specific concerns from an engineering perspective and there were no points raised against the approval of the vehicle being entered in the C3 category. The motion was approved.

MIN 0718 Class Eligibility for a Subaru Impreza with an Alternative Engine

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to determine what class a Subaru Impreza with an alternative engine should comply under.

The Commission indicated that this modification is frequently made in New Zealand. It was noted that there were no objections made from a technical point of view. The Commission agreed to defer further discussions on the matter to a later date and receive further feedback.

MIN 0719 Tarmac Rally Eligibility

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to determine restrictor requirements for PRC twin turbocharged vehicles competing in tarmac rallies.

The Commission reviewed some background information and went on to discuss the wording of the suggested regulation, agreeing on 24mm and 26mm restrictors in compressor housing. The motion was approved.

MIN 0720 Tarmac Rally Vehicle Eligibility

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to determine whether a Cup variant of the Porsche 997 GT3 is eligible to compete at tarmac rallies.

The Commission raised concerns about the safety issues that would come with approving a high-powered variant car not on the list of eligible vehicles. The Commission agreed to reject the proposal due to ineligibility.

MIN 0721 Schedule K Markings on Automobiles

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to determine whether or not to implement a consistent national approach when displaying competition numbers, and if so, what the requirement should stipulate.

The Commission discussed the rights of event organisers to choose the vehicle marking protocol in place at their event, however it was noted that standardised protocols would create consistency across State and National events. The Commission agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting.

MIN 0722 Rally Standing Regulations – Events General

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Rally Standing Regulations.

The Commission reviewed the changes made to the events general standing regulations and raised questions in regard to the inclusion of Electric Vehicle procedures. The Commission was provided with background information, noting that the use for the protocols were very rare.

The Commission agreed to approve the Rally Standing Regulations – Events General – V1.

MIN 0723 Rally Standing Regulations – Special Stage Rally

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Rally Standing Regulations - Special Stage Rally.

The Commission discussed changes made to the classification percentage for special stage rallies, agreeing to lower the percentage from eighty to sixty five percent.

The Commissioners raised concerns over the wording of the proximity of caution signs, agreeing to have the minimum distance of caution boards qualified by the words “at least”. The motion was approved.

MIN 0724 Rally Standing Regulations – National Rally

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Rally Standing Regulations – National Rally.

The Commissioners discussed options to have competition checkers approved to compete in tarmac rallies, with options such as ARCOM approval or Motorsport Australia approval proposed.

The Commission also discussed the use of whiteboards in conjunction with electronic noticeboards in order to meet the requirement to implement electronic noticeboards at the beginning of stages as raised in Attachment A 4.5. The motion was approved.

MIN 0725 Rally Standing Regulations – Rallysprint

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Rallysprint Standing Regulations.

The Commissioners agreed that the changes made to the Rallysprint regulations were to ensure consistency in relation to defined terms, with no substantive changes made to the regulations themselves. The motion was approved.

MIN 0726 Rally Standing Regulations – Rally Testing

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Rally Standing Regulations – Rally Test Activities.

The Commission discussed a new set of regulations in regard to protocols for test activities and passenger rides. Background information was provided on similar regulations currently in use in circuit racing disciplines. The Commission noted that this set of regulations should be implemented in rally disciplines, but agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting.

MIN 0727 National Touring Standing Regulations

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Rally Standing Regulations – National Touring Standing Regulations.

The Commission discussed the inclusion of article 1.16 Special Tests and how its inclusion will increase clarity for competitors. The Commission agreed on the implementation of article 1.16 and raised no other concerns regarding the changes to the regulations. The motion was approved.

MIN 0728 Rally Regularity Standing Regulations

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Rally Standing Regulations – Rally Regularity.

The Commission discussed the inclusion of maintained average speed sections as well as flexibility of maximum speed and potential penalties for competitors found to exceed the limit.

The Commission agreed to include an article in the regulations which stipulates penalties to be imposed, and deferred the decision to the next meeting.

MIN 0729 Rally Standing Regulations – Cross Country Rally

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Rally Standing Regulations – Cross Country Rally.

The Commission discussed the potential to promulgate a set of contemporary Cross Country Rally Regulations. The Commission noted the technical issues within the regulations and agreed to pass them on to the Technical Working Group, with the view that the regulations remain provisional until the technical regulations can be approved. The decision was deferred to the next meeting.

MIN 0730 Public Safety and Control Procedures

A Decision Paper was presented to ARCOM to approve the 2025 Public Safety and Control Procedures – Rally Road Events.

The Commission discussed the changes made to the regulations and noted that minor terminology changes were aimed at enhancing clarity and effectiveness in managing safety at events. The motion was approved.

NEXT MEETINGS

Videoconference conducted on Wednesday nights, commencing at 5:30pm Melbourne time.

- Nov 13th