

# 2025 RALLY COMPETITION CONDITIONS



# Rally NSW

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# GENERAL PROVISIONS

## 1 ABBREVIATIONS

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NCR: National Competition Rules

RSR: Rally Standing Regulations

RSR SSR: Rally Standing Regulations - Special Stage Rallies

NSWRC: NSW Rally Championship

ECCRS-2WD: East Coast Classic Rally Series - 2 Wheel Drive

ECCRS-4WD: East Coast Classic Rally Series - 4 Wheel Drive

CRS: Clubman Rally Series

GPS: Global Positioning System

MIV: Medical Intervention Vehicle

## 2 VARIATIONS TO RALLY STANDING REGULATIONS

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### RSR SSR 5.5

(a) When, as part of their duties, the Motorsport Australia Observer/s and/or the Stewards of the Meeting need to drive on Special Stages, they must comply with the following prescriptions:

- (i) Entry onto the route of the stage must take place at the latest 30 minutes before the departure of the ~~last~~ **first** road closing vehicle (Car No. ~~0~~ **000**).
- (ii) If Car No. ~~0~~ **000** catches up with the Observer, Delegate or Stewards while on Special Stages, the Observer, Delegate or Stewards must ~~stop, park, and wait for the sweep car to pass before continuing~~ **comply with any instructions given by the crew of Car 000.**

## 3 SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM 2024 COMPETITION CONDITIONS

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**Key changes for 2025 are:**

- Reinstatement of Article 4.3 (a) (ix) (A) and 9.1 (c) from the **Motorsport Australia RSR SSR** in its entirety. For the avoidance of doubt, late or early arrival to a Time Control will incur a competitive time penalty. Refer to Article 4.3 Time Controls within the current version of the Motorsport Australia Rally Standing Regulations for the full clause wording and meaning. The reinstatement of this clause aligns NSW with the other State jurisdictions which is particularly important where NSW Events attract competitors from neighbouring States and vice versa.
- To be deemed an Event Finisher in NSW Rally Series rallies, competitors must complete the final Liaison (Transport) stage (after the final Competitive Stage) in the designated competition vehicle (under its own power only) and check into the final Time Control within their late time allowance. Reinstatement of this requirement aligns NSW with the other State jurisdictions.
- The same Event Checker should not be used by Organisers to check the same rally event for more than 2 years consecutively. The thinking behind this recommendation is to rotate experienced Checkers across different Events to get the best outcomes for Competitors and Organisers. This recommendation was endorsed by the NSW Rally Panel in April 2024.
- Deletion of the Hyundai and Kia specific series (including all references to the HKRS) due to a lack of vehicles competing in the series during 2024. Competitors within Hyundai or Kia vehicles are encouraged to look at competing within the "Pocket Rocket Class" of the Clubman Rally Series.

## 4 APPLICATION OF THESE CONDITIONS

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These Conditions apply to NSW Rally Series events to be conducted under a Motorsport Australia Rally Permit in 2025. The general principles should also be applied to NSW “Club” level rally events.

### 4.1 2025 NSW RALLY SERIES

The NSW Rally Panel will approve events for inclusion as rounds in the following 2025 NSW Rally Series:

- **NSW Rally Championship (“NSWRC”)** – an open series designed to encourage the best teams and best cars to compete for the title of NSW Rally Champion over a mix of challenging blind and pace noted events. The most prestigious rally series in NSW.
- **East Coast Classic Rally Series – 2WD (“ECCRS-2WD”)** – a series designed to encourage the participation of competitors in two wheel drive “classic” rally cars. These events will mostly be run within the NSWRC but may run within other events.
- **East Coast Classic Rally Series – 4WD (“ECCRS-4WD”)** – a series designed to encourage the participation of competitors in four wheel drive “classic” rally cars. These events will mostly be run within the NSWRC but may run within other events.
- **Clubman Rally Series (“CRS”)** – a relaxed, highly social rally series, designed for novice or developing competitors who prefer basic rallies without the use of pace notes. **Event organisers are encouraged** to provide maximum value for competitors by limiting cost and complexity of these events.

For the purposes of this document, the word “Series” refers to any or all of the above.

In addition to the above Series, **Rally Regularity Events** may be incorporated into selected events, designed for novices to try rally competition under controlled conditions. For Rally Regularity Events refer to the Motorsport Australia “Rally Regularity Standing Regulations” document.

### 4.2 DEFINITION OF “COMPETITOR”

As per the NCRs, a competitor is “a person or body who holds a Competitor Licence acceptable to Motorsport Australia and who has entered a Competition”. This will include the driver or co-driver and the competitor is not necessarily the entrant, or the owner of the competition vehicle.

## 5 CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

The following categories and classes will be recognised:

### 5.1 NSW RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (NSWRC)

Categories	Conditions
Outright	Open to all eligible vehicles. The winning driver and co-driver will be crowned NSW Rally Champions.
Production Cup	Same as Outright but excludes R5, AP4 and G4 vehicles
2WD	Open to eligible 2WD vehicles (Barry Ferguson Trophy)

Within the 2WD category in the NSWRC, the following classes are recognised:

Classes	Conditions
0-1600cc Pocket Rockets	Open to all 2WD vehicles with an engine capacity of no more than 1600cc
1601-2000cc	Open to all 2WD vehicles with an engine capacity between 1601cc and 2000cc
2001cc and over	Open to all 2WD with an engine capacity of 2001cc or more

### 5.2 EAST COAST CLASSIC RALLY SERIES – 2WD (ECCRS-2WD)

Categories	Conditions
2WD	Open to all 2WD vehicles in C1, C2 and C3 Classic Rally Car Categories and Club Rally Cars first manufactured 30 years prior to 31 December of the current year (CLB+30)

No classes are recognised within this Series.

### 5.3 EAST COAST CLASSIC RALLY SERIES – 4WD (ECCRS-4WD)

Categories	Conditions
4WD	Open to all 4WD vehicles in C3 and C4 Classic Rally Car Category

No classes are recognised within this Series.

### 5.4 CLUBMAN RALLY SERIES (CRS)

Categories	Conditions
4WD	Open to all Clubman eligible 4WD vehicles
2WD	Open to all Clubman eligible 2WD vehicles

Within the 2WD category in the Clubman Rally Series, the following class is recognised:

Classes	Conditions
0-1600cc Pocket Rockets	Open to all Clubman eligible 2WD vehicles with an engine capacity of no more than 1600cc

## 6 CAPACITY EQUIVALENCE FACTORS

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Supercharged and rotary engine capacities are subject to the multiplication factors found in the “Classification of Automobiles – Technical Appendix” in the current Motorsport Australia Manual.

The car will pass into the class corresponding to the capacity calculated by the application of the appropriate multiplication factor. The car will be treated in all respects as if this were its actual cylinder capacity.

## 7 HEATS

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Each event in the NSWRC, ECCRS-2WD & ECCRS-4WD will be structured as two heats for a single day event. A two day event will have three or four heats depending on how many competitive kilometres there are on the second day. Other heat structures may be approved by the NSW Rally Panel, solely for the purpose of Series point scoring. **Event organisers should aim to plan their events with heats of approximately equal distance where possible.**

Where a two day NSWRC, ECCRS-2WD or ECCRS-4WD event is shared with a higher level event, such as ARC, competitors may have the option to only contest the two heats on the first day for a reduced entry fee at the discretion of the Event Organiser.

## 8 NO SERIES REGISTRATION

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There is no Series registration. Eligible competitors will automatically score Series points relevant to the events they contest.

Where the Rally is run as a “meeting of events” combining any of the NSWRC, ECCRS (2WD or 4WD) and CRS series, for the competitor to be awarded relevant Series points, they must be entered in the event run under the appropriate level, or higher level, Motorsport Australia Rally Permit fee for that Series.

Eligibility for Series points while entered in a corresponding higher level Event will remain subject to:

- I. the higher level Event incorporates the respective Series Event’s stage structure entirely,
- II. Compliance with Article 9 of these Competition Conditions (Series Advertising on Vehicles),
- III. The competitor must comply with the conditions for the relevant Series event,
- IV. The competitor does not use Pacenotes.**

For example, if the competitor runs in the NSWRC event and they are eligible for CRS points, then CRS points will only be awarded if all or part of the NSWRC event is identical in stage structure to the CRS event. Conversely, if the competitor enters the CRS event, they will not be awarded NSWRC or ECCRS points even if otherwise eligible.

At a “meeting of events” that includes non-NSW Series Events where the competitor enters a local or higher level event, for example a round of the Victorian Rally Championship (VRC), Australian Rally Championship (ARC), Asia Pacific Rally Championship, (APRC), etc, then the competitor will need to “opt-in” via the Event Entry Form to



receive the relevant NSW Rally Series points for which they are eligible, whereby all the above conditions of this section must still be met.

## 9 SERIES ADVERTISING ON VEHICLES

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It will be a condition of entry to an event hosting a NSW Rally Series within NSW that all specified NSW Series advertising decals are displayed on **all** competing vehicles. The NSW Rally Series advertising decals must be affixed in the correct manner in order to start the event and for the duration of the event. This provision does not apply to those vehicles solely contesting the ARC or other higher level series shared with the NSW Series Event. For interstate rounds of a NSW Series Event, the local advertising decals will take precedence where there is a conflict of placement or sponsor, or by negotiation between the individual event organiser/relevant State Rally Panel and the NSW Rally Panel.

The Supplementary Regulations must state the advertising requirement and indicate the correct positioning of the decals on competing vehicles.

## 10 PRIVACY

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To protect personal identity information, **entrants will not be required to provide civil drivers licence, card numbers or date of birth to Event Organisers via email during the online entry process.** If providing images of credentials, competitors should black out that specific personal information. Also, credit card details should not be provided on paper-based entry forms or by email. Preferred payment methods are electronic funds transfer, secure online payment or cheque. Credit card details should only be provided by secure online payment methods or over the phone.

For any NSW Rally Series event the driver and co-driver must be presented with the option for their email addresses and telephone numbers to be provided to the NSW Rally Panel by the event organiser for the purpose of the NSW Rally Panel to distribute Series information and conduct post event surveys directly with competitors. Entry forms must include an option for crews who wish to opt in to this provision.

**To enable the NSW Rally Panel to communicate directly with competitors, it is highly recommended that competitors “Opt In” on the Entry Form to allow Event Organisers to share competitor email and phone contact details with the NSW Rally Panel.**

## 11 SPORTITY APP

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The NSW Rally Panel will be making available the Sportity Application to Event Organisers and Competitors for all NSW Rally Events. This may be used as the “Official Noticeboard” for the event and details should be included in the Supplementary Regulations.

The App is available from:



# COMPETITORS

## 12 SERIES ELIGIBILITY

### 12.1 COMPETITORS

#### 12.1.1 Licensing

Entry to Series events is open to all Motorsport Australia members who hold a valid **Motorsport Australia Rally Licence** or higher.

#### 12.1.2 Number of crew members

In all rallies, crews shall comprise of two persons who shall be nominated as either the Driver or Co-driver/Navigator and will compete in the same vehicle for the entire event.

#### 12.1.3 Eligibility for Series points

All eligible competitors will score Series points.

Eligibility to score Series points will be based on the Driver's seeding on the Rally NSW seeding list, as at 1 January in the year in which the event is contested, as per the following table:

Series	Eligibility for Series Points
NSWRC	All seedings
ECCRS-2WD	All seedings
ECCRS-4WD	All seedings
CRS	Driver seeding of 89 or lower, in the vehicle driven at the event

For the purposes of CRS eligibility, if a driver is seeded in some other jurisdiction or does not have a NSW Rally seeding for the car in which they wish to compete, the NSW Rally Panel will, on request, allocate a seeding number. This seeding allocation will be made at the sole discretion of the NSW Rally Panel.

### 12.2 VEHICLES

To enter a Rally Event, vehicles must comply with one of the groups as defined by the **"2025 Motorsport Australia Rally Standing Regulations - Vehicles General"**.

Variations are as follows:

#### 12.2.1 NSW Rally Championship

FIA Group R5 and **R2 vehicles** are **not** eligible for points in this NSW Series.

#### 12.2.2 ECCRS – 2WD Series

Only 2 wheel drive Classic Rally Cars (CRC) and Club Rally Cars first manufactured at least 30 years prior to 31 December of the current year (CLB+30) are eligible for points in this NSW Series.

### 12.2.3 ECCRS – 4WD Series

Only 4 wheel drive Classic Rally Cars (CRC) are eligible for points in this NSW Series.

### 12.2.4 Clubman Rally Series

Group AP4, Group G4 and FIA Group R5 & R2 vehicles are **not** eligible for points in this NSW Series.

## 13 APPAREL RULES

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For more information on the apparel requirements at each event, refer to Schedule D of the Motorsport Australia Manual of Motor Sport.

Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) and 5-point or 6-point safety harnesses are required for all events except Rally Regularity Events, S1 Rallysprints or events requiring compliance with civil road rules (eg, Touring Assemblies).

## 14 EXCLUSION OF EVENT FROM SEEDING

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Once a year a driver may nominate an event in which they do not want their results included in the seeding arising from that event. An application to the NSW Rally Panel must be received before the close of entries for the event in which the results are not to be included in the seeding information. The driver will still be eligible for any awards from the event and will still score points in the Series for which they are eligible.

## 15 SCORING

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### 15.1 POINTS ALLOCATION

Where a competitor is unable to complete a rally stage due to it being neutralised or cancelled, this does not constitute a missed stage for the purposes of point scoring, and the competitor is deemed to have finished that stage. Where necessary, the organisers may assign a time to the competitor for that stage.

For all Series, points will be allocated in the following manner:

Event Status	Outright Points	Category Points	Class Points
<i>NSWRC</i>	1st: 25	1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> : 15 to 1	1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> : 10 to 1
<i>ECCRS-2WD &amp; ECCRS-4WD</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> : 22		No classes
<i>CRS</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 20		1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> : 10 to 1
	4 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> : 19 to 1 All other finishers: 1		

#### 15.1.1 Outright Series Winner

For all Series, the competitor with the highest outright points at the conclusion of the Series will be declared the Outright Winner subject to Clauses 14.2 to 14.6 inclusive of these Competition Conditions.

Neither Category nor Class points are considered in the Outright pointscore.

#### 15.1.2 Category Winner

The competitor with the highest total of points within each category at the conclusion of the Series will be declared the Category winner subject to Clauses 14.2 to 14.6 inclusive of these Competition Conditions.

Class points are not considered in the Category pointscore.

### 15.1.3 Class Winner

The competitor with the highest total of points within each Class at the conclusion of the Series will be declared the Class winner subject to Clauses 14.2 to 14.6 inclusive of these Competition Conditions.

## 15.2 HEATS TO COUNT – NSWRC

For the purpose of NSWRC point scores, the final point scores will be calculated using the best results from the number of heats shown below:

Where a Series consists of:	These rounds shall count for scoring:
8 heats or fewer	All heats
9-12 heats	All heats except two
13 or more heats	All heats except four

## 15.3 HEATS TO COUNT – ECCRS-2WD

For the purpose of ECCRS-2WD point scores, the final point scores will be calculated using the best results from the number of heats shown below:

Where a Series consists of:	These rounds shall count for scoring:
8 heats or fewer	All heats
9 or more heats	8 heats

## 15.4 HEATS TO COUNT – ECCRS-4WD

For the purpose of ECCRS-4WD point scores, the final point scores will be calculated using the best results from the number of heats shown below:

Where a Series consists of:	These rounds shall count for scoring:
8 heats or fewer	All heats
9 or more heats	8 heats

## 15.5 ROUNDS TO COUNT – CRS

For the purpose of Series point scores, the final point scores will be calculated using the best results from the number of rounds shown below:

Where a Series consists of:	These rounds shall count for scoring:
4 rounds or fewer	All rounds
5-6 rounds	All rounds except one
7 or more rounds	All rounds except two

## 15.6 FORCE MAJEURE SHORTENED EVENTS AND/OR HEATS

Where an event without heats is shortened after commencement, the following rules will apply for point scoring.

- 50% or greater of scheduled competitive distance completed – Full Points
- 33% or greater but less than 50% completed - Half Points
- Less than 33% completed – NSW Rally Panel will decide based on circumstances but generally, points would not be awarded.

Where an event comprises heats, and a heat is shortened after commencement, then the above rules will also apply for the awarding of Series Points to that shortened heat.

## **15.7 TIES**

### **15.7.1 Individual Events**

In the event of a tie, the points allocated will be calculated by adding together the available points for each position in the tie and dividing by the number of competitors in the tie. For example, if two competitors tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the points for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> would be added together and divided by two and equal points awarded to each registered competitor. If four competitors tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>, the points for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> would be added together and divided by four and equal points awarded to each competitor.

### **15.7.2 Annual Pointscore**

As per the Motorsport Australia "General Conditions for all Titles", if two or more competitors score equal points, the positions shall be determined by the greater number of higher placings. If this mechanism does not determine the result, a tie shall be declared.

## 16 MINIMUM NUMBERS OF HEATS/ROUNDS

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The minimum numbers of heats to constitute the NSWRC will be six.

The minimum number of heats to constitute the ECCRS-2WD will be six.

The minimum number of heats to constitute the ECCRS-4WD will be six.

The minimum number of events to constitute the CRS will be three.

The NSW Rally Panel may reduce the above numbers only if it is deemed to be in the best interests of the sport.

## 17 SERIES AWARDS

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### 17.1 NSWRC

Based on the accumulated points of crews in the NSWRC over the competition year, an annual award of a trophy and/or other recognition will be presented for the following achievements:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Outright Driver & Co-Driver.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Driver and Co-Driver in Production Cup category.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Driver and Co-Driver in 2WD category.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Driver & Co-Driver in each class.

### 17.2 ECCRS-2WD AND ECCRS-4WD

Based on the accumulated points of crews in the ECCRS-2WD or ECCRS-4WD over the competition year, an annual award of a trophy and/or other recognition will be presented for the following achievements:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Outright Driver & Co-Driver.

### 17.3 CRS

Based on the accumulated points of crews in the CRS over the competition year, an annual award of a trophy and/or other recognition will be presented for the following achievements:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Outright Driver & Co-Driver.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Driver and Co-Driver in each category.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Driver and Co-Driver in each class.

### 17.4 MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Where fewer than four competitors contest three or more rounds of a Series, annual trophies may not be awarded for that series.

Where fewer than two competitors contest three or more rounds in any one category or class of a Series, annual trophies may not be awarded for that category or class.

# EVENT ORGANISERS

## 18 SERIES EVENT ELIGIBILITY

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### 18.1 GENERAL EVENT STRUCTURE

To be eligible to be a round of a NSW Rally Series, an event must match the relevant criteria in **Table A.1**, unless the NSW Rally Panel grants a specific exemption. In addition, the events are to be conducted primarily on gravel roads.

Should an organiser feel that they have a valid case to depart from a particular aspect of these Conditions, a dispensation may be granted by the NSW Rally Panel upon written application, made not less than four months prior to the event date. In general, the NSW Rally Panel will approve a diversion from these Conditions if it can be shown that the change will add value to the event or Series. The NSW Rally Panel may seek feedback from competitors when considering such a proposal.

### 18.2 MEETING OF EVENTS

Any NSWRC, ECCRS-2WD, ECCRS-4WD or CRS event may be combined as a meeting of events.

For a meeting of events, each event running under a different Permit Level will require a different Event Name; the events will be scored separately; and all other conditions of each respective series must still be met. The award recipients of each event must receive their own due recognition.

Event Organisers should include an “**Open**” category/event for any vehicle compliant with the “Rally Standing Regulations - Vehicles General” in the current Motorsport Australia Manual. Competitors entering this category/event will not be eligible for NSW Series points or Series Awards. This is designed to attract ARC level and other competitors to the Event that do not wish their results to interfere with the awarding of points to Series Competitors. Competitors in the Open category/event should be eligible for Outright Event Awards. This overcomes any complexities due to implementing an “Opt-in” or “opt-out” arrangements.

### 18.3 RALLY REGULARITY EVENTS

Rally Regularity Events may be partnered with Series events. For Rally Regularity Events, refer to the Motorsport Australia “Rally Regularity - Standing Regulations”.

### 18.4 PARC FERME

Organisers of NSWRC, ECCRS-2WD and ECCRS-4WD events may provide for a Parc Ferme at the end of an event, which complies with either:

- 30 minutes, starting from the vehicle’s actual book in time at the final control; or
- As per the conditions laid down in the Motorsport Australia Manual of Motor Sport

Events that are part of the CRS will not have a Parc Ferme at the conclusion of the event.

Where NSW Series events are held over two days and shared with a higher level event, such as ARC, there may be an overnight parc ferme for those competitors contesting only the NSW Series component if it is a requirement of the higher level event. This is to ensure there are equal conditions with NSW Series eligible competitors also cross entered in the higher level event.

## 19 ORGANISING AN EVENT

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### 19.1 GENERAL

This Section summarises the relevant items that need to be included in the nature of the Event to be a round of a NSW Rally Series.

A more detailed generic checklist for conducting a rally event is provided within the Rally NSW “Event Organisers Flowchart” found at [www.rallynsw.com.au/event-organiser-guides](http://www.rallynsw.com.au/event-organiser-guides) along with an extensive range of other Event Organiser resources.

### 19.2 EVENT APPLICATIONS

Organisers wishing to conduct an event in the following year must apply to the NSW Rally Panel in writing using the appropriate form found under the “Organiser” tab of <https://rallynsw.com.au/>. This form must be returned via email to [rallypanel@rallynsw.com.au](mailto:rallypanel@rallynsw.com.au) no later than the date specified on the application form. Application forms must be completed in full.

### 19.3 PERMITS

For all NSW rally events a Motorsport Australia Rally Permit is required. The appropriate levels of Rally Permit fee are:

NSWRC	State fee or higher
ECCRS – 2WD	State fee or higher (unless otherwise approved by the NSW Rally Panel)
ECCRS – 4WD	State fee or higher (unless otherwise approved by the NSW Rally Panel)
CRS	Club fee or higher

For all other events, the level of fee payable depends on the status and type of event.

### 19.4 SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

The NSW Rally Panel, in consultation with the organising clubs, will schedule all rally events and notify each club of the date of their event. When scheduling events, the NSW Rally Panel will endeavour to grant the preferred date to each club, but may not be able to do so in the interests of a Series including State and National Championship considerations under the Motorsport Australia Calendar Policy. When scheduling events, priority will be given to the events that form part of a Series.

### 19.5 RE-SCHEDULING OF EVENTS

Should an entire event be cancelled due to force majeure, the organisers may apply to the NSW Rally Panel to conduct the event on an alternative date.

### 19.6 CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR

Rounds may be added or removed from a Series at the discretion of the NSW Rally Panel in consultation with competitors and organising clubs as appropriate. Where a round is being added, competitors will be notified at least four weeks prior to that round taking place.

### 19.7 OFFICIALS’ LICENCES

Officials, as determined by Motorsport Australia, must be accredited in accordance with the Officials Matrix: Rally/Road found at <https://www.motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/club/officials-matrix/motorsport->



[australia\\_essential-officials-summary-matrix.pdf](#). In particular, the Clerk of Course is required to hold a Bronze Event Command Officials Licence or higher, the Secretary must hold a Bronze Event Administration Licence or higher and the Chief Scrutineer must hold a Bronze Scrutineer Licence or higher.

## 19.8 PRE-EVENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANISER

### 19.8.1 Event Checker

The NSW Rally Panel, in consultation with the organisers, will appoint Event Checkers for all Series events. Organisers of non-series events may nominate an Event Checker to the NSW Rally Panel for approval. The Panel must receive such nomination at least 3 months prior to the event.

Event checking must be completed in accordance with the Motorsport Australia Rally Event Checkers Manual. **The Event Organiser should not use the same Event Checker to check the same Rally Event for more than 2 years consecutively. Event Organisers should apply to the NSW Rally Panel in writing if they wish to vary this principle.**

### 19.8.2 Templates for Supplementary Regulations and Entry Forms

All organisers of NSW Series rally events in NSW must submit Supplementary Regulations and Entry Forms in the approved format, based on the templates at <https://rallynsw.com.au/supp-reg-templates-entry-form/>

### 19.8.3 Approval for Event Documentation

The following completed documents must be submitted to [permits@motorsportaustralia.com.au](mailto:permits@motorsportaustralia.com.au) and CC'd to [rallypanel@rallynsw.com.au](mailto:rallypanel@rallynsw.com.au) at least 8 weeks prior to the event.

- Event Supplementary Regulations
- Entry Form
- Completed Pre-event Checker's Report, signed by your Event Checker
- E-101 Permit Application
- **Critical Incident Response Plan**
- M-201 Pro-forma Medical Response Plan
- SF 3.1 Safety 1st Form

**Once the Motorsport Australia approval number has been issued, the Organiser must provide a copy of the approved Supplementary Regulations and Entry Form to the NSW Rally Panel via email to [rallypanel@rallynsw.com.au](mailto:rallypanel@rallynsw.com.au) for publication on the Rally NSW website or linked to the Organiser's website.**

## 19.9 EVENT MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION

All NSW Series events must use standardised Event Management Forms, including Control Cards, Time Cards, Stage Green forms, etc. It is highly recommended that organisers of non-Series events also utilise these forms. Organisers can download all the relevant paperwork found under the "Organiser" tab of <https://rallynsw.com.au/>.

## 19.10 SAFETY

### 19.10.1 Safety Plan

Each event must have a comprehensive written Safety Plan. This plan is to be provided to the Event Checker and to statutory authorities as required. A template is available at <https://rallynsw.com.au/event-management-forms/>.

### 19.10.2 Medical Intervention Vehicles (MIV)

At least one **MIV** equipped and staffed in accordance with Appendix A.1 of this Part, must be engaged for any Series event and is highly recommended for other events. Details of the service being provided are to be included in the Event Safety Plan.

### 19.10.3 Positive & Passive Vehicle Tracking

Refer to the current “ Motorsport Australia Rally Standing Regulations – Special Stage Rallies” for details on positive & passive vehicle tracking.

### 19.10.4 Control Cards and Time Cards

The Control Cards and Time Cards provided to all organisers at <https://rallynsw.com.au/control-cards-boards/>, together with the Safety Plan and the Information for Officials templates provide a simple, proven system. The use of these templates is a requirement for all Series events and is strongly recommended for all other events.

### 19.10.5 RallySafe

RallySafe is **mandatory** at all NSW Rally Series events. RallySafe details are found at <http://rallysafe.com.au>.

### 19.10.6 Display and Timing Clocks

The NSW Rally Panel supply display and timing clocks at no charge for Series events. These clocks can form the backup timing where Rallysafe is the primary timing system. Organisers are to arrange transport of the units to and from the event. The clock order form is available on <https://rallynsw.com.au/display-clock-hire-vehicle-numbers/> which explains the circumstances where the clocks will be provided at no cost, and the costs involved otherwise.

## 20 ENTRIES

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### 20.1 ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for each event is determined by the organisers based on the event’s budgeted running costs. **Event Organisers should note the Clubman Rally Series is intended to be economical for these competitors. Any efforts to reduce entry fees for these competitors is encouraged.**

### 20.2 RALLY PANEL LEVY

The entry fee for each NSW Series rally conducted in NSW & ACT will include an amount of \$25 per vehicle, paid by the organiser to Motorsport Australia (to contribute to development of the sport and cost of Rally NSW Series awards).

### 20.3 OPENING AND CLOSING OF ENTRIES

Entries must open at least 28 days before the event and close no more than 8 days before the event.

### 20.4 ENTRY FORMS

For Rally Series events, entrants must nominate the group of the competing vehicle (eg, PRC, CLB+30, etc). For Classic and CLB+30, the entry form must provide for entrants to nominate the year the vehicle was **first** manufactured.

Entry forms must also include the ability for competitors to “opt-in” to have their contact details shared with the NSW Rally Panel to aid in the distribution of Rally Series information and to conduct surveys.

## 20.5 ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES

Should the maximum number of entries be exceeded for any Series event, the order of acceptance of entries for events other than the first round of that Series, shall be both crew members having contested previous events in that Series; then one crew member having contested previous events; then neither crew member having contested previous events.

For Non-Series events, the order of acceptance shall be at the organiser's discretion.

## 21 VEHICLE NUMBERS

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All Series events in the NSWRC, ECCRS-2WD, ECCRS-4WD and CRS must provide vehicle numbers in a modified FIA style. This style of vehicle number is recommended for other events. Compliant stickers are available from Rally NSW at **no charge** for Series events and at a cost to organisers of other events. Details and order forms can be found at <https://rallynsw.com.au/display-clock-hire-vehicle-numbers/>

## 22 ROUTE CHARTS/ROADBOOKS

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The organisers of all rallies, including pacenoted rallies, must provide comprehensive route charts/roadbooks suitable for use by competing crews who are not using pacenotes. **That is, all relevant cautions and warnings applicable to the speed capable by vehicles leading the field must be included.**

## 23 PACE NOTED EVENTS

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The Rally Panel will approve approximately 50% of the NSWRC, ECCRS-2WD and ECCRS-4WD events to be pace noted in 2025. Clubman Rally Series events must not be pace noted and must run using a full roadbook.

At those rallies for which the use of pace notes is approved, reconnaissance must be available, at a minimum, on the afternoon or morning prior to the start of competition. There must be sufficient time allowed for the crew to make two passes over the stages. It should not be necessary for crews to be at the event venue prior to midday on the day before competition.

## 24 NO WHEEL SPIN STARTS

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Where supplementary regulations for an event disallow wheel spin at the start of Competitive Stages, the term "wheel spin" must be clearly defined in the event's Supplementary Regulations. Any Control Official shall be a Judge of Fact. Penalties for wheel spin breaches at the start of Competitive Stages shall be as follows:

- First offence: warning, to be communicated to the Competitor prior to their start of the next competitive stage. Failing that, prior to their start of the subsequent competitive stage. (The objective should always be to deliver the warning to the competitor prior to their start of the next competitive stage.)
- Second Offence (after the competitor has received warning of the first offence): 1 minute penalty
- Third and subsequent offences: 3 minute penalty per offence and a report to the Stewards

A wheel spin start will be defined as "A sustained loss of traction through wheel spin of any driven wheel with no attempt by the driver to curtail that spinning within the area bounded by the starting position and the End of Control Zone sign". Momentary wheel slip on the initial bite from acceleration is acceptable.

Event organisers need to set start positions that assist the competitor to comply; for example, on level or downhill locations.

## 25 SERVICING

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Service times for all rally events will be a minimum of 20 minutes after a competitive distance of 30km or more. Less time may be allowed for remote refuel and/or emergency service options.

Supplementary Regulations for an event may allow remote refuel points to also be used for emergency servicing.

At the entry to Service, organisers may allow early entry to Service without time penalty **providing it is shown on the itinerary**. Exit from the Service Park must be through a Regroup to facilitate “closing up” of the field.

## 26 SCRUTINEERING

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All events shall include regional scrutineering to be completed in the two weeks preceding the event. Competitor self-scrutineering, which follows the documented Motorsport Australia procedures, can be applied for by the Event Organisers **in writing to the NSW Rally Panel**.

Organisers may also provide for scrutineering at the event. Scrutineering at the event must close at least 10 minutes before documentation closes. The competitor should be able to nominate a timeslot when submitting their entry if requesting to be scrutineered at the event.

## 27 SERIES SPONSORS

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All event documentation with the heading of the name of the event must include acknowledgement of any NSW Series Naming Rights Sponsor, as applicable, and Round Number of the Series. For example:

**Sydney City Rally**  
**Round 2 of the [Series Sponsor] NSW Rally Championship**

Recognition and logos of all other NSW Rally Series Sponsors must also be included and can be co-located with Event Sponsor recognition and logos.

## 28 STARTING ORDER

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A crew's starting position shall be determined from the Rally NSW Seeding List and/or whatever other information is available to the Event Organiser.

For NSWRC events, a start order ballot will be held amongst the first three seeded competitors at the drivers briefing. Where the NSWRC event is shared with a higher level event such as ARC this will not be required.

For Series events, within 48 hours of entries closing and no less than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event, the Event Organiser must provide a seeded entry list showing the full name of the Driver and Co-Driver, vehicle type and class to [rallypanel@rallynsw.com.au](mailto:rallypanel@rallynsw.com.au).

## 29 RALLY TIMING

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All rallies are to be conducted using the A to A timing system. Rally time will be as per the official time pieces for the event. Event organisers must have a secondary timing system for use in the event of a malfunction of the primary timing system. Both systems will utilise GPS time.

Timing increments will be as follows:

- (i) Special Stages: to the 1/10th of a second, where supported by the timing equipment (eg RallySafe), and this must be specified in the Supplementary Regulations, otherwise to the second
- (ii) Time Controls: to the minute.

## 30 EVENT AWARDS

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As a minimum, each event that forms part of a Series should present an award or trophy to:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Outright Driver & Co-driver (including any competitors in the “Open” category/event)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Driver & Co-Driver in each category that forms part of that Series
- 1<sup>st</sup> Driver & Co-Driver in each class that forms part of that Series

Should less than three competitors in any category or class start an event, the organisers are not obliged to provide a trophy or award for that category or class.

## 31 PROVISION OF RESULTS

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Prior to a Series event, organisers must upload the event itinerary, competitor entry list and special stage details to the ChrisSport results service (chrissport.nz). During the event, organisers must upload stage times and penalties to ChrisSport as near to real time as possible. Note that if RallySafe timing is used, stage times will automatically upload to ChrisSport but organisers must still upload penalties.

To comply with NCR74 (forwarding the final results to Motorsport Australia ..... within 120 hours of the completion of the Event) please generate a PDF file of the results from ChrisSport for forwarding to Motorsport Australia. The NSW Rally Panel can assist in this process if needed.

Non-series events must provide to the NSW Rally Panel a full set of results in Excel format within a week after the completion of the event.

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**TABLE A.1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SERIES EVENTS**

Conditions	NSW Rally Championship	East Coast Classic Rally Series – 2WD East Coast Classic Rally Series – 4WD	Clubman Rally Series	Rally Regularity Events
Competitive Distance	110km minimum		90km	Not applicable
Recommended Competitive Distance	120km – 150km		100km – 120km	Not applicable
Event Location	Supported by a location with sufficient accommodation for competitors, service crews and officials within 20 minutes' drive of the Service Park			
Days of competition	One, unless otherwise approved by Rally Panel		One	
Pace noted or blind	Blind, unless pace notes specifically approved by the Rally Panel		Blind	Blind
Reconnaissance (if pace noted)	Must be available the afternoon or morning immediately prior to the event, as a minimum.		Not applicable	
Event Format	Must not require competitors to be at the event venue prior to midday of the day before competition commences		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable max. of one night's accommodation</li> <li>• Enable competitors to self service</li> </ul>	Speed and safety requirements as per Motorsport Australia Regulations for this event type
Daylight, night stages	Daylight stages mandatory Night stages optional		Daylight plus night stages recommended	Daylight only
Heats	Event held over one day - Two, with roughly equal competitive distance. Event held over two days – Three or four, with roughly equal competitive distance. ONLY where the two day event is part of a higher level event, eg ARC, the competitor should be given the option to enter ONLY the two heats on the first day for a reduced entry fee.		None	
Competitor servicing	Central service point; optional remote refuel and emergency service with organiser-provided fuel transport			Central service point
Parc Ferme	As specified by Organiser		None	
Event Promotion	Ceremonial Start and Media Day encouraged.		As specified by Organiser	
Vehicle Signage	All vehicles to be required to display Rally NSW partner signage			
Rally Panel Levy	\$25 per competing vehicle for all NSW-based Series events, except Rallysprints			