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PART 1 SPORTING REGULATIONS

1. PREAMBLE

The ARC Promotor and Motorsport Australia have committed to ensuring the sustainable future of the Australian *Rally* Championship (ARC) by consolidating the championship management structure and regulations for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027.

1.1 ARC EXECUTIVE

The ARC Promotor will appoint an Executive to manage the ARC. The ARC Executive will work alongside the appointed Stewards and the Clerks of the Course. The *Organisers* are asked to abide by any reasonable request from the ARC Executive and to work together with them to ensure *Event* delivery.

The ARC Executive will be made up of the following roles:

- (a) ARC Championship Director
- (b) ARC Event Director
- (c) ARC Sporting Delegate

Details of the personnel comprising the ARC Executive will be advised through an annual addendum to these regulations, issued prior to the first round of the ARC each year.

1.2 ARC SPORTING DELEGATE

The ARC Sporting Delegate is appointed by *Motorsport Australia* (equivalent to a Race Director in Circuit Racing) and will be responsible for maintaining the continuity of the sporting activity to the Australian *Rally* Championship. The ARC Sporting Delegate will act in accordance with these Sporting and Technical Regulations the *National Competition Rules of Motorsport Australia* (NCR) and the *Rally Standing Regulations* (RSR) and will work in consultation with the Clerks of the Course, as appropriate.

The ARC Sporting Delegate will work closely with the Clerks of the Course on, but not limited to, the following matters:

- (a) The control of the *Rally*, adherence to the timetable/itinerary and, if they deem it necessary, the making of any proposal to the Stewards to modify the timetable/itinerary in accordance with the *NCR*, *RSR* or these *Sporting Regulations*.
- (b) The stopping of any vehicle in accordance with the *NCR*, *RSR* or these *Sporting Regulations*.
- (c) The stopping or suspension of the *Rally* in accordance with the *NCR*, *RSR* or these *Sporting Regulations*. if they deem it unsafe for the *Event* to continue and ensuring that the correct restart procedure is conducted.
- (d) The seeded *Entry* list, any changes to the published list and the daily start list.
- (e) The use of course cars to restart a stage after a stoppage.
- (f) The imposition of penalties in accordance with the *NCR*, *RSR* or these *Sporting Regulations*.

The ARC Sporting Delegate may conduct investigations into alleged breaches of the *NCR*, *RSR* or these *Sporting Regulations*. to reach a resolution based on the prescribed infringement or, alternatively, refer the matter to the Stewards.

The Chair of the Stewards Panel, the ARC Sporting Delegate and the Clerk of the Course must be present in *Rally* Control at the start of competition of the first stage of the *Event*.

The ARC Sporting Delegate must always be in radio or telephone contact with the Clerk of the Course and the Chair of the Stewards Panel when the vehicles are competing on stages.

1.3 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA ARC PERSONNEL

- (a) ARC Technical Delegate
- (b) SAS Results
- (c) ARC Safety Delegate
- (d) ARC Medical Delegate
- (e) Other personnel as may be appointed

Details of ARC personnel listed above, if appointed, will be advised through an annual addendum to these regulations, issued prior to the first round of the ARC each year.

1.4 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) The ARC will consist of National Championship Special Stage Rallies, held under the FIA International Sporting Code, including Appendices, the National Competition Rules of *Motorsport Australia*, including Appendices (NCR) the Rally Standing Regulations (RSR), including Events General (EG), Special Stage Rally (SSR), National Rally (NR), Vehicles General (VG), these ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations, ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations Addendum, the *Event Supplementary Regulations* for each ARC *Event* and any Further *Supplementary Regulations* or *Event* Bulletins authorised under these regulations.

Where there is any conflict between these regulations and the RSR, these Sporting and Technical Regulations will take precedence.

The *Events* will be conducted under, and in accordance with, the *Motorsport Australia* Policies and the Safety-First Strategy. Including but not limited to –

- Occupational Health and Safety Policy,
- National Integrity Framework,
- Diversity and Inclusion Policy and the
- *Motorsport Australia* Safety First Strategy.

Policies and the strategy may be accessed using the following links:

<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/policies>

<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/safety-first>

- (b) Each *Event* must be either a Sprint *Event* or Endurance *Event* as per the following:
 - (i) A **Sprint *Event*** is to be conducted over a minimum of two days and will consist of two *Competitions* (heats), with each heat to be held over a minimum of a single day and each with their own results. Reconnaissance of the route will be as per Article 10 of these *Sporting Regulations*. *Competition* in the second Heat will be conditional upon a vehicle having started in the first Heat but not necessarily as being classified as having finished that Heat.
 - (ii) An **Endurance *Event*** will be one *Competition* over the full period of the *Event*. Reconnaissance of the route will be as per Article 10 of these *Sporting Regulations*.
FIA Endurance *Events* may have additional *Competitions* over each Leg. An *Event* of this type may be conducted in conjunction with an FIA International *Event*, whereby the relevant FIA regulations may take precedence.

1.5 AUSTRALIAN RALLY MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) The Australian *Rally* Manufacturers' Championship will be held over each round of the ARC. Points will be allocated for positions at each round, with the winner to be determined by the highest points scored at the end of the season.
- (b) An eligible vehicle will comply with the following:
 - (i) The Manufacturer (including an importer or distributor) is registered for the Championship in accordance with Article 5;
 - (ii) The Crew meet the criteria as shown in Article 4;
 - (iii) The vehicle complies with the ARC Technical Regulations; and
 - (iv) Is a vehicle which has the same manufacturer for the bodyshell and the engine.

2. ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

- (a) By entering any *Event* in the ARC, any person and/or corporation agrees to refer to it only by its full title, being the "Australian *Rally* Championship" or the "Australian *Rally* Manufacturers' Championship" unless otherwise advise by the ARC Executive.
- (b) Any advertising or promotional matter must include the relevant full title.
- (c) Each vehicle entered in any *Event* in the ARC will be required to provide each area outlined in Attachment A to these *Sporting Regulations* for the purpose of mandatory advertising.
- (d) The text of this advertising may be indicated through an annual addendum to these regulations, in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or in an *Event* Bulletin issued before the start of the *Event*.
- (e) Competition numbers will be supplied by the ARC Promotor or the *Organisers* of each *Event*.
- (f) Each item of signage shown in Attachment A to these *Sporting Regulations*, the annual addendum to these regulations, the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event* Bulletin, must be affixed to the vehicle prior to passing pre-*Event* scrutineering and remain on the vehicle for the duration of the *Event*. Failure to meet this condition will result in the *Competitor* being referred to the Stewards for consideration of a penalty.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

The Australian *Rally* Championship and the Australian *Rally* Manufacturers' Championship will be conducted over multiple rounds announced each year by the ARC Promotor through an annual addendum to these regulations. This schedule will advise the type of *Event* i.e. Sprint or Endurance.

The ARC Executive reserves the right to amend the *Event* schedule.

4. CREW AND DOCUMENTATION

- (a) The Crew will consist of only two persons. One entered as the *Driver* the other entered as either the *Co-Driver* or *Navigator*.

- (b) The following documentation must be presented for the *Competitor, Driver, and Co-Driver/Navigator*, as applicable. These documents must be presented electronically.
 - (i) Motorsport *Competition Licence* (for *Competitor, Driver and Co-Driver/Navigator*), refer NCR 15 and *Manual – General Appendix - Licences*. <https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/general-regulations>
 - (ii) Civil driving licence for each crew member in accordance with these regulations;
 - (iii) *Motorsport Australia* affiliated car club membership (*Driver and Co-Driver/Navigator*);
 - (iv) Vehicle licence/permit/registration papers;
 - (v) *Motorsport Australia* vehicle logbook; and
 - (vi) Third party insurance extension (for each Queensland registered vehicle).
- (c) The Motorsport Australia Risk Warning, Disclaimer and Indemnity document, the Motorsport Australia Statement of Vehicle & Crew Compliance document as well as any further documents required via the entry system must be signed/acknowledged by the *Competitor, Driver, Co-Driver/Navigator* and Service Crew via the electronic requirements of the entry system.
- (d) A *Competitor, Driver* or *Co-Driver/Navigator* who holds a *Competition License* from a foreign ASN is eligible to enter ARC *Events*, score points and receive awards in all relevant ARC Championships and Cups.
- (e) Membership of a *Motorsport Australia* affiliated club will not be required for a licence holder of a foreign ASN.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) To be eligible for Championship points and awards at each round of the Australian Rally Championship, *Competitors, Drivers, and Co-Drivers/Navigators* must be registered for the Championship and comply with all aspects of the ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations and enter the ARC component of each *Event*.
- (b) Each *Driver* will be required to register for the Championship prior to the publication of entries for the first *Event* in which they are to compete.
- (c) There will be a refundable ARC registration fee of \$100 per driver. The registration fee will be refunded in full following the registrants first entry in the 2026 Championship.
ARC registration may be completed at ~~rally.com.au~~ or <https://app.wolfacility.com/>
- (d) A *Co-Driver/Navigator* will be deemed to be registered if the *Driver* is registered for the Championship.
- (e) ARC points will be allocated to each ARC registered crew entered in each *Event* in accordance with Article 23 of these *Sporting Regulations*.

5.2 AUSTRALIAN RALLY MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) Automatic registration will apply to all manufacturers which participate in the Australian Rally Championship.

Note: No fee will apply to the ARC manufacturer registration.

- (b) Each manufacturer must compete in at least **75%** of the rounds of the championship, in the applicable competition year, to be eligible for the Australian Rally Manufacturers' Championship.

6. CREW ATTIRE

During each special stage, each crew member must wear a helmet and apparel, including a frontal head restraint (FHR), as specified in *NCR Schedule D* (refer to *Motorsport Australia Manual* - General Requirements for Cars and Drivers).

7. EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Should an ARC *Event* not be able to run in its entirety for any reason, the points will be awarded on the basis of the established classification as follows:
 - (i) Full points, if more than 50% of the scheduled length of special stages has been run;
 - (ii) Half points, if between 25% and 50% of the length of special stages has been run; and
 - (iii) No points, if less than 25% of the scheduled length of special stages has been run.
 - (iv) For a Sprint *Event* the above requirements will apply to the length of the special stages in each heat.
- (b) Not more than 20% of the total number of special stages in any one heat/leg may be less than 5km in length unless specifically approved by the ARC Executive.
- (c) The average speed on any liaison section must not exceed 70km/h. Unless approved by *Motorsport Australia Course Checker*.
- (d) The total minimum competitive distance, unless approved otherwise by the ARC Executive, shall be 160 km
- (e) Reconnaissance must be able to be completed in one day, or the sum equivalent of one day (e.g., Thursday afternoon and Friday morning), unless specifically approved by the ARC Executive
- (f) For each *Event*, each ARC vehicle, having been classified as a finisher at the end of Heat or Leg, must be placed in the overnight *Parc Fermé*.

8. VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- (a) All vehicles entered in a round of the ARC must meet the requirements of the *Motorsport Australia Rally Standing Regulation - Vehicles General (VG)*. Except as may allow for in this Article.
- (b) Class and Cup eligibility for the ARC will be as per Article 23.
- (c) Invitational Class. An *Event Organisers* may apply to the ARC Executive to invite entries that may advance the profile of the *Event* or the ARC. These vehicles may not meet the technical specifications of RSR – Vehicles General.
 - (i) The *Event Supplementary Regulations* or Bulletin must list that Invitational vehicles will be allowed and must be invited by the *Organiser*.
 - (ii) The *Competitor/Crew* will not be eligible for ARC Points or Awards.
 - (iii) All regulations that apply to *Competitors* entered in the ARC section of the *Event* will apply to invitational entries, except the following vehicle eligibility.
 - (iv) The vehicle is exempt from the following requirements of the RSR – Vehicles General
 - (A) Article 1. Vehicle Eligibility
 - (B) Article 3.1. Supercharge Sealing Requirements

9. PRE-EVENT TESTING

- (a) Except as provided for within this Article, *Event* testing or other activity that could be considered as testing, by a *Driver* is prohibited for a period of 30 days prior to each ARC *Event*, within a 75km radius of the Service Park for that *Event*, or on any road expected to be used in that ARC *Event*, unless written approval is given by the ARC Executive and notice is given to the respective ARC *Event Organiser* of this approval.

If a *Driver* is found to be in breach of this restriction, they will face disciplinary action, which may entail a penalty as high as a one-year suspension of the *Motorsport Australia* Competition licence of each party involved, and will, in each case, automatically result in their *Disqualification* from the *Event* in question.

- (b) Any testing must comply with the *Motorsport Australia Rally Testing Standing Regulations* and any condition and/or requirements imposed by the ARC Executive and any other authority.
- (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of this Article, an *Event Organiser* may provide testing or other activity that could be considered as testing, for a maximum of eight hours on a weekday in the week of the *Event*. The *Organiser* may charge a fee for this activity. No part of any special stage, in *Competition* direction of the *Event*, may be used for this activity without approval from the ARC Executive.
- (d) An *Event Organiser* may also provide testing for a maximum of four hours on the Thursday or Friday immediately prior to the start of the *Event*. This option is only available to each *Driver* not testing earlier in the same week.
- (e) Each applicable policy of *Motorsport Australia* and the requirements of the RSR are to apply to such testing.
- (f) A bona fide sponsor/corporate day, which has been approved in advance by the ARC Executive, will not be deemed to be testing or practice.
- (g) If *Event* testing is held prior to *Event* scrutineering the *Event Organiser* must require each crew participating in the activity to complete and sign a *Motorsport Australia* Self Scrutiny - Statement of Vehicle/Apparel Compliance form.

10. RECONNAISSANCE

- (a) Speeding whilst on reconnaissance will be penalised as follows:
- (i) First offence:
- (A) up to 15 km/h above the speed limit - \$250;
- (B) 15 km/h and greater above the speed limit - \$500.
- (ii) Second offence:
- (A) up to 15 km/h above the speed limit - \$500;
- (B) 15 km/h and greater above the speed limit - \$1000
- (iii) Third offence:
- (A) Referred to the Stewards for application of a penalty.
- (b) RallySafe Lite App (RSLITE).
The *Organisers* of each *Event* will be using the RallySafe Lite (RSLITE) phone application to monitor reconnaissance, including speed and number of passes of a stage. It is **MANDATORY** for all Crews entered and who are performing reconnaissance to download and use the application. Crews are reminded to have the latest version of RSLITE loaded to their phone.

The purpose of the application is to allow the *Organisers* to track Crews in the forest during reconnaissance, so the *Organisers* know where Crews are and to also allow for speeds to be tracked and enforced.

Instructions to Crews may be issued via the RSLITE application. These instructions will be considered as an instruction from an official and if not followed will be referred to the Stewards which may lead to the application of a penalty.

Any breach of this Article during reconnaissance will be referred to the Stewards for application of penalties.

The RSLITE *Competitor* invite codes will be advised by the *Organisers* prior to reconnaissance.

- (c) If a member of a crew is found on the *Course* in the period 30 days prior to the start of the *Event in which they are competing*, with the exception of the period permitted for reconnaissance as per the *Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin* for the *Event* and any authorised use or as per Article 9, will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of *Disqualification* or other penalty. Crews who work or live in the area can apply to the ARC Sporting Delegate and the *Organisers* for an exemption to the part of the *Course* which they traverse.
- (d) If a person associated with a *Competitor* is found to be in breach of a regulation relating to reconnaissance, or acting in a manner which brings the *Event* into disrepute, the *Competitor* will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of *Disqualification*, or other penalty. The Stewards will examine the circumstances to determine any financial penalty imposed. This will not prejudice the possibility of an additional penalty being imposed, up to refusal to allow the *Competitor/crew* concerned to start the *Event*.
- (e) Unless otherwise specified in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin*, the use of any rally tyre, new or used in reconnaissance is **NOT** permitted.
- (f) A non-competitor may apply to an *Event Organiser* to participate in *Event* reconnaissance. Approval will be subject to this person holding an appropriate *Motorsport Australia*, FIA, or other recognised licence, and the payment of one third of the *Entry* fee.
- (g) To encourage the training and development of *Drivers* and *Co-Drivers/Navigators*, *Competitors* eligible for any of the following may apply to the *Organisers* for permission to have a third crew member in the vehicle during reconnaissance, to act as a mentor:
- ARC **Production** **WOLF** Cup
 - ARC 2WD Cup
 - ARC Junior Cup
 - ARC **2WD & 4WD** Classic Cups
 - ARC Subaru WRX Challenge
 - **ARC East Coast Cup**

Mentors must be a recognised *Driver/Co-Driver/Navigator* with an adequate history in Australian rallies. Applications will be assessed by the Clerk of the *Course*, in consultation with the ARC Executive, and the outcome will be advised within 24 hours of the application being lodged with the *Event* Secretary.

Approved mentors will be asked to sign the standard *Motorsport Australia* disclaimers.

All reconnaissance regulations must be strictly adhered to, including the use of a vehicle licenced and equipped for at least 3 persons.

- (h) Crews will be permitted 2 passages over the course.
- (i) Each reconnaissance vehicle will be provided with three small recce numbers to be placed on the left side of the front windscreen and on each of the side rear windows. These numbers must be affixed to the vehicle for the entire duration of reconnaissance. Only vehicles with reconnaissance numbers attached will be permitted to undertake reconnaissance.
- (j) The maximum speed limit during the reconnaissance of a Special Stage, applicable on all forestry roads used for special stages shall be 60 km/h, and the maximum speed limit during reconnaissance on local authority roads used for special stages will be 70 km/h, unless sign posted at lower speeds, and must be listed in the Event Supplementary Regulations or Event Bulletin. All crews are required to strictly adhere to ~~these~~ the reconnaissance speed limit.
Note: The maximum speed limit set must not be greater than the posted speed limit and only one (1) speed limit can be set for an Event.
- (k) Under NO circumstances are crews to travel in the opposite direction to the set *Course*, unless approved by the Clerk of the Course. ~~Any variation to speed limits for stages will be identified in Supplementary Regulations, or an Event Bulletin.~~
- (l) The maximum speed limit applicable on the super special stage is 30 km/h and all crews are required to strictly adhere to this limit.
- (m) The speed of the vehicles being used for reconnaissance may be monitored by officials using speed cameras, radar guns or in-car GPS units e.g. RSLITE.
- (n) During reconnaissance, roads WILL NOT be closed, and crews are advised that they DO NOT have priority over other road users. Members of the public will also be using these roads and may be travelling in opposing directions.
- (o) Crews are also advised that the relevant road traffic laws will remain in effect for the duration of reconnaissance and that all road laws must be observed (e.g. complying with advisory signs, obeying speed limits imposed and keeping to the left). Officials will be on the *Course* to monitor crew compliance with these laws and regulations.
- (p) The *Organisers* may specify further conditions for reconnaissance in *Supplementary Regulations* and/or by *Event Bulletin*, including specific times for reconnaissance of stages.
- (q) Reconnaissance may be conducted in any road registered vehicle. Advertising, underbody protection, safety equipment and internal navigational aids are permitted.
- (r) The carrying of radar detectors in the vehicle during the *Event* is prohibited.

11. START ORDER

- (a) Each vehicle will be required to start each *Event* in the order specified in the official starting list for that *Event*.
- (b) The starting order will be based on seeding as per the ARC Driver Performance Index (DPI). The starting positions of crews with no DPI, an old or inappropriate (eg different vehicle) DPI will be determined by the Clerk of the Course in consultation with the ARC Sporting Delegate, or by an alternative process, as described in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin*. State level DPI information may also be used to assist with starting order determination.

- (c) A ballot shall be conducted as per the Event Schedule on Friday evening (either at the Crew Briefing or Rally Show as detailed in the event schedule) amongst the first three (3) crews on the published Entry List to determine their start positions for the event. The Start order for the remainder of the field will be as per the published Start List. (refer article 11 (c))
- (d) Vehicles may be grouped into individual categories, and if so, the gap between each group will be a minimum of four minutes.
- (e) For Sprint and Endurance *Events*, ARC entered crews will be seeded together, unless the ARC Crew is entered in the FIA section of the *Event*.
- (f) For Sprint *Events*, the starting order for Heat 2 will be the same as Heat 1.
 - (i) This is to include the ballot process (refer article 11 (c)) for the first three (3) crews on the published Entry List, this ballot is to be held on the Saturday evening ~~at a time to be determined by the ARC Executive.~~ as per the Event Schedule.
 - (ii) The starting order for Heat 2 may be changed where the *Organiser* or the ARC Sporting Delegate deem the starting order inappropriate.
- (g) For Endurance *Events* the starting order for Day 2 will be as per the results of Day 1, except where the *Organiser* or the ARC Sporting Delegate deems this inappropriate.
- (h) The current Australian *Rally* Champion *Driver* will use the competition number “1” in each *Event*, when competing in the Australian *Rally* Championship part of the *Event*.
- (i) All requests for reseeding or alteration to road position must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Course, with supporting documentation.

12. CREW BRIEFING

Each crew member must attend any mandatory Crew briefing at the place and time notified in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin*.

13. EVENT DETAILS

13.1 GENERAL

- (a) The *Driver* will assume the *Competitor's* responsibility when the latter is not part of the crew.
- (b) Where an incorrect, fraudulent, or unsporting action is conducted by the *Competitor* or a member of the crew, the matter will be investigated by the Stewards, who may impose penalties, which may include *Disqualification* from a heat/leg or the *Event*.
- (c) In accordance with the NCR and RSR, the *Organisers* may abandon, cancel, alter, or terminate the *Event* at any point.
- (d) One or more Competitor Relations Officers (CRO) will be appointed for each ARC *Event*.
 - (i) The principal duty of the CRO is to provide information or clarification in connection with the regulations and the running of the *Event* to each *Competitor/crew*, while working in conjunction with the Clerk of the Course.
 - (ii) The CRO will be the first and single point of contact between the *Competitor/crew* and the Clerk of the Course/*Event Organisers* in relation to matters arising with the *Event*.

- (iii) There will be at least one CRO at each *Event* and who must be easily identifiable to each *Competitor* and crew and will be present according to the CRO schedule, if issued.
 - (iv) At least one CRO must be in attendance at the Service Park IN Time Control as per 13.1 (j).
- (e) The *Entry* fee will be refunded in full (less any fees incurred) as follows:
- (i) To a person whose *Entry* is not accepted;
 - (ii) In the case of the *Event* not taking place (Refer to RSR);
 - (iii) Withdrawal of *Entry* prior to the date of close of entries or
 - (iv) as listed in the *Supplementary Regulations*
- (f) If, for any exceptional reason, a *Competitor/Crew* is unable to start the *Event*, a portion of the *Entry* fee may be refunded at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, as follows:
- (i) Withdrawn after participation in testing or post scrutineering: up to 40% refund (*Motorsport Australia Entry* fee payable);
 - (ii) Withdrawn without participation in testing: up to 70% refund or
 - (iii) as listed in the *Supplementary Regulations*.
- (g) Each vehicle will be required to be fitted with a RallySafe unit as part of the *Event* tracking and results system (Refer Article 13.2). Instructions regarding collection, fitment, and return of the transmitter will be contained in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or issued as an *Event* Bulletin. The installation of this device will be checked and must be fitted as per the time listed in the *Supplementary Regulations*. Any misuse of the equipment will result in the *Competitor/Crew* being reported to the Stewards who may impose penalties, which may include *Disqualification*.
- (h) Where a vehicle is unable to continue to follow the route of an *Event* for any reason, it will be able to rejoin the *Event/Heat* at a subsequent Service Out Control, Regroup Out Control, or at the Final Control, under the conditions outlined in the RSR-SSR Articles 4 2.3 and 8 9 (a), (b), (c), (e) and (g), and will be eligible to be classified in the results.
Any crew wishing to rejoin an *Event* must contact a CRO to obtain permission from the Clerk of the Course to rejoin.
- (i) A crew which has rejoined (re-started) during the *Event*, and has complied with Article 13.1 (h) of these regulations, will have a time penalty applied. (**Return After Withdrawal (RAW) Rally 2** Time) This time penalty will be as follows, unless stated differently in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event* Bulletin
- (i) For all crews which rejoin a time penalty will be applied:
 - (A) For every special stage missed, a 10 minute time penalty will be added to the fastest stage time for each special stage missed, which will include the special stage on which the crew has retired;
 - (B) For every super special stage missed, a 3-minute time penalty will be added to the fastest stage time for each super special missed, which will include the super special stage on which the crew has retired;
 - (ii) Should retirement occur after the last special stage or super special stage, but before an end of section/heat/leg or service In Time Control, the crew will, nonetheless, be deemed to have retired on that last special stage or super special stage.
 - (iii) If a crew, so affected, has set the fastest time on that last stage, its own time will be taken into consideration for the application of the penalty.

- (j) All *Competitor*/crew enquiries, relating to *Competition*, must be notified to the CRO within 30 minutes of returning to the Service Park IN Time Control for that Section of the *Event* that the enquiry applies to. The written *Competitor*/crew enquiry must be handed to the CRO within 30 minutes of the initial notification. Adequate proof of the extent of any delays and of the circumstances causing such delays must be furnished with the enquiry, including video and/or photographic evidence.

13.2 RALLYSAFE

- (a) All *Competitors* must make provision in their *Competition* vehicle for the RallySafe GPS tracking and timing system.
- (i) Installation instructions are available at:
<https://rallysafe.com.au/competitors-tm/>
Operating instructions are available by reference to the Briefing Video Tutorial and the Competitor User Manual at:
<https://RallySAFE.com.au/competitors-tm/>
- (ii) A RallySafe wiring loom, antennas and mounting kit can be purchased from RallySafe at
<https://shop.statusas.com/>
- (iii) The RallySafe GPS units and tracking systems will be available as advised in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or by *Event Bulletin*.
- (iv) RallySafe requires a continual reliable power supply from 9 to 28 volts DC. For crew safety and continuity of service, it is imperative that the unit is connected to an un-switched supply on the battery's positive terminal or the battery's positive side of the isolation switch. Ensure that power is supplied to the unit at all times. Do not use an ignition switched power supply. It is recommended that a 5-amp (Max) blade type or similar quality fuse is used at the battery supply end of the RallySafe power lead.
- (v) The correct functioning and installation of the equipment may be checked/data downloaded at scrutineering, prior to TC 0, or at any Regroup/*Parc Fermé*.
- (vi) The power supply to the RallySafe unit, and the proper connection of all aerials, must be continuous from 30 minutes prior to the vehicle leaving the first Time Control of the Event (TC0) or as advised in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin* until the vehicle reaches the final Time Control of the *Event* or retires from the *Event*. Interruptions to the power supply or antenna connections or any other misuse of the RallySafe equipment may be reported to the Stewards, who may impose penalties that may extend to *Disqualification*.
- (vii) The RallySafe unit **MUST** be mounted in the vehicle so that both crew members can see and reach the unit and be able to activate **ALL** of the unit functions. This may be achieved by the installation of a RallySafe remote LED Board.
- (viii) If the unit is damaged whilst in the care of the *Competitor*, the *Competitor* will be responsible to pay for repairs or replacement, as necessary. Insurance is available from RallySafe:
<https://shop.statusas.com/shop/category/RallySAFE/damage-waivers/>
- (ix) Should a *Competitor*/Crew retire, they must return the tracking unit, as soon as possible, to a RallySafe representative in the Service Park, or as advised in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin*.
- (x) *Competitors* are responsible for the return of tracking units to a RallySafe representative, or to the rally office, immediately after arrival at the final control or *Parc Fermé*.
- (b) Any crew intending to overtake another moving vehicle during a special stage must push the "Pass" button on the RallySafe unit. If the vehicle to be overtaken is

within 200m it will receive a message that another vehicle wishes to overtake them. This will be displayed by the screen on the RallySafe unit turning Blue, displaying the vehicle number wishing to overtake and the distance that vehicle is behind.

The crew of this vehicle must then allow the other vehicle to pass at the first safe opportunity. Any refusal to allow another vehicle to overtake will be considered to be a breach of RSR - Events General.

- (c) Transmission and receipt of overtaking messages are logged in both vehicles. These will be available to the Clerk of the Course and to the Stewards in consideration of any penalty for failure to allow the vehicle to overtake.
- (d) Transmissions and receipt of SOS/OK signals from other vehicles are logged in both vehicles. These will be available to the Clerk of the Course and to the Stewards in consideration of any penalty for failure to stop at an accident or incident.
- (e) RallySafe Red Flag (Refer to Article 22).

13.3 TIMING

- (a) Timing increments will be as follows:
 - (i) Special Stages: To the elapsed 1/10th of a second;
 - (ii) Power Stages: To the elapsed 1/100th of a second;
 - (iii) Super Special Stage timing may be to 1/100th of a second, with approval from the ARC Sporting Delegate; and
 - (iv) Time Controls: To the minute.
- (b) Each further increment will be disregarded. For example, a crew's passage at a time control is recorded at 10:50 if the clock has not reached 10:51:00.
- (c) At the start of each special stage, each crew may be given a 30 second warning and will start when the display clock, in-car RallySafe unit, or sequential light system shows their start time for that stage.
- (d) Each electronic starting system will be coupled to a start detection device which is located in order to determine the effective position of the start line. If a vehicle is detected moving prior to the start signal, it will be deemed to be have executed a false start.
- (e) Should the electronic starting system fail, the start will be given manually by an official in accordance with the RSR, Special Stage Rallies, Special Stage Procedure.
- (f) At the flying finish of each special stage, the timing will be through the use of the primary RallySafe timing system, backed up by the breaking of a beam. This may additionally be backed up by a manual system. The beam and timekeepers, as applicable, will be positioned on the timing line.
- (g) The time card may be handed in at the finish of a section and replaced by a new one before the start of the next section (Refer to RSR, Special Stage Rallies, Appendix D, for Sample Time Card).
- (h) Where official shakedown, reconnaissance, or other *Event*-required activities are being undertaken on the same day as the start of the *Rally*, and, if determined by the Stewards, a crew is prevented from starting a super special stage run on the Friday evening of the *Event* as a result of these activities, each such crew will be permitted to start Heat 1/Leg 1 on the next day without penalty. Each such crew

will be allocated a notional time for the special stage by the Clerk of the Course, in consultation with SAS Results and the ARC Sporting Delegate. This time may be adjusted following completion of the first three stages of the next day.

- (i) In a Sprint Event, if, as part of Heat 2, super special stage/s are run on the previous evening, and a crew is prevented from starting these due to not finishing Heat 1 and needing further time for repairs, they will be allocated a notional time for the super special stage by the Clerk of the Course, in consultation with SAS Results and the ARC Sporting Delegate. This time may be adjusted following completion of the first three stages of the next day.
- (j) *Competition* in a subsequent heat/leg will only be available to a vehicle:
 - (i) Having finished the previous heat/leg; or
 - (ii) Having started, but not necessarily finished, the previous heat/leg and being placed in the overnight *Parc Fermé*, as detailed in the *Event* itinerary.
 - (iii) Any crew wishing to re-start in the next heat/leg must contact the CRO at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled publication of the start list for the next heat/leg.
- (k) If a vehicle fails to finish a heat/leg, it may be serviced elsewhere and will only be permitted to start a subsequent heat/leg if it is placed within the overnight *Parc Fermé* in accordance with Article 13.3 (j)(ii).
- (l) Crews may book in early at Time Controls without penalty as identified in the *Event* itinerary by the use of an "E" symbol adjacent to the respective Time Control book in time on the itinerary.
- (m) Crews who withdraw from the *Rally* must complete the form at the back of the road book, 'Notification of Withdrawal from *Rally*' and submit it to the CRO, sweep vehicle or a control official. When completing the form, Crews **MUST** indicate if they are withdrawing for the *Event* altogether or if they are rejoining as per Article 13.1 (h).

14. SPECIAL STAGES

- (a) The definitions of a Special Stage and Super Special Stage are available in the RSR, SSR.
- (b) Any vehicle not starting from the start line within 20 seconds of the start signal being given will be considered as retired and immediately removed to a safe place. This vehicle will be permitted to re-start as per Articles 13.1(i).
- (c) During a special stage, assistance from another crew competing on that Stage is prohibited, except as permitted for by Article 14(d). A breach of this rule will result in a report by the Clerk of the Course to the Stewards, who may impose a penalty up to *Disqualification*.
- (d) During a special stage it is prohibited, under pain of penalty up to *Disqualification*, to tow or transport a vehicle, or to have it pushed, except to bring it directly back onto the road, or to immediately clear the road to ensure the safe passage of other road users.
- (e) During a special stage a crew is prohibited, under pain of penalty up to *Disqualification*, to:
 - (i) Deliberately block the passage of a competing vehicle, or to prevent it from overtaking; and
 - (ii) To behave in an unsporting manner.

15. POWER STAGE

- (a) The *Organiser* will include one special stage called a “Power Stage” for the last stage of each Heat in a Sprint Event and the last stage of an Endurance Event, with the purpose of enhancing media coverage.
- (b) The Power Stage will be run as the last stage of the *Event/Heat* for each ARC classified Crew and will be a minimum of 3km in length.
- (c) The start order and the starting intervals may be altered by the ARC Executive, in discussion with the Clerk of the Course and the ARC Sporting Delegate. These alterations will be communicated by the Clerk of the Course as required or to the regroup preceding the Power Stage if applicable.
- (d) For the purpose of live media, there may be interviews and a podium ceremony after the stop control of the stage. The *Organisers* may stop any vehicle and its crew on the road section immediately after the stop control of the stage, so that they can take part in these media activities. Those crews will be directed by officials at the stop control of the stage road section.
- (e) The time that crews remain in this area will be deemed neutralisation period. The crew will have a Stop Point official note the time of neutralisation period on their Time Card, this time will be added to the Target Time for that Road Section.

16. SUPER SPECIAL STAGE

- (a) The specific regulations regarding the running, starting order and time intervals of a super special stage are entirely at the discretion of the *Organiser*, however, this information must be included in the *Event Supplementary Regulations*, or an *Event Bulletin*, prior to reconnaissance.
- (b) Any crew failing to complete the Super Special Stage, as described in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin* is permitted to rejoin the rally as per Article 13.1. The time assigned to the Super Special Stage will be as per Article 13.1 and will be called the “Maximum Time”. Any crew recording an actual time in excess of this time on the stage will be allocated the Maximum Time.
- (c) A vehicle which fails to complete the Super Special Stage may be removed by the *Organisers* and placed on the road section immediately following the stage. The crew only will then be permitted to work on their vehicle, but must still arrive at the following time control within their late time limit.
- (d) The control tyres used on the super special stages can be buffed/used rally tyres that will not count towards the tyre allocation for the *Event*.
Note: Part 2 - ARC Technical Regulation, Article 4 Tyres
- (e) Unless stated otherwise in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or advised by *Event Bulletin*, the running order for the Super Special Stage will be ARC crews, including invitational crews, then State *Rally* Championship crews, followed by other Crews.

17. RESULTS

- (a) Results will be established by adding the total elapsed times of each special stage and the penalties incurred for each vehicle.
- (b) In a Sprint *Event*, this will apply independently for each heat.
- (c) Details regarding the result of each special stage, as well as any penalty, including penalty for lateness or early arrival at a time control, will be published at the same time as the results.
- (d) A Crew which finishes an *Event*, [Leg or Heat](#) and so becomes eligible for appropriate placings and awards. To be classified as a Finisher a Crew with vehicle must complete at least 65% of the Special Stage distance of the relevant *Competition*, [check-in to the final Time Control of the relevant Competition](#) and not suffer a *Disqualification* penalty. Unless specified differently in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or Sporting Regulations.
- (e) Results will become official only at the end of the *Event* and in accordance with (f) and (g) below.
- (f) The *Event Supplementary Regulations* will specify the place where the official results will be posted.
- (g) No official results may be posted or distributed without having been approved by the Stewards.
- (h) Provisional Results will be published on the *Events* official notice board and/or the online notice board as per the *Event Supplementary Regulations*. These provisional results will become final 30 minutes after publication, subject to no protests being received, any issues raised out of post *Event* scrutineering having been finalised and the provisional results being approved by the Stewards.
- (i) Protests, if any, must be lodged in accordance with the NCR and these ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations.
- (j) The allocation of points towards each championship and awards as listed in Article 23, are the responsibility of the ARC Executive. An *Event Organiser* may make a preliminary allocation of points for promotional purposes only. This allocation will not be considered to form part of the results.

18. FINAL CONTROL

- (a) As soon as each crew arrives at the final control of an *Event*, the vehicle will be driven into the *Parc Fermé*. This *Parc Fermé* may be converted to a holding area, open to *Competitors*, Crews and to the public, providing that sufficient officials are in attendance to ensure that each other requirement for *Parc Fermé* is complied with. [Vehicles may be moved within or out of the Parc Fermé area under the supervision of Event officials and at the direction of the ARC Promotor or Event Organiser for the purpose of the Event podium or presentation.](#)
- (b) Vehicles may be required to open their bonnet and boot once in the final *Parc Fermé* to allow for a brief check on each vehicle by the ARC Technical Delegate or *Event Scrutineers*, which will be conducted in *Parc Fermé* to verify:
 - (i) Its conformity with the vehicle submitted at pre-*Event* scrutineering; and/or
 - (ii) If there is cause to impose any penalties specified under these regulations.
- (c) If a vehicle is not required for post-*Event* scrutineering, with approval from the Stewards it may be released 30 minutes after the time at which the last vehicle in the same *Competition* booked into the final control, or as determined by the Stewards.

19. TRAFFIC AND ROADS

- (a) The use by a *Competitor* of any outside assistance to check the condition of a road on a special stage is prohibited.
- (b) Throughout the entire *Event*, each crew will observe the traffic laws of the state in which the *Event* is being run. Where a crew does not comply with these traffic laws, it will be subject to the penalties specified under these regulations.
- (c) Any breach of these regulations will result in a report by the Clerk of the Course to the Stewards, who may impose a penalty up to and including *Disqualification*.

20. REPAIRS AND SERVICING

20.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- (a) Throughout the *Event*, servicing of a competing vehicle will only be conducted in a service park, unless permitted for under these regulations, however, the crew, using solely the equipment on board and, with no external physical assistance, may perform service on the vehicle at any time, other than where this is specifically prohibited.
- (b) No allocated service times, with the exception of Remote Service Zones, ref Article 20.4, shall be less than 15 minutes.
- (c) The speed of a vehicle in the service park must not exceed 30 km/h. Failure to comply with this limit will result in a penalty being applied by the Stewards.
- (d) When necessary, as part of service, changing of a fuel tank, changing of a fuel pump, changing of a fuel filter, changing of any other item of the fuel circuit, and/or the emptying and/or refilling of fuel is permitted in a service park provided that:
 - (i) The work is conducted under the supervision of an official;
 - (ii) No other work is conducted on the vehicle during the fuel emptying and/or refilling operation unless allowed for in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin*;
 - (iii) A suitable safety perimeter is established around the vehicle;
 - (iv) Team members are present with fire extinguishers, sufficient in capacity and suitable for use on flammable liquid; and
 - (v) Only sufficient fuel is added during such a refilling operation to reach the next refuel zone unless allowed for in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin*.
- (e) Each team is required to have a ground cover mat/sheet under each vehicle to catch any spills from fuel, oils, solvents etc.
- (f) Each service crew will, at all times, be subject to the requirements of Article 5.4 of the RSR - Events General.
- (g) End of Heat/Leg 1 Service Park:
 - (i) **Sprint Event** - Between the end of the last special stage of a heat and the overnight *Parc Fermé* of each *Event*, a two-hour service will be established, and which will have an entry and exit time control. Flexi-service, with a maximum delay time of 2 hours, or as advised in the *Event Itinerary*, will apply at this service.

- (ii) **Endurance Event** - Between the end of the last special stage of a leg and the overnight *Parc Fermé* of each *Event*, a 45-minute service will be established, and which will have an entry and exit time control. Flexi-service, with a maximum delay time of 45 minutes, or as advised in the *Event* Itinerary, will apply at this service.
- (iii) A *Competition* vehicle may be driven by an authorised representative of the *Competitor* from the service area to the overnight *Parc Fermé*, respecting all the formalities of time-card presentation and related penalties.
- (iv) If the end of leg/heat service is followed by a liaison section, a vehicle may be booked out of the service early, without penalty.

20.2 DEFINITION OF PROHIBITED SERVICE:

- (a) Prohibited service includes:
 - (i) The use or receipt by a crew of a manufactured material (solid or liquid, other than drinking water supplied by the *Organiser*), spare part, tool, or equipment, other than one carried in a the competing vehicle.
 - (ii) The presence of a member of the team or a team vehicle within one kilometre of its competing vehicle on a road section, except:
 - (A) In a service park, or where specifically permitted by means of an *Event* bulletin; or
 - (B) In a special stage from the yellow sign at the beginning of the time control to the beige board at the stop point at the end of the special stage.
NOTE: At the time control or stop point, the service vehicle must be parked within sight of the control officials.
 - (C) Where the competing vehicle is following the route as prescribed in the roadbook, and is required to use the same road at the same time as team personnel following the service vehicle route, as prescribed in the service book, provided they do not stop at the same location at the same time.
 - (D) For a competing vehicle waiting at the time control at the entrance to a regroup or service park, or parked inside a regroup, or at a supplementary refuel location, where the passing of food, drink, and information (road book, etc.) to or from the crew is permitted.
 - (E) Whilst transporting the crew to or from the *Parc Fermé*.
- (b) The deviation of the competing vehicle from the route of the *Event* whilst travelling through any prohibited service area.

20.3 REFUELLING

- (a) An *Event Organiser* may submit to the ARC Sporting Delegate, for approval, refuelling regulations specific to an *Event*, based upon the recommendations/approval of local authorities (such as fire authorities) and in accordance with their requirements. Each submission must include a Risk Assessment. Approved refuelling regulations must then be included in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin*.
- (b) Where an *Event Organiser* has not received the approval of the ARC Sporting Delegate, for specific *Event* refuelling regulations, the following will apply:
 - (i) A *Competitor* may refuel only in the refuel zone designated by the *Organiser* in the road book, except as detailed under this Article. Alternatively, each competitor using pump fuel may also refuel from a pump at a filling station, if marked in the road book.
 - (ii) The refuel zone entry/exit will be marked by a blue fuel container symbol.

- (iii) Fuel must be stored in the refuel area during the operation of the service park.
 - (iv) Decanting of fuel between containers must only be done within a refuel zone or a bunted storage area.
 - (v) Action inside a refuelling zone not directly involved in the refuelling of the competing vehicle is prohibited.
 - (vi) In each refuelling zone a 5 km/h speed limit will apply.
 - (vii) It is recommended that, in the refuelling area, each service crew member wears fire-resistant clothing, gloves, covered footwear and goggles.
 - (viii) The responsibility for refuelling is incumbent upon the crew alone and must be done in a manner which ensures that no fuel is spilt.
 - (ix) The engine of each vehicle must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.
 - (x) Solely for the purpose of assisting with the refuelling procedure for their vehicle, a maximum of 2 team members of each crew may access this zone.
 - (xi) It is recommended that the crew remains outside the vehicle during refuelling, however, should they remain inside, each safety belt must be unfastened.
 - (xii) In the event of a breakdown, the vehicle concerned may be pushed out of the zone by crew members, officials and team members without incurring any penalty.
 - (xiii) Any breach of the refuelling regulations will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of *Disqualification* or other penalty.
- (c) Remote refuel locations may be used by the *Event Organiser*, where the distance to be travelled back to the main service area is too great for the competing vehicles.
 - (d) A minimum of 5 minutes will be permitted for in the liaison for refuelling, plus an additional 3 minutes for tyre marking if the *Event Supplementary Regulations* allow for the changing of tyres.

20.4 REMOTE SERVICE ZONES

- (a) Each *Event Organiser* may make provision for the use of Remote Service Zones in order to extend the distance between central services.
- (b) Each Remote Service Zone will:
 - (i) Have a Time Control at the entrance and exit;
 - (ii) Be scheduled for a maximum of 15 minutes for any one vehicle;
 - (iii) Allow for the changing of tyres, the fitting of spotlights, that can be supplied from a service vehicle;
 - (iv) Allow any service using equipment and parts as listed in this Article;
 - (v) Incorporate a tyre marking zone after the exit time control; and
 - (vi) Admit only authorised team personnel, the *Event* officials and media with appropriate passes, if required.
- (c) When a service vehicle enters a Remote Service Zone, it must do so as directed by the officials in charge and must vacate the zone immediately after the departure of the last vehicle that it is servicing.
- (d) Except for the use of jacks, chassis stands, ramps, wheel nut spanners, torque wrenches, hand-tools, and oils and fluids for replenishment, the team personnel may use only equipment or parts and tools carried on board the competing vehicle. Tools may be battery operated. There will be no restriction on the use of personal protective equipment, or any item generally recognised as necessary to carry out a service procedure in a safe manner.

- (e) A Remote Service Zone is strictly a no smoking area and refuelling within this area is prohibited, unless approved by the *Event Organiser* for Refuelling. The *Event Organiser* may establish a Refuel Zone at the exit from the Remote Service Zone.
- (f) Each Remote Service Zone must be scheduled so that the same team personnel can attend each zone, as well as the Service Park. Instructions on a recommended route will be provided.

20.5 FLEXI SERVICE

- (a) For the operation of flexi-servicing, crews will enter the Flexi Service Holding Area/Parc Fermé. Crews may then either enter the Service Area or leave their vehicle in the Flexi Service Holding Area.
- (b) Should a vehicle be unable to be driven under its own power from the Flexi Service Holding Area to the Service Area, the marshals and/or team personnel shall be permitted to push or tow the vehicle to its dedicated service bay without penalty.
- (c) The competing vehicle may be driven by an authorised representative of the competitor from the Flexi Service Holding Area to the Service Area and vice versa, respecting all the formalities of time-card presentation and related penalties.
- (d) The operational window of Flexi Service time is left to the discretion of the *Event Organiser* but must be declared on the *Rally* itinerary.

21. DUAL/MULTIPLE STATUSEVENTS

21.1 COMBINED ARC AND OTHER COMPETITIONS e.g., STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Where an ARC *Event* includes other competitions (e.g. State Championship), the following conditions will apply:

- (a) Where there is a limit on the number of starters, preference will be given to ARC competitors who have competed in previous ARC *Events* in the present year, or the last *Events* of the previous season.
- (b) Each vehicle entered in the ARC section of the *Event* must comply with the advertising requirements for the ARC.
- (c) Crews that are eligible for the relevant State *Rally* Championship may also be entered in the ARC section of an *Event*.
 - (i) These Crews will be eligible for awards and points in both the State *Rally* Championship and the Australian *Rally* Championship, refer Article 5.
 - (ii) Where *Competitors* enter only the State *Rally* Championship part of the *Event*, the crew will not be eligible for Australian *Rally* Championship awards or points.
 - (iii) Where *Competitors* enter only the State *Rally* Championship component of the *Event*, they will be seeded behind the Australian *Rally* Championship crews.
- (d) *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin* may specify other details, requirements, and regulations applicable to the other competitions, which must be approved by the ARC Sporting Delegate.

21.2 COMBINED ARC AND FIA INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- (a) For consistency between those ARC crews entered in any associated FIA International *Event* and those in the ARC and other associated *Events*, the penalties and other *Sporting Regulations* of the FIA will apply to all *Events*. Any variations are to be included in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletins*.

- (b) In the case of a FIA International *Event*, where there is a conflict between the *Event Regulations* and these Sporting and Technical Regulations, the *Event Regulations* will take precedence.

22. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES / RED FLAGS

Crews must make themselves familiar with these emergency procedures and as outlined in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* and in the front of the road book. Failure to adhere to these requirements will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of *Disqualification* or other penalty.

22.1 EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

- (a) In the case of an accident where urgent medical or fire attention is required, where possible the red “SOS” sign should be immediately displayed to the following vehicles and to any helicopter attempting to assist. The Crew, if possible, where an electronic tracking/warning system is in use (e.g. RallySafe), should press the “SOS” button, if available. The system will ask “Medical” or “Fire”? The Crew must press one of the buttons to confirm the situation which will advise *Rally Command* so the correct emergency service can be dispatched. This can be done at any time following an accident, even if the “OK” message has been activated. If possible, the Crew should call the *Rally Command* emergency number and advise of their status.
- (b) Any crew which has, the RallySafe red SOS screen displayed, the red “SOS” sign displayed to them, or which sees a vehicle which has sustained an accident but is not displaying the green “OK” sign shall immediately and **without exception** stop to render assistance.
 - (i) All following vehicles shall also stop.
 - (ii) The first vehicle on the scene shall remain to render assistance.
 - (iii) The second vehicle at the scene, if necessary, shall proceed to inform the next SOS radio point.
 - (iv) Notwithstanding the above, any person with appropriate training should remain on the scene if the situation demands
 - (v) Subsequent vehicles shall leave a clear route for emergency vehicles and proceed at a reduced speed, to a maximum of 60 km/h, until the end of the special stage, and follow the instructions of any marshals or intervention vehicle drivers.
 - (vi) Crews affected by this procedure will be allocated a time according to Article 22.3 of the ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations
- (c) In the event of a vehicle stopping on the stage or an accident where immediate medical or fire intervention is not required, the “OK” sign must be clearly and actively shown by a Crew member to at least the three following vehicles and to any helicopter attempting to assist.
 - (i) Where an electronic tracking/warning system is in use (e.g. RallySafe) the Crew **MUST** press the “OK” button within **1 minute** of the vehicle stopping, for any reason.
 - (ii) Failure to comply with this rule will entail a penalty at the discretion of the Stewards.

22.2 RED FLAG

On passing a displayed red flag and/or receiving a RallySafe red flag.

- (a) The SOS point officials will wave a red flag or
- (b) the screen of the RallySafe console will turn red and show the message “RED FLAG” then
- (c) the *Driver* must immediately reduce speed, maintain this reduced speed until the end of the special stage, and follow the instructions of any marshals or intervention vehicle drivers.
- (d) Crews must immediately confirm receipt of the electronic red flag by pressing the “ACKNOWLEDGE” button
- (e) Failure to comply with this rule will entail a penalty at the discretion of the Stewards

22.3 INTERRUPTION OF A SPECIAL STAGE (INCLUDING SUPER SPECIAL STAGES) – NOTIONAL TIME

When a special stage is interrupted or stopped for any reason, the Clerk of the Course, in consultation with SAS Results and the ARC Sporting Delegate, will allocate, to each affected crew, a time which is judged to be reasonable and fair. A corresponding notification will be published by the Clerk of the Course, however, no crew which is solely or jointly responsible for stopping a stage may benefit from this measure. RSR-SSR Article 5.6.4 (e), (f) and (g) do not apply.

23. AWARDS AND POINTS

23.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- (a) The *Driver* and *Co-Driver/Navigator* attaining the highest point score from amongst those eligible crews driving an eligible vehicle will be awarded:
 - (i) Australian Rally Champion *Driver* and Australian Rally Champion *Co-Driver*;
 - (ii) Australian Rally Manufacturers’ Champion.
 - (iii) ARC ~~Production~~ WOLF Cup
 - (iv) ARC 2WD Cup
 - (v) ARC Junior Cup
 - ~~ARC 2WD Classic Cup~~
 - (vi) ARC ~~4WD~~-Classic Cup
 - (vii) ARC Subaru WRX Challenge
 - (viii) ARC East Coast Cup
- (b) Once Registered for the Championship, nomination is automatic for ARC, ARC 2WD Cup, ARC ~~Production~~ WOLF Cup, ARC ~~4WD~~ Classic Cup, ~~and ARC 2WD Classic Cup and~~ ARC Junior Cup, ARC Subaru WRX Challenge ~~and ARC East Coast Cup~~.
- (c) For the purpose of allocating points in a FIA International *Event*, the results of the common portion of each *Event* will be combined for each ARC eligible crew and points allocated based on their performance against each other.
- (d) To break a tie,
 - (i) ARC Outright Championship - the higher outright placings in each *Event* for the Championship will be used to break the tie. If *Event* placings are equal, then each heat of a sprint *Event* and each leg of an endurance *Event* will be used if the need arises.
 - (ii) ARC Cups – The higher placing in the Outright Championship will be used to break the tie.
 - (iii) If a tie still exists, to break the tie will be in accordance with the requirements of Article 4 of the General Conditions for All Titles of the *Motorsport Australia Manual*.

- (e) Prize Money
Any prize money won as part of the ARC or ARC Cups must be claimed, via the form available from the ARC Promotor, within 6 weeks of the Event at which the prize money was won. Any prize money not claimed in this time frame will be forfeited.

23.2 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS ALLOCATION

- (a) Australian *Rally* Championship *Driver* and *Co-Driver* Championship (Outright), Cups and Challenge points will be allocated to registered crew members at each *Event* as follows:
- (i) Sprint *Event* points (excluding the Manufacturers' Championship) will be allocated as follows:
- (A) 50, 40, 35, 31, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 for outright, cup and challenge places from first to twentieth for each heat.
- (B) Power stage points will be allocated to Outright; **Cups and Challenge Crews** as follows:
~~10, 6, 4, 2 and 1~~ 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 for outright, **Cups and Challenge** places from first to fifth.
- NOTE:** To be eligible for heat 1 points, a crew must finish heat 1 and book into the overnight *Parc Fermé* by the time shown in the itinerary as the latest time by which crews must enter *Parc Fermé*.
- (ii) Endurance *Event* points (excluding the Manufacturers' Championship) will be allocated as follows:
- (A) 100, 80, 70, 62, 56, 52, 48, 44, 40, 36, 32, 28, 24, 20, 16, 12, 8, 6, 4 and 2 for outright, cup and challenge places from first to twentieth.
- (B) Power stage points will be allocated to Outright; **Cups and Challenge Crews** as follows:
~~10, 6, 4, 2 and 1~~ 12, 8, 6, 4, 2 for outright, **Cups and Challenge** places from first to fifth
- (iii) In the event of a tie the points for tied places shall be added together and divided by the number of competitors who are involved in the tie. e.g. a tie for 2nd in a sprint *Event*, the points for 2nd and 3rd are added together 40 + 35 = 75, then divided by 2 and both crews are allocated 37.5 points.
- (b) Australian *Rally* Manufacturers' Championship:
- (i) Points will be allocated to the two highest placed vehicles from each registered manufacturer. The manufacturer of the vehicle will be determined by the original manufacturer of the bodyshell. Each other vehicle will be disregarded for the allocation of Australian *Rally* Manufacturer Championship points.
- (ii) Sprint *Event* points will be allocated as 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 for places from first to tenth, excluding the 3rd, 4th etc vehicles from each manufacture, for each heat.
- (iii) Endurance *Event* points will be allocated as 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4 and 2 for places from first to tenth overall, excluding the 3rd, 4th etc vehicles from each manufacture.

23.3 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP, CUPS AND CHALLENGE

- (a) Eligibility for the Australian Rally Championship, Cups and Challenge are as follows

Championship / Cups / Challenge	Eligibility	Participation Requirement
Australian Rally Championship	All vehicles and crews <u>entered in the ARC.</u>	Minimum 2 rounds. All round results to count
ARC 2WD Cup	Any 2WD vehicle 30 or less years old as at the 1st January of the competition year being contested in the ARC. <u>that comply with Motorsport Australia PRC, Classic or Club Rally Car Regulations entered in the ARC.</u> A vehicle eligible for the ARC 2WD Classic Cup is not eligible for the ARC 2WD Cup.	Minimum 2 rounds. Best 4 round results to count.
ARC <u>WOLF</u> Production Cup	Any PRC, <u>G2, G4, WRX Challenge</u> , Rally 3 vehicle entered in the ARC. Maximum of 12 tyres permitted. A vehicle eligible for the Subaru WRX Challenge is not eligible for the ARC Production Cup.	Minimum 2 rounds. Best 4 round results to count.
ARC 4WD Classic and 2WD Classic Cups	Vehicles over the age of 30 years, as at the 1 st of January of the competition year being contested, that comply with Motorsport Australia PRC, Classic or Club Rally Car Regulations <u>entered in the ARC.</u> A vehicle eligible for the ARC 2WD Classic Cup is not eligible for the ARC 2WD Cup.	Minimum 2 rounds. Best 4 round results to count.
ARC Junior Cup	All ARC Registered Drivers and Co-Drivers/ Navigators UNDER the age of 26 years as at the 1 st of January of the competition year being contested in the ARC <u>and entered in the ARC.</u> The competition vehicle must be either two-wheel drive or a production non-turbo 4WD. <u>any PRC, Rally 3 or WRX Challenge vehicle entered in the ARC</u>	Minimum 2 rounds. Best 4 round results to count.
ARC Subaru WRX Challenge	Subaru WRX vehicles entered in the ARC meeting the requirement of the ARC Subaru WRX Challenge Technical Regulations <u>and entered in the ARC.</u> Maximum of 12 tyres permitted. A vehicle eligible for the Subaru WRX Challenge is not eligible for the ARC Production Cup.	Minimum 2 rounds. All 4 round results to count
<u>ARC East Coast Cup</u>	All Vehicles, excluding Rally 2 and R5 and AP4. Driver must have an ARC DPI 94 or lower at the 1st round of the Championship and entered in the ARC.	<u>Minimum 2 rounds.</u> <u>All 3 round results to count (QLD, NSW & VIC)</u>

- (b) The ARC Promoter in conjunction with the ARC Sporting Delegate reserves the right to review the eligibility for any Cup / Challenge, on case by cases basis, as necessary.
- (c) Point Scoring
- (i) Points are to be allocated in alignment with Article 23.2, with the exception that Power Stage points will not be allocated.
 - (ii) A Driver or Co-Driver/Navigator may enter additional ARC rounds, however, Challenge requirements detailed in Article 23.3.

- (d) Tyres
 - (i) Control tyres, if applicable, must be used as per the Technical Regulations, Article 4.
 - (ii) If a control tyre is required to be used, this tyre will be advised by an annual addendum to these regulations issued prior to the first round of the ARC each year.
- (e) Awards
The highest point scorer in each Cup / Challenge at the completion of the final round will be declared the winner/s.

23.4 EVENT RESULTS AND AWARDS

- (a) Overall results will be issued. Separate results will also be published for ARC and State competitions.
- (b) For each ARC round, the following awards are the minimum which must be presented (where applicable):
 - (i) 1st, 2nd, 3rd ARC Outright, *Driver/Co-Driver*,
~~1st Manufacturer;~~
 - (ii) 1st, 2nd, 3rd ARC 2WD Cup, Outright *Driver/Co-Driver*;
 - (iii) 1st, 2nd, 3rd ~~Production~~ **WOLF** Cup, Outright *Driver/Co-Driver*;
 - (iv) 1st, 2nd, 3rd ~~4WD~~ Classic Cup, Outright *Driver/Co-Driver*;
~~1st, 2nd, 3rd 2WD Classic Cup, Outright Driver/Co-Driver;~~
 - (v) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Junior Cup Outright, *Driver/Co-Driver*.
 - (vi) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Subaru WRX Challenge Outright, *Driver/Co-Driver*.
 - (vii) 1st, 2nd, 3rd ARC East Coast Cup Outright, *Driver/Co-Driver*.
- (c) Sprint Events,
 - (i) Points will be awarded for each heat, with the crew with the highest number of points over the two heats awarded the trophies at the end of the *Event*.
 - (ii) In the event of a tie for an *Event* award in a sprint *Event*, the crew with the lowest total time accrued for the *Event*, including penalties, shall be declared the winner.
- (d) Endurance events,
 - (i) each award will be made based upon outright results over the total *Event*.
 - (ii) In the event of a tie for an *Event* award in an endurance *Event*, the crew with the most stage 1st's, 2nd's, 3rd's and so on, for that *Event* will be determined the winner of that *Event* award.

24. CEREMONIAL FINISH

- (a) Following each *Event*, a ceremonial finish will take place, either on the finish ramp, or within a dedicated podium area. Refer Article 18(a), Final Control
- (b) The *Event Organiser* must make provision in the *Event* schedule for the ceremonial finish to present the awards to each relevant *Driver* and *Co-Driver/Navigator* in each of the various competitions, based on the results available at that time.
- (c) Sponsor hats/caps will be supplied by the ARC Executive to be used in all podium appearances of ARC, ARC 2WD Cup, ARC ~~Production~~ **WOLF** Cup, ~~ARC 2WD Classic~~ Cup, ARC ~~4WD~~ Classic Cup, ARC Junior Cup and ARC Subaru WRX Challenge and ARC East Coast Cup outright winners.

25. MEDIA COMMITMENTS

- (a) A crew may be required to attend one or more media commitments, the time and location of which will be specified by *Event Bulletin/Communiqué* or advised directly by the ARC Executive. In addition, *Event Organisers* are encouraged to include media zones prior to regroupings at their *Events*.
- (b) Each crew is reminded of their obligation to sponsors of the ARC and *Event* and should present themselves accordingly.
- (c) Each vehicle must supply on board vision, upon request, to ARC Promotor for media use, or allow ARC Promotor to mount their own cameras, as required at each *Event*. This includes requirements for nominated crews to supply a 5V power supply via USB-C cable, and requirements for ARC Promotor to install audio cables/splitters connected to an intercom and RF/networking equipment.
- (d) When a Rally Show / Ceremonial Start activity is included in the schedule for a round of the Championship the crew must:
 - (i) Attend the activity for the full time as advised in the Supplementary Regulations or *Event Bulletin*;
 - (ii) Be positioned with or in the vicinity of their vehicle unless required for other activities as advised by the ARC Executive or Event Organiser;
 - (iii) Be attired in their driving suits for the duration of the activity;
 - (iv) Any crew who does not meet the requirements of this article may be reported to the Stewards who may impose a penalty.

26. ADMINISTRATION

26.1 RADIOS

An *Event Organiser* is not permitted to restrict the use of radio communication by a *Competitor* or their service crew, except where such use is expressly prohibited by the laws of the State, however, an *Organiser* may exclude the use of the specified frequencies which they are using.

26.2 ENTRIES

- (a) No amendment may be made to the *Entry* form except as follows:
 - (i) A crew change may be made up to the end of pre-*Event* documentation and, in the case of *Force Majeure*, at the discretion of the Stewards, prior to the publication of the start list. For a sprint *Event*, this will apply separately to each heat, but may result in a re-seeding of an *Entry*;
 - (ii) A *Competitor* may replace the vehicle declared on the *Entry* form by another, up to the nominated closing time for pre-*Event* scrutineering for that vehicle; and/or
 - (iii) If, when scrutineered, a vehicle does not correspond in its presentation to the Technical Regulations of the group, Cup, Challenge and/or class in which it was entered, this vehicle may, upon the proposal of the Scrutineers, be transferred to the appropriate Group, Cup, Challenge and/or class only upon the decision of the Stewards.

26.3 BULLETINS

- (a) An official written document, dated and sequentially numbered, intended to clarify or complete the *Supplementary Regulations* of the *Rally*. A Bulletin cannot change or amend the ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations, this can only be done by the issuing of a waiver granted by ARC Sporting Delegate.
- (b) Any Bulletin will then form an integral part of the *Supplementary Regulations* for an *Event*. All *Competitors* are bound by a Bulletin once so issued.
- (c) All Bulletins must be posted on the Official Notice Board. (Sportity).
- (d) *Event Organisers* may, where reasonably possible, require that *Competitors* sign or otherwise indicate their acceptance of a validly issued *Event* Bulletin as a condition of being further permitted to participate in the *Event*.
- (e) Permission to publish an Event Bulletin must be sought in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Bulletins that contain information which is of a regulatory nature must be approved by Motorsport Australia via the ARC Sporting Delegate before the *Event*, and by the Stewards after the start of the *Event*. The start of the *Event* is the date and time listed in the *Supplementary Regulations* for the start of Documentation, Scrutineering or other activity following the close of entries for the *Event* whichever is earlier.
 - (ii) Bulletins detailing modifications to the itinerary (e.g. roadbooks, itinerary/running schedule, maps, reconnaissance schedule) may be issued by the Clerk of the Course. Nevertheless, such modifications must be advised to the Stewards and ARC Sporting Delegate.

27. MEDIA BROADCAST POLICY AND COPYRIGHT

- (a) It is a condition of *Entry*, that any vision taken by a *Competitor*, from a competing vehicle, using an in-car video or moving film camera, must not be used for commercial use, without the specific approval of the ARC Executive. Any vision taken in this manner may only be used for a private purpose.
- (b) Any such vision must be made immediately available to the ARC Executive, upon request, and who is able to use such video, film and moving images for their own purpose and commercial gain, without any payment or encumbrance.
- (c) No media, *Competitor*, person associated with a *Competitor*, or a team member is permitted to broadcast live from the *Event*, or any part of the *Event* or *Competition*, using any format, without the permission of the ARC Executive.
- (d) The official broadcaster of the Australian *Rally* Championship, together with the ARC Promotor hold all rights to all video action at the *Event*. This is to protect the intellectual property of the Championship and the value of these rights, including protecting the future value of these rights to any potential new partners in the years ahead. It is also important for the presentation of a consistent brand for the promotion of the Championship.
- (e) Crews are also reminded that the addition of cameras affixed on helmets is strictly prohibited.
- (f) Failure to meet the requirements of this article may result in the *Competitor* being referred to the Stewards for consideration of a penalty as per the NCR.

Table 1 outlines the key areas to note regarding use of video content, including live streaming. It is emphasised that broadcasting is a very wide and all-encompassing term.

Table 1

	Video productions	Live streaming	Posts/reports /articles	Photo/ story coverage
Body	Typical Format			
	TV, Community TV, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube etc	Facebook, Twitter private websites etc	Facebook, Twitter, Private or Club Websites, Print Media	Website/social media photo posts
Competitor, Team or Manufacturer	On stage action/onboards can be used only with prior written approval from the ARC Promotor Sharing of vision ARC produced encouraged	No No live streaming can be conducted on stage or in transport. Service park live streams require written approval	Yes	Yes
Individual competitor	On stage action/onboard camera vision can be used only with prior approval from the ARC Promotor Service park videos do not require approval	Not permitted No live streaming can be conducted on stage or in transport. Service Park live streams require approval in writing prior to the <i>Event</i>	Yes	Yes
Event Organiser	The ARC Promotor will provide selected watermarked video content Video captured by external contractors cannot be commercialised, watermarked or sponsored without the ARC Promotor's consent and written approval	Only <i>Event</i> -based streams acceptable, e.g. A street party or service park stream – but no on-stage action at any point	Yes	Yes
Non-host broadcaster (all media except for ARC contracted media or the official broadcaster)	Limited on-stage highlights may be provided for editorial use only	No	Yes	Yes
Logo Use	Not without written approval from the ARC Promotor	Not without written approval from the ARC Promotor	Not without written approval from the ARC Promotor	Not without written approval from the ARC Promotor
Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) - all (media/teams/competitors etc.)	RPA must not be used without prior written consent from the ARC Promotor and any RPA operator must comply with the <i>Motorsport Australia</i> RPA Policy. There are strict CASA regulations around the use of RPA and these will be enforced. FPV, or 'race drones', are strictly prohibited.			

ATTACHMENT A Advertising Requirements

1. ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

The following advertising is required for each vehicle competing in the ARC and as listed in the annual addendum to these regulations issued prior to the first round of the ARC each year. The only variations are those listed in the notes below.

AREA A / DOOR PANEL

One door panel (each side), total size each 670mm wide by 170mm high, including Area B, and a 10mm white surround between the number and the Door Panel / *Organiser's* Sponsor signage.

Note: Where the logo, name or image of a “conflicting” manufacturer is included in such signage, manufacturer teams may choose not to carry such signage, upon payment of a fee of \$660.

AREA B / COMPETITION NUMBERS

Matte black competition number box at the front of the panel. Numerals must be fluorescent yellow (PMS 803), 140mm high and with a stroke width of 20mm.

AREA C / ARC REQUIREMENT

Each vehicle is required to have an area 470mm wide x 100mm high, immediately below Area A, both sides of the vehicle.

AREA D / EVENT SPONSOR PANEL

Each vehicle is required to have an area 200mm wide x 380mm high, immediately below Area B, both sides of the vehicle.

AREA E / MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA LOGO

Each vehicle is required to display the *Motorsport Australia* logo on each front door or front mudguard of the vehicle.

AREA F / REAR QUARTER PANEL

Each vehicle is required to have two areas on rear quarter panel above body line (if possible), an area 200mm wide x 80mm high, both sides of the vehicle.

AREA G / WINDSCREEN STRIP

There is no ARC requirement for windscreen strip advertising.

AREA H / WINDSCREEN NUMBER

Each vehicle is required to have an area 100mm wide x 100mm high, at the top of the windscreen on the Co-Driver's side, which may be used for a competition number.

AREA I / FRONT, REAR AND DASH

- (a) One Control Tyre Logo on each front corner of the vehicle below the headlight.
- (b) One Control Tyre Logo on each rear corner of the vehicle below the brake lights.
- (c) Size: 350mm wide x 70mm high.

AREA J / DASH AREA

Each vehicle, is required to have one area in the area of the dash, as shown in Diagram 1.

AREA K / REAR SIDE WINDOW

Each vehicle is required to have an area 150mm wide x 150mm high on both rear side windows.

2. SIDE WINDOW NUMBERS

Numbers for each rear side window which must be 200mm high with a stroke width of 25mm, coloured fluorescent orange (PMS 804), and may be reflective. These numbers must be placed on the rear side windows adjacent to the names of the crew.

3. CREW NAMES

The recommended font for all numbers is 'Impact', as this is a narrow font which fits the side windows better and leaves more room for the names of the crew.

4. ROOF PLATE (IF APPLICABLE)

Roof plates are at the discretion of each *Organiser* (not shown in diagram). Total size: 400mm high x 500mm wide.

4.1 B1 – Forward Roof Plate.

- (a) The upper portion of text is to be placed toward the front of the vehicle (i.e. be able to be read normally when viewed from the rear of the vehicle).
- (b) Size: 140mm high x 500mm wide.

4.2 B2 – Number Background

- (a) Reserved for competition number, white background.
- (b) Size: 260mm high x 500mm wide.
- (c) Numerals to be 230mm high, using Helvetica Bold, Zurich Bold or Arial Bold font.
- (d) Competition numbers must be supplied by the *Organisers* of each *Event*. They must be black in colour.

NOTES:

- (i) No *Event* or series signage may be cut or altered in any way and must be used in the size supplied, unless otherwise provided for in these Regulations and any further relevant approval is granted.
- (ii) For the additional requirements regarding crew names refer to ARC Technical Regulations, Article 2.
- (iii) Crews entered in the State Championship only part of an *Event* may use the standard doorplate and numbers as used for their relative championships.
- (iv) Control tyre supplier stickers (Area I) are required for *Competitors* entered in the ARC, including invitational *Competitors*. No vehicle in the ARC may display tyre brand advertising other than that of the official ARC tyre partner.

Diagram 1

Diagrams are not to scale.



PART 2 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

1. VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

1.1 CATEGORY REGULATIONS

To be eligible for the Australian Rally Championship, the crew must compete in a vehicle complying with the following:

- (a) FIA Categories (except for WRC or FIA Rally 1 specification)
- (b) *Motorsport Australia* Rally Classifications:
 - (i) PRC
 - (ii) AP4
 - (iii) G4/G2, including any exemptions approved by *Motorsport Australia*
 - (iv) Classic
 - (v) Club Car
 - (vi) Other vehicles approved by ARC Executive
 - (vii) Subaru WRX Challenge

1.2 ENGINE BLOCK AND BODY SHELL

In any one *Event*, the same engine block and body shell must be used throughout the *Event* in the same vehicle.

2. CREW NAMES

Each ARC *Competitor* is required to comply with the following requirements.

- (a) The first initial and surname of both *Driver* and the *Co-Driver/Navigator* must be shown on the rear side windows. The letters of both names must be:
 - (i) White upper case for the initial/s and the relevant applicable letter of the last name with the remainder in lower case.
 - (ii) 60mm high (upper case letters) and with a stroke width of 10mm.
- (b) The *Driver's* name must appear above the *Co-Driver's/Navigator's* name on both sides of the vehicle.
- (c) In the FIA international *Events*, the national flag of each crew member must be shown adjacent to the name, this is optional in all other *Events*
- (d) The names should be placed toward the bottom of the rear side windows.
- (e) Each crew name complying with ARC Regulations will be permitted in all rally *Events*, except for those comprising part of an FIA Championship, where regulations may conflict.

3. FUEL

- (a) Only commercial fuel and unleaded racing fuel, as defined by the *Motorsport Australia Manual*, Schedule G, is permitted. Where a specific rally group is further restricted to a defined fuel in the regulations, that restriction also applies. Leaded racing fuel is not permitted.
- (b) Fuel testing may be conducted at the discretion of the ARC Technical Delegate.

- (c) Any *Competitor* and/or *Driver* found to be in breach of the fuel regulations will face disciplinary action, which may entail a penalty as high as a suspension of the *Motorsport Australia* competition licences of all parties involved, together with a monetary fine, and will, in all cases, automatically result in their *Disqualification* from the *Event* in question.

A second offence in the same championship year will entail a penalty of a further suspension of the *Motorsport Australia* competition licences of all parties involved, together with a monetary fine.

- (d) A vehicle will be required to be able to travel the distance between refuels at an *Event*, based upon fuel usage of 1.3km/litre on special stages and 4.5km/litre on liaisons, with 55 litres of fuel available. *Competitors* needing to use more fuel per kilometre can use a fuel tank with a larger capacity which complies with *Motorsport Australia* vehicle requirements.

4. TYRES

- (a) The control tyre, if applicable, and other relevant information on tyres, will be advised by an annual addendum to these regulations issued prior to the first round of the ARC each year.
- (b) Exemptions to the number of tyres permitted will be made for additional tyres used on super special stages which may be any control tyre meeting the requirements of the *Event Supplementary Regulations*, *Event Bulletin* and the ARC Technical Regulations, Article 4.
- (c) Additional tyres, over those specified in the ARC Technical Regulations, Article 4, may be used, but will result in a penalty of two minutes per tyre used, in excess of the maximum permitted. If a crew is directed by a Scrutineer to replace a tyre for safety reasons, such replacement will also result in a penalty of two minutes per tyre if the maximum number of tyres is exceeded.
- (d) All crews may use only the maximum quantity of tyres detailed in the ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations Addendum. All tyres fitted on the vehicle or installed in the vehicle are included in the overall quantity.
- (e) Each control tyre will be fitted with barcodes and each tyre fitted to, and carried in, the vehicle will be marked/checked at the exit of each service and may be checked at any other time by *Event* officials.
- (f) Once recorded at an *Event*, a tyre may not be substituted for another tyre.
- (g) At all times when leaving the start of a heat/leg or any service park, the tread depth of the tyres fitted to a competing vehicle must not be less than 3mm over at least 75% of the tread pattern.
- (h) At each tyre marking/checking location, a team representative must hand to the tyre marking team leader, a tyre declaration form filled out fully and signed. These tyre declarations will be supplied by the Scrutineers and/or Technical Delegate at each *Event*.
- (i) Each *Competitor* is responsible for ensuring that tyre markings are not removed in any cleaning process during the running of the *Event*.
- (j) The maximum penalty for deliberately misrepresenting the number of tyres used, or wilfully breaching the requirements of Article 4, will be the loss of all points already scored in the current year, together with a monetary fine. In the case of a registered manufacturer, this will apply to all vehicles from that team.

- (k) The tyres used on a super special stage can be buffed/used control tyres that will not count towards the tyre allocation for the *Event*.
- (l) The use of the control tyre is subject to availability. The ARC Executive reserves the right to limit/amend the use of any pattern/compound for an individual rally which will be advised by *Event* Bulletin for the affected rally.

5. SCRUTINEERING

- (a) Each vehicle must undergo the relevant requirements for scrutineering prior to starting the *Event*. Each vehicle is required to be presented for scrutineering in accordance with the instructions and timetable in the *Event Supplementary Regulations/Bulletin* for an *Event*.
- (b) At the discretion of the ARC Technical Delegate, each *Competitor* registered for the ARC may present a signed Certificate of Technical Conformity. The vehicle will then be subject to random checks.
- (c) The maximum penalty for deliberately competing in an illegal vehicle may be the loss of all points already scored in the current year, together with a monetary fine. In the case of a registered manufacturer, this may apply to all vehicles from that Team. This will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of penalty.
- (d) Documentation verification must be completed prior to pre-*Event* scrutineering, unless for exceptional reasons recognised by the Stewards.
- (e) A vehicle which reports to a scrutineering area outside the prescribed time limits for that *Competitor*, except in the case of *Force Majeure*, will be:
 - (i) Subject to a monetary penalty, issued to the *Competitor*, by the Stewards or as specified in the *Event Supplementary Regulations* or *Event Bulletin*; or
 - (ii) Not permitted to start.
- (f) The crew must have available, for the purpose of scrutineering, the homologation form for the vehicle, including any appendices to this form, or, if the vehicle is not homologated, the relevant workshop manual. If these are not submitted, the Stewards may pronounce a penalty which may go as far as refusal to permit the vehicle to start.
- (g) If, during scrutineering, a vehicle is found not to comply with Technical and/or Safety Regulations, the ARC Technical Delegate or Stewards may set a deadline before which the vehicle must be made to comply. Any *Competitor* who fails to meet vehicle re-presentation requirements as directed will be refused permission to start the *Event*.
- (h) Should there be any doubt as to the conformity of a vehicle with the Technical Regulations, either after pre-*Event* scrutineering, at the start, or during the running of the *Event*, the Stewards may, following a report from the ARC Technical Delegate or Chief Scrutineer, issue a formal warning to the *Competitor* and set a deadline by which the vehicle must be made to conform. Any vehicle which does not comply will be refused to start or be *Disqualified*.
- (i) The scrutineering conducted before the start will be of a general nature (e.g. checking of make and model of vehicle, apparent conformity of the vehicle with the Group, Cup or Challenge in which it is entered, essential safety items, etc.).

- (j) Each *Organiser* must make provision for the checking, mandatory marking and sealing of the restrictor/s and turbocharger/s for each relevant vehicle.
 - (i) Each *Competitor* concerned must be summoned individually to present their vehicle/s and any spare restrictor/turbocharger assemblies which they may deem necessary. Each turbocharger must be presented cold and already drilled for sealing as per the Turbocharger Sealing Requirements shown in the RSR Vehicles General (e.g., a metal wire allowing a seal to be applied must be in place).
 - (ii) The competition vehicle does not need to be present at turbo scrutineering.
 - (iii) Only those assemblies which have been sealed may be used during the *Event*. The ARC Technical Delegate and Chief Scrutineer must be informed of any substitution throughout the *Event*.
 - (iv) It is mandatory to submit any replaced assemblies to the ARC Technical Delegate and Chief Scrutineer.
 - (v) If it is noted at any time during the *Event* that an assembly has not been submitted or that one which has not been checked has been used, the vehicle will be excluded from the *Event*.
- (k) Additional checking of the crew members and of the vehicle may be conducted at any time during the *Event*. The *Competitor* is responsible for the technical conformity of the vehicle throughout the entire duration of the *Event*, under pain of any penalties as determined by the Stewards.
- (l) Each crew who gains points in a heat/leg, and fails to finish the final heat/leg, must make their vehicle available for scrutineering prior to departing the *Event*. Failure to do so may result in loss of points from the earlier heats/legs.
- (m) Post-*Event* scrutineering may involve the dismantling of a vehicle and/or its components for detailed inspection.
- (n) Vehicles for post-*Event* scrutineering will be:
 - (i) First place in the general classification and two other vehicles chosen by the ARC Technical Delegate and/or the Stewards;
 - (ii) Each other vehicle selected at the absolute discretion of the ARC Technical Delegate and/or the Stewards;
 - (iii) Each vehicle required to be examined following a protest, which must be lodged within 30 minutes of the last finisher in the relevant part of the *Event* completing their competition; and
 - (iv) Each vehicle required to be examined following a decision of the Clerk of the Course.
- (o) Each vehicle required for post-*Event* scrutineering must be accompanied by the relevant homologation papers, recognition documents or workshop manual under payment of any penalties imposed by the Stewards. Each item to be examined at post-*Event* scrutineering shall be as approved by the Stewards.
- (p) After the completion of Heat/Leg 1, each selected vehicle may be subject to scrutineering.
- (q) Once a vehicle has been released from *Parc Fermé* at the finish of the *Event*, it cannot be recalled for inspection.
- (r) The Stewards may request additional checks and/or additional vehicles to be checked.

- (s) Should identification marks be affixed, it is the responsibility of the crew alone to see that these are protected until the end of the *Event*. Should they be missing, the vehicle will be disqualified from the *Event* immediately.

6. VEHICLE WEIGHTS

- (a) Vehicle weights will be applied in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Each FIA recognised vehicle will be required to comply with the relevant FIA Technical Regulations (i.e. R5 or Rally 2).
 - (ii) Each *Motorsport Australia* classified vehicle will be required to comply with the relevant Technical Regulations (i.e. AP4, G2, G4, PRC, Classic, Club Rally Car, Subaru WRX Challenge).
 - (A) When two spare wheels are carried in the vehicle, the second spare wheel must be removed before weighing.
 - (B) At no time during the *Competition* may a vehicle weigh less than this minimum weight.
 - (C) The use of ballast is permitted under the conditions provided for in the relevant regulations.

7. IMPACT DATA RECORDER

An FIA Incident Data Recorder (IDR), if supplied by *Motorsport Australia*, must be fitted to vehicles when required to do so by the ARC Executive.

The FIA IDR is a small, lightweight, and low-cost impact data recorder, developed by the FIA Safety Department in collaboration with Impact Detect.

When triggered by an impact, the IDR records the impact forces applied to all 3 axis's at high speed.

The IDR is affixed in motorsport competition vehicles where it can accurately record all impacts over a two-year period, with no wiring or charging required.

- (a) Once an IDR has been installed in a vehicle, it must not be removed without the approval of the ARC Executive.
- (b) The IDR must be installed in compliance with the installation instructions supplied by the manufacturer.
- (c) If an IDR is damaged, or lost, the ARC Executive must be notified as soon as possible so that a replacement may be supplied. There may be a charge for replacement units.
- (d) The "IDR Inside" sticker, supplied with the IDR, must be adhered to the vehicle's section of the main roll bar on the driver's side of the safety cage in a location where the sticker is clearly visible.
- (e) If a vehicle fitted with an IDR has had an impact that has:
 - (i) Caused the vehicle not to continue in the *Event*, and/or
 - (ii) Caused apparent injuries to any person.

Then the ARC Executive and ARC Technical Delegate must be notified and be provided access to the vehicle so that the logged IDR impact forces can be downloaded.