



April 18, 2026

The weather report for Sunday is similar to today so the Clerk of the Course, Matt Flaisig, has recommended to the Sr. Steward, Mark Williams that we continue to run at 2-minute intervals for the field and 3-minutes for the first 12 cars.

I support this because the competition is fairer with the additional minute. The downside is time from when the first car starts until when the last car finishes. We cancelled the second running of Taylor Towne yesterday and still finished very late, and we cancelled the second running of Nahwatzel today rather than finish long after midnight.

If we follow the existing schedule, the regroup after SS17 will be upwards of 90 minutes and the final podium won't happen until at least a couple hours later than originally scheduled.

Matt and Mark have proposed a creative solution for Sunday's stage operations, which they presented to me and the Olympus Chair, Steve McQuaid. I have also discussed it with the series promoter. This proposal allows us to run all the scheduled stages tomorrow and still finish at a reasonable hour.

Tomorrow the field will be split for the entire day. The National Cars will run first. 12 cars will have 3-minute intervals and the remaining cars will have 2-minute intervals. Then there will be a 5-minute gap followed by the Regional field at 2-minute intervals. Doing this will bring all the National cars into service after SS17 together and then, after a brief regroup, they will go to the Power Stage.

The Regional cars will all arrive together and go into their impound and podium.

The National cars will finish the Power Stage, arrive shortly afterward, and go into their impound and podium.

The result will be that the event runs fairly and closer to the schedule so we can all properly celebrate the end of successful event.

J.B. Niday

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB Niday', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ARA Deputy Competition Director