



**11° RALLY TERRA SARDA**  
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**From:** Clerk of the Course  
**To:** All the Competitors / Crew Members – Event Officials –

While reminding you some of the important behaviour for the success of this race, I would first of all like to thank You for being present; without your presence all this would not be possible; however, it would neither in the same way without the contribution and help of all the Event Officials, who are on the race fields providing their service to allow You to race; I therefore ask You to always follow their instructions; these, as well as the Sporting Rules, will be applied in full, not with the aim of punishing those who make mistakes, but with the aim of guaranteeing a fair race for everyone; only if we all know the boundaries within which we can move, without trying to step over ourselves, can we guarantee the fun and future of the sport we love.

**Respect of the times**

A rally is a complex structure, a train which must move for several days in an orderly, continuous way; for this reason I ask You to scrupulously respect the times reported in the Supplementary Regulations and in the documents published in the **online Official Noticeboard**. You can access it at any time and receive notifications on new documents published by installing the Sportity application on your smartphone and entering the channel password: **RTS2023**

**Administrative Checks**

Each crew taking part in the Rally must **be present in full** at the Administrative Checks as per art. 17.1 NG Rally 2023, with the original driving licences, competition licences, medical cards of both Drivers, and all of the Vehicle's documents.

**Flags**

Flags are the way in which Marshals communicate with you; Two flags are used in the Rally::

- **Yellow flag – generic danger:** it may indicate that one of your colleagues is stopped with the car partially on the road, or that there is an obstacle or an anomaly in the section immediately following. You must slow down and pay maximum attention. You will be able to resume your pace after passing the danger
- **Red flag – stage stopped:** it indicates that there is a problem whereby You will not be able to complete the Special Stage; therefore, **You must immediately slow down without causing a danger, stop at the first Marshals' post** (almost all the marshals are in direct radio connection with Race Control) **and ask for instructions**. The red flag is displayed to open a gap between racing cars, such as to allow the intervention of an emergency vehicle; **failure to respect the red flag increases the time needed to provide assistance to one of your colleagues in difficulty**; such behaviour will never be tolerated, nor will any other behaviour which jeopardizes or delays an emergency intervention, behaviours which must be dictated by common sense even more than by the Sporting Rules.

**Stopping in a Special Stage**

Should you stop in a Special Stage, **you must inform Race Control of your conditions** by calling **+39 379 1235326** so that the situation can be managed for the good of you and of your colleagues.

- If medical intervention is not required: display the **OK sign** to the following crews (**who must report it at the STOP control of the Special Stage**), call the number on the Road Book to report the retirement, press the green button on the GPS device and display the triangle 50 m before the car, so that oncoming cars know that they will find a car stopped.
- **The OK no obstruction (non intralcia) button** must be used when the car **does not prevent the passage of other cars**
- **The OK obstruction (intralcia) button** must be used **only when the car totally obstructs the Special Stage route**; should the car be subsequently moved allowing transit, the **OK no obstruction** button must be pressed to update the alarm issued previously

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**ATTENTION: the “OK” or “SOS” buttons must be pressed for approximately 5 seconds**

• Should **medical intervention be necessary, display the SOS sign** to the following cars (which must stop at the next post and inform the Marshals) and press the appropriate button on the GPS device.

Cars which are shown the SOS sign must:

- **the first car must stop immediately at the scene and give assistance**
- **the following cars must stop at the scene and, should no further help be needed, proceed to the following post and alert the emergency services via the Marshals.**

Should You not have the OK/SOS sign or should You be unable to display it, communicate your conditions using the standard gestures below:



**Failure to report the stopping via GPS will result in a fine of €500.00 to be paid by each crew member, please ensure that this does not need to be applied!!**

• Should you manage to start again: wear the protective clothing and seat belts before setting off again, check that no one is coming before re-entering the Special Stage, and press the green button on the GPS device again to signal that you have set off again.

I remind You that it is forbidden to drive the Special Stage in the opposite direction, even for a short stretch.

If, in going off the road, you have caused damage to third parties' property (such as safety rails, fences, trees, etc.), I ask You to cooperate in communicating this as soon as possible by calling Race Control so that the insurance procedures be activated; compensating the damages in a timely and rapid manner also serves to guarantee the future of our sport, your contribution in this can be great.

#### **Use or rear view mirrors**

Pay constant attention to the rear-view mirrors: the Sporting Rule tells us that it is forbidden to block the progress of anyone, faster than us, should catch us in a stage; moreover, common sense must make us understand that there is absolutely no point in hindering a colleague who has already made up a minute over us.

#### **Behaviour in Refuelling Zones**

In refuelling areas **it is mandatory to turn off the engine and get out of the car during the refuelling operations**

#### **Behaviour on open roads**

We are guests of the territory and the roads on which the rally takes place; we must therefore show respect to those who give us the opportunity to use their roads in order to run the Special Stages while maintaining as correct a behaviour as possible in the road sections on open roads. I ask You to respect the Highway Code, not to carry out maneuvers which are dangerous for normal road users and not to zigzag to warm up your tyres.

Checks will be carried out by the Police Forces and Event Officials; infringements will be reported and the resulting disciplinary measures will be applied, not with the aim of punishing "for the sake of it" but, once again, to guarantee the future of this sport.

**I remind You that the event insurance, which in any case does not cover damages between competitors, is valid from the moment the car passes the pre-event technical scrutineering, and only along the route shown in the Road Book.**



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### **Protective clothing and fire extinguishing systems**

Checks will be carried out to verify that protective clothing is used as prescribed and that the extinguishing systems are loaded, functioning and active.

The following is a personal consideration: the use of these elements is aimed to guarantee your safety, these are checks which should not be carried out by Event Officials, but by yourselves and for your own sake.

**I remind You that it is compulsory to fit an engine compartment/cockpit fire extinguishing system which must remain armed for the entire duration of the rally, relatively to the stretches which require the presence of the crew on board.**

### **Safety Belts**

Over the years we have all learned that accidents are part of our sport; case studies tell us that some damage to the spine may be avoided or reduced if the pelvic seat belts are correctly tightened. It is the habit of many to leave them slightly loose to then pull and tighten everything with the chest straps; if at first sight this may seem sufficient, in reality a lack of tension in the pelvic belts leads the body, without us realizing it, to "bag" on the seat after a few metres of the Special Stage: in the event of a collision the energy will be discharged on the vertebrae in a totally different, and much more harmful, way compared to how it would be discharged with the body correctly supported by the seat. I therefore ask you to check and correctly adjust the tension of all belts, not just the chest straps.

### **Additional Notes:**

#### **Rejoining after Retirement**

Should You retire during the first day and intend to start again on the second day, you must notify Race Control or a Competitors Relations Officer at least **half an hour before the time of posting of the starting order for the second day** as quoted in the Event Supplementary Regulations .

#### **Anti-cut devices - Chicanes - Variants**

The chicanes and/or variants reported in the road book are highlighted on the road surface with paint. For anti-cut devices, in addition to being highlighted on the road, a wooden bollard will be present during reconnaissance.

I thank You for your attention, I ask You once again to scrupulously respect the rules and instructions received for your own good, the good of your colleagues and of the sport we love, and I remind You that I and the Competitors Relations Officers, with whom I am in constant contact are available for any clarification or information.

The Clerk of the Course  
MAURO FURLANETTO