## **FORUM8 RALLY JAPAN 2023**



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# A) Amendments to the Supplementary Regulations of the Rally

#### 2. ORGANISATION

### 2.6. FIA DELEGATES (add)

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#### 3. PROGRAMME & CRITICAL DEADLINES

#### 3.2. SCHEDULE DURING THE RALLY

Thursday 16 November			
15.00	Publication of Start Lists for Geremonial Start, Section 1 and Section 2	Digital Notice Board	
<u>17:05 - 18:40</u>	Ceremonial Start	Toyota Stadium	
<u>17:30 - 18:25</u>	FIA Meet the Crews with nominated drivers, co-drivers and team representatives	Toyota Stadium	

#### 8. FUEL

#### 8.5. NON-PRIORITY DRIVERS NOT USING FIA FUEL (is replaced as follows)

When exiting the Service Park, non-priority drivers not using FIA fuel shall bypass the FIA refuel zone using the parallel road. For safety reasons and notwithstanding Art. 62.3.7 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, team members are allowed to bring the adaptor to their crews at the refuel locations marked in the Road Books, and take the adaptor back after the refuel. Two team members are allowed to assist with the refuelling only, any other assistance or work is forbidden.

#### 11. SCRUTINEERING, SEALING & MARKING

#### 11.3. WINDOWS/NETS

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#### 12. OTHER PROCEDURES

#### 12.2. CEREMONIAL START PROCEDURE AND ORDER (is replaced as follows)

On Thursday 16 November, all rally cars must be available at the entrance to the Toyota Stadium SSS as follows:

Group	Time at the entrance	Cars No. (in this order)
Α	16:10 - 16:15	29, 28, 26, 25, 24, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 31
В	16:25 - 16:30	32, 34, 30, 35, 48, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 49
С	16:40 - 16:45	11, 4, 6, 69, 33, 17, 18, 8 and 16

Cars will be driven into the Stadium in convoys in three groups. Cars may be driven by the crews or by team representatives, Rally1 cars must be driven in electric mode.

#### **Drivers' entry parade into the Stadium (on foot):**

- Crews of Groups A and C must be at TC1 no later than 17:10
- Crews of Group B must be at the SSS1 STOP control no later than 17:10.

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After the start ceremonies, crews may proceed directly to TCO, or, if time allows, they may drive first to their service bays. Rally1 cars are not required to be driven in electric mode from the Stadium to their service bays.

#### 12.3. FINISH PROCEDURE (replace)

After TC 22A and the technical checks, all crews are required to drive under Parc Ferme rules into Toyota Stadium Podium Holding Area as indicated in the Road Book and follow the orders given by marshals. Unless otherwise instructed, all crews must be back at their cars no later than 16:25 hrs.

After the finish ceremony, cars shall be driven by the crews or by a team member to the parc fermé, or if directed to do so, to the final scrutineering.

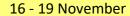
#### 12.6.2. TOYOTA STADIUM SSS

On Thursday, 16 November all cars will leave the Service Park from TCO according to the Start List.

On Friday, 17 November and on Saturday, 18 November P1 crews will leave from TC7C/TC15C according to the Due Time allocated at TC7A/TC15A. All other crews shall check in at TC7C/TC15C 45 minutes after their Due Time at TC7B/15B.

- The Organiser may amend the starting order to match pairs for increased spectator interest.
- Tyre/brake warming is not allowed on the road section.
- Both cars of each pair will check in at the TC at the start of the SSS (TC1/TC8/TC16) on the same minute.
- After checking in at the TC each pair of cars will move to the start line as instructed by the marshals
- The use of extra lights is allowed during the tyre warming lap. During the SSS it will be allowed only if authorised by the Clerk of the Course, in which case the crews are informed at the TC.
- At the start line each pair of cars will be given a signal by the marshals to complete a half lap of the SSS (approximately 500 m) to warm their tyres and to return to the start line. Each car will then be in the opposite lane to which they started the warm up.
- Time cards are not handed over at the start line. Actual start is assumed to be the same as the provisional start time given at the TC. In case the start is delayed, the actual start time will be corrected at the STOP control after the stage.
- Cars will start in pairs with one car in the left lane and one car in the right lane.
- The start of the SSS will be given by the standard SAS starting equipment.
- The super special stage consists of <u>two full laps</u> inside the stadium (for example a car starting on the left lane: coming back the start line on the left lane for the first time = halfway, passing the start line on the left lane for the second time = flying finish).
- Chequered flags will be waived for each lane once the car approaches the flying finish.
- After completing the SSS cars shall exit the stadium without delay part way around the next lap as shown on the maps in the Road Book.
- Any crew failing to complete the SSS within 5 minutes, will be be flagged (or towed/carried) out and the crew will be allocated a notional time for the stage (called the "Maximum time"), which is the fastest time plus two minutes. Any crew recording an actual time more than this Maximum time on the stage will be allocated the Maximum time.
- If the crew then retires after the stage, Art. 54 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulation is applied for the re-start procedure and related penalties.
- If the running of a SSS is interrupted, this will be signalled to the drivers by showing red flags and/or with red lights installed on the concrete barriers along the track. When given this signal, the driver must immediately reduce speed and follow instructions of marshals. Failure to comply with this rule will entail a penalty at the discretion of the Stewards.

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#### 12.10. SHAKEDOWN (add)

A remote service area as indicated in the Road Book is available for all competitors. One service vehicle (car or van with Service or Auxiliary plate) per entered crew is allowed as follows:

P1 & P2 as per the SD Start List access from 8:30 hrs
 Other priority competitors access from 10:00 hrs
 Non-priority competitors access from 12:00 hrs

#### 12.13.6. ROUTE NOTES CREWS' LATEST ENTRY TIMES (new article)

Route Note Crews may enter the special stages (and Shakedown) no later than 90 minutes before the scheduled start time of the first rally car. RNCs are not allowed on SSS 1/8/16.

For SS 20 Ena City 2 and SS 21 Nenoue Kougen 2, the entry may only be granted by the Clerk of the Course if time allows. In this case all RNCs shall enter the stage immediately after the Sweeper Car starts SS 18 and SS 19. RNCs shall wait for permission before TC without blocking access to the TC.

## B) Amendments to the Itinerary and Road Books

- Road Book 1, page 3, boxes 3 and 4 refuel **is operational**. Follow as instructed in boxes 3 and 4 on page 31 and adjust the distances as necessary.
- Road Book 2, page 14, box 8 correct RP3 --> RP4
- Road Book 2, page 14, box 11 correct RP4 --> RP5
- Road Book 2, page 15, box 14 correct RP5 --> RP6
- Road Book 2, page 15, box 18 correct RP6 --> RP7
- Road Book 2, page 50, box 15 correct the partial distance: <del>1.91</del> --> 0.60

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