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COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRAFFIC RULES

All competitors are strongly reminded to comply with the Japanese traffic laws and regulations on all road sections;

- Warming up tyres and / or brakes on road sections is strictly prohibited
- Crossing the continuous center lines is strictly prohibited
- Stopping at the stop signs (red triangle) is compulsory
- Stopping before a railway crossing is compulsory (even if there is no stop sign)
- Seat belts must be worn at all times when driving
- Reversing on one-way streets is strictly prohibited
- Using mobile devices while driving is strictly prohibited

Please pay attention to the above, already during the reconnaissance!

All infringements will be reported to the Stewards.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO ALL COMPETITORS

1. Rally car's **extinguisher system must be armed**. This will be checked throughout the rally by the scrutineers and all infringements will be reported to the Stewards who may impose a penalty.
2. Drivers must ensure that they **wear the their safety equipment properly on special stages all the way until the stop control** (helmets and seat belts fastened, balaclava inside the overall, overall zipper closed, driver's gloves worn etc.). All infringements will be reported to the Stewards who may impose a penalty. **Please see 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Art. 53.1.**
3. Any crew which has the red "SOS" sign displayed to them, or which sees a car which has suffered an accident and the OK sign is not shown, shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance. Any crew stopping on a special stage and who does not require immediate medical assistance, must activate the OK display in the FIA safety tracking device within one minute and show the OK sign to all other cars. All infringements will be reported to the Stewards who may impose a penalty. **Please see 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Art. 53.3.**
4. **All crews that are shown the Red Flag must immediately slow down and continue that lowered speed until the finish of the stage**. The Red Flag can be a physical one shown at radio points or an electronic one sent to the FIA safety tracking device. The electronic Red Flag must be acknowledged by the crew. All infringements will be reported to the Stewards who may impose a penalty. **Please see 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Art. 53.5.**

5. **Refuel Zones**

All crews are reminded to comply with **2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Articles 61.2.7 and 61.2.8:**

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| <p>61.2.7 The use of mobile phones and radio communications is forbidden while in a RZ</p> <p>61.2.8 It is required that the crew remain outside the car during refuelling.</p> |
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Taking pictures with a mobile phone is therefore not allowed at the Refuel Zones.



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