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First of all to thank you for being present. Without your presence all this would not be possible, even more without the work and assistance of all rally officials, who ensure their services during the competition to allow you to compete. I therefore ask you to always follow their instructions. All instructions as well as the Sporting Regulations will be applied **without exceptions**, not to punish those in error but to ensure equal chances to all competitors and to ensure the fun and the future of this sport that we all love.

Observance of time schedules

I ask you to strictly follow the time schedule provided in the Supplementary Regulations of the event as well as in the documents published on the Official Notice Board available on **Sportity.** To access rally channel **use password SRM26OPEL**

Criticality of the route

As clearly requested in the minutes drawn by the route Acceptance Test summoned by the local Authorities, all competitors are reminded that the route of the Special Stages of the 73° Rallye Sanremo presents characteristics demanding high attention by the drivers, such as presence of bushes at the side of the road, stretches of road without downhill protection, irregularities in the existing protections and buildings close to the route.

Rally Start

The Start Time Control is placed in Pian di Nave, where the final podium will be. **In order to avoid congestion, please line up,** following start list order, near the T.C. with an advance between **10'** and **15'** prior your starting time.

Additional Lights

Using only tools carried in rally car, **crews alone** are allowed to install extra lights, carried in the rally car, during road sections **but never under parc fermè conditions**.

Flags

Flags are the way by which the Road Marshals communicate with you. In this rally **only red flag will be used**, as follows:

- **Red Flag – stage stopped**: it means that there is a problem and therefore **you cannot finish the Special Stage**, Consequently, you have to **immediately slow down** without causing danger to others, **stop at the first location attended by Road Marshals** (all Road Marshals are connected via radio with the Rally Control) **and ask for instructions**. A red flag is deployed, **both physically and by tracking system,** to enable medical and rescuing vehicles to pass in between competing cars. **Failure to respect a red flag increases the time necessary to assist a competitor experiencing difficulties.** This behavior will never be tolerated and the same applies to all other behaviours that impede or delay an emergency intervention, in the spirit of both common sense and observance of the Sporting Rules.

Stopping in a Special Stage

Should you stop in a Special Stage you must **inform the Rally Control** about your conditions so that all necessary action can be taken for your benefit and for the one of the other competitors.

- **Should medical intervention not be required**: the "**OK**" sign must be displayed to the following competitors (**who will have to inform the officials present at the STOP control of the Special Stage**), call the number specified in the Road Book to inform about your stopping, **press OK button on the GPS system** and **immediately place the triangle** 50 m before the car's position, in order to warn the following drivers that they will find a stopped car.
  - **OK Road Clear** on GPS means that the stopped cars **doesn't block** totally the road
  - **Ok Road blocked** on GPS means that the road is **completely blocked** and no one can pass.

- **Should medical attention be required,** the "**SOS" sign** must be displayed to the following cars (**the first car coming will mandatorily have to stop and give help**; following cars will have to stop: **if the crew of the car already standing by gives the ok**, they must go ahead, **stop at the next marshal post and inform the Road Marshals**) and **push the relevant button on the GPS system**.

If you **don't have or can't use the** OK/SOS Sign, **communicate in this way** with other crews or marshals:



For further information please read carefully GPS System user manual published on the Official Notice Board, and carefully see this video
Both have to be undertaken as part of this briefing

Always take care of what is happening around you when you see a stopped car: if you can't see and and you cannot see the crew, act as an SOS was displayed.

- Should you be **able to resume the stage**: **wear the protective equipment** and the **safety belts before restarting**, **check** before re-entering the Special Stage that there are **no coming cars** and **push again the button on the GPS** system to inform that you have restarted.
- I remind you that it is **forbidden to run** the stage in **the opposite direction**, also for short distances.
- Should you have caused **damages** to third properties (like guardrails, fences, trees, etc.) when going off the road, I recommend you to **cooperate and call the Rally Control** as soon as possible so that all necessary procedures can be initiated. To indemnify the persons who have suffered a damage in an accurate and quick way also serves to ensure the future of our sport; your assistance can be great also in this.

Tracking System Power Supply

The tracking system displays the power supply status in real time. Any power **interruptions must be immediately reported** (and/or will be immediately communicated to you) and must be **resolved at the first service park**.
To temporarily fix the malfunction before service, **backup batteries will be provided if necessary**. These must be installed and used in accordance with the **manual published** on the official notice board of the event.

Use of rear mirrors

Pay constant attention to the rear mirrors: according to sporting rules, it is forbidden to block the passage of a car that in a stage is catching up at a higher speed of a car in front. Common sense should also serve in understanding that there is no point in impeding a competitor who has already gained a minute on us.

Deceleration Area

Please be reminded that physical deceleration zones will be established between the Flying Finish and the Stop Control of each Special Stage. These deceleration zones will be implemented using plastic cones, the position of which is indicated in the Road Book and will be marked on the ground during reconnaissance.

Behavior in Service Parks

Service Parks are areas in which each mechanic of the Team is charged to intervene, in the little time available, on the car of his crew. Therefore, pay the utmost attention when driving inside a service park. You have to drive at a reduced speed, without performing any dangerous manoeuvre whatsoever.

Behavior on an open road

We are guest on the territory and roads on which the rally is run. We have therefore to respect those who allow us to use their own roads to run the stages by always keeping a correct behavior in the road sections on open roads. I therefore ask you to respect the traffic laws, not to perform dangerous manoeuvres for normal road users and not to zig-zag in order to warm the tyres. Controls will be carried out by the Police and Rally Officials. Any infringement will be referred and sanctioned, not in order to punish because of the “pleasure of punishing” but, once more, to guarantee a future to this sport.
Race insurance doesn’t take into account damages between competitors and is covering cars only in the route described on the road book.

Protective clothing and extinguishing systems

Target checks will be carried out to ensure the use of protective clothing and that the extinguishing systems are full and operational. The following is my personal opinion: the use of these items is to ensure your own safety, these are checks that should not be carried out by the Rally Officials but by yourselves.
Fire extinguishing system must be always armed when the crew is in the car.
Two manual fire extinguishers are compulsory; in case of fire you can give to other crews one of your manual extinguishers to help them. This extinguisher must be replaced at the following service park.

Safety Belts

Over the years we have all learned that accidents are part of our sport. Statistics say that some damages to the spinal column can be avoided or reduced if the pelvic safety belts are correctly tightened. It is the habit of many to leave them slightly loose and then stretch and tighten the whole by means of the thoracic belts. If at a first sight this may appear sufficient, in reality loose pelvic belts make our body, without us realizing it, “jam” on the seat after a few metres of special stage: in case of a shock, the energy will run out on the vertebrae in a totally different manner, and much more dangerously, as compared to the way it would with the body correctly supported by the seat. I therefore ask you to check and correctly adjust the tightening of all belts, not only the thoracic ones.

Finish Ceremony and Parc Fermè

After checking at Time Control 8A (Sanremo – Holding Area IN – Rally End), follow the instructions of the marshals to reach the final podium, where the Finish Ceremony will take place. After the ceremony, following the Road Book, you will have to immediately bring your car into the Parc Ferme located in front of the old railway station.

I thank you for your attention. I once more ask you to strictly respect the rules and follow the instructions received for your own sake and for the one of other competitors, in the interest of the Sport that we all love. I remind you that I will be at your disposal, together with the Competitors Relations Officers who are constantly in contact with me, to provide all clarifications or information you may need.

Simone Bettati
Clerk of the Course

