



# RSCC

## RALLY SPriNT COMPETITION RULES 2025



COVER DESIGN BY:  
CAYTI & CHRIS COSTELLO

Hello  
Costello

PHOTO BY: JESSE SMITH | @JESSES\_PHOTOS



**AMERICAN RALLY®**  
ASSOCIATION



**RallySprint Competition Rules**  
**American Rally Association**

2025 Edition

ARA reserves the right, upon written application, to grant specific, limited exemptions to these regulations where it can be shown that the exemption is in the best interests of the sport or in the interest of safe conduct of the sport. Granted exemptions shall be communicated in writing by the ARA President or, in the case of an ARA National Championship event, the ARA President or the Competition Director and be included in the event's Supplementary Regulations or posted on the event's Official Notice Board.

**Note: The following regulations are meant to be a supplement to the Rally Competition Rules. They are amendments or additions to the RCR.**

## **1. COMPETITION RULES FOR RALLYSPRINT RALLIES**

These rules are the RallySprint Competition Regulations (defined in the GCR 2) for RallySprint Rallies. The Rally Competition Rules generally apply to RallySprints with the exceptions and variations noted in this document.

### **1.1 Competition Format**

In a RallySprint (generally referred to as a rally in these rules), a crew, consisting of driver and, optionally, a co-driver, follow a route that consists of some number of special stages, where the elapsed time for the crew to traverse the stage is recorded. These may be connected by transits, service stops and control areas.

### **1.2 Instructions**

All instructions given to competitors that define the route shall be in writing.

The locations of all service stops and refuel points must be in the route instructions.

#### **1.2.1 Stage Reconnaissance**

- a) There is no limit on reconnaissance (recce) passes and there is no prohibition 90 days prior to an event.
- b) Use of competition vehicles is allowed for recce.

### **1.3 Special Stages**

The starting interval for the all competitors will be one minute or at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

#### **1.3.4 Maximum Stage Length**

The maximum stage length on ARA RallySprints is 5 miles and the minimum length is 1.5 miles unless a sanction exception is granted.

### **1.5 Service Stops**

Service stops must be at least 20 minutes long and must be located not more than 25 miles apart. Within the 25 miles, no more than 20 miles may be special stage.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY OF CREW**

### **2.1 Crew**

#### **2.1.3 Restricted Driver**

Restricted Drivers are not required to use a vehicle conforming to the restricted Driver Requirements as detailed in RTR 3.7.

#### **2.1.5 Multiple Drivers**

At the discretion of the event, multiple drivers may share a vehicle. The event supplementary regulations will include a provision if it is to be allowed.

### **2.2 Documentation**

c) If the event uses open public roads for transits:

- 1) Vehicle registration for the competition vehicle and any service vehicle;
- 2) Third party liability insurance covering both the competition vehicle at the minimum levels of \$100,000/\$200,000/\$50,000.

#### **2.4.3 ARA Safety Protocol Test**

Not required for RallySprint participants.

### **2.6 Car Numbers**

#### **2.6.1 Assigned Car Numbers**

Crews may compete with a competition number reserved for ARA Rallies.

#### **2.6.5 Car Numbers**

If the crew doesn't have an assigned car number, they may request a car number to be used for the event. These car numbers will be approved by the organizer.

### **3.1 Route Book**

If the event includes transits, all organizers are to provide printed and bound route books with instructions presented as follows:

## **6. ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE**

### **6.3 Restart after Retirement**

Any crew that has failed to complete a section or leg can restart from the start of the next section only if they confirm their intention to do so in writing to the Clerk of the Course before the scheduled start of the next Leg. This written notice will include the reason for retirement (e.g., accident, technical problem, etc.) and state their willingness to have the competition vehicle scrutineered again before restarting.

This shall not apply where the crew or their competition vehicle has been excluded for breach of eligibility requirements, traffic infringement, or by decision of the stewards.

Any crew that has retired from a Section within the last Leg of the rally will not be classified.

## **9.1 Starting Order**

### **9.1.1 Speed Factor List**

The ARA shall maintain an ARA speed factor list. The ARA speed factor list will reflect each driver's speed factors for the previous 24 months.

### **9.1.2 Determining Starting Order**

- a) In determining the starting order, organizers will use the driver's ARA speed factor.
- b) Competitors without ARA speed factors shall be assigned a temporary ARA speed factor by the Clerk of the Course, at his discretion, to reflect their demonstrated speed in previous stage events using any available event speed factors, previous event results and/or information supplied per RCR 9.1.5.
- c) The ARA or Clerk of the Course may adjust a competitors' speed factor based on a change of class or relevant information.