



# Introduction

Thank you for assisting Bournemouth & District Car Club with the running of this event, your support is appreciated. Marshals are a key part of any rally team; the event would not run without you.

Your job is to keep others safe on the stage, whilst always maintaining your own personal safety. Safety at the event, and especially out on live stages, is our main concern. More experienced marshals will be used in the appropriate places with buddying arrangements for new or less experienced marshals. Experienced marshals may be asked to buddy up with new marshals as part of their training.

Although BDCC have built up a good rapport with the MOD over the last 10 years, we run this rally under strict rules and conditions. We will be scrutinised by representatives from the MOD, so please help us to keep this excellent venue available for rallying in the future by obeying the below instructions, the MOD briefing notes in the safety plan and any other written or verbal instructions issued by the organisers and act in a safe and responsible manner at all times.

**The Marshals Briefing will take place opposite Knife Edge at Marshal Signing On.**

Please ensure that you have completed and signed on by this time, otherwise you will not be covered by the Motorsport UK Insurance for the event.

**RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND FOLLOW THIS LINK:**

<https://www.rallies.info/res.php?e=624>

**Please come dressed appropriately for the good old British weather and bring waterproofs, suncream and plenty of water!**

## ARRIVING AT YOUR POST:

When you signed on, the chief marshal will have given you a short briefing about the post you have been allocated to. Please use the stage maps within the safety plan to navigate to your post and be sure to park a safe distance away from the stage.

When you arrive at your post, please ensure you and your team all familiarise yourselves with the content of the safety plan provided and establish/note the following:

- The nearest radio car
- The nearest reg flag location
- Who to contact in case of an emergency
- The safety guidelines set out in the

If you are unclear about any of the detail within the safety plan, please contact the nearest Radio/Control or chief marshal directly.

You should ensure that you know where the nearest radio car is to your location, where the nearest yellow flag is to your location, who to contact in the event if you have concerns regarding any safety issues arising on stage (by radio or mobile phone)

**Chief Marshal – Aaron Booth 07974 557245**  
**Safety Officer – Nigel Winkworth 07751 492392**

## SAFETY CARS:

Prior to the first competitive vehicle on each pair of stages there will be a number of official and safety cars traversing the stages. There is a full Official/Safety Car and Event schedule in the safety plan. Please note that none of safety cars will not be using a siren or PA due to local noise issues. The stages remain live until the sweeper/closing car closes each pair of stages.

If you are a red flag location, please display the red flag clearly for the safety cars to see on each run through.

Please use FIA specified gestures to communicate to the safety cars. If you are satisfied with the safety at your location, use the 'ALL OK' gesture. If you have any problems, use the 'STOP I need support' gesture. The two gestures are shown below.

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#### IF AN INCIDENT HAPPENS:

You should remember the following:

- Stay calm and assess the situation – your own safety is the first priority
- Ensure spectators are kept back – where there are several marshals, ensure that some remain to control spectators
- When an incident happens, a marshal's primary responsibility is to act as a look out to allow another person to assess the needs of the competitor
- If the incident has created a blockage or partial blockage and there are sufficient marshals on the stage, an additional marshal should go further up the stage to warn approaching cars
- If the incident involves assisting competitors ensure that you have a lookout, that you are in a safe position, that the SOS/OK board carried by all competitors is being shown and ensure that someone takes and displays the warning triangle approximately 100 metres down the stage. The SOS board should be shown at the vehicle itself if a competitor needs assistance
- Report circumstances as quickly as possible to radio crew if nearby or stop the next competing car and ask them to report:
  - Car number
  - Whether blocking stage
  - Any medical assistance required
  - Any other relevant information
- Replace any damaged stage furniture and ensure stage is kept clear of spectators.

#### SPECTATORS:

The venue is closed to spectators. There is only one viewing area for the use of service crews and official guests. The rest of the venue will have no spectators.

If you feel any individual is standing in an unsafe position, you should be polite but firm with them and raise your concerns.

#### RED FLAG PROCEDURE:

The Red Flag procedure is detailed within your safety plan, please familiarise yourselves with it to ensure you can deploy the flag correctly if assigned to a Red Flag location and understand the impact on the running of the stage. You must only deploy a red flag on instruction from Radio Control. It should not be used as they are used at circuit races. Please do not attempt to stop cars unless specifically instructed to do so.

If you have been assigned to a Red Flag location, please do not deploy the red flag you may carry as part of your rally equipment.

#### RED FLAGS

A red flag system will be in operation on the event. **The red flags will be issued by the organisers and placed at Mandatory Radio Points – no other red flags are to be used.** The decision will be taken by the Stage Commander or Clerk of the Course and communicated to radio locations. Any marshal displaying a flag must wear a tabard and hold the flag stationary without waving it. Competitive cars, on seeing the flag, are required to slow down to a non-competitive speed as a rescue vehicle may be on stage.

#### DEALING WITH AN INCIDENT:

Within the safety plan you will find an Operations Manual and Incident Plan; please ensure you read these documents and understand the role you are expected to fulfil and how the event will be run and managed.

#### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please comply with the following points to ensure that you have a safe day's motor sport.

- Please always wear high visibility tabards when on stage  
*Bovington is a maze of trees and training grounds. It can be difficult for the event officials to ensure marshals are at their post. Please help us to identify you as a marshal by always wearing your tabard and ensuring you are ready at your posts 45 minutes before the stage is due to start.*

*If you do not have your own, please let the Chief Marshal know and one will be provided to you for the duration of the event.*

- Please ensure you are parked safely, a minimum of 30m from the live stage where practicable  
*This is a Motorsport UK requirement that the Stewards will be checking for. Please be aware of stage changes to ensure you remain parked in a safe place even when the stage changes around you.*
- Do not move from the junction that you have been allocated at sign-on, unless instructed  
*We allocate you to specific junctions for safety purposes, please do not wander.*

- At the end of the event, do not leave your post until the closing car has passed you and do not cut rally route on your way out
  - Wait until given the message to stand down.
  - If driving on the stage, always drive in the direction the competing cars took and not the wrong direction (WD) back down the stage

*We have had dangerous instances of marshals emerging in front of the closing car due to them cutting route, for obvious reasons this is unacceptable. Please leave the venue through the Marshal Gate following stage direction.*

#### STAGE FURNITURE:

Maintain stage furniture as much as you can. If you consider it not to be safe to do so leave it and inform sector commander / radio. If you do decide and it is safe to rebuild, make sure someone is guarding you, use whistles and shout. Remember the cars will be running at 30 second intervals, less when lapping. Never underestimate the speed of an oncoming vehicle and the control the competitor has over the vehicle at that time. Never turn your back, keep your eyes peeled and do not take the blasé attitude that you are safe.

#### LEAVING THE VENUE AFTER THE EVENT:

The organisers would be very grateful if you could assist with the de-rigging at the end of the event. If possible, please break down your junction into a single pile of equipment and collect the red tape, do not wrap it around the stakes.

It is important to us that you enjoy a good day's motorsport, and we hope to see you back at Bovington at future events.

If you have any general questions during the event, please contact the Event Coordinator on 07496026345.

The Organising Team  
The Bovington Stages 2025