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1.0 Addition Art. 12.15 Chicanes (Physical and Virtual)

A combination of physical and virtual chicanes will be utilised on this event. All chicanes will be installed at the locations detailed in the Road Book and will be marked on the road prior to reconnaissance.

Physical Chicanes

The approach to physical chicanes will be indicated by a chicane warning board positioned 300 metres prior to the first element, followed by countdown boards at 200 metres and 100 metres.

Virtual Chicanes

The approach to virtual chicanes will be indicated by yellow "VC" countdown boards positioned at 300 metres, 200 metres, and 100 metres prior to the start of the Virtual Chicane Zone.

Each Virtual Chicane Zone will commence at a red "VC Start" board and be extended for a distance of 75 metres. They will terminate at a beige "End of Control" board

Within the defined Virtual Chicane Zone, competitors must achieve a target speed of **20 mph** at any point within the zone. Competitors may begin decelerating prior to entering the zone; however, the required speed must be recorded within its limits.

Penalties

Failure to comply with the required speed within a Virtual Chicane Zone will result in the following time penalties being applied:

- 1st offence: 30 seconds
- 2nd offence: 60 seconds
- Subsequent offences: 120 seconds

All penalties will be added to the competitor's stage time and will be notified to the crew by the Clerk of the Course.

Further details regarding the layout and operation of Virtual Chicanes are provided in the attached document.

The virtual chicane box behaves just like a forward facing speed camera in that it detects a car, monitors its speed and makes a decision based on that speed. The detection range is around 150m.

The main screen when viewed from 300m away will be blank, as soon as the unit detects a vehicle the screen will flash alternate orange squares, the colour will be orange and flashing and contain the words SLOW and DOWN, the orange colour is a warning colour and the flashing is to assist people who are colour blind as a flashing screen means SLOW DOWN even if you cannot determine the colour.

This flashing will continue until the vehicle slows down to less than the required speed (20mph) at which point the screen will change to say “Speed OK, GO” on a green background, like this:

If the vehicle does not slow down to less than the required speed (20mph) the display will keep flashing the orange panels until the vehicle leaves the detection zone.

A named Judge of Fact will be present at the VC with a suitable checksheet to write down, time, car number and whether the green light came on or not! The marshal check sheet when used alongside the data packet from the VC unit and the tracking data from the car provide 3 separate items of information to support the application of a penalty. A police calibrated ‘speed gun’ may also be present at these locations to give further clarification on the lowest speed achieved and to serve as a back up to the main unit.

2.0 Addition Art. 3.2 Programme During the Rally Week

Thursday 6 August		
19:30 – 21:00	Opening Ceremony	Rally HQ, Ballymena Showgrounds

An opening ceremony will be held on Thursday evening, to allow FIA European Historic Rally Championship competitors an opportunity to showcase their cars and drivers.

Following your scheduled scrutineering time, you are required to proceed to the centre arena of Ballymena Showgrounds, for a EHRC Rally Line Up and meet the drivers session.

3.0 Update Art. 2.7 Senior Officials

Spectator Safety Officer Aaron Mitchell

Wayne Turkington
Clerk of the Course

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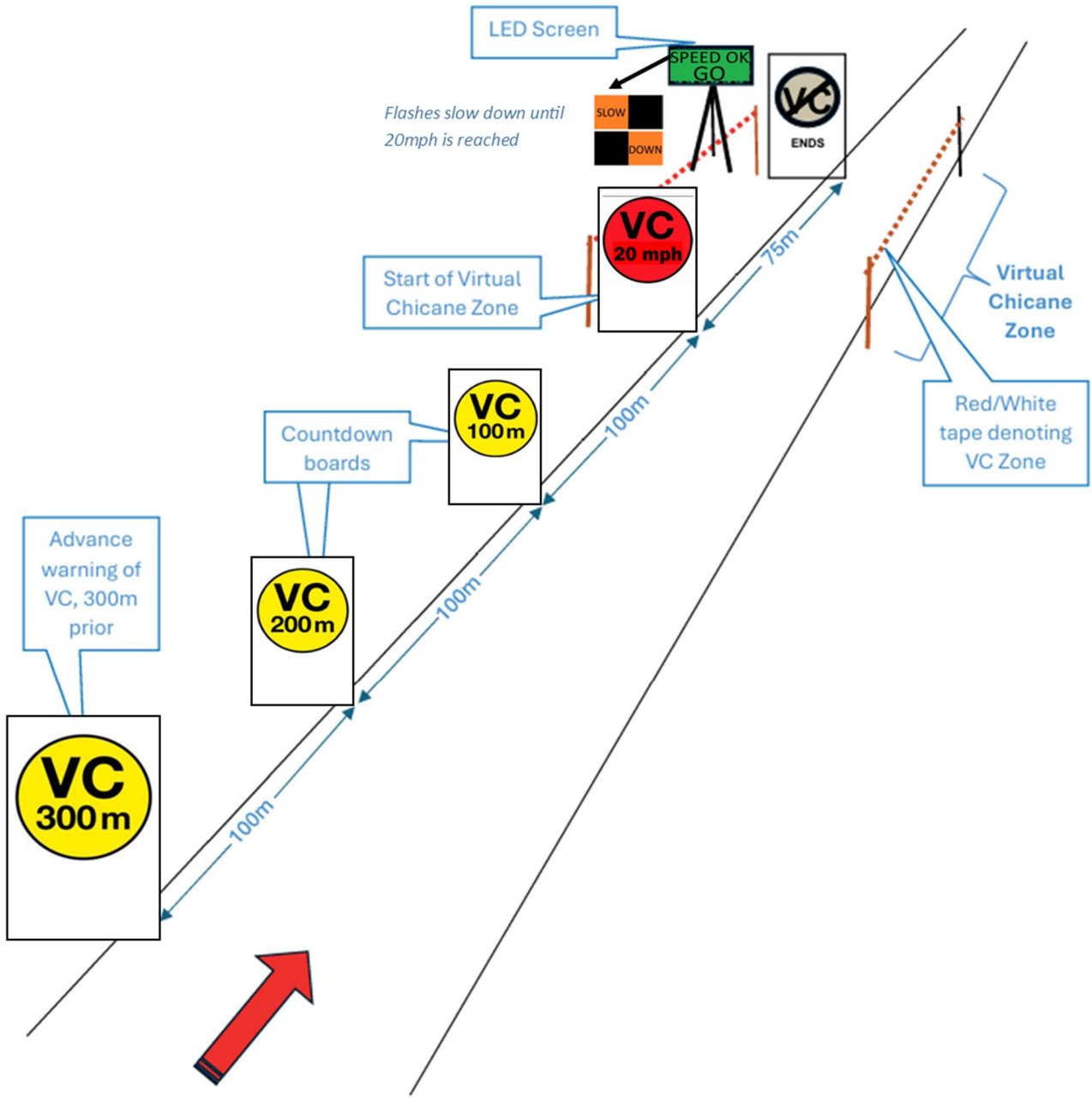
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