

2026 Otago Rally

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN

This Bulletin is issued under the provisions of the MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code Article 18 in confirmation that the following amendments, notices or points of clarification have been authorised to the text of the Supplementary Regulations issued for the above-named Event. It is recommended that in addition to retaining a copy of this Bulletin all parties modify the text of the Regulations according to the following:

Item 1. Article 2.7 – Supplementary Regulations Part Two

2. ORGANISATION
2.7 Senior Officials
(...)

Add:

Assistant Clerk of the Course
(...)

Mr Mike Hosken

Judge of Fact (Speed in Neutral Zones)

Mr Norman Oakley

Mr Graham Buchanan

Ms Abbey Sims

Reason: *To appoint an additional Clerk of the Course, and Judges of Fact for speed in Neutral Zones, as explained in Item 2 below.*

Item 2. Article 12 – Supplementary Regulations Part Two

12. OTHER PROCEDURES
(...)

Add:

12.15 Neutral Zones

There are two Neutral Zones (abbreviation: 'NZ'). The first is in SS4 (Corkscrew) and the second is in SS12 (Burma Road).

The purpose of these Neutral Zones is to limit the speed of competitors over a section of road to mitigate against road and/or property damage.

The locations of the Neutral Zones are clearly marked in the Road Book, however they are marked as 'RSZ' as the Road Book was published before the terminology for this type of speed restriction was corrected to Neutral Zone ('NZ'). The amended Road Book Pages 19 and 70 included on Pages 5 and 6 of this Bulletin for competitors to correct their Road Books.

Competitors must not exceed 60 kilometres per hour (km/h) between the signs 'Speed Monitoring Start' and 'Speed Monitoring End' (the penalty zone).

Competitors must not stop anywhere in the Neutral Zone.

Exceeding 60km/h speed in the Neutral Zone penalty zone may be penalised as follows:

- Exceeding maximum speed (60km/h): Additional 15 seconds added to Special Stage time.
- Stopping in the Neutral Zone: Additional 5 minutes added to Special Stage time or the actual time stopped, whichever is the greater.

Time is neutralised in the Neutral Zones and there is NO advantage to be gained by going at excess speed.

The speed of all competitors in the Neutral Zones will be monitored by RallySafe, and the Judges of Fact will determine if any breach has occurred.

Further information has been included on Pages 3 and 4 of this Bulletin – please ensure both Driver and Co-Driver understand Neutral Zones before commencing Reconnaissance.

Reason: *To communicate that Neutral Zones will be used in this event, explain how the Neutral Zones work in alignment with current RallySafe operating procedures and terminology, and communicate penalties for breaches.*

This Bulletin is issued by the Clerk of the Course on behalf of the Organisers.



Norman Oakley
Clerk of the Course

This Bulletin is authorised by MotorSport New Zealand.

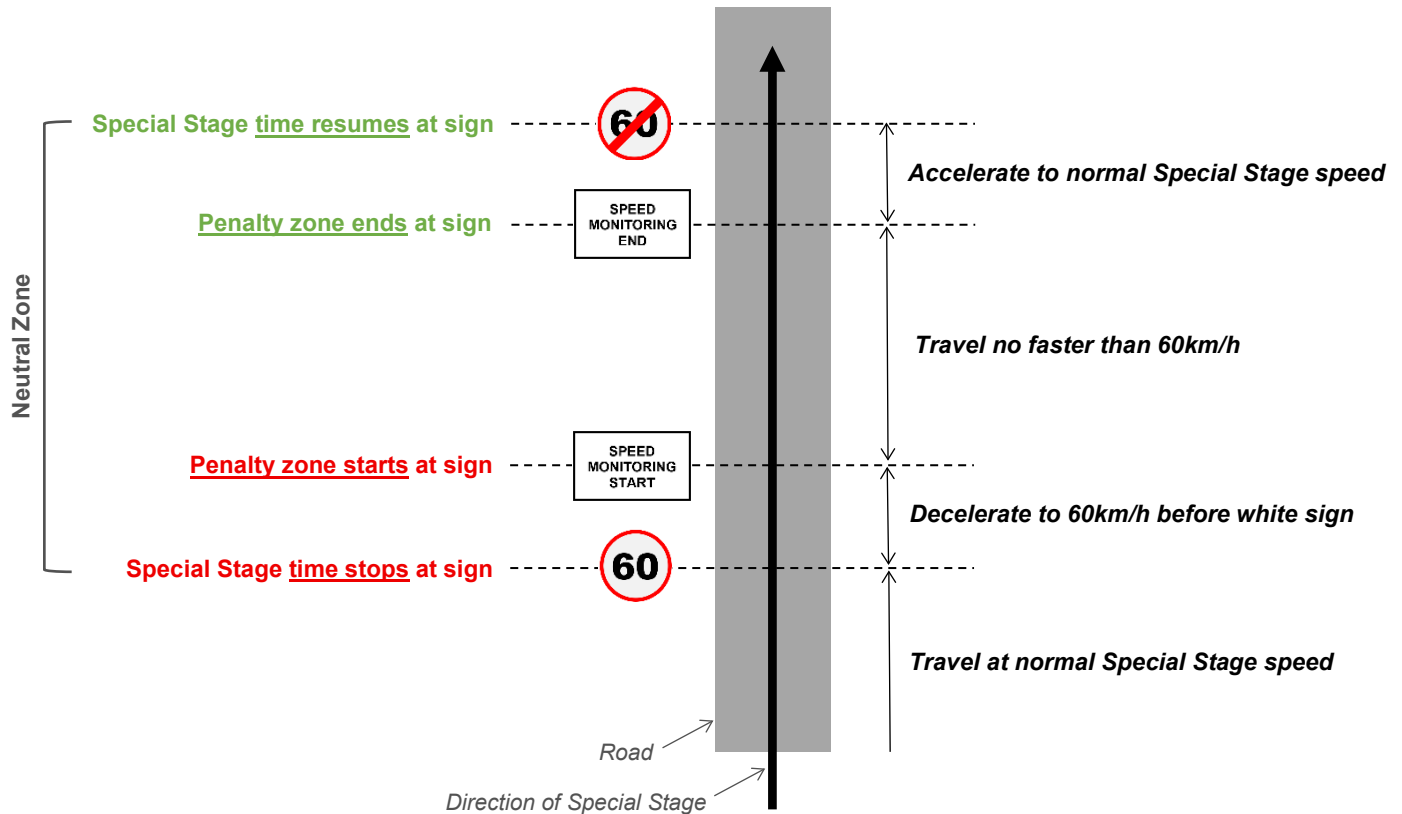


Katrina Renshaw
Sporting Manager

NEUTRAL ZONES AT 2026 RALLY OTAGO

NEUTRAL ZONE LAYOUT:

Though the below diagram depicts a straight road, in reality the Neutral Zone may not be a straight piece of road. The below diagram is not to scale – it simply represents the order of the Neutral Zone signs and what the signs represent.



APPROACHING:

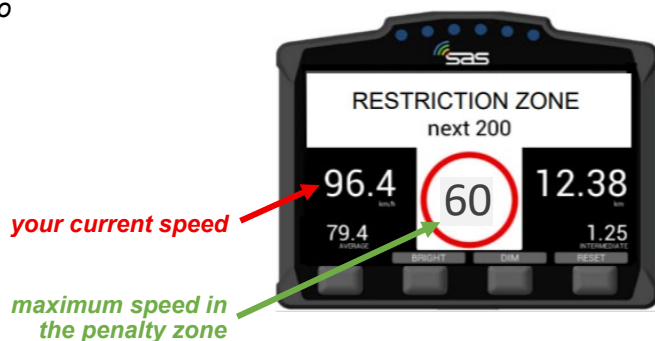
On approach to the Neutral Zones, all RallySafe units will display a yellow banner which will count down the metres to the start of the Neutral Zone (the 60km/h sign). As you pass this '60' sign your Special Stage time stops, and you must then decelerate to no faster than 60km/h before you enter the penalty zone which starts at the white 'Speed Monitoring Start' sign.

(example of the RallySafe Neutral Zone count down screen below – countdown distances etc. in these two RallySafe graphics are a generic example only)



DURING:

From the '60' sign at the start of the Neutral Zone through to the '60' at the end of the Neutral Zone, all RallySafe units will display a white banner with the maximum speed in the penalty zone displayed in the middle (see green arrow) (at this rally, the maximum speed in the Neutral Zone penalty zones is 60km/h), and your current speed displayed beside it (see red arrow). The RallySafe unit will count down the metres to the end of the Neutral Zone (the '60' sign).



NEUTRAL ZONES AT 2026 RALLY OTAGO (continued)

- There is a Neutral Zone in SS4 (Corkscrew) and in SS12 (Burma Road).
- Neutral Zones apply to all competitors.
- In the penalty zones you must not exceed 60 kilometres per hour.
- Exceeding 60km/h speed in the Neutral Zone penalty zone may be penalised as follows:
 - Exceeding maximum speed (60km/h): Additional 15 seconds added to Special Stage time.
 - Stopping in the Neutral Zone: Additional 5 minutes added to Special Stage time or the actual time stopped, whichever is the greater.
- All Neutral Zone signs are situated on the left-hand side of the road.
- All signs will be out before Reconnaissance commences and will remain in those same positions for the rally.
- The '60' and '~~60~~' signs are 500mm x 500mm in size and are on a white background with black text in a red circle.
- The '*Speed Monitoring Start*' and '*Speed Monitoring End*' signs are 400mm x 400mm in size and are on a white background with black text.
- Variations of this concept have been used in rallies across New Zealand in the past, called 'Restricted Speed Zones'. To align with current RallySafe procedures and terminology, these zones are now called 'Neutral Zones. In a Neutral Zone, your Special Stage time stops as you pass the '60' sign and starts again as you pass the '~~60~~' sign.

QUESTIONS:

- In the lead up to the event, questions can be directed to the MotorSport New Zealand Sporting Manager, Katrina Renshaw +64 27 289 8124.
- During the event, questions can be directed to the Competitor Relations Officers, Sue Baird +64 27 288 8430, Dave Remmerswaal +64 21 168 6038, or Steve Cattermole +64 27 433 5271.

TC 4 CORKSCREW		DISTANCE:		LEG /ETAPE: 1	PAGE: 19
TC 5 TUAPEKA		20.84 Km		SECTION: 2	
SPECIAL STAGE: 4 16.57 Km <small>EPREUVE SPECIALE:</small> CORKSCREW		AVERAGE: MOYENNE: 50.0 Km/h		TIME ALLOWED: TEMPS IMPARTI: 25 MIN	
DISTANCE TOTAL	PART	DIRECTION		INFORMATION	DIST. TOT. REGRESS
7.82	0.87				13.02
8.42	0.60			FARM YARD CLEARING ON LEFT	12.42
12.82	4.40			N Z START START NEUTRAL ZONE. REDUCE SPEED IMMEDIATELY TO 60km/h <small>Orange S on fence post opp tree</small>	8.02
13.12	0.30			N Z END NEUTRAL ZONE ENDS. RETURN TO RALLY SPEED <small>Orange S on corner fence post RHS before cabbage tree</small>	7.72
15.37	2.25			!! SEALED BRIDGE TIGHTENING RIGHT AFTER BRIDGE RIVER ON LEFT OF ROAD FOR NEXT 1.66KM	5.47
16.57	1.20			 <small>STAKE @ GATE ON RHS S -46.012732 E 169.518122</small>	4.27

TC 12 BURMA ROAD		DISTANCE:		LEG /ETAPE: 2	PAGE: 70
TC 13 FALLA BURN		26.52 Km		SECTION: 6	
SPECIAL STAGE: 12 23.37 Km EPREUVE SPECIALE: BURMA ROAD		AVERAGE: 53.0 Km/h MOYENNE:		TIME ALLOWED: 30 MIN TEMPS IMPARTI:	
DISTANCE TOTAL	DISTANCE PART	DIRECTION		INFORMATION	
0.00	0.13 0.00			<p>START SPECIAL STAGE 12 SANDERS RD</p> <p>Stake on LHS on road sign S -46.064828 E 169.805801</p>	
1.64	1.64			<p>ELANOR ESPLANADE</p>	
4.48	2.84			<p>BROW BEFORE CORNER</p> <p>Mt Stuart Rd X X</p> <p>Orange S on fence post opp tree</p>	
6.28	1.80			<p>100m Seal before Intersection</p> <p>Hillend Rd X</p>	
9.23	2.95			<p>N Z START START NEUTRAL ZONE. REDUCE SPEED IMMEDIATELY TO 60km/h</p> <p>on fence post opp first tree on right</p>	
9.78	0.55 4.62			<p>N Z END NEUTRAL ZONE ENDS. RETURN TO RALLY SPEED</p> <p>on fence post next to water tank, opp tree on right</p>	