

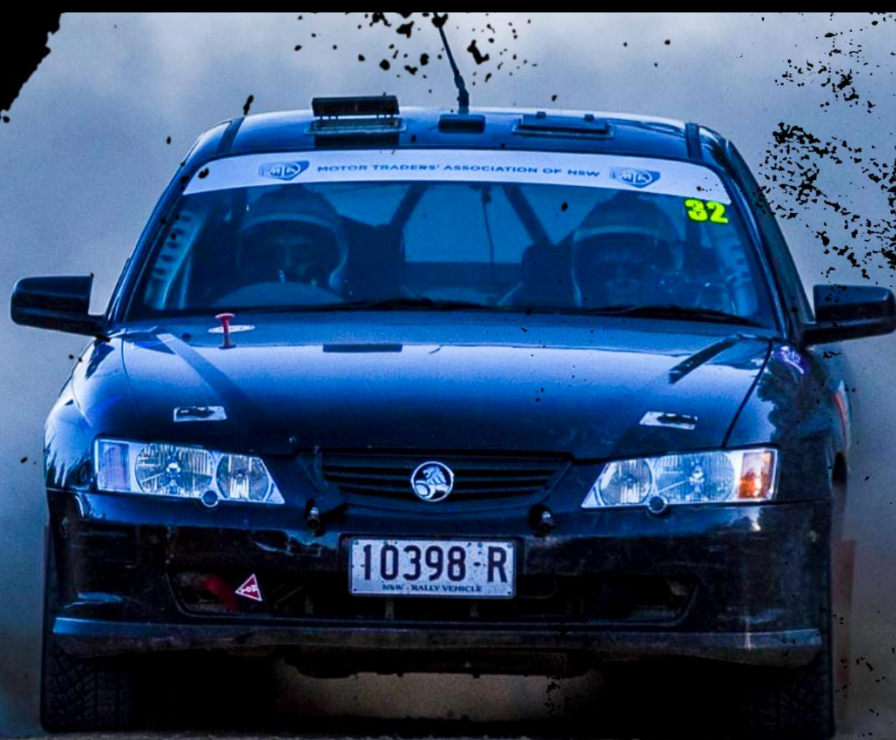
LAZER

RALLY OF THE BAY



25TH JULY 2026

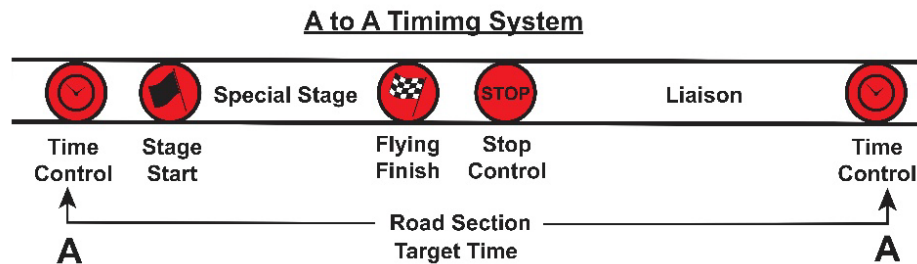
SPECIAL STAGES, TIME
CONTROLS, TIME CARD USE FOR
BEGINNERS



Special stage rallies take a little bit of knowledge regarding Time Control procedures and how to complete your Time Card to ensure you don't fall foul of penalties for inadvertently getting something wrong. Carefully read through the following and hopefully it will give you enough information to feel confident to start the world of rallying.

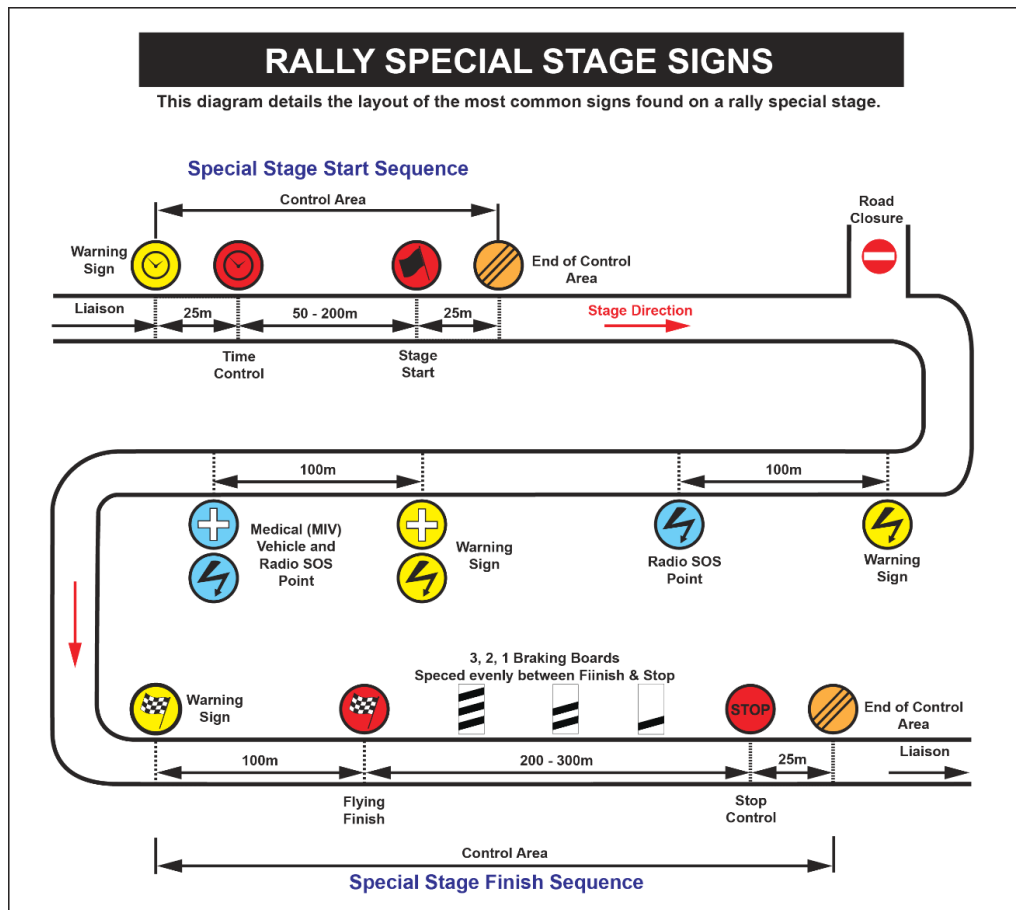
ROAD SECTIONS, SPECIAL STAGES AND LIAISON FORMAT

The Lazer Rally of the Bay will be using a system of timing and Control procedures known as A to A Timing. The Target Time is the time allowed to complete a Road Section (Special Stage and following Liaison Stage) from one Time Control to the next Time Control, beyond which Late Time accrues.



Target Times will be discussed later when we go through the actual Time Card instructions.

The following diagram specifically shows the Special Stage component shown above in more detail. For regular competitors, this is where you attempt to complete the Special Stage in the shortest time and as safely as possible. For RD Cup Regularity competitors, you need to cover the course as close as possible to your Target Elapsed Time/Target Average Speed.



TIME CONTROL SIGNS AND THEIR MEANING

The various signs that appear on the stage are colour coded. A yellow sign indicates you are approaching a Control Point or other specific location such as a Radio SOS Point. Red signs indicate timing points used to record your respective times. Blue signs indicate the location of assistance personnel in cases of emergency.



This sign is the **Time Control Boundary** sign and is a warning that you are approaching the Time Control, which is typically around 25 metres further on. You should not pass this sign until you have confirmed your Due Time at this Time Control. If you pass this sign too early you will be penalised for early arrival. You can pass this sign during the minute before your Due Time.



This is the **Time Control**. Once you enter this area, your Time Card should not be handed to the Control Official until your Due Time has elapsed. Once the Time Card is handed over, your Arrival Time, Provisional Start Time and Actual Start Time are recorded on your Time Card and the Official's Control Card. You are given 3 minutes in this zone where you need to complete your control procedures, move to the Start and be ready to start the Special Stage.



This is the **Start of the Special Stage** and you should place the car before this sign but not past it. All apparel and helmets should be correctly fitted and seat belts fastened ready to start the stage. When your Start Time is approaching, your RallySafe display will change to a countdown timer and display a Green GO sign and then you can go. This will typically be two minutes after the preceding car. Do not cross the Start before your Actual Start Time otherwise there will be a penalty.



This is the **End of Control** sign and also signifies the end of the “No Wheel Spin Zone” at Time Controls. It also signifies the End of Control at a Stop Control.



This sign indicates the **Special Stage Pre-Flying Finish** and the Flying Finish is approximately 100m away. **KEEP GOING!** You **MUST NOT STOP** between this sign and the Stop Control.



This is the **Flying Finish** and the point where your elapsed time for the Special Stage is recorded. Once you cross this line you must start slowing down and prepare to stop at the Stop Control which will be between 100 and 300 metres further along.



This is where you will come to a complete **Stop**. When you stop, you will be able to display your Finish Time and Time Taken on your RallySafe unit which can then be recorded on your Time Card. For regular competitors this will be to the tenth of a second. For RD Cup Regularity competitors, this will be to the elapsed whole seconds.

TIME CARDS AND TIME CONTROL PROCEDURES

This is a sample first page of a Time Card that would be used for the rally from **Time Control 0 (TC0)** at the Service Park. All times are examples and you should substitute your actual times on the day.

LAZER RALLY OF THE BAY		Car No.	2nd August 2025	Time Card 1	RALLY NSW
TC 0	Liaison 1	DUE START TC0	LATE/EARLY TC0	COMPETITOR USE	
		ACTUAL START	TARGET TIME	DUE TIME	
TC 1			ARRIVAL - TC1	TC1	
TC 1	SS1	FINISH TIME		COMPETITOR USE	
	33.80 km	PROVISIONAL START	TARGET TIME	DUE TIME	
TC 2		ACTUAL START	ARRIVAL - TC2	TC2	
TC 2	SS2	FINISH TIME		COMPETITOR USE	
	23.41 km	PROVISIONAL START	TARGET TIME	DUE TIME	
TC 3		ACTUAL START	ARRIVAL - TC3	TC3	
TC 3	SS3	FINISH TIME		COMPETITOR USE	
	10.00 km	PROVISIONAL START	TARGET TIME	DUE TIME	
TC 4		ACTUAL START	ARRIVAL - TC4	TC4	

You **MUST** take note of the Start List that will be published **as per the Supplementary Regulations** on the day of the Rally. This will show your scheduled Start Time. You will need to report to the Technical Zone **no later than 10 minutes prior** to your scheduled Start Time from TC0. This is to inspect your RallySafe unit and ensure it is correctly fitted and operational. You will need to exit the car during this process. Be at TC0 no later than 3 minutes before your scheduled Start Time to have your Time Card processed ready to start at your scheduled Start Time.

Step 1

The Time Control Official at TC0 will write your Due Start and Actual Start Times on your Time Card. In this example, it will be 8:45. As the competitor, you only write in the yellow section of the card. The Time Control Official will also write this time on their Control Card and you will need to confirm the times match by initialling their Control Card.

LAZER RALLY OF THE BAY		Car No.	2nd August 2025	Time Card 1	RALLY NSW
TC 0	Liaison 1	DUE START TC0	LATE/EARLY TC0	COMPETITOR USE	
		ACTUAL START	TARGET TIME	DUE TIME	
TC 1			ARRIVAL - TC1	TC1	

Step 2

Once you get your Time Card back you should add your Target Time, in this example 20 minutes, to your Actual Start Time to determine your Due Time at Time Control 1 (TC1) which in this example will be 09:05a.

LAZER RALLY OF THE BAY		Car No.	2nd August 2025	Time Card 1	RALLY NSW
TC 0	Liaison 1	DUE START TC0		LATE/EARLY TC0	
		H M 08 45	H M	COMPETITOR USE	
TC 1		ACTUAL START		TARGET TIME	
		H M 08 45	H M 00 20	DUE TIME 09 05	
		ARRIVAL - TC1		TC1	

Step 3

Drive to Time Control 1 (TC1) by following the instructions in the roadbook and make sure you stick to the respective speed limits.

Step 4

At Time Control 1 (TC1), stop before the Time Control Boundary sign and check the current time versus your Due Time. You may enter the Time Control Zone up to 1 minute before your Due Time. In this example, you may enter at 09:04:00a. When the current time ticks over to 09:05:00a you may then hand your Time Card over to the Control Official. DO NOT HAND THE CARD OVER ANY EARLIER THAN 09:05:00a OR LATER THAN 09:05:59a AS YOU WILL BE RECORDED AS BEING EARLY OR LATE RESPECTIVELY. You do not need to exit the vehicle to hand your Time Card to the Official. If they are not with you at your Due Time, attract their attention to indicate you wish to Check In.

Step 5

The Time Control Official will record your Arrival Time on your Time Card and their Control Card and you will need to confirm the times match by initialling their Control Card.

LAZER RALLY OF THE BAY		Car No.	2nd August 2025	Time Card 1	RALLY NSW
TC 0	Liaison 1	DUE START TC0		LATE/EARLY TC0	
		H M 08 45	H M	COMPETITOR USE	
TC 1		ACTUAL START		TARGET TIME	
		H M 08 45	H M 00 20	DUE TIME 09 05	
		ARRIVAL - TC1		TC1	

Step 6

This may or may not be the same Time Control Official that carried out Step 5. The Time Control Official will now record your Provisional Start Time and the Actual Start Time on your Time Card and their Control Card and you will need to confirm the times match by initialling their Control Card. The Provisional Start Time will be your Due Time at this Time Control **plus 3 minutes**. Your Actual Start Time may be different to your Provisional Start if previous competitors were delayed or there has been an incident on the stage. You need to immediately move to the Start Line in a ready to rally condition as the 3 minutes allowed can go quite quickly.

TC 1	SS1	FINISH TIME				COMPETITOR USE	
	33.80 km		H	M	S	1/10th	
TC 2		PROVISNL START	ACTUAL START		TARGET TIME		DUE TIME
		H M 09 08	H M 09 08	H M 00 55		H M 	
			TIME TAKEN		ARRIVAL - TC 2		
			M	S	1/10th		

Step 7

Once you get your Time Card back you should add your Target Time, in this example 55 minutes, to your Actual Start Time to determine your Due Time at Time Control 2 (TC2) which in this example will be 10:03a.

TC 1	SS1	FINISH TIME				COMPETITOR USE	
	33.80 km		H	M	S	1/10th	
TC 2		PROVISNL START	ACTUAL START		TARGET TIME		DUE TIME
		H M 09 08	H M 09 08	H M 00 55		H M 10 03	
			TIME TAKEN		ARRIVAL - TC 2		
			M	S	1/10th		

Step 8

When your Start Time is approaching, your RallySafe display will change to a countdown timer and display a Green GO sign and then you can go. This will typically be two minutes after the preceding car. Do not cross the Start before your Actual Start Time otherwise there will be a penalty.

Regular competitors will travel across the stage as quickly and as safely as possible to achieve their stage time.

RD Cup Regularity competitors will travel across the stage at an average speed that is as close as possible to the target speed indicated on your Regularity Tracking Card. It should also be noted that RD Cup Regularity competitors **must not exceed 110km/h** at any time on the stage.

Step 8

Once you cross the Flying Finish line you must start slowing down and prepare to **stop** at the Stop Control which will be between 100 and 300 metres further along. When you stop, you will be able to display your Finish Time and Time Taken on your RallySafe unit which can then be recorded on your Time Card. For this example, let's assume the finish time was 09:32:11.6. RD Cup Regularity competitors would also transfer this Finish Time to their Regularity Tracking Card ignoring the tenths of a second.

TC 1	SS1	FINISH TIME				COMPETITOR USE	
	33.80 km		H	M	S	1/10th	
			09	32	11	6	
	PROVISNL START						
TC 2			H	M	ACTUAL START		
			09	08			
			M	S	1/10th		
			24	11	6		
			TIME TAKEN				
			TARGET TIME		DUE TIME		
			H	M	00	55	H M
					10	03	TC 2
			ARRIVAL - TC 2				

Step 9

Drive to Time Control 2 (TC2) by following the instructions in the roadbook and make sure you stick to the respective speed limits. Then repeat steps 4 to 8 for each of the respective following stages.

There will be Service Breaks and Regroups but these will be similar to repeating Steps 1 to 3. The Service Park Time Control Officials will be able to assist if you have any confusion.

The Remote Service stops must also be carried out during the Target Time allowed between the preceding and following time controls so do be mindful of that.

ENJOY THE EVENT!!

