

BANNERING TIPS

There are many roads and trails that intersect our competitive rally stage roads. Anyone who might come out of these points must be warned of the dangers of rally cars at speed. Bannering provides that warning.

Every established access to a competitive stage must be considered - every road, ATV trail, hiking trail, equestrian trail, driveway, power line cut, and field or pasture access. Exceptions are:

- Spectator areas, which are bannered by the spectator crew.
- A camping area, trail or clearing that is not deep enough to hide a person or vehicle from the course setup crews.
- Areas exempted by a note in the worker route book.
- An access point that is closed by a fence and **locked** gate. However these must be examined carefully as fences have been cut to allow access, in which case the opening must be bannered.

Yellow caution tape is to be stretched across all other openings. The tape is tied to a tree, fence post or sign post on each side of the opening, and the green warning flyer is attached at the center of the opening.

The warning flyer must be stapled **through the tape** to keep it from being blown to the end of the tape.

If an opening is likely to be used before race day, one end is left untied, and the tape bundle is weighted with sticks or rocks. A short piece of tape is tied to the other anchor point so it's quickly recognized by the stage setup crew.

The tape must be tied with a secure knot; a half hitch will not hold in the wind. A square knot is best, but a granny knot will hold if pulled tight.

If a thumb pokes a hole through the tape it will break easily at that point.

The run of tape should be kept shorter than forty feet. For a wider opening use an intermediate anchor point such as a wooden stake. A long run can sag and be broken by the wind.

When bannering a closed but unlocked gate the tape need not stretch the entire length of the gate as long as it and the flyer are readily visible **from both sides** of the gate.

Keep in mind that the area behind the tape is generally considered to be safe, so when bannering on the outside of a turn or where a driver could lose control place the tape farther from the road than normal.