Competitor Guidance

Limited Contact Rally Timekeeping

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Introduction

To protect timekeepers, officials and competitors it has been necessary to change the way timing and results are operated on events. Instead of handing over your time cards at each control it will be necessary for the crew to fill in their own paperwork. This is for your own record. The actual results will be calculated from the times automatically transmitted from the clocks or the check sheets.

Aims

- Reduce interaction between timekeepers and competitors
- Reduce the number of timekeeper marshals required.
- Reduce contact between the results team and competitors.

Touchpoints

The current method of rally timekeeping relies on a marshal filling in the competitor time card at each control. This means that each time card will pass through a minimum of 7 different people by the time it gets back to the results office, which would be a perfect route for any virus to spread.

The following is a walkthrough of each control:

MTC / ATC

A large time of day display will show a running clock as you arrive.

The marshal will stop the clock and enter your vehicle number **ONLY** when your reach the red control board and indicate this is the time required, or if you require the next minute.

If you are unable to reach the board because of a queue, stay in your vehicle, it will be dealt with once you get to the board. The marshal will not be able to wander down the line of waiting cars because the equipment is not easily moved.

The display will freeze and show just HH:MM:00

If this is not the time required by you because of some holdup on the stage, discuss with the marshal who can make an adjustment.

Write this time on your Competitor Record Card.

If you arrive early, you will receive a penalty, this is none negotiable.

Your provisional start time can be calculated by adding 3 minutes to your arrival time.
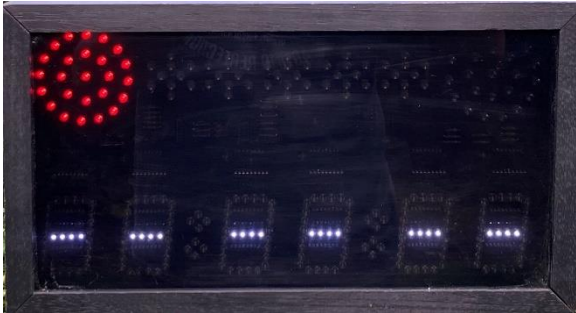
Start

The Stage start will have a time display as well as traffic light indicators. This may be a single unit or two separate displays.

As you approach the start the display will show your start time. Quickly write this on your time card.

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Initially the display will show dashes and a red light

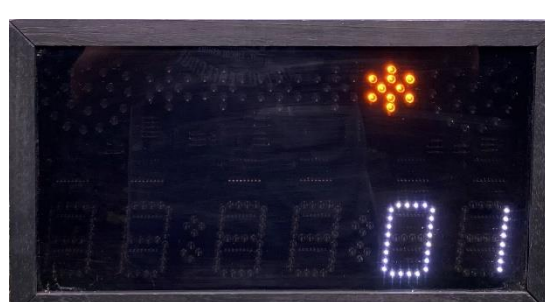The start time for the next car will be shown as soon as the vehicle number is entered.

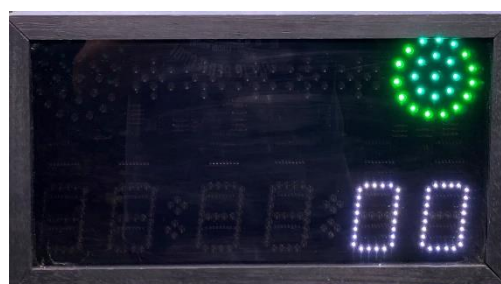Every few seconds a countdown will be shown instead of the start time

At 10s the amber lights will come on

Red goes out with 5seconds left and the last 5 seconds counted down on the amber leds.

The green light comes on and is the signal to GO and timing will start irrespective of if the co-driver has actually finished with the paperwork.

Flying Finish

Well done, you completed the stage and can reduce your speed to arrive at the red STOP board

Stop Line

A display similar to the above will be used at the stop line to show your car number and the time you passed the flying finish

If it is not your car number shown, wait for the marshals' instructions before writing down the time.

Write the time down quickly and move away from the stop to allow for the next competitor arriving.

NOTE

As Trackrod Rally Yorkshire is running to 1/10 seconds the display will ONLY show HH:MM:SS

Re-Group Controls.

The Re-group IN Control procedure will be identical to the MTC/ATC, i.e.

*The marshal will stop the clock and enter your vehicle number **ONLY** when you reach the red control board and indicate this is the time required, or if you require the next minute.*

However, they will also inform you of the time to check into the Re-Group OUT Control. You MUST record this time and then join the queue for the Re-Group OUT Control.

The Re-group OUT Control procedure will be identical to the MTC/ATC with the competitor reporting and requesting the time as allocated at the Re-group IN Control.

Passage Control

As you approach the Passage Control, please display your Competitor Record Card on the navigator's side window so that the marshal can note the Arrival Time, Start and Finish times on the check sheet for the stage you have just completed.

Queries.

There are Competitor Liaison Officers (CLOs) who will follow up your query for you. Use WhatsApp (CLO numbers will be stated in a bulletin) to raise your query or Upload your query – instructions are in the Road

Book. You can use your Competitor Record or the Query Sheet in the in the Road Book – whatever you use please ensure you include :-

Car Number

Your Phone Number

Your Name

Details of the query

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