

Rathfriland Motor Club Ltd
RACE & RALLY BISHOPSCOURT STAGES
MARSHAL INFORMATION

Thank you very much for agreeing to marshal at this event. Marshals are a key part of the rally team and the rally wouldn't run without you. Your job is to keep yourself and others safe on the stage.

Safety at the event, and especially out on the live stages, is our main concern. More experienced marshals will be used in the appropriate places with buddying arrangements in place for new and less experienced marshals. Experienced marshals may be asked to buddy up with new marshals as part of their training.

There will be a Marshals briefing at the Control Tower at 08:30. It will be held in the open air and socially distanced!

To ensure you are covered by Motorsport UK insurance and to gain admittance to the venue, you are required to sign-on on-line before you arrive at Bishopscourt.

Don't forget; Appropriate clothing, food and drink as you may be on duty for several hours outdoors.

There will be a lunch break after Special Stage 3 starting at approximately 12:45hrs. Please be back at your post and ready no more than one hour later (provisionally 13:45). Times will be confirmed at the Briefing.

Finish time (last car) will be confirmed at the briefings. We expect it will be no later than 17:00 hrs.

REPORTING TO YOUR STAGE

Please make sure you are at your designated position 30 mins. before the first car is due to start which is **09:30 hrs.**

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MARSHAL TABARD AT ALL TIMES WHILST OUT ON STAGE AND UNTIL THE STAGE IS CLOSED.

If you don't have one, please flag that up to one of the Club Officials. It is also good practice to bring a whistle for use on stage. You should ensure that you know –

- Where the nearest radio car is to your location; Where the nearest red flag is to your location;
- Who to contact in the event of any concerns you have about safety issues arising on stage (radio or mobile))
- KEY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:
 - Chief Marshal; HARRY COULTER (07503 592968)
 - Rally control. (07825 066941 NOTE: this is a new number)

OUT ON STAGE

A number of safety cars may pass through the stage prior to the 0 car and first competing car. These cars are:

- Clerk of the Course, Spectator Control, Safety Officer, Motorsport UK Steward.

ATTENTION: Cars will start the Special Stages at 30 second intervals, additionally with the lapping system being used cars will use some parts of the Special Stage twice per run.

Marshals are the means of controlling safety on a stage and will often be in the front line if an incident happens.

- Ensure spectators stay in designated spectator viewing areas (yellow/black tape) at your location or otherwise in safe locations – preferably several metres back from the stage at all times;
- Take control and move spectators where you want them to be as they start arriving – BE POLITE BUT FIRM. Use peer pressure from other spectators if someone refuses to move;
- Be aware of the arrangements for media access;
- Do not take photographs or film or share any information on social media whilst marshalling
- stay alert at all times;
- If there is a delay to the stage or a temporary halt, keep spectators informed about what's happening – they will be less likely to move;
- Keep everyone off the live stage - use a whistle to alert about approaching cars.
- Always ensure that spectators are in a safe place and kept back from the edge of the stage – preferably several metres back.

NO-ONE IS ALLOWED TO STAND IN PROHIBITED AREAS AT ANY TIME – SPECTATORS, MARSHALS OR MEDIA.

This will be shown by red & white tape and includes the outside of bends. However, be aware that rally cars can leave the stage at any point and be alert at all times.

COMMUNICATION

Communication on this rally is by means of a radio network operating through a central controller. Please make sure you know where the nearest radio operator is. Rally Control can be contacted on **07825 066941**.

RED FLAGS

A red flag system will be in operation on the event. Red flags may only be displayed at a radio location following a decision taken by the stage commander or clerk of the course. Any marshal displaying a flag must wear a tabard and hold the flag stationary without waving it.

Competitive cars, on seeing the flag, are required to slow down to a non-competitive speed as a rescue vehicle may be on stage. Timing is automatically suspended when a red flag is displayed.

IF AN INCIDENT HAPPENS

You should remember the following:

- Stay calm and assess the situation – your own safety is the first priority;
- Ensure spectators are kept back – where there are several marshals, ensure that some remain to control spectators;
- When an incident happens, a marshal's primary responsibility is to act as a look out in order to allow another person to assess the needs of the competitor;
- Approach the rally car to see if the crew give the "thumbs up" but do not enter the car unless there is a risk to life.
- If the incident has created a blockage or partial blockage and there are sufficient marshals on the stage, an additional marshal should go further up the stage to warn approaching cars;
- If the incident involves assisting competitors ensure that you have a lookout, that you are in a safe position, that the SOS/OK board carried by all competitors is being shown and ensure that someone takes and displays the warning triangle approximately 100 metres down the stage. The SOS boards should be shown at the vehicle itself if a competitor needs medical assistance;
- Report circumstances as quickly as possible to radio crew if nearby or stop the next competing car and ask them to report:
 - Car number;
 - Whether blocking stage;
 - Any medical assistance required; Any other relevant information.
 - Replace any damaged stage furniture and ensure stage is kept clear of spectators.

AT THE END OF THE STAGE

- Wait until given the message to stand down;
- If you can, dismantle stage furniture and leave at the end of the stage.

Thank you very much for marshalling and enjoy the event!

Paul Conlon, Clerk of the Course

Harry Coulter, Chief Marshal