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Introduction

In a special stage rally, a crew, consisting of driver and co-driver, follow a route that consists of some number of special stages, where the elapsed time for the crew to traverse the stage is recorded. These are connected by transit sections, service stops, and control areas. The Rally is sanctioned by American Rally Association (ARA), insured by United States Auto Club (USAC), and conducted in accordance with the ARA's General Competition Rules (GCR), Rally Competition Rules (RCR), Rally Technical Rules (RTR), and Rally Supplementary Regulations (Supps).

Approximately 75 teams will compete in this event, supported by approximately 150 volunteers.

Painted Pony Promotions, LLC (AKA Olympus Rally Committee), and American Rally Association, are wholly responsible for the content and implementation of this plan.

Net Control Location:
Bruceport Park

Primary Repeater: Net Control "RED": 145.250, negative offset, -600KHz, Tone:
146.2

Backup Net Simplex: 147.50
Rally Chat Simplex: 147.52

Stage Primary: 146.54
Alternate A Stage: 146.42
Alternate B Stage: 147.44
Alternate C Stage: 147.48

Rally Headquarters Location:
Willapa Boatlaunch parking lot

Stages and transits will be within:
Pacific County, WA

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Officials

Chairman - Overall supervisor of the event. Manages the organizing committee and serves as the primary contact person for the event. Functions as the Public Information Officer (PIO) in case of an incident.

Clerk of the Course - Manages the course, selects special stages, develops the competition schedule, produces event maps, and manages event operations.

Chief of Controls - Manages volunteers and their required equipment.

Chief of Emergency Services - Drafts the safety plan, manages all rally resources during an active emergency. Works with Net Control to contact and coordinate with local non-rally resources. Manages, recruits, approves, and trains sweep volunteers and medically trained volunteers.

Chief of Communications - Manages radio communications including Net Control. Assigns frequencies, secures repeater access, recruits, trains, assigns, and supports Licensed Amateur Radio Operators (HAMs).

Stage Captains - Responsible for the operation of their assigned stage(s). Manages the volunteers assigned to their team, prepares the stage for competition, places marshals, banner tape, arrows, signs, timing equipment, etc.

Marshals - Control access to the stage road, operate timing equipment at starts and finishes.

Chief of Service - Organizes the service area, and assigns teams areas. Manages MTC, regroup, and re-fueling area.

Chief Scrutineer - Manages inspections of competition vehicles pre-event and during event operations, including tech zones and post event impound.

Registrar - Maintains a list of competitors, crews, and their emergency contact and medical information.

Steward - Represents the sanctioning body during the rally, ensuring the event is run safely, the competition is fair, and the rules are followed.

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Commented [TC4R3]: Updated

3) Safety Teams

3.1) Course Opening Team

Course Opening Team vehicles will drive each stage road to ensure it is ready for competition. Each should be staffed by a driver and co-driver, expert in all aspects of rally, high speed driving, course and control zone marking, and timing. Car numbers "0" through "000" will be displayed on the sides. Specific roles are outlined in Section 6 below.

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3.2) Sweep - "E-Crew"

3.2.1) Start Sweep

One or two Sweep trucks will be at the start of each active stage, 1 hour before First Car Out time. The Sweep trucks shall be positioned as near as practical to Stage Start, with an unobstructed path to the stage road, and a clear sight line to Start Control. Numbers "S88" through "S99", and "e-crew" will be displayed on the sides. Each will be staffed by a driver who is a licensed ham radio operator, and possibly a separate co-driver. In case of a serious incident, the stage will be stopped by the stage captain with consultation with officials via Net Control, and sweep and the ambulance will be dispatched.

Commented [JN7]: The co-driver may be optional, but each must have a radio operator. The driver can be the radio operator.

Commented [TC8R7]: In our case the driver is always licensed, I've added text.

3.2.2) Heavy Sweep

This event does not use Heavy Sweep.

Commented [JN9]: See your chain of command. Stage Captain must communicate with the CoC and/or Chief of EMS prior to stopping the stage. The Stage Captain does NOT have authority to stop starting cars without such communication.

Commented [TC10R9]: Updated text

Commented [JN11]: The refers to dispatching the ambulance but not the "Start Sweep". Please edit.

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3.2.3) Safety Sweep

A sweep truck will be designated to follow the entire route directly after the last competitor through the entire route, including transits, and passing through all control points. Safety Sweep will be staffed by a driver highly experienced in sweep operations, and an experienced co-driver.

Commented [JN13R11]: Please clarify that the sweep being sent is start sweep and not the safety sweep.

Commented [JN14]: This seems completely unsatisfactory to smooth stage operations, particularly since you are repeating stages. What is your plan to clear cars to repeat the stage?

Commented [TC15R14]: We don't designate a Heavy Sweep but our sweeps are all capable of clearing the stage.

3.2.4) Qualifications for Sweep

The Chief of Emergency Services and Sweep Captain will evaluate personnel qualifications on a case-by-case basis. The Sweep volunteers will use 4WD/AWD trucks, capable of safely completing the stages maintained in excellent mechanical condition, and will be expert using the following equipment:

Recovery Equipment

- recovery strap
- tow straps
- winch (optional)
- air compressor
- HAM radio
- chain saw
- battery sawzall
- fire extinguishers
- pry bar
- spill kit
- tool kit
- spares for vehicle
- shovel
- jumper cables
- tire plug kit

3.2.5) Qualifications for Medics

All medical personnel, "Medics", volunteering for the Rally should be trained and experienced as any of the following:

- Paramedic
- Emergency Medical Technician (basic, intermediate, or advanced)
- PA, RN, LPN, or MD.

The Chief of Emergency Services and EMT Coordinator will evaluate these and other qualifications on a case-by-case basis.

Medical Equipment

- Backboard (long or short / KED)
- Cervical collars
- Compresses and bandages
- Stethoscope
- Blood pressure cuff
- CPR Mask or Bag Valve Mask
- Oral airways
- Oxygen and delivery devices
- Splints
- Flashlight
- Hot packs
- Sterile water
- Band-Aids
- Non-latex gloves

3.3) Standby Ambulance

An ALS ambulance will be placed on standby during the event. It will be staffed by at least one EMT or Paramedic, and licensed to operate in the jurisdiction(s) where the rally is held.

3.3.1) Location

The ambulance will be centrally located near the start of the stage.

3.3.2) Communication

Primary communication with the ambulance will be by Ham Radio on Net Control frequency. The ambulance will respond at the request of the Chief of EMS or Net Control, based on the initial evaluations performed at the scene of any medical emergency.

3.3.3) Availability

If the ambulance responds to a medical emergency, The rally will be delayed until it is back in service, or replaced.

4) Chain of Command

In the event of an emergency, especially involving injury, danger to the Land-Owners property (such as fire), danger to the public, the Chief of Emergency Services will have authority to direct all rally resources as needed.

4.1) Normal Operations

Clerk of the Course
Chief of Controls
Chief of Emergency Services
Chief of Communications - Stage Captains - Stewards

4.2) Emergency Operations

Chief of Emergency Services
Clerk of the Course
Chief of Controls
Chief of Communications - Stage Captains - Stewards

5) General Safety Procedures

The GPS coordinates and addresses of starts, finishes, mid-stage access points, landing zones, etc. will be available. It will be distributed to Net Control, local emergency service agencies, and Sweep.

5.1) Notice to Local Authorities

The Fire Chief of each Fire District where a Special Stage or Service will be located will be contacted. An introduction to Rally in general and our safety program specifically will be provided. Available resources such as ALS/BLS units, brush rigs, extrication services, landing zones, etc. will be evaluated. They will be provided with a copy of the schedule, a map showing the roads used for Special Stages, a copy of the HAM plan, a copy of this safety plan, and a telephone number for Net Control during the event.

In addition, notice will be given by email to local law enforcement, and road departments. Personal contact will be made with any private residences affected by the rally to secure their cooperation/permission as needed. The competition portion of the event takes place entirely on private land.

5.2) Communication (Radio)

Organizers, volunteers, Course Opening Teams, and Sweep Teams will communicate primarily using HAM radios on VHF/UHF frequencies. A detailed frequency plan will be published by the Chief of Communications. Each stage will use a dedicated frequency for communications relating to that stage. Net Control will operate a separate dedicated frequency used for communicating general rally information, and for emergencies.

Net Control is a central location where experienced volunteers will use radios, cell phones, and computers to facilitate communication between organizers, Stage Captains, Course Opening Teams, and Sweep Teams. During an emergency, Net Control will request assistance from local resources by calling 911.

Before a stage is declared hot, the following locations will have confirmed radio contact with Net Control:

- Stage Start, "Start Hams"
- Stage Finish, "Finish Hams"
- Critical junction points and radio relays, "Mid-Point Hams"
- Spectator Locations, "Spectator Hams"

The following positions will have access to the communications network:

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| • Chief of Communications | • Chairman |
| • Chief of Emergency Services | • Clerk of the Course |
| • Course Opening Team | • Service Captain |
| • ARA Competition Director | • Chief of Controls |
| • Sweep Team (E-Crew) | • Steward |

5.3) Competitors

Chief Scrutineer will ensure that each competitor and rally car complies with the safety requirements of ARA's RCR and RTR. At the start of each stage, Start Control Marshals and/or Sweep Teams will ensure that competitors' safety harnesses, head-and-neck restraints, and helmets are properly fastened, and that fire suppression systems are armed.

5.3.1) Refueling

Refueling area(s) will be designated and operated in accordance with ARA's RCR. Competitors will provide and man a fire extinguisher during their refueling operations.

5.4) Volunteers

Stage volunteers are briefed in rally procedures by their assigned stage captain, including personal safety while operating start or finish controls, and controlling stage access points.

Volunteers rendezvous with their assigned Stage Captain and are escorted to their assigned position and are accounted for at the close of each stage.

5.5) Media

Media personnel will be accredited by ARA and will comply with the ARA Media Policy. Each must wear a numbered vest whenever they are near a stage road, and when they are in a vehicle transiting a stage road. Unrestricted media (blue vests) are permitted to work from any location that adheres to ARA policy on safety, while restricted media (red vests) are only allowed in specified locations listed in the event media information.

Course Opening, Marshals, Sweep, and other Rally Officials have authority to require media personnel to move if they are in an un-safe location. Unsafe behavior by media personnel may result in revocation of their credentials.

5.6) Environment

Rally cars and Sweep Team trucks will carry spill kits meeting the requirements of ARA RTR. Competitors and volunteers will work to prevent spills of fuel, oil, coolant, etc. If a spill is discovered, contaminated materials will be removed and bagged for disposal. The Landowner will be notified if a large spill occurs, or if a stream or pond is affected.

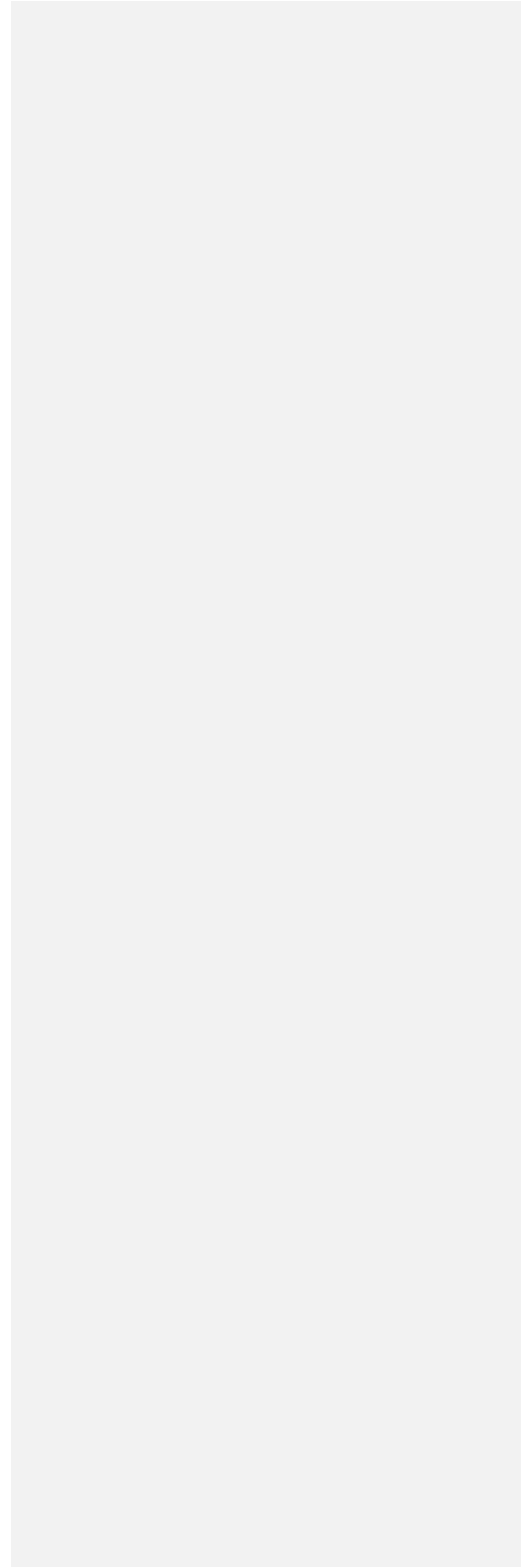
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Spectators

This is a "no spectator" event.



6) Stage Operation

6.1) Course Opening

ADVANCE - Performs stage control and marshal set-up with the stage captain, ensures blockages are staffed if required, all arrows, markers, and banner tape is properly installed.

Car 000 - Performs the first stage readiness check, ensuring banner tape is intact, and that marshals are in position and safely parked, approximately 60 minutes before 1st competition car.

Car 00 - Repeats the stage readiness check approximately 30 minutes after Car 000.

Car 0 - Performs the final check of stage readiness and is scheduled to complete its travel through the stage just prior to the start of the first competitor.

Any Marshals having concerns should wave down a Course Opening car for assistance resolving the situation. These vehicles will have HAM radios to communicate with Stage Captains and Net Control.

Upon completing the stage, Car 0 will notify the Stage Captain and Net Control that the stage is ready to run, Stage Captain will confirm to Net Control that the stage is ready to run. Net Control will consult with the Clerk of the Course if necessary, then declare the stage "Hot", confirm the first start time, and confirm how many cars are to be started with an extra minute gap ahead. Stage Captain will acknowledge the stage is "Hot" to Net Control, and announce the stage is "Hot" on stage frequency.

Commented [JN18]: this should read, "will notify the CoC via Net Control. The CoC will notify the Stage Captain, via Net Control, that the stage is hot as well as tell the Stage Captain what minute the first car may start at.

Commented [JN19R18]: This issue is still outstanding. It can be resolved by changing "or" to "and"

Commented [TC20R18]: Updated "or" to "and"

6.2) Competition

6.2.1) Stage Access

1 hour prior to First Car Out time, stage road will be closed to all non-rally traffic. Marshals will use their vehicles or other barriers to physically prevent access to the stage, except by express permission from the Clerk of Course. Any vehicle driving on stage after 000 has started will be in contact with the Course Opening team and should proceed in stage direction. No one will be permitted onto the stage road once Car 00 has passed. No one will be permitted onto the stage road once 000 has started without the express permission of both 0 car and Clerk of the Course. If any vehicles or persons intrude onto the stage after Car 0 passes, emergency procedures for Stage Intrusion as outlined in Section 7 will be implemented.

Vehicles that may enter the stage after the roads are closed include:

Chairperson
Chief of Controls
Clerk of the Course/Deputy Clerk of the Course
ARA Stewards
Safety Delegate
Chief of Medical
Spectator Coordinator
Cars 000, 00, and 0
Competitors
Safety Sweep
Heavy Sweep
Green Light

6.2.2) Car Tracking

Each car displays a unique car number permanent throughout the event, and will be tracked by ham radio. The car number of each rally car will be logged at Start and Finish, and by Mid-Point Ham(s). Using Stage Frequency, the Start Ham will transmit each car number to the Finish Ham as it starts. Finish Ham will acknowledge each transmission. The Finish Ham will transmit each car number to the Start Ham as it finishes. Start Ham will acknowledge each transmission. Safety Sweep, and Start Ham, will log and monitor car starts and finishes for Missing Competitors.

- If a car does not arrive at Finish in the expected order, or does not pass Mid-Point Ham(s) in the expected order, emergency procedures for Missing Competitor as outlined in Section 7.1 may be implemented.
- Mid-stage Ham's track cars out of order, and if a competitor is missing by 3 cars, they notify Stage Captain and finish begins asking competitors if they saw it and were OK.
- If several minutes pass at Finish with no cars arriving as expected, emergency procedures for Blocked Stage may be implemented.

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A sample list is:
Chairperson
Chief of Controls
Clerk of the Course/Deputy Clerk of the Course
ARA Stewards
Safety Delegate
Chief of Medical
Spectator Coordinator
Cars 000, 00, and 0
Competitors
Safety Sweep
Heavy Sweep
Green Light

Commented [TC22R21]: Updated

Commented [JN23]: Please indicate these are in section 7.

Commented [TC24R23]: Done

Commented [JN25]: This conflicts with the instructions in section 7.

Commented [JN26R25]: This is still inconsistent with section 7.

Commented [TC27R25]: Updated to reference Section 7.1.

- If a radio operator receives a report of a "SOS" displayed on stage, Clerk of Course and Chief of EMS will be notified, and CoC/Chief of EMS may declare an emergency for which emergency procedures for Medical Emergency on Stage will be implemented.

Safety Sweep will follow the final competitor through transits, pausing just long enough with any stopped competitor to ascertain their condition and intentions, communicating both to Net Control.

Commented [JN28]: I think you mean "an emergency"... sorry, pretty minor and picky

Commented [TC29R28]: Yes, changed "and" to "an".

Commented [JN30]: This must be reported to CoC / Chief of EMS via Net Control. ONLY these two will declare an emergency.

Commented [TC31R30]: Updated to clarify CoC/Chief of EMS will be notified and may declare an emergency.

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Sweep

Net Control and Safety Sweep will determine when the final competitor has left Start, Safety Sweep will not be delayed by a late competitor. As soon as practical, but not more than ~1 minutes after, Start Sweep(s) and Safety Sweep will drive the entire stage displaying flashing amber lights. If the stage is to be opened to normal traffic, the final Sweep vehicle will display a flashing green light.

When Sweep encounters a stopped competitor on stage, a brief assessment will be performed, and the condition of the crew and car relayed to Stage Captain and Net Control. Safety Sweep will continue, to maintain a minimal gap to the final competitor. If Safety Sweep passes a competitor the team will be retired and their timecard forfeit.

7) Emergency Procedures (SOS)

Each car acts as a safety net for the competitor just ahead, Safety Sweep acts as a safety net for the final car. An emergency will be declared by displaying an "SOS" sign. If the radio operator or any other marshal observes an SOS situation, they must determine if it really is an SOS. If the crew exits the car and is actively responding to the situation, then the radio first reports what they are observing. The operator or marshal should ask if the crew is OK. If there is a doubt whether the crew is OK, if the car is on fire, if the road is 100% unpassable with absolute certainty, or if there are civilians (cars or people) on stage, then the FIRST ACTION must be to STOP the next car so that the crews begin the SOS protocol. THEN call it in on the radio. KNOW and take action before keying the mic. If this is a marshal position, then send the 2nd car to arrive to the next radio position to report the incident.

The radio operator or marshal should use the following gestures to notify upcoming cars whether they should stop:



Commented [JN32]: You don't have a Green Light listed. I understand there are no spectators, but this vehicle indicates to volunteers they are free to leave. Lacking this protocol you risk volunteers not knowing when they are free to leave and entering the stage at an unsafe time or abandoning their vital post during competition. You may be handling this via the stage captain, but you need to explain as part of your safety plan.

Commented [TC33R32]: Green light is listed at the end of the first paragraph.

Commented [JN34R32]: Sorry, my mistake!

Commented [JN35]: You indicate you have no "Heavy Sweep" but these "Start Sweeps", once on stage BEHIND safety sweep are, effectively, Heavy Sweep.

Commented [TC36R35]: That is correct. It's possible we could change our processes and rename on of the sweeps as Heavy, this would eliminate at least two concerns within the document.

Commented [JN37R35]: If I read all this, and Olympus, and past olympus... I think you're all saying that "Start Sweep" that follows safety sweep does the job of heavy sweep. Right? If so then I'm ok with it as written here and on olympus.

Commented [JN38]: this needs to be rewritten. Safety Sweep is first. if they decide the car won't continue on its own, then they pull the card and continue. AT THAT POINT, the car is a DNF. The actions of the other Sweeps are irrelevant to competition as the car is already a DNF. The car may continue to the end of the stage under transit speed. It may rejoin as an NCE but RAR doesn't apply to a single leg rally such as Wild West.

Commented [TC39R38]: Updated to reflect that Safety Sweep passes then the competitor is out. No need to mention other sweeps at this point.

While implementing any emergency procedure:

- Cars should continue to start on schedule until until the stage start is directed to stop starting cars by the Clerk of Course via Net Control.
- If a delay between cars leaving start exceeds 20 minutes, the Stage Captain will coordinate with Net to cancel the stage.
- The Sweep Team or any others responding to an emergency will travel in course direction.

Commented [JN40]: Given your stage layout, it is highly unlikely that a course opening car is available to re-open the course and if you send Sweep, then you will no longer have sufficient staff to follow your safety plan. Further, you will only become further behind schedule by sending a course opening car. So, you should plan to just have the stragglers transit the stage.

Commented [TC41R40]: Agreed, and in practice this never happens. Updating.

7.1) Missing Competitor

If a car does not arrive at Finish in the expected order, Net Control will immediately be notified. Stop Control will ask each competitor for the location and condition of the missing car. It must be confirmed that the missing competitor has displayed the "OK" sign. After 3 cars pass stop control with no confirmation that the missing competitors are "OK", Chief of Emergency Services will be notified and emergency procedure for Medical Emergency on Stage may be implemented.

7.2) Medical Emergency on Stage

If a person is seriously injured on stage, or if a competitor fails to display the "OK" sign after a crash, or if a competitor displays a "SOS" sign, Net Control and Chief of Emergency Services will be immediately notified. Chief of EMS or Net Control may direct the Sweep team to proceed immediately from the start of the stage and the remaining cars at stage start will be held.

Upon arrival the Sweep team will:

- Assess the situation and determine if additional ambulance response is necessary.
- Provide an update/request for assistance to Net Control by radio.
- Provide basic first aid until the ambulance arrives.
- Assist/advise emergency responders regarding the rally car cage, racing seats, and head/neck restraints.
- Assist emergency responders with car stabilization and competitor extrication.

Chief of Emergency Services will provide supervision/guidance. Net Control will contact additional resources as requested, including contacting the appropriate County Dispatch Center to request EMS from the local Fire Department.

Location, car number, number of injured persons, type of injuries, and updated condition may be communicated by radio. Names, and unnecessary details will not be communicated by radio.

Transportation to a hospital will be coordinated through the local fire department, whether by Medic One, private ambulance, or helicopter. Sweep trucks may be used for emergency transport as a last resort.

7.3) Blocked Stage

If a radio point notes that no competitors have passed for an unusual period of time, Net Control will be notified. An unexplained delay of 3 to 5 minutes (based on a 1 minute start interval) indicates a problem on stage. Net Control may dispatch a single Sweep team to clear the stage and confirm by radio that it is safe to continue.

7.4) Stage Intrusion

If a marshal or radio operator manning a position on a "Hot" stage observes a vehicle or person (other than an accredited Media person on foot) on the stage road, the Start Ham, Stage Captain, Chief of Emergency Services, and Net Control will be immediately notified.

A car/truck on the stage road is especially serious and every effort will be made to warn on-coming competitors: midpoint radio positions will display a "SOS". The Start Crew will hold the competitors at Start until it is confirmed that the person/vehicle is secured in a safe location off the stage road. If there is any question whether the stage road is clear, or if it cannot be confirmed clear within 20 min, the Stage Captain will coordinate with Net Control to re-pace the stage road or cancel the stage.

7.5) Fire

If a car fire occurs, or if a brush fire is spotted, Net Control and Chief of Emergency Services will be notified. Net Control and Chief of Emergency Services will immediately coordinate assistance from the local Fire Department via 911, and the Landowner via the Fire Hotline. The Net Control will direct the Sweep team to proceed immediately from the start of the stage. Competitors and Marshals will remain at the fire as long as it is safe, using fire extinguishers and shovels to contain the fire until professional fire fighters arrive.