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DRIVERS BRIEFING

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Dear Participants,

I warmly welcome you to the 4. Rally ADAC Mittelrhein, the rally around the Eifel and Moselle regions. As in previous years, the drivers' briefing will be in written form. I will therefore outline the most important information about the event below.

If you have any questions about the points listed below, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time!

1) Tyre Warming Zone (TWZ)

TWZs allow teams to warm up their tyres in a secure environment immediately before the start of the respective special stage. For this reason, no tolerance will be granted if teams are reported by the police or parts of the organisation for obviously warming up their tyres on the access road to the special stage.

Although we were unable to set up a TWZ at every special stage this year (SS Gipperath), **any violation will be punished, even if no TWZ was set up at the special stage.**

2) Reconnaissance

To take part in the recce, you must install the 'RS Lite app' on a mobile device (e.g. smartphone). All participants are required to use the app during the recce. For further information, see Art. 8.3 of the supplementary regulations.

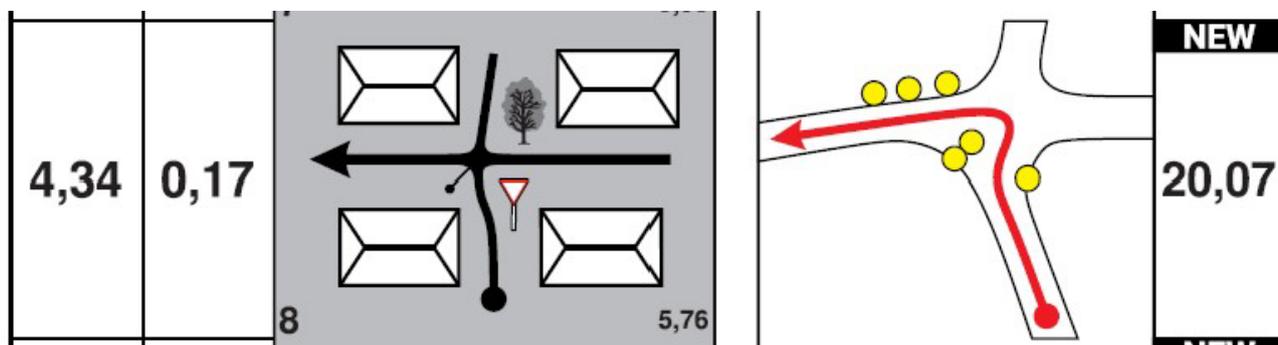
There is no start time for the recce. However, a sufficient amount of time is allocated for the recce of each special stage. This is defined in the published recce schedule for each special stage. The number of runs for each stage is limited to two per crew (a stage that is driven more than once is considered one stage; stage 1/5/9 and stage 2/6/10 Bergweiler are also considered one stage). Any violations will be reported to the stewards. Reconnaissance of the stages outside the specified times is not permitted.

During recce, a **maximum speed of 80 km/h** applies on all special stages, unless a lower speed is specified in the road book or by traffic signs. **In addition, agricultural vehicles are to be expected in the vineyards at all times.**

I would like to point out that the special stages are **not closed** at the time of recce.

For this reason, it is not possible for us to set up chicanes during recce. However, the position is already marked and indicated with pylons on each side, which define the exact position.

Similarly, the chicane of the road on the Gipperath special stage has not been set up. However, all straw bales are marked on the road and also indicated with a pylon so that their location is visible. I would ask all participants to take a look at page 130, box 8 of the road book (see also the image below). A sketch of the layout is shown here.



3) Compliance with traffic regulations

The Rally ADAC Mittelrhein can only take place if no special events occur during the event. Therefore, all teams are strongly requested to comply with the applicable traffic regulations in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulations (StVO) throughout the entire event.

In particular, please observe the speed limits in built-up areas, construction sites and on the access and exit roads to the service park, and refrain from repeatedly driving in the opposite lane (zig-zagging) and warming up the brakes by repeatedly braking and accelerating (see point 1).

The police has already announced that they will maintain the same strong presence as in previous years to carry out checks and will permanently monitor the liaison roads with unmarked patrol cars from recce onwards and throughout the entire event!

In addition, this year the organiser himself will carry out speed checks and checks on driving behaviour in public areas (see Bulletin No. 1 Art. 2.7).

Similar agreements to those made last year were reached with the police regarding the handling of incidents and irregularities. Therefore, reports submitted by the police or the judges of fact will be punished accordingly.

4) **Shakedown**

We have decided to offer a shakedown again this year. It is now located much closer to the service park, which makes logistics much easier for everyone involved.

However, I would like to point out that appropriate driving behaviour must be observed on the access road to the shakedown, which will be monitored by the organiser's staff. This applies in particular at the **golf course** and near the **riding stable**.

Further information on the shakedown can be found in the Rally Guide.

5) **Braking curves and chicanes**

For safety reasons, there will be a chicane at both the Trittenheim and Gipperath special stage. Judges of fact are stationed at each chicane to assess whether drivers are navigating it correctly in accordance with RyR Appendix V, and to document and report any violations.

As mentioned in point 2 above, these chicanes will not be set up during recce.

A similar procedure will be followed in case of unauthorised departure from the route and the associated passing of straw bales or beacons on the wrong side. This will be assessed as a departure from the specified route. **Any unauthorised advantage will be penalised in accordance with Rally Regulations.**

6) **Flag signals (RyR Art. 53.5)**

For the Rally ADAC Mittelrhein the FIA regulations apply. This means that marshals along the route are **not** equipped with yellow flags.

Red flags are used exclusively at main radio posts along the route and indicate to the team passing a red flag that the special stage has been neutralised and that the special stage will be continued at slow speed towards the finish.

Any team that sees the red flag will be given a fair time in accordance with RyR Art. 53.5.4 in conjunction with Art. 52.

Art. 53.3 (Use of signs and flags) in accordance with RyR remains unaffected by these regulations and must be observed. Violations will be reported immediately and punished accordingly.

7) **Stopping on a special stage and no help required (RyR Art. 53.3.3)**

If a rally car stops on a special stage for any reason (permanently or temporarily), the 'OK' button on the tracking system console must be activated within one minute (note: no touchscreen!), and the 'OK' sign must be made permanently visible to all following vehicles. In the event of a permanent stop: do not forget to set up a warning triangle (at least 50 m in front of the competition vehicle, on the side of the road where the vehicle is standing).

8) **Special stage Bergweiler**

The Bergweiler special stage will be run as it was last year in order to maintain its character as an attractive spectator stage. To this end, special stages Bergweiler 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 will start simultaneously at 30-second intervals. The procedure is as follows:

- Special stage Bergweiler 1 will start normally at the full minute.
- After completing WP Bergweiler 1, the start of WP Bergweiler 2 will follow immediately.

- The start of WP Bergweiler 2 will be staggered by 30 seconds. For the start time in accordance with Art. 44.3.5 RyR, only full minutes will be taken into account (Art. 11.9 of the supplementary regulations).
- This reduces the likelihood of colliding with slower participants, as a 30-second interval is guaranteed at the start.
- The start of Bergweiler 3 and 4 as well as 5 and 6 will be the same.

9) Service Park

As last year, the service park is located on an unpaved but compacted and gravel surface. The condition of the surface has been significantly improved since last year. Nevertheless, the surface still poses a risk of dust formation in hot weather and puddles in rainy weather. Please take this into account when planning your trip and arrival. The trailer parking area is signposted and is still located in the industrial park Föhren (airport). Please read and take into account the detailed notes in the Rally Guide!

10) Refuelling zone and procedures in the refuelling zone

I would like to refer to RyR Art. 61.2.7 at this point: 'The crew must remain outside the vehicle during refuelling.' This regulation, which was introduced for understandable reasons, is monitored accordingly by the organiser.

11) Equipment of the crew (RyR Art. 53.1)

As soon as and as long as the rally car is driving on a special stage (from the start to the STOP control), the crew must wear homologated protective helmets, fasten their seat belts properly and wear all the prescribed clothing and equipment in accordance with ISG Appendix L, Chapter III – Driver Equipment, as intended by the equipment manufacturer. If a violation is detected, it will be reported to the stewards.

12) STOP-Control (RyR Art. 49.2)

This year, no time entry will be made at the STOP checkpoint, only a hand sign will be made on the time card. The crew must therefore stop at the checkpoint marked with the red 'STOP sign'. Once the entry has been made on the time card, the crew can proceed their way.

13) Activation of fire extinguishing system or readiness of on-board extinguishing equipment

At the start of the rally (ZK 0), the fire extinguishing system must be activated or the pins of the on-board extinguishers must be pulled and remain activated or pulled throughout the entire event (Art. 253-7.2/7.3 Annex J ISG). If a violation is detected during random checks, it will be reported to the stewards.

Thank you for reading the Drivers Briefing and a great and successful rally!


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