



Bulletin 2026-10

Removal of RTR 2.2.4.d

7/31/2026

The following change to the ARA Rally Technical Rules is effective immediately.

~~2.2.4.d Lithium Batteries:~~

~~Effective August 1, 2026 lithium batteries must be equipped with a battery management system.~~

Rationale:

The ARA remains concerned about the safe installation and management of lithium batteries, but has found no reasonable method to evaluate the suitability of a given battery management system. All remaining aspects of RTR 2.2.4 apply to all batteries in a competition vehicle. This applies to the mounting and insulation “jump start” batteries that teams may elect to carry. Crews are warned to take particular caution with lithium batteries as they can pose significant fire hazard in case of impact or overheating.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB Niday', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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