



Bulletin 2026-6
GCR Rule Changes for 2026
1/22/2026

The following changes to the ARA General Competition Rules are effective immediately and in place in the published 2026 General Competition and Rally Completion Rulebooks.

2. Terminology

Team

A team consists of the Crew, Entrant, and Service Crew. A single member of the team may be designated as Team Manager or Crew Chief who may officially address an Organizer or Steward of the event on matters such as inquires, protests, and appeals.

Rationale: Teams is not currently a defined term, but is referenced in the regulations. It further defines a single team member who has some, but not all the rights of the competitor and driver.

Course Cars

Course cars include both course opening and course closing cars. These are official vehicles. Course opening includes, but not limited to Advance, 000, 00, and 0 which verify the course is safe for competition. Course closing include, but not limited to Safety Sweep, Sweep, Heavy Sweep, and Green Light. These follow the last competition car. Any cars behind the first course closing car are transiting the stage.

Rationale: These duties are used in various places in the rules and supplementary regulations but have not been defined.

5.14 Refers to a "Code of Conduct". The published Code of Conduct becomes effective upon publication. GCR 5.14 is unchanged.

6.4.c Management of the technical rule change process.

Rationale: Technical Director is responsible for technical rules only, not GCR or RCR.

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