



## RALLY REGULARITY REGULATIONS

### PREAMBLE

The purpose of Rally Regularity is to provide the opportunity for competitors to participate in Special Stage rallies in vehicles that do not necessarily comply with Schedules I or J of the Motorsport Australia Manual (the Manual), without the requirement to wear apparel above Level D, and Frontal Head Restraints (FHR), as listed in the Rally/Road table of Schedule D of the Manual. Additional controls and mitigation measures will be applied to address the variance from existing Motorsport Australia requirements.

It is the responsibility of the Event Organiser (the Organiser) and Competitors to ensure that these regulations are strictly adhered to. Every effort has been made to create a category that can be enjoyed by both new and existing rally Competitors, where the focus is on accuracy and navigation, without the need for excessive vehicle performance or preparation.

### 1. EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.1. Events shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements for closed road, access controlled Special Stage rallies, as per the Motorsport Australia National Rally Code (the Code).
- 1.2. Event Organisers shall set precise target times for competitive sections that do not exceed an average of 70km/h, and that do not exceed a maximum speed of 110 km/h. It will be up to the Organiser to regulate maximum speed using appropriate control methods (ie. passage controls, reduced speed zones etc.). These target times shall be clearly detailed in the instructions issued to Competitors by the Organiser. Competitors must also maintain a minimum speed of no less than 20km/h during a competitive stage (unless responding to an incident, breakdown, stopping at a passage control, or any scenario that may be considered as reasonable by the Organiser). Stopping solely for the purpose of managing average speed on a competitive section is strictly forbidden, and Organisers are encouraged to monitor this closely and impose substantial penalties accordingly to discourage the practice.
- 1.3. Results, indicating the set stage target times, and the actual times achieved by Competitors, must be submitted directly to the Motorsport Australia Rally Executive Officer (rally@motorsport.org.au) immediately following the Event.
- 1.4. The distance and time allowed for a Rally Regularity Event is at the discretion of the Organiser. Permit Fees shall be in line with those set for Club and Multi-Club Special Stage Rallies.
- 1.5. Rally Regularity Events may be run as a standalone Club/Multi-Club Special Stage Rally in its own right, or run in conjunction with a Club/Multi-Club Special Stage Rally (ie. as a "piggyback" category). Where a Rally Regularity Event is run in conjunction with another Event, the Rally Regularity field must run at the tail of the field, behind the other Competitors in the Special Stage Rally. If a Rally Regularity Event is being run in its own right, the full requirements of closed road, access controlled Special Stage Rallies (as per the Code) will still apply.
- 1.6. Rally Regularity Events may be run as part of an Introductory Rally, but cannot run in Events where there is already more than one element of competition (ie Special Stage rally with an

Introductory Rally as a “piggyback” category”, or a State Championship Round “piggybacked” with a Club Rally round). If running in an Introductory Rally, the Rally Regularity field must run at the tail of the field, behind the Introductory Rally Competitors.

- 1.7. Rally Regularity is intended for Club and Multi-Club Special Stage Rallies up to State level events. If an Organiser wishes to include Rally Regularity as part of a State level Event, approval must be sought from both the relevant State Rally Panel, and Motorsport Australia ([rally@motorsport.org.au](mailto:rally@motorsport.org.au)), noting points contained in 1.6 as listed above.
- 1.8. Any Event wishing to run a Rally Regularity component must ensure it is included as a condition listed on the Motorsport Australia Event Permit for their Event. Organisers need to confirm this with the Motorsport Australia Permits team when applying for their Event Permit.

## **2. COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 All Competitors must hold a Motorsport Australia Clubman Rally licence as a minimum, or a National Rally licence.
- 2.2. All Competitors must wear a helmet and apparel complying with requirements for Club and Multi-Club rallies as listed in Schedule D of the Manual, with the exception of the requirement to wear FHR. Whilst FHR is not mandatory, it is highly recommended in vehicles that are suitably equipped for its use.

## **3. VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

- 3.1 Vehicles must comply with Schedules A and B (as listed in “General Requirements for Cars and Drivers” in the Manual), sections 4 and 5 of the “Vehicles General” section of the Code and these Regulations, as well as the specific regulations relevant to the status of the Event.
- 3.2 Vehicles that do not have a Motorsport Australia logbook must either be fully road registered, or registered as part of a club/historic permit scheme (such as “H” plates in Victoria).
- 3.3 Vehicles that have a Motorsport Australia logbook must be fully road registered, registered as part of a club/historic or Rally Permit scheme, or have a valid Unregistered Vehicle Permit for the purpose of participation in a Rally.
- 3.4 Vehicles that do not have a Motorsport Australia logbook must comply with Level C (lap sash belt) as listed in Schedule I of the Manual (Table I-1), but are not required to have a Safety Cage Structure (as defined in Schedule J of the Manual).

## **4. SPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- 4.1 Scoring shall be timed to the second, with penalties being 1 point per second late of the target time, and 5 points per second early, of the target time as determined by the event in Special Stages. Penalties shall also apply for early arrival on Liaison sections, with Late Running time being applied where appropriate for late arrival on both Special Stages and liaison sections, as per the Code. Exceeding Late Running Time will result in exclusion.
- 4.2 If a Competitor arrives over 1 minute early of the target time in a Special Stage, in addition to the 5 points per second penalty, they are given a caution. If a Competitor receives 3 cautions



in the course of one Event, they are automatically excluded from the Event. Notification of any exclusions need to be reported by the Organiser to the Event Stewards at the event, and the Motorsport Australia Rally Executive Officer ([rally@motorsport.org.au](mailto:rally@motorsport.org.au)) immediately following the Event.

- 4.3 Rally Regularity Events shall either be route charted, navigational (using 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.6 of the Road Rally Regulations), or a combination of the two. Pace noting or reconnaissance is not permitted.

#### **5: UPDATES/AMENDMENTS TO THESE REGULATIONS**

Motorsport Australia will monitor Rally Regularity Events closely in 2020, to ensure both compliance with the regulations, and also the “spirit” and intent of Rally Regularity is being upheld. Motorsport Australia may alter existing, or include additional regulations or requirements to ensure the safe and ongoing conduct of Rally Regularity at their discretion. Any such alterations to these regulations shall be communicated directly to State Rally Panels, and Events calendared to include Rally Regularity.

#### **FURTHER QUERIES:**

May be directed to either [rally@motorsport.org.au](mailto:rally@motorsport.org.au) or the Motorsport Australia Motorsport Safety Advisor ([tbennett@motorsport.org.au](mailto:tbennett@motorsport.org.au)).

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