

## BRIEFING COMPETITORS

The Organizer and the Race Director welcome you.

The purpose of this written briefing is to remind you of the key and sensitive aspects of the event and to explain what action to take in the event of an incident or accident, in accordance with the general rally regulations.

**In case of a withdraw from the race, whether on a special stage or a liaison section, you must contact the Race Control Centre as soon as possible on this telephone number shown opposite**

**07 84 26 52 55**

### ◆ ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

- More than any other road user, you must strictly observe the road traffic regulations, in particular speed limits and 'STOP' signs.
- Wearing a helmet is prohibited outside of special stages. A 500-metre grace period before the CH and after the Stop Point is permitted (*Art. 3.2.9 Standard Rally Regulations*).
- Any abnormal movement of the car on the road, whether sideways or forwards/backwards, is strictly prohibited, whether for tyre warming, braking or any other reason. The marshals will be paying close attention to this point (*Art. 6.4.7 Standard Rally Regulations*).

### ◆ TRAFFIC (reminder): (Article 6.4 of the Standard Rally Regulations)

During reconnaissance and throughout the rally, crews must strictly comply with the traffic regulations in force in France. (Specific speed limit zones will be indicated in the road book).

In case of speeding offence:

- 1st recorded offence:**
- up to 20 km/h: a fine of €68
  - up to 30 km/h €135 fine and 10-second penalty
  - up to 40 km/h €135 fine and 20-second penalty
  - over 40 km/h €135 fine and 1-minute penalty

**-2nd offence recorded:** - 270 € fine (in addition to the 1st) and 1-minute penalty

**-3rd offence notified:** - 405 € fine (in addition to the previous two) and a 5-minute time penalty, which may result in disqualification at the discretion of the Panel of Race Officials.

### ◆ COMPETITORS' SAFETY (reminder art. 7.5.17 standard regulations of the rallies)

#### 7.5.17. Competitors safety

**7.5.17.1.** Every competition car must carry a red reflective triangle which, should the car come to a halt during a special stage, must be placed by a member of the crew in a visible position, at least 50 m. ahead of the car, in order to warn following drivers. **This triangle must be placed on the same side as the stationary car, even if it is off the road.**

**7.5.17.2.** Each racing car must carry a 'red cross' and a green 'OK' sign (A4 size). It is also recommended to have torch inside the car.

In case of an accident requiring urgent medical attention, the 'red cross' sign must, if possible, be displayed immediately to following vehicles and to any helicopter attempting to assist. In the event of an accident not requiring immediate medical attention, a crew member must clearly display the 'OK' sign to following cars and any helicopters attempting to assist.

If the crew leaves the car, the 'OK' sign must be displayed so that it is clearly visible to other competitors.

**7.5.17.3.** Should it prove necessary to intervene on the route of a special stage, especially to clear the road, only the race director may order the appropriate technical intervention.

Intervention will only take place if the special stage route, blocked by a competitor's broken-down or crashed car, leaves no possibility for following cars to avoid the obstacle on the course.

The crew members concerned may not object to their immobilized car being cleared, moved or towed at any stage during the special stage, including any repeat runs. Any intervention is strictly limited to the organiser's services and/or rally officials.

The organiser is not obliged, at the end of the rally, to transport the car of a competitor who is unable to complete the special stage. The competitor must arrange for this assistance themselves, and the costs shall remain at their own expense.

**7.5.17.4.** All crews are required to notify the Race Control of their withdrawal as soon as possible. Any driver or crew who contravenes one or more of the provisions of Article 7.5.17 may be penalised by the Stewards

◆ **FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS** (Article 4.7 standard regulations of the rallies)

Fire extinguishing systems fitted with a safety pin must remain disengaged from the moment the technical checks are completed until the team leaves the parc fermé at the finish. The same applies to electrically triggered systems, which must be armed.

In the event of non-compliance, penalties will be imposed:

- **1<sup>st</sup> offence = 30-second penalty**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> offence = disqualification.**

◆ **WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT**

- In the event of an accident requiring urgent medical attention, if possible, show the Red Cross signal to the following competitors.
- If you come across a crashed car ahead of you displaying the Red Cross signal, or if both crew members are trapped inside and unable to display the Red Cross signal, and there is **no marshals' post in the vicinity**, you must stop to help. The second car to arrive at the scene of the accident must continue to the next radio point to raise the alarm.
- Subsequent cars must stop, taking care to leave the way clear for the emergency services, and await instructions from the officials.

◆ **MEDICAL REGULATIONS: Licence Révocation** (art 1.5)

Any licence holder must return their licence to the rally official upon request following an accident that required the intervention of the emergency services, regardless of whether the intervention was requested by the event doctor or requested by the licence holder themselves. The licence will be suspended administratively until the FFSA receives a medical certificate confirming that there are no contraindications to the licence holder resuming the sport, and that they have recovered or their condition has stabilised.

◆ **SERVICE**

In the service park, it is mandatory to comply with Article 4.3.2.1 of the Standard Rally Regulations (a 5 kg fire extinguisher must be clearly visible and have a valid inspection certificate, a waterproof tarpaulin must be provided, and rubbish must be removed).

◆ **ACCIDENT ON A LINK ROAD**

Complete an accident report form. As competitors, you are insured by the rally organiser for damage caused to third parties. In the 'insured person' section, enter the name of the rally, and in the 'driver' section, enter your contact details, making sure to include your race number. Submit this accident report form to the race organisers.

◆ **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- **A stationary YELLOW triangle or flag** indicates an obstruction on the road → Be vigilant
- **A waving YELLOW flag** indicates a hazard on or at the side of the road → reduce your speed and be prepared to change direction or stop.
- **A RED flag.** As soon as the red flag is activated and displayed on the geolocation unit, **or presented by a marshal at an intermediate post**, the driver must immediately slow down, maintain this reduced speed until the end of the special stage and follow the instructions of the marshals or the drivers of the support cars they encounter (the latter may order them to stop to facilitate the management of any interventions). **Any failure to comply with this rule will result in a penalty to be decided by the Stewards.**
- **The special stage may be interrupted or delayed.** In this case, cars must await instructions from Race Control. Competitors must take responsibility for the conditions under which the start will be restarted (tyre, engine and brake temperatures).
- **If you are involved in an accident involving public**, you must remain at the scene until the police or gendarmerie arrive.
- **On the liaison sections**, you are required to comply with the Highway Code. Any offence recorded against you may be subject to increased penalties by the sporting authorities.
- You are responsible for the check-ins and entries recorded in your time cards.
- **You must inform the Race Control** of any damage you may have caused to property (knocked-over posts, fences, damaged kerbs, etc.).

**The Race Control.**

**HAVE A GOOD RALLY 😊**