



Bulletin 5: COVID Procedures

Mask Usage / Social Distancing:

Masks are **required** for all competitors when they are in common spaces of the rally and not actively competing. This includes places like registration check in, outside of your assigned service area in the service park, regroup areas, etc. **Any interaction with a volunteer requires a mask.** Masks should cover your mouth and nose.

You are encouraged to practice social distancing especially with volunteers at the event.

Failure to wear a mask can be penalized at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course in accordance with GRR 2.27.7.

You are not required to wear a mask in your competition vehicle or in your **own** service area.

Stage Schedule:

Stage schedule can be found here:

http://www.sandblastrally.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021_Sandblast_Stage-Schedule.pdf



NOTE: The Organizers have shortened some transits and regroups from previous years to help improve the flow of the rally and minimize the time outside of your vehicle while not in service.

Service Park:

Weather permitting volunteers will be marking out service locations at the Patrick festival field on Friday. Please use a marked service spot. It is expected that spots will be **at least 20'x30'** in size. Competitors requiring larger spots are asked to contact the organizers to make arrangements ahead of time.

Teams that are sharing service crew should find service spots next or close to one another to minimize the need to move around within the service park.

All fueling within the service park will be done inside your service spot. There will be no fuel depot. Competitors shall fuel over top of a tarp, and one crew member must have a fire extinguisher in hand while fuel is being added.

Time Cards:

All competitors will be given all time cards for the duration of the rally during check in. Time cards will not be collected or marked upon by volunteers during the rally. No rally official will be touching the time card during the event.

Competitors are solely responsible for marking or modify anything they want on the time card as it will not be used as official timing document for this rally. GRR 2.21.2 will not be enforced at this rally.

The rally will be scored via nook data and control log sheets.

Controls Procedures:

The following modifications to GRR 2.21 will be made to limit close interaction between competitors and volunteers.

Arrival / Start Control Procedure

Competitors will be considered in the control when the vehicle and all competitors associated with that vehicle are stopped next to the red STOP board. It is expected that all competitors will remain within their vehicle at the control.

1. Enter control and stop at the red STOP board.
2. The marshal will record your vehicle number in the nook and either display the time to you on the nook or a white board.
3. Confirm the time is what you expect and record it on your own time card
4. Proceed to the start control.
5. Start control will notify you of your official start minute. Competitors can record this at their discretion on their own time card.
6. Start control will count down the time to the start using the nook and or hand signals.

In the event an arrival or start control is delayed and a line of vehicles are preventing you from reaching the STOP board do not walk or leave your vehicle. Remain in order with the other vehicles you will be asked to declare you time when you are finally able to reach the ATC.

Competitors are still required to be on time to controls and **cannot declare** their desired time at controls that are unobstructed and operating properly.

Finish Controls

1. When the competitor reaches an FTC they will be shown their stage time from the nook or a white board.
2. The competitor is responsible for writing this on their own time card.
3. Communicate any issues with the stage (cars stopped/off, delays, etc) in writing, by showing a written message through co-driver's side window containing the following information:
 - a. Stage Number / Approximate Mileage
 - b. Issue (Car Off L/R Side, Delayed for Time, etc)
 - c. Crew OK, etc

The final control of the rally will be the FTC for SS9. This will also act as the MTC for the rally. Competitors do not need to declare a time for the MTC.

Service /Regroup Controls

Competitors will enter service on their assigned time and stop at the red STOP board. The marshal will record the vehicle time on the nook and show it to the competitor.

Competitors are responsible for transferring their service out time to the next time card.

At service out, reseed / regroup out times will be shown to the competitor on a white board. Both car number and out time will be displayed. Competitors may leave the reseed / regroup as soon as their number and a time have been shown. They should then proceed along the next transit and regroup before the ATC for the next stage.

Inquiries:

Official inquiries will be handled online this year. Inquiries can be submitted via the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZgJ2SNHud9Lz-DxeagYHtIFqxiA0nAPsIfWfHevmKAyWpw/viewform>



Responses to inquiries will be posted to the Sandblast Google Drive account referred to in Bulletin 4.

If a competitor would like to file a protest after an inquiry they need to contact the Clerk of the Course or the CRO.

CRO:

Competitor Relationship Officer (CRO) will be a remote position this year that will be hosted by Simon Wright. Simon has been the CRO for several years at Sandblast. He can be reached by phone or SMS during the event at **919.961.3505**

All questions for rally officials should be funneled through him. These include but are not limited to:

- Questions about start position
- Questions about the rally schedule
- General rally questions or rule discussions
- Requests to facilitate communication between crew and competitors that have DNF'd
- Questions about rally procedures or clarifications

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08:03

Awards:

There will be no traditional award party or presentation. After scores are final competitors can contact the Clerk of Course and pick up their awards at the Inn Cheraw. Competitors that are unable to collect awards from the Inn Cheraw can arrange to have awards shipped to them or picked up at Rally Kentucky or Bristol Forests Rally.