



Bulletin 6: Driver's Meeting

Due to COVID, a driver's meeting will not be held at the start of event this year. Competitors should review the following information as a reminder of Safety Procedures during the running of the event.



- The ONLY notice board available will be per Bulletin 4 at the following link or via the QR Code:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mv8LhKH6rClqRC5VyEGNFvbX2qBqsnt?usp=sharing>
- **Official Time** may be found on the Nook at the service park EXIT. Only the Nook will be considered official time. Additional sources for the **current time** are www.time.gov or by calling 303.499.7111. It is recommended crews wait a few seconds AFTER the new minute to avoid issues with time drift when checking into a control.
- **All contact with rally volunteers requires a mask to be worn** over both nose and mouth. During competition a fireproof balaclava may be considered a substitute for a mask. Please do your best to limit direct contact with control workers at the start and finish locations, and minimize congregation between competitors. Please stay IN your vehicle at controls. Riders please do not bunch up at finish controls. Remember to Social Distance.
- **IF YOU CRASH:** You have less than 1 minute to alert the crew behind you!
 - Assess if **YOU** and **your driver / co-driver** are OK or if someone needs immediate medical attention.
 - Immediately place 1 triangle at the vehicle, on the side where you have stopped.
 - Clearly display the OK or Red Cross signs as appropriate for ALL following competitors; until sweep arrives.
 - **OK** - Driver and Co-Driver or Rider are physically OK and do not need medical attention.
 - **Red Cross** - Someone needs **immediate medical attention** OR the forest is about to catch fire.
 A red cross is NOT to be used for a vehicle fire, nor for a complete stage blockage. Subsequent crews arriving on scene can help move a car blocking the stage or aid in putting out the fire.
 - Place a 2nd triangle 150' prior to the stopped vehicle, and a 3rd triangle at 300'. 150' is approximately 60 paces, 300' is 120 paces. Keep in mind the time/distance required to stop over a crest or around a corner.
 - Wait in a SAFE location for help to arrive. If you want to be pulled by a competitor or sweep, it is wise to have your tow strap ready and hooked to your car when they arrive.
- **If you ARRIVE at a stopped Competitor:**
 - **OK Sign Displayed** - pass the stopped vehicle in a safe manner and proceed at competition speed.
 - **No OK Sign Displayed** - Competitors must stop and assess the scene.
 - If there are no injuries: the OK sign must be displayed so other competitors are not delayed on stage.
 - If there are injuries: the Red Cross sign must be displayed and the emergency procedures followed.
 - **Red Cross Displayed** - Competitors MUST stop and render aid. The stage is over for competition use.
 - 1st Competitors on Scene: Assistance should be rendered to the injured persons. REMAIN on scene.
 - 2nd Competitors on Scene: Proceed to next Radio Location or Control Worker at a CONTROLLED SPEED.
 - Report:
 1. The nature of the accident.
 2. Type and severity of the injuries and the number of injured persons.
 3. Location of the accident, mileage if possible from the start of the special stage.
 - If the 2nd crew has medical training, the 1st competitor should proceed to the Radio / Control location.
 - All other competition vehicles arriving must stay at the scene, assisting as appropriate.
 - Prepare for the arrival of the EMT team; make sure the road is clear for traffic, clear brush or debris.
- **For Marshals displaying a Red Cross:** Competitors must stop at the marshal location and follow directions given.

- **Wave-In Procedures:**
 - Per 2.21.3 of the GRRs, to maintain the flow of the event a control worker may “wave you in” before your arrival minute at any ATC.
 - Per 2.21.3, Competitors will still receive no less than 3 minutes between checking in and starting the stage.
- **Transits:**
 - Times have been shortened slightly from prior years to keep the rally train more compact.
 - When you are on the public roads, all normal laws apply and competitors are expected to be good ambassadors of the rally.
 - Please do NOT speed on transits, any speeding infractions will be enforced as per 2.27.5 of the GRRs.
 - Make sure you come to a complete stop at all stop signs.
 - Do not pass locals or other competitors unless you are within a legal passing zone.
 - IF you are delayed for a train, a lengthy traffic light, or other force majeure situation during transit; file an inquiry and you will receive credit for time lost.
- **Stage Safety Reminder:**
 - Please make sure all safety equipment is properly fastened and connected when you arrive at the stage start. Do not expect there to be a worker to assist with safety gear.
 - Drivers and co-drivers it is your responsibility to check helmet straps, head and neck restraint connections, and seat belts are tight.
 - Riders it is your responsibility to check helmet straps and your back protector are secure, to secure your time card and triangles, and have gloves, googles, or helmet visors ready.
- **Vehicle Inquiries:**
 - Since the event does not have Parc Expose, the deadline for inquiries and protests against a vehicle or its class as outlined in GRR 2.31.5 will be accepted until fast sweep leaves service C.
- **Withdrawal / Incident Reporting**

Handling of Retirements has been updated from the original information provided in the 2021 Supplemental Regulations, Section 14.5. The same link used to file inquiries, as provided in Bulletin 5, can also be used to submit a written notice of withdrawal. Crews retiring permanently should fill out the form as soon as possible. It can be found at the link here below, and will automatically report the information to the CRO. Any sanctions for failure to comply remain at the discretion of the Stewards’.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZgJ2SNHud9Lz-DxeagYHtIFqxiA0nAPsfWfHevmKAYWpw/viewform>



Thanks for competing at Sandblast 2021. We realize COVID has made things more challenging, and are glad you could attend. Thank you again for your understanding of all of the revised procedures. The organizers wish you a safe and fun event, and hope to be back to normal for Sandblast 2022.