

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Committee:	Rallies Committee
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Section R

Existing Regulation

34.1.2. The Chief Medical Officer, being a Doctor or MSA Registered Paramedic, is responsible – in consultation with the Clerk of the Course and the Event Safety Officer – for ensuring that the required level of medical and rescue cover is provided and for the detailed organisation of doctors, the planning and deployment within stages, the organisation of ambulance meeting points and the notification of hospitals in relation to the stages.

Stage Rallies (other than Single Venue Stage Rallies)

34.2. At Clubman, National B and National A Multi-Venue Stage Rallies, there must be a Doctor or MSA Registered Paramedic and an MSA-Licensed Rescue Unit at every stage (or group of stages (with a maximum three in close proximity to each other). A Chief Medical Officer, who must be a doctor or MSA Registered Paramedic, must be appointed who is responsible – in consultation with the Clerk of the Course and the Event Safety Officer – for ensuring that the required level of medical and rescue cover is provided and for the detailed organisation of doctors, the planning and deployment within stages, the organisation of ambulance meeting points and the notification of hospitals in relation to the stages. The Chief Medical Officer may, following consultation with the Clerk of the Course, appoint a deputy of suitable grade who could take over the Chief Medical Officer's duties in an emergency.

Proposed Regulation

34.1.2. The Chief Medical Officer/**Paramedic**, being a Doctor or MSA Registered Paramedic, is responsible – in consultation with the Clerk of the Course and the Event Safety Officer – for ensuring that the required level of medical and rescue cover is provided and for the detailed organisation of doctors, the planning and deployment within stages, the organisation of ambulance meeting points and the notification of hospitals in relation to the stages.

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Reason:

Clarification of terminology following advice from the Medical Advisory Panel

Implementation date: 1st January 2019

24.4.5. On any special stage where extreme circumstances make it necessary to authorise the movement of non-competing or rescue vehicles before the stage is cleared of competing cars, a system of Yellow Flags must be in place. These should be located at mid stage rescue points, all locations where a rescue/emergency vehicle may re-enter the stage following a shortcut and at each designated Radio Points (29.5). They can only be displayed on the specific instruction of the Clerk of the Course or Stage Commander. Yellow Flags must only be used when there is a possibility of non-competing vehicles and rescue vehicles moving on stage AHEAD of competing cars. Flags will be displayed at all radio points preceding the incident. Yellow Flags must be prominently displayed (held out steady not waved) by a designated marshal who MUST wear a marshals' tabard. Yellow Flags shall measure a minimum of 60cm x 70cm.

(i) Competitors who have been shown a Yellow Flag will be given a notional time for the stage.

(ii) Yellow Flags will be displayed to competitors only on the instruction of the Clerk of the Course or the Stage Commander. The time of the deployment of the Yellow Flags will be recorded and notified to the Clerk of the Course.

(iii) No flag other than a Yellow Flag may be deployed at any point along the route of the special stage.

25.6.4. On passing a Yellow Flag displayed by a marshal wearing a marshals' tabard, the driver MUST immediately and significantly reduce speed as well as being prepared to stop at any time; at no time must they overtake any safety vehicle they encounter on the special stage route. The driver must then follow the instructions of any marshals and/or stage safety personnel and maintain this reduced speed until leaving the special stage. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

18.6.4. For all road events, the use of global positioning systems or any other type of position determining device is prohibited and will be penalised in accordance with 13(p). Exceptionally, the SRs for Navigation Rallies and Navigational Scatters may Permit their use.

24.4.5. On any special stage where extreme circumstances make it necessary to authorise the movement of non-competing or rescue vehicles before the stage is cleared of competing cars, a system of ~~Yellow~~ Red Flags must be in place. These should be located at mid stage rescue points, all locations where a rescue/emergency vehicle may re-enter the stage following a shortcut and at each designated Radio Points (29.5). They can only be displayed on the specific instruction of the Clerk of the Course or Stage Commander. ~~Yellow~~ Red Flags must only be used when there is a possibility of non-competing vehicles and rescue vehicles moving on stage AHEAD of competing cars. Flags will be displayed at all radio points preceding the incident. ~~Yellow~~ Red Flags must be prominently displayed (held out steady not waved) by a designated marshal who MUST wear a marshals' tabard. ~~Yellow~~ Red Flags shall measure a minimum of 60cm x 70cm.

(i) Competitors who have been shown a ~~Yellow~~ Red Flag will be given a notional time for the stage.

(ii) ~~Yellow~~ Red Flags will be displayed to competitors only on the instruction of the Clerk of the Course or the Stage Commander. The time of the deployment of the Yellow Flags will be recorded and notified to the Clerk of the Course.

(iii) No flag other than a ~~Yellow~~ Red Flag may be deployed at any point along the route of the special stage.

25.6.4. On passing a ~~Yellow~~ Red Flag displayed by a marshal wearing a marshals' tabard, the driver MUST immediately and significantly reduce speed as well as being prepared to stop at any time; at no time must they overtake any safety vehicle they encounter on the special stage route. The driver must then follow the instructions of any marshals and/or stage safety personnel and maintain this reduced speed until leaving the special stage. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

Reason:
Return to the use of Red Flags to align with FIA Regulations.

Implementation date: 1st January 2019

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Reason:
With positioning systems in the majority of smart phones and indeed increasingly incorporated into standard road cars this regulation is redundant.

Implementation date: 1st January 2019

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Reason:

To permit the inclusion of special features where not otherwise permitted in a Special Stage and where it is appropriate to do so.

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