

V3 – FIA MIDDLE EAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

ELIGIBLE CARS

4. ELIGIBLE CARS IN FIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.3 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- Group A cars with a corrected cylinder capacity of less than 2000cc must have had their homologation accepted by the FIA for the region.
- The air intake may be enlarged by means of a snorkel
- The Middle East Rally Cup for Group N drivers is reserved only for Group N cars.

CHAMPIONSHIPS & POINTS

5. THE CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

5.5 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

5.5.1 Attribution of points

For any one make, only the best placed car may score points for the Manufacturers' Cup.

5.7 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

4 rallies (or 50% whichever is the greater) including at least 2 rallies in each of the Championship regions [Region A: Cyprus, (Troodos Rally) Jordan, Lebanon, Syria; Region B: Dubai, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait]. This applies to all the titles awarded within the framework of this Championship.

5.8 NUMBER OF RESULTS FOR THE FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSIFICATION

For the final classification of the various categories of the Championship, the number of results taken into account shall be as follows:

If 6 or fewer rallies are held: all results count.

If 7 or 8 rallies are held: all results, less 1, count.

If 9 or more rallies are held: all results, less 2, count.

5.9 NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIP RALLIES

The minimum number of rallies required for this Championship to take place is 4.

5.10 REGISTRATION CLOSING DATES

On the closing date for entries for the second rally in the Championship. The only change after this date is for a change of co-driver.

8. EVENT CHARACTERISTICS

8.1 DURATION

8.1.3 Duration of the rally and schedule (recommended and maximum duration)

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| 1 st day of rally schedule | 1 st day of reconnaissance (Day 1 Road Book issued previous evening) |
| 2 nd day of rally schedule | 2 nd day of reconnaissance (Day 2 Road Book issued the previous evening) |
| 3 rd day of rally schedule | Administrative checks, reconnaissance – Day 1/2 and optional media or shakedown stage |
| 4 th day of rally schedule | Administrative checks, scrutineering, pre-event press conference (maximum 5 teams to take part), optional ceremonial start, optional Super Special or Spectator Stage |
| 5 th day of rally schedule | Rally – Day 1 |
| 6 th day of rally schedule | Rally – Day 2 |
| Finish with prize-giving or separate prize-giving, post-event press conference (the 3 winning crews plus the Group N winner must attend), final scrutineering. | |

8.4 DISTANCES

The total distance of the special stages is set at a distance between 250 km and 300 km. The maximum length of each special stage is 33 km. However, in each rally it is possible to include up to 4 special stages with a maximum distance of 45 km.

STANDARD DOCUMENTS AND SCHEDULES

9. GENERAL

9.1 OFFICIAL RALLY GUIDE

The official rally guide and the supplementary regulations must be published on the event website according to the required timetable. A printed version of the rally guide and supplementary regulations is optional.

The rally guide is appended to the present sporting regulations.

RECONNAISSANCE

23. RECONNAISSANCE

23.2 DURATION AND RESTRICTIONS

23.2.1 Control of passages

During reconnaissance there shall be control marshals at the start and stop point of each special stage. Further checks may also be carried out during special stages.

Crews are required to present their reconnaissance time card at the start and finish of all special stages. Crews will only be permitted to enter and leave special stages through the start and finish controls.

When controlled and supervised reconnaissance is in place to ensure safety, stages may be run in both directions.

23.2.2 Maximum speed

The maximum speed limit of 60 kph (or as specified if different) is imposed on all special stages during reconnaissance. Speed will be monitored by GPS tracking devices carried by all reconnaissance cars.

23.2.3 Timetable for prohibited reconnaissance

If before (day, date and time) or after (day, date and time) any crew and /or competitor is found on any part of any special stage to be used in the rally, they will be reported to the stewards. If this involves a driver whose parent ASN is that of the country organising the event he will be subject to national suspension. In the case of a foreign licensed competitor/crew, they will be reported to the relevant ASN which will take appropriate action.

23.3 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Registration for reconnaissance will take place as stated in the Rally Guide and/or an information bulletin. At that time reconnaissance number plates, time cards and time schedules will be issued.

Reconnaissance car identification numbers must be attached to the front windscreen (top centre) and on the right and left rear side windows. They must be kept visible for the duration of the reconnaissance period.

23.4 CONTROL OF RECONNAISSANCE

A system of monitoring the speed, outing and position of reconnaissance cars during reconnaissance of all special stages by means of GPS tracking devices will be used. Details and times for the installation of these tracking units will be contained in the Rally Guide and in an information bulletin.

STARTS AND RESTARTS

43. START ORDERS AND INTERVALS

43.1 START ORDERS

At the start of Day 2 the Stewards shall have the right to reposition at their discretion and solely on the grounds of safety, any car that retires on Day 1.

43.4 RE-START AFTER RETIREMENT

43.4.1 General

Any crew that involuntarily retires in Day 1 may restart the rally from the start of Day 2. Such crews will be assumed to restart Day 2 unless they formally indicate in writing that they wish to withdraw from the event.

To be classified in a rally, any competitor must finish the last Day.

43.4.2 Penalties

The crew will be penalised at the rate of 5 minutes for every stage not completed in Day 1 added to the fastest time set for that stage irrespective of group/class. Should retirement occur after the last special stage on Day 1, the crew concerned will nonetheless be deemed to have missed that last special stage and the penalties stated in this Article above will apply.

Any crew that deliberately retires on Day 1 with the perceived intention of gaining an advantage in order to better its position for Day 2 will be judged by the stewards, who may not permit the re-start. The stewards may apply sanctions against the competitor and/or crew concerned in accordance with Article 141 of the Code.

43.4.3 Service location and time allowed

Any car wishing to restart must be serviced only in the rally service park. After such car has retired, it must remain where it has retired until permission has been received from the clerk of the course to remove it directly to the service park.

Servicing of retired cars must respect the conditions of Articles 44-47 of the Regional Rally Championships Sporting Regulations. Any car that has retired may, however, be towed or transported from the point of retirement to the service park, but only after permission to do so has been given by the clerk of the course.

43.4.4 Service time allowed

The car may be serviced for up to 2 consecutive hours in addition to the 45 minutes' service time at the end of Day 1. However, all cars must be returned to the parc fermé at least 4 hours before the start of Day 2. A special time card will be issued at the exit from the parc fermé to monitor the removal of cars, the time taken for repairs and subsequent return.

43.4.5 Scrutineering of repaired cars

Only when a repaired car has passed inspection by the scrutineers may it restart the next Day.

Prior to restarting a Day, the car must pass inspection by the scrutineers. The crew will be informed of the time for re-scrutineering by the clerk of the course.

SERVICE

45. SERVICE PARKS

45.4 GENERAL

Different locations for service parks may be provided for each Day.

MECHANICAL COMPONENTS

60. ADDITIONAL CAR REQUIREMENTS

60.1 DEVICES TO CONTROL CAR POSITION, MOVEMENT AND STATUS

For all rallies in the Championship, live satellite or GSM tracking, data recording and emergency signalling devices must be used to monitor the position, movement and status of all competing cars at all times during the rally.

Competing cars will be fitted with data logging and tracking devices that will give an accurate trace of the position, movement and status of all competing cars during special stages and road sections of the rally. On special stages there will be a tolerance of 5 (five) metres for straying from the centre line of the route as determined by the organisers.

A trace of the movement of all competing cars will be superimposed on the centre line of the special stage route, and any car that deviates from this may be subject to a penalty of 10 (ten) minutes which will be imposed by the stewards upon the proposal of the clerk of the course after examination of the circumstances of the infringement. Recoding of the trace of all cars during the rally will be live. In open terrain rallies, the exact route of all special stages must be clearly marked in order to avoid any possibility of straying, accidental or otherwise.

Any attempt to tamper with or to interfere with the data recording devices fitted to competing cars, or any device that fails to record a trace due to interference by the crew, will be reported to the stewards, who may impose a penalty that may go as far as exclusion.

FIA MIDDLE EAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP – APPENDIX A RALLY GUIDE

The language to be used for the Rally Guide must be English. Other languages such as Arabic, French, etc., may be also used if appropriate. The following headings show the minimum contents that must be included; other information that may be of use and benefit to competitors, officials, media personnel, etc., may be added.

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| Heading Comment | |
| Introduction / welcome..... | Introduction from top officials, Chairman, etc. This document has no regulatory power and is for information only. |
| Event history..... | How the rally started and developed. |
| Recent rally winners..... | List of previous winners. |
| Event overview..... | Summary of the rally, changes and innovations. |
| Organisers' contact details..... | Permanent postal address, E-mail and Internet addresses, fax, telephone numbers. Same details as above for Rally HQ (before and during the event) if different. Key officials with e-mail addresses. Rally office opening hours. |
| Hotels / accommodation, reservation..... | Official rally hotel, contact details for reservations, list of other hotels, rates, etc. |
| Programme and critical deadlines..... | Schedules before the rally, from date of issue of the supplementary regulations onwards. |
| Entry details..... | Titles for which the rally counts. Criteria for acceptance of entries. List of entry fees. Entry assistance packages. |
| Advertising..... | National restrictions for on-car advertising. |
| Rally HQ..... | Layout plan of the HQ. |
| City / town plans..... | Maps of the city showing HQ location, official hotel, service park if adjacent, scrutineering venue, tulip road connections to and from each location. |
| Media centre..... | Contact details Accreditation desk – location and opening hours. Main media room – location and opening hours. Satellite media centre (if any) – location and opening hours. Press conferences – time and location. If necessary, road book diagrams between rally HQ and media centre. Layout plan of the main media centre. |
| PR activities..... | Rally related shows and activities. |
| Programme..... | Schedule of the rally week, from the date of the start of recce to the closure of the rally office, media centre. |
| Itinerary..... | Day 1 and Day 2 itineraries. Itinerary compared to previous year. Altitude graphs of the SSs. Any items intended for Bulletin publication concerning the itinerary. |
| Service Parks..... | Layout – plan drawing showing details of service bays, refuel, tyre marking, route in and out and other details. Information about the Service Park locations – access times for teams, etc. Facilities available at the SPs. Road Book from the rally HQ to the SP and back. Check list for the SP details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPS coordinates • Allocated parking areas for each team • Service vehicles IN/OUT route • Auxiliary vehicle parking areas • Press and VIP parking areas • Refuel area surrounded by barriers |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC IN / TC OUT with numbers • Tyre checking and marking locations • Position of emergency services, fire, police, medical, etc. • Position of satellite Media Centre (if any) • Results service • Hospitality areas • The surface of the SP • Toilet facilities • Rubbish disposal • Water, electricity supply • Spectator parking • Helicopter pad. |
| Reconnaissance..... | <p>Summary of recce regulations and specific instructions valid for the event.</p> <p>Registration for recce – location and time – check list.</p> <p>GPS tracking units collection, installation and download points.</p> <p>Detailed recce schedule.</p> <p>Routes from SS finishes back to the starts.</p> |
| Shakedown (if used)..... | <p>Timetable</p> <p>Location, stage length, distance to service park, etc.</p> <p>Restrictions (who may attend, etc.) and instructions.</p> <p>Map of stage and service area.</p> |
| Administrative checks..... | <p>Date, place and time.</p> <p>List of documents to be submitted.</p> |
| Scrutineering /sealing and marking..... | <p>Date place and time.</p> <p>Schedules for scrutineering / marking and sealing.</p> <p>Preparation to be made before car is presented.</p> <p>Details about installation of GPS tracking units.</p> <p>Road Book to scrutineering from rally HQ.</p> <p>Layout of scrutineering area.</p> <p>Final scrutineering location, plan, Road Book route if required.</p> |
| Start procedure..... | <p>Location and time.</p> <p>Programme / timetable.</p> <p>Procedure and instructions.</p> <p>Layout of the starting area.</p> |
| Finish procedure..... | <p>Location and time.</p> <p>Programme / timetable.</p> <p>Procedure and instructions.</p> <p>Layout of the finish area.</p> |
| Helicopter use..... | <p>Registration procedure / information.</p> <p>Application form and registration.</p> <p>List of helicopter companies.</p> <p>Government regulations for helicopter use.</p> |
| Fuel..... | <p>Fuel / refuelling regulations.</p> <p>Remote / additional refuel points, if any.</p> <p>Information about ordering special fuel, contact details of suppliers, etc.</p> |
| Tyres..... | <p>Ordering and delivery of tyres.</p> <p>Remote / additional tyre points, if any.</p> <p>Details about tyre marking and checking during the event.</p> |
| Passes and plates..... | <p>Description of the various passes and plates – which pass allows access where.</p> |
| Materials and documents..... | <p>List of materials / documents included in the entry fee.</p> <p>Time and place for collection of material and documents.</p> <p>Form for ordering additional documents.</p> |
| Two-way radio..... | <p>Application procedure.</p> <p>Contact details of person / authority in charge.</p> <p>Official regulations for channels and frequencies.</p> |
| Media coverage..... | <p>Radio coverage – channels and frequencies.</p> <p>TV coverage – channels and times.</p> <p>Official press conference details.</p> |

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| Medical and safety services..... | Emergency telephone numbers, list of hospitals with emergency department, telephone numbers. Police telephone numbers, etc. List of pharmacies. Towing companies. Maps of locations of principal hospitals, pharmacies etc. |
| Maps..... | Overview maps of each Day. Stage maps for competitor, media use (not detailed). |
| Spectators..... | Details of spectator facilities, packs, where available, prices, where passes are required, etc. |
| Passport requirements, import details..... | Visa requirements, temporary import details. |
| General facts and information..... | List of useful services (airlines, banks, currency and exchange, customs duty, doctors, driving, electricity, climate and elevation, fuel and filling stations, language, medicine, opening hours, photography, sunrise/sunset, telephones, time, water, etc. Country facts and statistics. Car dealers, spare part and tyre companies. Repair garages. Rental car companies, taxis. Restaurants, entertainment. etc. |