



# WALLASEY MOTOR CLUB

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Promenade Stages Rally 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Thank you for your entry, your Competition Number is shown on the enclosed entry list. Note that stages 1&2 will be run in reverse seeding order, i.e. car 1 will be the **last** car to enter stages 1 and 2, please bear this in mind when planning your arrival time for scrutineering.
2. The first car is due at the first Time Control, MC 1 at 19:27 hours. The first & second Cars will both take 19:27 at MC1; the next two cars will both take 19:28 and so on. **Your due times at MC 1 and SA2 will be displayed on the official notice board on Friday afternoon** and Saturday restart times for MC 3 will be displayed Saturday morning. Please check your start time, as any gaps will be closed up following signing-on.

### SCRUTINEERING & SIGNING-ON

3. Scrutineering and Sound check will be held in the Service Area on the Promenade, New Brighton, (map reference 108/288935), from 14:00 – 18:00 Friday evening. The route to the venue is shown on the enclosed map, and will be arrowed from Junction 1 on the M53. Please drive slowly and quietly through the residential areas. There are no fixed times for Scrutineering and cars will be queued in order of arrival. As far as possible please time your arrival within the opening period. Please note there is a strict 10mph speed limit in force throughout the service area and between stages - drive sensibly to avoid complaints from other road users.
4. You should off-load your rally car from the trailer in the service area and proceed to the sound check as directed by the marshals. Maximum permitted sound level will be 100 db, measured at ½ metre from the exhaust pipe. Competition numbers will be available for sale at the Sound Check.
5. Proceed to the holding area and then on to Scrutineering as directed. Checks will be made for conformity with the current MSA Vehicle Regulations including class eligibility, MOT, DVLA registration document and MSA log book. Entry fees will not be refunded to cars failing sound or scrutineering checks.
6. Competitors wishing to use in-car cameras **MUST** have them authorised before the competition. This requires any camera to be **properly fitted prior to scrutineering**. You must then ensure that the Scrutineer approves the fitting and signs to confirm their approval formally on the Process Card. In accordance with Regulation J5.21.1 the carrying of on-board cameras for commercial use is prohibited unless authorised and so it is your responsibility to obtain Clerk of the Course authorisation at signing-on.
7. With all the above checks completed, please clear your car from the scrutineering area and then proceed on foot (approximately 200m) to West Cheshire Sailing Club for signing-on, **not later than 18:15 hours**. You will be required to produce the following documentation:

Driver:	Stage Rally National B driver licence, or higher
Co-Driver:	Stage Rally or Non-Race National B licence, or higher
Both Crew:	Club Membership cards, Championship Registration cards (if applicable)
Sound/Scrutineering Process Card fully completed	

**NOTE – it is the competitors' responsibility to ensure the correct licences are produced for inspection at signing-on.**

8. Please ensure that you have completed a competitor's information sheet (attached) for use by the PA Commentators in the two spectator areas. Additional forms will be available at signing-on. Note that you are required to display on your vehicle any stickers or sponsor logo's supplied in your pack for the duration of the event.
9. All Competitors note - do not approach from the East (New Brighton end) of the Promenade after 18:30 Friday and 07:00 hrs on Saturday morning, as the road will be closed.

## DRIVERS BRIEFING

10. In accordance with MSA requirements, all crews **must** attend a drivers briefing which will take place in Rally HQ (Sailing Club) commencing 18:30 hours **prompt**. **The MSA Safety Requirements determine that attendance by both Driver and Co-driver is MANDATORY. Penalty for non-attendance is exclusion.** To monitor attendance time cards will be withheld until the briefing and will only be issued on production of both crew members' competition licences so **please bring licences to the briefing**. Please note - due to space limitation in the sailing club **ONLY** crew members will be able to attend the briefing.

Summary of items which will be covered in the briefing:

- Splits and merges
  - stages include splits and merges, crews must be aware of other competitors
  - if two vehicles coincide at a merge and priority is not clear, please give way to the vehicle on its second lap
- Remember – rallying is a non-contact sport
- Stages will run at 30-second starts – detailed in the SRs
- Friday night stages will run reverse seeding
- Service area
  - operates a one-way system and a 10 mph speed restriction
  - please adhere to the no smoking requirement in the service area
  - refuelling
  - crews have all been issued with safety guidelines which must be adhered to
- Respect local residents
  - no excessive noise; final instructions include specific times in respect of generators
  - no tyre warming on stage approaches
  - support of residents needed for the event to continue
- Incidents – first on scene guidelines included in the Road Book
- Yellow Flag – procedure is included in the Road Book
- Follow marshal and organiser requests
- Be safe and enjoy the event

## SERVICE AREA

11. Once again we have a fully subscribed entry on the event, which makes the Service area somewhat busy, so **please follow the directions of the service area controller and marshals**. There will be a one way traffic system operating in the Service Area; please follow it. We ask your co-operation in making the best possible use of the space available. **Competitors will be restricted to one service vehicle per competing car plus any additional official previously purchased passes. Your service area pass(es), which will be handed to you when you first arrive at the service area, must be displayed (i.e. STUCK) on your service vehicle windscreen.** You will be asked by the Service area control marshals to off-load cars from trailers; and park where instructed; vans/tow vehicles can set up within the service area. Other private cars, friends, sponsors, etc. will be asked to park in the public car parks (200m away) and walk to the service area. Crews failing to comply with these instructions (including their service crews and supporters) may be penalised as R32.2 (aa). Any vehicles in the service area that are not displaying passes may be removed by our recovery crews during the day. Don't be offended; we are trying to make best use of the space available. You will be servicing on a grassed area so please be suitably equipped for the safe raising & lowering of vehicles and have a fire extinguisher next to the vehicle at all times.
12. **Safety is paramount.** The service area is congested and the general public has access to it. You **MUST** drive slowly and safely within the service area. Your attention is drawn to C1.1.5, R24.10, and R32.2(I). Organisers have the right to penalise competitors (including Exclusion) in accordance with G5.3-G5.3.10 and C2.1.1 and will not hesitate to use these powers in order to ensure that safety is not compromised.
13. All crews will be handed a safety guidelines sheet on entry to the service area – please ensure that all members of your team are familiar with these guidelines. In addition, Competitors attention is drawn to the Service Area Risk Management document as issued by the MSA (enclosed). A copy of this will also be displayed on the Official Notice Board. All Competitors are advised to read, digest and comply with the contents.

14. **At the specific request of the Council** petrol generators may not be used without an appropriate fire extinguisher positioned adjacent to the generator and visible at all times. **It is strictly forbidden to run generators or compressors after 23:00 Friday, and before 07:15 Saturday. H33.1.4 applies.**
15. A strict curfew on the starting and running of competition engines will be in place between **22:30 Friday & 07:30 Saturday. H33.1.4 applies**
16. Petrol is not available at the venue. Nearest garages are those shown on the A – Z map enclosed.
17. Slicks Tyres 0114-247-0485 and Tyres South Shore (Tony's Tyres) 01253 761362 will be providing tyre sales and changing facilities on Friday and Saturday. Also Rally Marketing will be attending in the Rally Village. Refreshment caravans will be available in the service area and spectator areas, Friday and all day Saturday.
18. Please help keep the service area tidy. Every year, despite our best endeavours, there is always somebody who does not play the game and we end up having to spend a lot of time and effort in cleaning oil and grease after the event. **The use of a ground sheet under the car is mandatory.** In the event you do have a spillage, oil absorbent granules are available from the service area controllers van parked by the entrance / exit of the service area. Additional plastic waste bags are also there for the asking. Any competitor found not to be observing this rule is unlikely to be selected for an entry on future events at this venue.
19. Crews failing to comply with these instructions (including their service crews and supporters) will be in breach of regulation H33.1.4 and may be penalised as per R32.2(aa).

#### **STAGE PROCEDURES AND TIMING**

20. Competitors should report to the stage one arrival control, MC1, at their due time as described in paragraph 2, and should then be ready to attempt the first stage. Cars will start all stages at 30-second intervals as described in the Supplementary Regulations. On completion of each stage cars will return to the Service area. The time allowance for servicing is variable and will be advised by means of a Stage Arrival Time for the next stage issued at the Passage Check immediately after each Stage Finish. The service time is expected to be approximately 40 / 50 minutes. Road Penalties will be applied for lateness at the Stage Arrival. Please read and understand the notes for Controls, Timing and Penalties enclosed. If you require help or clarification please ask for one of the Clerks at signing-on.
21. Please be aware we will be using a **Yellow Flag** system on this year's event to aid the rescue crews in responding to any incidents more quickly. In accordance with Regulation R25.6.4, 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 you overtake any safety vehicle you encounter on the special stage route. You 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.

#### **GENERAL**

22. We will be paying particular attention to drivers who make jump-starts and/or fail to negotiate the chicanes correctly. The chicanes are there to **slow you down** - this is an MSA requirement. Judges of Fact will be appointed to observe the chicanes and drivers failing to negotiate the chicanes correctly will be given a 10-second time penalty for each contravention as per G5.3-G5.3.10 and C2.1.1. Penalties may also be applied as per R32.2(e) and (c). The chicanes will comprise straw bales and big-foot cones.
23. For information, there will be cameras in operation on splits and merges.
24. Any competitor, or service crew, seen to be driving without due care and consideration, or making excessive noise, at any time during the event, will result in exclusion R24.10 and R32.2 (l) & (m). No service vehicles or personnel may enter the stage during the course of the rally. Cars that break down on a stage will be recovered (usually between pairs of stages only) by the official recovery vehicles, utilising whatever means deemed necessary to expedite the rally timetable, and returned to the Service area. Competitors and service crew must remain behind the start / finish barriers at all times.
25. Whilst providing a safe and professional recovery service, our recovery crews cannot be held responsible for any damage caused to a vehicle during the recovery process.

26. Competitors causing third party damage, which results in a valid insurance claim against the Organisers, will be charged with any excess incurred in settlement of such a claim. An official will be checking all incidents that occur on the stages and will also be checking vehicles leaving the stages for damage.
27. If a fire extinguisher supplied by the organisers has to be used to assist a competitor in an incident of any description, the competitor will be liable for the cost of the extinguisher re-charge.
28. You are reminded that the Promenade Road Closures are effective only from 18:30 hours until 22:00 hours on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and 07:00 until 19:00 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 and that the closure operates from Portland Street only. Outside of these times and outside of this area (i.e. beyond the barrier fencing), all normal legal requirements apply in respect of tyres, tax, insurance, construction and use, speeding, etc.
29. In previous years there have been instances of competitors 'practising' on the Promenade prior to the event. This jeopardises our relationships with the local community, the Police, and the Council and puts the venue at risk. This will not be tolerated and any crew caught practising will be refused a start on the event.
30. M.A.D. Video and Rally Gallery are the only officially appointed video and photographer for the event.
31. Drinks will be available at West Cheshire Sailing Club on both Friday from 12:00 until late and all day Saturday. Please help to support our sponsors and supporters.
32. Whilst Wallasey Motor Club Limited accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to vehicles or any other property, for information there will be security guards patrolling the service area from 22:30 on the Friday until 05:00 Saturday.
33. North West Air Ambulance is our associated charity this year; **please show your support where possible.**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

##### 34. Senior Officials:

MSA Steward	Josh Horne
MSA Safety Delegate	David Walton
Child Safeguarding Officer	Lorraine Taylor
Chief Scrutineer	Andy Hardcastle
Scrutineers	Andy Bradley, Ken Almond, Les Hurst
Environmental Scrutineers	Ian Johnson, Les Hurst
Sector Marshals	Andy Davies, Tony Nathan, Mike Kay, Richard Jones, Will Barnes, Paul Langford
Timing Crews	Members of Warrington, and Stockport Motor Clubs

##### 35. **Competitors Under 18 Years of Age - Signing On:**

Please note that MSA regulations state that a parent, guardian or guarantor of drivers and co-drivers under 18 years of age, or an authorised representative **is required to be present and sign a declaration at the start of events** to enable their child/charge to participate. By signing on, those parents, guardians and guarantors confirm that they have acquainted themselves with and agree to be legally bound by the MSA's General Regulations and MSA Regulation D13.1.1. They also agree to accept the consequences and any associated penalties imposed for not adhering to the General Regulations.

Finally, we would like to wish all competitors a safe, enjoyable and successful event.

**Andy Macdonald** - Clerk of the Course