



## Bulletin 2018-10

### Miscellaneous Changes to the Rally Competition Rules

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Competitors are advised that the ARA 2018 Rules and their Bulletins remain in effect until superseded by an updated set. The 2019 Rules are expected shortly and will consist of the 2018 rules, integration of the 2018 Bulletins, editing into a clean format and minor revisions with no expected impact

The following rule changes to the 2018 Rally Competition Rules go into effect immediately, unless otherwise indicated.

**Replace 1.3.1.d with the following.**

d) Unused Roads

Roads which are not to be used ~~must~~ should be blocked or controlled as safely and completely as possible. A "no entry" sign and, if possible, an effective barricade or plastic tape ~~must~~ should be placed across the road.

**Rationale.** Blocking or controlling unused roads can't be optional.

**Replace 1.3.3 with the following.**

1.3.3 High Speed ~~80-mph~~ Stage Review

Any stage on which the median ~~any~~ competitor exceeds an average speed of 65 ~~80~~ mph during a rally is subject to a review by ARA to determine if the stage may be used in succeeding years.

The review will include a physical review of the stage, consideration of possible changes to the structure of the stage as well as consideration that the median competitor's 65 ~~80~~ mph average speeds may be acceptable for the stage. Based upon the review's findings, the ARA may grant special status concerning that stage for succeeding years.

**Rationale.** This revision will focus attention on stages where the speeds are high for most competing vehicles rather than just some exceptionally fast teams.



**Add the following as 1.3.4.**

**1.3.4 Maximum Stage Length**

The maximum stage length on ARA rallies is 15 miles unless a sanction exception is granted.

**Rationale.** When stages are unusually long: a) communications and emergency response can become difficult and b) if there is an issue halting competition a large portion of the planned competitive distance is lost. The sanction exception requirement will allow ARA to ensure any unusually long stages have adequate resources and contingency plans in place

**Revise the first paragraph of RCR 2.1.3 to read:**

A Novice Driver is defined as one who ~~starts a rally season having~~ has completed four or fewer special stage rallies as a Driver and has not yet been signed off by the relevant ARA series manager.

**Rationale:** Novice Driver status will end as soon as the requirement to complete 4 events is satisfied.

**Replace 2.2.2.a with the following:**

- a) Written permission from a parent or guardian for participation in the rally for persons under 18 years of age. If the signatory is not present, the permission must be notarized.

**Rationale:** ARA needs to confirm that permission was actually given from the appropriate party.

**Add the following as 2.2.2.d.**

- d) A valid operator license for any member of the competing crew who will be driving the competition vehicle. Probationary licenses with special restrictions are not acceptable.

**Rationale:** Anyone who drives the competition vehicle must be licensed to drive.

**Replace the first paragraph of 2.4.1 with the following:**

All license applicants must be a minimum of ~~14~~ 16 years of age. ~~For a license other than Media to be issued, applicants must submit a completed ARA medical form.~~

**Rationale:** USAC allows younger individuals to compete in motorsports. Since personal medical records are private and subject to federal laws this requirement is being eliminated. Competitors instead complete a self-declaration that they have no medical issues that would negatively affect their participation in motorsports activities.



**Add the following endorsements to 2.4.2:**

- Novice Driver
- Minor

**Rationale:** The endorsements will clarify to participants and event registrars the special status of such competitors.

**Replace 3.1.f. with the following.**

- f) For all organizer supplied route books, the back cover is to be a full sized OK/Red Cross with the OK Red Cross on the outside. For the small sized route book, the back cover is to be folded so that, when assembled, the cover can easily be opened to its full 8.5 x 11 in. size.

**Rationale:** Locating the Red Cross on the inside back cover will minimize its inadvertent display.

**Strike 5.13 and its subsections.**

**Rationale.** Instead of limiting stage times, excessively high speed stages will be reviewed and potentially modified.

**Replace 5.15.2 with the following.**

5.15.2 Display of Red Cross

In the event of injuries requiring immediate medical attention, crews are expected to display the red cross symbol (inside back cover of the route book) and following crews are required to stop and render aid. One crew will proceed past the incident to the next Radio Point in order to report the incident to the event organizer.

**Rationale.** This reflects the change above to require the red cross to be on the inside of the back cover.

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