

Driver's Bulletin #4

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting rules and recommendations of various public health authorities, the procedure for checking into controls will be different from normal practice in order to eliminate contact between competitors and marshals as much possible.

Teams will be issued their set of time cards before the rally and will complete them themselves, not hand them to marshals at controls. Marshals will log when cars pass through controls. Either these logs or the tracking system will be used to determine whether road points are applied.

Teams will go through the following steps at controls. These may be some variation in these steps, for example, such as how sequence numbers are handled.

Stage Controls

Arrival Time Control

- a) Enter the Arrival Time control and stop at the red board.
- b) The marshal will display a white board showing your arrival time and your ideal start time.
- c) Confirm that they are what you expect.
- d) Record these on your time card.
- e) Proceed forward to the Start Control.

If the start of the stage is delayed and the line of cars waiting at the Start Control extends into the Arrival Time Control and it is not possible to enter the Arrival Time Control:

- a) Do not walk into the ATC on your check-in minute. Instead, when access is no longer blocked, you will drive into the control and declare your check-in time.
- b) When the marshal displays a white board showing "Declare your time" (or similar), show the marshal your desired check-in time.
- c) The marshal will write that time on the white board. Confirm that it is correct. Record your declared arrival time on your time card.
- d) Proceed forward towards the Start Control.

Swapping Places In A Control

This is done between the Arrival Time Control and the Start Control. Two cars checking in on adjacent minutes may change places in the starting order. This may

be done without asking permission from the marshal, but **must be done in a manner that does not delay the start**. Each team must enter the ATC on their correct minute. After passing through the ATC and before the Start Control, the first team will leave room for the second team to get around them and get into position ahead. The second team doing the position swap will get less than three minutes between the ATC and the Start Control and **must enter the ATC with their safety gear on, ready to start the stage**.

Start Control

- a) Arrive at the Start Control and stop at the red board.
- b) The marshal will display a white board showing your actual start time and possibly a sequence number.
- c) Record the actual start time and, if given, the sequence number on your time card. If given, keep the sequence number in a place that is easy to access to show the marshal at the Finish control.
- d) Prepare to start the stage at the actual start time.

On Stage

While on stage, if you see a car stopped on stage and it is not an emergency (OK sign displayed), note the mileage, car number, and the condition of the car and its occupants.

Finish Control

- a) Finish the stage and stop at the red board for the Finish control.
- b) The marshal will display the white board showing your finish time.
- c) Record it on your time card.
- d) If a sequence number was given at the start, the marshal will also display "Seq. #?" (or similar) on the white board.
- e) If prompted for a sequence number, show it to the marshal.

If the sequence number is what the marshal expects, you will be directed to proceed.

If the sequence number is not what the marshal expects, the marshal will prompt for whether you saw a car stopped on stage and, if so, details about the car and its occupants ("Was a car off? Was OK displayed?"). It may involve talking to the marshal.

After the marshal collects information, you will be directed to proceed.

Service and Regroup Controls

Service In Control

- a) Enter the Service In control and stop at the red board.

- b) The marshal will display a white board showing the time you entered the control.
- c) Confirm it is as expected.
- d) Record it on your time card.

You will have received a complete set of time cards before the first MTC. You will be switching to the next time card at this control. Be sure to record your time on the card that ends at the Service control you are entering as well as the next card.

- e) Proceed to your service location.

Standalone Service Out Control

- a) Enter the Service Out control and stop at the red board.
- b) The marshal will display a white board showing the time you entered the control.
- c) Confirm it is as expected.
- d) Record it on your time card.
- e) Proceed to the next control.

Combined Service Out/Regroup In Control (with Implied Regroup Out)

- a) Enter the Service Out/Regroup In control and stop at the red board.
- b) The marshal will display a white board with the time you entered the control and your Regroup Out time.
- c) Confirm it is as expected.
- d) Record it on your time card.
- e) Use the Regroup Out time to calculate your check-in time to the next control and proceed to that control.

Main Time Control

MTC Out Control

- a) Unless it has failed to show up, line up behind the car ahead of yours in the start order and follow it to the MTC. If it is not around, look for the car ahead of it, line up behind that car and be prepared for the car ahead of yours to show up and get in line ahead of you.
- b) When you get to just before the MTC, when the car lined up ahead of you leaves the MTC, pull up to the MTC.
- c) The marshal will display a white board showing a car number and a time.
- d) Confirm that the car number is your car number.

- e) Record that time on your time card.
- f) At that time, leave the control and proceed to the next control.

MTC In Control

- a) Calculate your arrival time.
- b) Enter the MTC In control and stop at the red control board.
- c) The marshal will display a white board showing your actual arrival time and a prompt "Declare your arrival time" (or similar).
- d) Display your declared arrival time to the marshal.
- e) The marshal will write that time on the white board and display it back to you.
- f) Confirm that it is correct and record it on your time card.

Relevant sanction exceptions

RCR 4 and 5 – Any rule that indicates that the competitors give their time cards to a marshal, a marshal mark the time card, or anything similar does not apply. Competitors complete their time cards themselves. Marshals display times on white boards, which the competitors write down on their time cards.

RCRs 4.4.1, 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 – The check-in correspond to the time that the competition vehicle is adjacent to the control board with both the driver and co-driver present. An exception to this is when there is no room in the control and the competition vehicle cannot enter it. In this case, the check-in time can be declared once the competition vehicle can enter the control.

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