



**MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA**  
**RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**

# **SPORTING AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

## **2023 Addendum v2**

as at 17/02/2023

## **PART 1 SPORTING REGULATIONS**

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### **1. PREAMBLE**

*The following will apply for the 2023 Australian Rally Championship. Where there is a difference between the 2022-24 Sporting and Technical Regulations and this addendum, this addendum will take precedence on both Sporting and Technical Regulations.*

### **2. ARC EXECUTIVE**

The ARC Executive, referred to in Sporting Regulation Article 1.1, will be the following:

- (a) General Manager Motorsport - Michael Smith  
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- (b) ARC Manager – Adrian Coppin, 0415 508 244  
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- (c) ARC Sporting Delegate – Alan Vaughan, 0412 974 747  
[avaughan@motorsport.org.au](mailto:avaughan@motorsport.org.au)
- (d) ARC Media Manager – Paul Riordan, 0498 009 803  
[priordan@motorsport.org.au](mailto:priordan@motorsport.org.au)

### **3. MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA ARC APPOINTED PERSONNEL**

Other ARC Personnel referred to in Sporting Regulation Article 1.3 will be the following:

- (a) ARC Series Chief Steward – Paul Makela
- (b) ARC Series Steward – Ian Bigg
- (c) ARC Technical Delegate – Barry Habgood, 0419 691 513
- (d) SAS Results – Garry Searle, 0418 815 595
- (e) ARC Safety Delegate – Belinda Howard (see appendix 2)
- (f) ARC Medical Delegate – Dr Rik Hagen (see appendix 2)
- (g) ARC Competition Checker – Chris Atkinson (see appendix 2)

### **4. MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

The 2023 Motorsport Australian Rally Championship, referred to in Sporting Regulation Article 3, will consist of the following events.

- 1. Rally Launceston, TAS, 24-26 March 2023,  
Sprint Event
- 2. Forest Rally, WA, 19-21 May 2023,  
Sprint Event
- 3. Rally Queensland, QLD, 22-23 July 2023,  
Sprint Event
- 4. Rally Gippsland, VIC, 25-27 August 2023,  
Endurance Event
- 5. Adelaide Hills Rally, SA, 13-15 October 2023,  
Sprint Event
- 6. National Capital Rally, ACT, 17-19 November 2023,  
Endurance Event

## PART 2 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

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### 1. TYRES

- (a) The control tyre must be supplied by Hoosier Tire Australia Pty Ltd (Hoosier).
- (b) Each automobile (including Invitational) entered in the ARC section of an event, using 13 or 15-inch wheel diameter, is required to use the control tyre.
  - (i) There will be only one tyre pattern and compound available for use as provided by Hoosier.
- (c) For an automobile with a wheel diameter size:
  - (i) Below 13 inch and above 15 inch, the make and type of tyre is free.
  - (ii) Of 14 inch, the permitted tyre must be approved by the ARC Sporting Delegate.
- (d) The use of the control tyre is subject to availability. Motorsport Australia reserves the right to limit the use of any pattern/compound for an individual rally.
- (e) Note that, under Schedule E - Wheels and Tyres of the Motorsport Australia Manual, a control tyre is the tyre specified for a particular Group, Class, Competition etc. and must not be modified other than by the reduction of tread depth.
- (f) For Sprint and Endurance Events, each ARC Crew is limited to the use of a maximum number:
  - (i) Of 12 tyres for competitors entered in the Production Cup; or
  - (ii) Of 16 tyres for competitors entered in the ARC; or
  - (iii) Of tyres as detailed in the Supplementary Regulations for a WRC or APRC event.
- (g) For Compact Events, each ARC Crew is limited to the use of a maximum number of 10 tyres for the Championship and 8 tyres for the Production Cup.
- (h) This number of tyres may be amended for selected events and any change to the maximum number will be advised in event Supplementary Regulations or by bulletin.

### 1. COVID 19 RETURN TO RACE PROTOCOLS

With the ever-changing response to Covid-19, Motorsport Australia has ceased to operate under the “Return to Race” protocols developed over the past 3 years. To this end, a number of modified processes will return to pre-pandemic operations, some of which are shown below. Organisers are encouraged to review all current process and procedures and adjust if required.

(a) Documentation

The online submission of documents is encouraged to remain in place. In person document collection can return to face to face.

(b) Scrutiny

Motorsport Australia will return to targeted scrutiny and regional scrutiny for all automobiles entered in an event.

All ARC entered vehicles will be required to attend scrutiny as per the schedule issued by the organisers and approved by the ARC Technical Delegate. At this time, automobiles will be weighed, turbo sealing completed, advertising stickers checked, apparel checked and targeted scrutiny completed where applicable.

All other automobiles entered in the event should have completed scrutiny as required by the organisers.

(c) Competitors Briefings

All ARC events must plan to have a crew briefing. Organisers should plan for this briefing to include “First on Scene” presentation by the ARC Medical Delegate. This presentation includes a short (15mins) Power Point with videos.

### 2. OTHER UPDATES

Listed below are other changes for 2023:

(a) Provisional Results

ARC Sporting Regulations 16 (f) & (g). There is no requirement to list a time for provisional results in the event schedule. When provisional results are loaded to Sportity, they **MUST** include the time as part of the Sportity heading and the push notification provision must be used.

(b) Restarting

ARC Sporting Regulation 12.2 (j) & (k). Teams **MUST** notify the CRO of their intention to restart the rally as per this regulation, prior to the scheduled time for the publication of the start list for the following Day/Leg/Heat in the Event Program.

(c) Red Flag

ARC Sporting Regulation 21. All ARC events will use the RallySafe Red Flag. All crews are requested to familiarise themselves with the provisions of this regulation.

(d) Position of RallySafe Unit

ARC Sporting Regulation 12.2 (a) (vii). All crews are requested to familiarise themselves with the provisions of this regulation.

(e) RallySafe Lite – Reconnaissance

ARC Sporting Regulation 9 (b). All crews are requested to familiarise themselves with the provisions of this regulation.

## APPENDIX 2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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### 1. SAFETY DELEGATE

#### Pre-Season

- Develop/Update Safety Plan Template and safety training documents.

#### Pre-Event

- Between six and eight weeks pre-event, receive and approve documentation from the organisers of the event. This will include the Safety Plan, the detailed Itinerary, Running and Course Car Schedules, Stage Maps and Overall Maps, Spectator Point Diagrams, Road Book, and Traffic Management Plan (if applicable).

#### During the Event

- On the Friday of the event week, inspect all Spectator Points for compliance with the Safety Plan and Spectator Point diagrams;
- Drive each stage between the 000 and 00 cars, (this should be included in the Course Car Schedule), with the purpose of ensuring:
  - All control officials are safely located
  - All stage closure and SOS officials are safely located
  - All spectator points are set up according to the Safety Plan
  - All media are located in safe areas
  - Any spectators not located at the listed spectator points are safely situated and understand the risks
- If requested by the Clerk of the Course and/or the event Stewards, attend any major incident/accident during the event.

#### After the Event

- Submit a Safety Delegate Report to the event organisers for onward passage to Motorsport Australia.

### 2. MEDICAL DELEGATE

#### Pre-Event

- Receive and approve documentation from the organisers and Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the event. This will include the Medical/Safety Plan, list and qualifications of the medical team members and the list of equipment carried by the Medical Intervention Vehicles (MIVs), as well as the detailed Itinerary, Running and Course Car Schedules and Stage Maps, Road Book and overall maps;
- Where necessary, inspect the receiving hospitals for the event;
- Discuss with the CMO the sequence of events involved in responding to an accident with injuries to competitors, including initial intervention, patient stabilisation and evacuation options;
- Present the “First on Scene” talk to the competitors at the event Competitors Briefing. This may not be necessary each year for everyone but must be presented to new competitors each year;
- Ensure that the Medical Questionnaire is completed and collated for each competitor and made available to the Medical Team; and
- If there is no CMO for an event, it is quite acceptable for a Medical Services Manager (paramedic or nurse) to be appointed. Any ‘fitness to compete’ assessment can be undertaken by the Medical Delegate.

### **During the Event**

- Drive each stage between the 000 and 00 cars, (this should be included in the Course Car Schedule) with the purpose of:
  - Ensuring all medical assets are in their correct positions
  - Spot checking equipment and ease of access to it
  - Ensuring no bunting is in front of an MIV (spectator control) and that each MIV has easy access to the stage with no vehicles or obstructions, including cars on the start line, are in front of them
- Where appropriate, attend any major incident/accident during the event.
- In the absence of a CMO, or in conjunction with the CMO, assess any competitor involved in an accident as to their fitness to re-join the event.

### **After the Event**

- Review any injury reports for the event;
- Where appropriate, follow up any competitor admitted to hospital;
- Ensure that all competitor medical information is returned to the Medical Delegate or destroyed; and
- Write a report on the event for submission to Motorsport Australia and onward passage to the event organisers.

## **3. COMPETITION CHECKER**

### **Pre-Event**

- Attend the course check with the Event Course Checker to advise and assist the Course Checker.

### **During the Event**

- Drive each stage, with the Safety Delegate, between the 000 and 00 cars, (this should be included in the Course Car Schedule), with the purpose of ensuring:
  - Road conditions are safe and as per the road book.
  - Advise of any hazards on the course that may not be in, or have changed since the course check, and may require an advice to crews.
  - Liaise with the Course Checker in 00 on the above points.