



Stages 2022

Saturday 21st May 2022

Marshals Briefing Notes

Thank you very much for agreeing to marshal at this event. Marshals are a key part of the rally team and the rally wouldn't run without you.

Your job is to keep yourself and others safe on the stage. Safety at the event, and especially out on the live stages, is our main concern.

The following topics should be covered in Marshals briefing by Stage Commander or Sector Marshal:

- Road Closing and Opening
- Retired Competitors
- Stage Tidy-Up
- Spectator Control
- Flags and Boards
- Competitor Safety
- Media Personnel
- Marshals' own safety

Road Closing:

Marshals must do this at the appointed time – do not wait for the Road Closed car to pass. A car should be used to physically block the access road. A rope must then be erected to close the road, and a 'Road Closed' sign, 200m / 50m etc. from junction – AS PER SAFETY PLAN.

Once the road is closed, Official Cars (as per event schedule) and Competing Cars are the only cars allowed into the stage – and only through the Stage Entry. The road is now **ONE WAY** – cars are not permitted to drive against the direction of the rally route for any reason.

Road Open:

Marshals must remain at their post until the Road Open car has passed (Car Accountability is not the Road Open car).

Retired Competitors:

Marshals must collect the time cards from any car retiring or leaving the stage at his / her junction. Time cards should then be given to the 'Car Accountability' car running at the back of the field.

Stage Tidy-Up:

After the Road Open car passes:

- Collect all Club property (stakes, arrows, rope, boards etc.) at the location (and up to next location) and return to the Equipment Officer or Stage Commander
- Collect all litter
- Report details of any damage to private property by Competitors and / or Spectators to the Stage Commander. Also report details of any incident you believe may be of significance

Spectator Safety

The areas that may present the highest risk for Spectators and Marshals are:

- The outside of bends
- Places below the road level
- Escape Roads
- After Jumps

Try to keep people above the road level, behind solid banks, trees etc. where possible – remember this also applies to marshals.

Light hedges and fences are not solid objects.

Excessive crowds can be a problem – the Spectator Safety car and Safety/Official cars will all play their part, however spectators tend to arrive late and it may come down to you as Marshal to make an appeal to the reason of responsible members of the public who are present.

Politeness, good humour, clarity, consistency and firmness are the best persuaders.

If the spectators will not move to safety you should Stop the event by advising the Stage Commander they are doing so.

Arrows / Boards / Signs

Marshals should, if they are at a location requiring boards or arrows etc., ensure that no one stands on front of the board / arrow or alters or moves them in any way.

Warning signs / notices must also be watched over to ensure they have not been interfered with in any way.

Escape Roads

Straight on escape roads should be 'boxed' to the specified distance and be set up as per location diagram in Safety Plan. This has been found to be effective, but only so long as no person, **including marshals**, is allowed to violate it. Furthermore, it is not an invitation to crowds to stand behind it, as a 'high speed escape' will still reach them.

ALL ESCAPE ROADS MUST BE KEPT CLEAR OF SPECTATORS, MARSHALS AND MEDIA FOR 200m.

Approaching Competitors

Warn spectators by using the whistle – most spectators will grossly underestimate speeds and some cars are much quieter than others.

RED FLAG

Red Flag

These flags are kept and deployed at mid- point Radio Points and are under the control of the Clerk of the Course.

This board informs Competitors that the stage timing has been stopped and they must complete the stage at a reduced speed. If a Competitor does not adhere to this and slow down, record their number and report to the Stage Commander.

Remember:

- Marshals should always wear their tabard when displaying a red flag – this will indicate to competitors that it is a genuine.

COMPETITOR SAFETY

Accidents

If an accident occurs and the car poses a hazard to the following competitors your first duty as marshal, having considered your own safety, is to warn the following competitors. If there is more than one marshal at the location, one marshal should immediately, but carefully, approach the vehicle (from the front if possible) and ascertain the condition of the occupants. If there are injuries and the Emergency Services are required, use a radio to alert control or the use the Emergency Telephone Number.

Every car is fitted with an external battery isolator switch – this should be switched off if the car is incapacitated, inform the crew that you have done so.

Emergency Services

The Emergency Services are located at the start of the stage, if they are required you should:

- Alert control by radio or the incident.

If you have a mobile phone and phone signal, call the Emergency Number

- Ask a following competitor to call the Emergency Telephone Number
- If phone coverage is poor or if you have no phone – ask the next competitor to proceed to the next Radio Point to alert the organizers. They should give details of the accident to the radio operator (location, injuries etc.). Remember, competitor numbers or names should not be transmitted over the radio system

Injured Competitors

If a competitor is injured and there is no risk of fire – do not attempt to remove them from the car.

WAIT FOR MEDICAL HELP TO ARRIVE – Inexpert first aid can do more harm than good.

If it is absolutely necessary to remove persons from a car, try to do as little as possible with them other than to keep them warm.

Unless they are having severe difficulty breathing or have vomited do not remove their helmet as the Competitor may have a neck injury that is not obvious.

Fire

If the car is on fire try to release the crew, do this by turning the centre buckle of their

harness. If you cannot do this cut the harness using the seat belt cutter carried in the cockpit of the car within reach of the crew.

All competitors are required to carry fire extinguishers. There is also a plumbed in system that can be activated from outside the car – the actuator is denoted by a red 'E' on a white background and is located between the windscreen and bonnet.

Competitors also have handheld extinguishers in the car – if you do not know how to use an extinguisher read the instructions.

There will be two large (9 kg) fire extinguishers at each location. These are labelled 1 and 2. The extinguisher labelled number 1 is dry powder and should be used first. The bonnet or boot must not be opened until the pin has been removed and you are ready to deploy the extinguisher. The bonnet or boot should only be opened enough to allow the extinguisher nozzle access to the fire – this minimises the amount of air available to the fire.

The Aqueous Film Forming Foam extinguisher (AFFF – labelled number 2) should be used next. This cools the area to prevent re-ignition of the fire.

If you use the extinguishers please contact the Stage Commander so that another set can be delivered to your location for the next running of the stage.

Do not use an extinguisher on a competitor unless absolutely necessary.

Off the Road

If a competitor has gone off the road but is not injured and the car is not badly damaged he / she will want to get back on the road. There is nothing against this but you as a Marshal should avoid, as now suggested by Motorsport UK. This advice also extends to Spectators. You may be putting yourself in danger, which should be avoided. You should act a look-out for the situation and warn those present of any approaching danger.

Marshals must also make sure, before a competitor re-joins the stage, that no spectators or following competitors are put in danger. Follow the advice given in the new Safety Notices (Appendix E)

No service vehicle, rescue vehicle, official or unofficial car is allowed on stage to assist a crash or breakdown unless under the direct control of the Stage Commander or Clerk of the Course or until the road is officially opened.

Communication with others

In order to communicate with the Safety Cars (especially the Safety Delegate), marshals should use the FIA specified gestures below to indicate whether you are satisfied with the safety situation at your location (All OK) or whether you have any problems (Stop I need support). The two gestures are shown below:



All OK



Stop I need support

Accident – No Injury

If a car has crashed and there is no question of injury there is no reason for the stage to be stopped.

Remember all cars must carry a warning triangle and OK board – if there are no injuries, ensure that both of these have been displayed – this is the responsibility of the competitor.

MEDIA PERSONNEL

All media personnel are required to have a Level One 2022 Yellow tabard/badge Official Media Pass (issued by Motorsport UK only) and sign a press sign-on sheet before they go out on stages.

No other colour acceptable.

By signing this they agree to:

1. Obey the instructions of all Officials and Marshals and
2. Not stand in any 'Prohibited Area'.



Media Personnel are not permitted to stand in any Forbidden Ground or Prohibited Areas. Marshals have the right to instruct Media Personnel to move from these areas, if they do not comply the Marshal should take note of their name and Media Pass number and report to the Stage Commander.

MARSHALS OWN SAFETY

Marshals must look after their own safety and that of their colleagues first and foremost. They **MUST NOT** stand:

- On the outside of bends
- In any Forbidden Ground or Prohibited Area (FG and PA's apply to EVERYONE not just Spectators)
- In boxed junctions
- In front of boxed junctions
- Behind boxed junctions on escape roads
- Below the level of the road

Marshals are vital in Rallying – without them rallying could not continue. So, we ask all Marshals to please take care of themselves, at all times – rallying is dangerous and it is very easy to become complacent as the day progresses, **STAY SAFE AND ALERT.**