



Bulletin 2021-5

Changes to the ARA General Competition Rules

2/12/2021

These changes to the ARA General Competition Rules are effective immediately and in place in the 2021 GCR book.

Change to Section 2

2. Terminology

~~FULL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION~~

~~A competition which is entered on the International Calendar and is open to competitors of various nationalities.~~

Rationale: No longer a relevant definition.

Changes to 4.10

4.10 Contents of Entry Form

Entry forms shall contain the following:

- a) Space for the full names and address of entrants and competitors;
- b) Space for the signature of the entrant and competitors;
- c) The following statement or similar: "If an entrant or competitor is under the legal age of majority, this form must be countersigned by the appropriate parent or guardian.";
- d) A statement to the effect that the event is held under the General Competition Rules of ARA;
- e) Any other information required by the Supplementary Regulations to be stated on the form;
- f) Applicable series or event waivers to be signed or acknowledged.
- ~~f) Every entry form shall contain the following statement which every entrant and competitor shall agree to by signing the entry form before being allowed to take part in any competition:~~

~~"I have read the ARA Rally General Competition Rules, the ARA Rally Regulations and all other regulations in effect for this event and agree to abide by and be bound by such rules and regulations. I further agree to ensure that the competitors nominated by me and all crew members are similarly acquainted with these rules and regulations and agree to abide by them and be bound by them".~~



~~"The entrant, in signing this entry form and agreement and in consideration of the right to enter and compete in the event, agrees to participate in the event at his/her own risk. The entrant further agrees that he/she, the competitors, and all crew members shall execute a release agreement prior to their admission to the event."~~

~~In the case of an event taking place wholly or partly on the public roads or highways, the entry form shall also include the following:~~

~~"I declare that the use of the car hereby entered is covered by insurance as required by (the appropriate highway traffic act), which is valid for such parts of this event as shall take place on roads as defined in that Act."~~

Rationale: Update to current entry form details.

Change to 4.18

4.18 Publication of Results

Either organizers of events, or ARA on behalf of the organizers, shall publish make Official Results as detailed in the Rally Regulations.

Rationale: Update rules to current ARA practices.

Changes to 6.1

6.1.1 Event Officials

The staff of officials whose duty it is to direct and control the competition shall be:

- a) Chairperson/Chairman/Chair
- b) Clerk of the Course
- c) Chief of Emergency Services
- d) Chief of Controls ~~Chief Control Marshal~~
- e) Chief Scorer
- f) Chief Scrutineer
- g) Stage Captains
- h) Registrar
- i) Chief of Security (Safety Officer)
- j) Chief Radio Marshall (or Chief Communications Officer)
- k) Competitor Relations Officer
- l) Chief of Service

Event Officials may have assistants to whom any of their duties may be delegated.



6.1.2 ARA Officials

Those, when present at an ARA sanctioned event, who will be designated as an official and may have a supervisory role during the competition. These officials may have additional specific duties and authority at an event as outlined in these GCRs and/or the Rally Regulations.

- a) Steward(s) of the Event
- b) President
- c) ~~Technical Director~~ USAC Officers
- d) ARA Directors (~~non-competing~~)
- e) ~~Relevant ARA series manager~~

Rationale: Update to reflect current titles and responsibilities being used within the series and events.

Changes to 9.5

9.5 Protest Meetings

c) The protest meeting shall not be held sooner than ~~30 minutes~~ 24 hours after the notice of protest meeting is posted, except by agreement of all parties.

Rationale: Give adequate time for parties involved to form their protest case.

Changes to allow email for Protest communication

9.2 Submission of a Protest

- b) If the scores are not posted at the finish, a competitor who believes that an error has been made in the calculation of a score may submit a protest concerning the error by mail. A full statement of the protest shall be sent by ~~first class~~ mail to ARA (~~accompanied by the appropriate fee~~) with a copy to the organizer so that it will be received by ARA in time for the protest meeting as listed in the provisional results. The appropriate fee will be collected following the submission by ARA before the protest meeting.

9.5 Protest Meetings

- h) At the protest meeting, the Steward(s) shall first verify that each protest received was properly submitted with the fee and then rule on it. The decision of the



Steward(s) shall be sent by first class mail or presented to the organizer within 24 hours after the meeting and shall state specifically what changes are to be made to the scores as a result of the decisions. The organizer shall then issue another set of provisional results.

Rationale: Update acceptable communication policies to include electronic means.

Changes to 10.3

10.3 Time Limits for Notices of Appeal

- a) Where an appeal arises from a decision of the Steward(s), notice of intention to appeal must be given, in writing, to the Steward(s) along with the appropriate deposit payable to ARA within thirty minutes of the announcement of their decision. The appeal proper must be lodged within 48 hours of the posting of ~~before the expiration of the second day after that on which the decision appealed against was given.~~
- b) When an appeal is made to ARA from any other judicial proceeding, the appeal proper must be lodged within 48 hours of the posting of ~~before the expiration of the second day after that on which the decision appealed against was given.~~
- c) Such appeals may be lodged by electronic means, directly to the Competition Director and Senior Steward of the event ~~provided a written appeal complying with these rules is mailed on the same day.~~

Rationale: Clarify the time requirements for Appeal and update communication requirements.

Changes to 10.6

10.6 Hearing of Appeal

The Appeal Board will be selected by the President of ARA or their designee. Appeal Boards shall be made up of three persons with one of them serving as the chair. All three shall have the right of vote.

Rationale: Specify who selects the Appeal Board.

Preston Osborn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Osborn', written in a cursive style.

ARA Competition Director