



Bulletin 2022-5 Rally Competition Rule Changes for 2022

1/9/2022

The following changes to the ARA Rally Competition Rules are effective immediately and in place in the 2022 RCR book.

Changes to Reconnaissance Penalties

1.2.1 Stage Reconnaissance

g) Infractions

Violations of RCR 1.2.1 ~~above~~ will be penalized as follows:

- 1) First infraction within an event: ~~\$150.00~~ \$200
- 2) Second infraction within an event: ~~\$300.00~~ \$400 plus the first \$150.00 \$200 and loss of 5 overall and class championship points.
- 3) Third infraction within an event: Exclusion from the rally plus the ~~\$450~~ \$600 in fines and loss of points already accrued as well as forfeiture of all entry fees paid.

Any infringements of the other Reconnaissance regulations, reckless driving, or excessive speeding will be reported, by the organizers, to the Steward(s) who may impose penalties as per GCR 7.4.

~~Competitors who have been penalized at more than one event may be subject to additional penalties imposed by ARA.~~

h) Multiple Reconnaissance Infractions within a Championship Season

If a competitor is penalized under 1.2.1 at multiple events within a season, the following penalties apply:

- 1) Second event within a season: Both the monetary and points penalty are doubled
- 2) Third event within a season: Triple the monetary and points penalty and exclusion on the first event infraction.

Rationale: Increase the severity of recce penalties to dissuade competitors from jeopardizing an event due to issues on recce.

Changes to 2.4.1

2.4.1 Types

All license applicants must be a minimum of 14 years of age.

ARA licenses, privileges, and protections only apply to ARA sanctioned events.

b) Single Event

A Single Event license, valid for use by a driver or co-driver, may be issued to a competitor subject to the following rules:

- 1) Valid only for the specific ARA event (or event weekend) shown on the application.
- 2) The applicant must be a member of the ARA.
- 3) If a Single Event license holder decides to compete in another event in the same calendar year, the license holder must upgrade to an Annual Rally Competition License. To apply for an upgrade, email ARA@ARA-rally.com with the competition license number to be upgraded and pay the difference in fees.

~~Upgrading privileges will be allowed for first time license holders only. If first time Single Event license holder decides to compete in another event in the same calendar year, the license holder must reapply for an ARA license and pay the difference in fees. However, no upgrading privileges will be allowed for competitors who have held an ARA Rally Competition or Single Event license, in a previous year. In this case, the license holder must reapply for an ARA license and pay the entire cost of a replacement license.~~

Rationale: Define the single event license is only valid for an ARA event. Also allow upgrades to an annual license, regardless of previous seasons.

Changes to MTC Procedures

4.3.2 MTC At End of Leg

Early arrival is permitted and crews may check in early without penalty ~~but must request their correct time.~~

5.3.14 Early Check-in/Declared Time at Main Time Controls

At a Main Time Control located at the end of a Leg (the "final MTC"), crews may check in early without incurring any penalty. The actual time of check in is to be recorded on the time card. Late arrival penalties per section 6.2 still apply. ~~However, crews must request their correct time in and this requested time shall be entered on the time card not the actual time of arrival unless the requested time has passed in which case the control marshal will enter the actual arrival time.~~

Rationale: Simplify the check in process to MTC In Controls.

Change to 6.5.2

6.5.2 Violations Found During Or After The Rally

Violations found during the course of the rally or at the post-event impound/inspection, that are not due to a verifiable incident with supporting documentation, shall be penalized as listed below.

- 1st violation - Two class positions and ineligibility for Power Stage points (if applicable.)
- 2nd violation - Exclusion from rally
- 3rd and subsequent violations - Exclusion from rally, forfeiture of any earned championship points, revocation of competition license, not to be reissued by ARA

Rationale: Add penalty in relation to the new power stage points available to competitors.

Changes to 7.1.2

7.1.2 Service Crew Licensing

Each service crew member must be licensed by ARA and sign a waiver before the providing service at an event. Current Annual Competition License holders do not need a service crew license to perform the duties of a Service Crew.

Rationale: Clarify that a Service Crew license isn't necessary if one is an annual Competition License holder.

Additional Service Crew Violations

7.1.10 Service Crews

Service crew members found outside the service area in the vicinity of event stages and/or off of the service route during competition may be considered to be performing illegal service and the crew(s) penalized per RCR 6.4.6.

Rationale: Clarify the acceptable movement of service crews during competition.

Changes to 8.7.2

8.7.2 Timeliness

This set of results should be declared final and are to be sent by first class mail or electronically to all persons within fifteen (15) days of the appeal meeting.

Rationale: Add electronic communication.

Addition of results review by ARA

8.12 Review by ARA

All final results shall be reviewed by ARA for accuracy in regards to classing, scores, and penalties. This review will occur within seven days following the posting of the final results. Any changes to the results will be submitted by ARA to the Steward(s) for correction. Changes made are subject to protest or appeal under GCR Section 9 and 10.

Rationale: Give allowance to resolve clerical error in final results.

Preston Osborn

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