

Dumfries And Galloway Raynet Rally Radio Procedure

Raynet Control

Check all the radio operators are in the position where they should be, all operators should reply with their tactical call sign, location (stage and position) signal strength and their own call sign.

If any operators are missing, the Clerk of the Course will advise Control if any operators need to be moved to cover mandatory positions.

Make sure the stage finish, and all operators in the stage can hear the numbers being sent from start or yourself on repeat confirmation to the start radio.

The Clerk of the Course is the highest authority on the event, their decision is final and overrules Stage Commanders. All rally instructions come from the Clerk of the Course.

Start Radio

Report to Control the attendance of your Rescue, Recovery, Doctor, Rally Officials and Marshals. Pass all messages to and from the Stage Commander and marshals.

Inform control when the stage is live and the passage of all course cars.

Inform control when the first competitive car enters stage and thereafter in groups of five or quantity advised by Control, use the sheet provided for recording cars in and out of stage as sent and received, and also report the last competitive car to enter the stage.

Report any stage stoppage immediately to Control.

Mid stage

Report to control when in Location (Stage & Post) and when officials and marshals are in attendance. All the radio points will be marked by a blue sign with a white lightening symbol and a small black and white sign with the post number on it, prior to your radio point there will be a 100m warning sign, yellow with a black lightening symbol.

NEGATIVE REPORTING, only report to control if there is a problem (You must listen to all the radio traffic!) and keep an accurate log of all cars in and past your location on the sheets provided - report any cars missing immediately (after 3 out of sequence or quantity advised by Control at your location).

Finish radio

Report to control when officials and marshals are in attendance, and report progress of official course cars.

Monitor your stage start radio operator. Inform control if you cannot hear numbers from the start radio.

Inform control when the first competitive car is finished and thereafter in groups of five or quantity advised by Control, use the sheets provided for recording cars in and out of stage as sent and received.

Report any cars that are missing and try to find out their status and location (3 out of sequence or quantity advised by Control).

Report any Hazards that are reported to finish, and inform control if the stage is stopped.

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General

Remember Control hears everyone, if Control does not reply to you straight away, they may be listening to someone else outside your reception range. Be patient and if it is an emergency call in after you hear Control passing it back to someone using the prefixes below.

Pay attention and listen to all the radio traffic as overhearing messages may reduce the requirement for it to be re-sent time and time again.

Control is in charge of the net, you must ask permission from control if you wish to speak directly to someone else or leave your radio for any reason (comfort breaks).

Pass all messages to and from Control and your Marshals or Officials. You are one of the events safety links. People's lives may depend on you and your actions.

Under no circumstances are you to move from your position until instructed to by Control.

When keying your microphone, wait a second before speech for the Talk Through (if used) units to latch on, otherwise the start of your message will not be heard.

Leave a small gap between over's to allow emergency traffic time to call in.

When re-establishing contact with Control, keep your first call short, identify yourself and wait for the reply to "Go - Ahead" or "Wait" as there may be other messages being sent that you cannot hear!

When passing long messages, pause half way and say "Break", Control will tell you to "wait" or "continue" with your message.

Hands free operation is not a good idea on an exercise like this as PTT can be left on!

There are three prefixes that may be used -:

SAFETY - Example - Car overdue / spectator problems.

URGENT - Example - Suspected injury / stage blocked / stage stopped / bad crash.

PRIORITY - Example - Confirmed injury / fire / major accident / life or death.

Under no circumstances should the details of injuries or personal information be sent over the air. Lots of rally fans listen to scanners ---- think a second before passing your message.

When driving on rally stages 25 mph should not be exceeded and **never drive the in the opposite direction to rally traffic, (WD, Wrong Direction)**

Remember to park safely as large stones can travel a long way from the competitive car's tyres.

And finally have an enjoyable day

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