

Rally Start/Mid/Finish Procedure

Start Radio Positive Reporting

The start radio is responsible for relaying car numbers back to control the mid point and stop line radios; the start operator has a car number sheet with boxes starting at G1 to G30.

The Rally stage generally starts with a safety officer going through to ensure the stage is safe to run; once the safety officer is happy with the stage he will contact rally control, they will contact the start radio and give permission for the stage to run. Start radio will advise the stage commander that the stage can now be run.

The start radio will advise control that the safety car has entered the stage. The next car in should be 00, again advise control when this car has entered the stage, they usually want a time in. The next car in will be car 0, again advise control that the car is in the stage along with a start time. The next car in will be car No1 this is the first competitive car. Advise control when this car has entered the stage along with the start time.

Once the first 5 cars have entered the stage, including car 1 you will pass the first group of 5 numbers. **Do not include car 00 or car 0 in G1; these are not competitive cars** only competitive cars must be entered in the boxes. So **G1 or Group 1** numbers will be **1, 2, 3, 4, and 5**. Start times for cars after No1 will not be required unless specifically asked for by control.

G2 will follow the same pattern, so 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 will be the next group for G2 and so on, the numbers stated in this procedure sheet are purely for demonstration purposes and on the day may be out of sequence, for example you may get a running order of 2, 26, 108, 99 and 10 but write them down in the order they enter the stage.

Mid Point Radio Negative Reporting

The mid point radio will also have a car number sheet and will listen to all traffic passed on the stage radio system; you will enter the numbers into the group boxes on the sheet as they are passed by the start radio. When the car passes your location you will mark it down as passed, usually a faint line through the box will suffice.

This is a negative reporting point this means you do not have to pass numbers as they go by you; you only need to mark them down as passed. The only time you need to contact control is for the following,

- If a car is 3 out of sequence: for instance cars 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 have entered the stage and cars 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 have passed you this would make car 6 three out of sequence you would then contact control and advise them "car 6 is three out of sequence" they will then contact the start radio who will then ask the next car in to the stage to look out for car 6 and check for either an "OK" or "SOS" board. If they see an "SOS" board they will usually stop at the nearest radio point and advise the operator that car 6 is off and needs assistance. You would then advise control and await their instruction. If they see an "OK" board they will advise the stop line radio who in turn will notify control that an "OK" board is showing.
- If a marshal asks you to pass a message regarding safety issues, or you have safety concerns of your own.

- Or if Control contacts you for information, other than the forgoing you will just monitor and enjoy the rally.

Stop Line Radio

Please be aware that at this location there is a **Flying Finish and a Stop Line**, you need to be at the **Stop Line**. **Flying Finish is marked with a Red Chequered Flag, the Stop Line is marked with a Red Clock**, if you are not sure which is which ask the Marshals. The start radio will also have a car number sheet. You will need to monitor all traffic on the stage radio system, you will advise control when the safety car, car 00 and car 0 have arrived at your location, again control may want the times of these vehicles.

You will take the numbers in the order they come from the start radio and check them off your sheet as they arrive at the stop line, you will advise the marshals at you point of any vehicle off in the stage and any other relevant information regarding the rally.

When you arrive at your location please make yourself known to the marshals on duty, also you will need to sign on, the marshals will have signing on sheets with them. It is important you do this as it gives you insurance cover.

Make sure your vehicle is parked in a safe place away from any possible flying debris etc.