

REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

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Section P

Current Regulation

No Regulation

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Proposed Regulation

11.15. In addition to the procedures established for Live Recovery, 13.1-13.2.8., there may be other circumstances where it is necessary to caution competitors of an incident, obstruction or stranded vehicle which might be passable with care. Marshals must wear a high visibility jacket at all times and be in radio contact with the Clerk of the Course. To warn approaching competitors a Yellow Flag will be displayed a suitable distance ahead of the temporary hazard or obstruction. Competitors must be prepared to stop unless instructed to do so by the marshal and will proceed with caution until clear of the incident, obstruction or stranded vehicle.

11.16. On any course or special stage where extreme circumstances make it necessary to neutralise the competition e.g. where spectator safety is compromised, or to authorise the movement of noncompeting or rescue vehicles, the system of Red Flags must be in place. These should be located at all radio marshal locations and all locations where a rescue/emergency vehicle may re-enter the stage following a shortcut. (29.5). Red Flags will be displayed at all radio marshal points preceding the incident, and only on the specific instruction of the Clerk of the Course, or Stage Commander where applicable. Red Flags must be prominently displayed (held out steady not waved) by a designated marshal who MUST wear a marshals' tabard. Red Flags shall measure a minimum of 60cm x 70cm.
(i) Competitors who have been shown a Red Flag will be given a notional time for the stage.
(ii) The time of the deployment of the Red Flags will be recorded and notified to the Clerk of the Course.

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14.5.4. Competitors must be advised, in writing, which stages are operating this system and the procedure which they must adopt (51.1).

a) That under no circumstances will any car be allowed to drive in the reverse direction of the stage

b) That detailed emergency procedures and equipment have been made available by the Event Safety Officer

c) That the priorities in dealing with an incident are first to deal first with the injured by removing them in a suitable vehicle if it is safe to do so, and then to deal with the vehicles if they constitute a hazard to the continued running of the stage or to property

d) That no Competitor will be Permitted a re-run of a special stage (51.2.3)

e) That the system of ensuring Competitors are positively monitored and checked through a stage is explained. Organisers may either use numbered stage time cards or note the previous Competitor's Competition number with the next Competitor to leave the start

f) That all non-competing vehicles are parked in a safe place, or at least 30m from a road or track used as a Special Stage, between a point in advance of the Start control and a point 100m beyond the Finish stop control. Non-competing cars required solely for purposes of safety may be parked at any place designated by the Stage Commander as suitable

g) That any road or track which can form an escape road between the start and stop controls should be kept clear and unobstructed for a distance of at least 100m, bearing in mind the potential approaching speed of a Competitor

h) That the location of any competing car that fails to complete the stage is reported to the Stage Commander

i) That the information required by the Clerk of the Course to consider 14.6.4 is available if the stage is interrupted or stopped for any period of time

j) That reasonable precautions are taken to protect private property located adjacent to any stage against damage.

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Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

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Reason: The use of flags in Cross Country has been overdue for a review for some time and in order to provide continuity between clubs. Previously MSA Regulations have only provided for the Yellow Flag to be used for managing Live Recoveries, and the neutralisation of the competition has been limited to specific circumstances and special stages on Hill Rallies. This proposal permits the use of the Red Flag to neutralise the competition without such specific limitations and extends the process to Competitive Safaris.

Date of implementation: 1st January 2020

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Competitive Safaris and Hill Rallies

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61.1. All vehicles must comply with the minimum weights in the table below;

corrected capacity class (cm3)

	4WD	2WD
Up to 1050cc	610 kg	560 kg
1051cc to 1400cc	760 kg	660 kg
1401cc to 1800cc	810 kg	710 kg
1801cc to 2500cc	1010 kg	910 kg
2501cc to 3600cc	1130 kg	1020 kg
3600cc to 4000cc	1190 kg	1080 kg
Over 4000cc	1250 kg	1140 kg

The cubic capacities stated above are corrected capacities (J5.4.1.)

The weight of the vehicle without fuel, but with normal levels of engine coolant, lubrication oils and brake fluid. The other tanks for consumable liquids must be drained and the following items removed

from the car. - occupants, their equipment and luggage; It is permitted to increase the weight of the vehicle by one or more weights, provided that they are strong and unitary blocks, fixed by means of tools, easily sealable, placed on the floor of the passenger compartment, visible and sealed by an MSA Scrutineer.

Reason: The Cross Country Committee considers it appropriate to introduce minimum weight limits for vehicles competing in Competitive Safaris and Hill Rallies to limit performance. The above weight limits are largely compatible with those of neighbouring ASNs whose events are popular with UK competitors.

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