

**The Royal Automobile Club
Motor Sports Association Ltd
Competition Authorisation Office**

P.R. REQUIREMENTS

ALL EVENTS TRAVERSING THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

Regulation 9(4) of the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations, makes it conditional that a certain standard of Public Relations Work must have been undertaken along the route of all events Authorised under the legislation.

The PR regulations are especially defined for car and motor cycle events, both day and night. The MSA Route Liaison Officers (RLO) are there to help trouble-free events, make use of their services.

The PR requirements are as follows:-

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. Be diplomatic, positive and clear about the legal aspects of Authorisation. Do not intimate that the event (if run in England and Wales) is authorised by the Police.
2. When undertaking PR work avoid asking for "Authorisation" or "permission" from householders - it invites unnecessary difficulties.
3. Route planning must be undertaken in consultation with the RLOs who have information on sensitive areas where additional work may be necessary.
4. All work must be undertaken by responsible members of the Club.
5. The work should be completed to allow enough time to undertake a re-route should this prove necessary. Equally, the work can usefully be undertaken after the last event passing along that road. Consult with the RLO.
6. All letters must indicate who is the organiser (and a contact address and phone number), the date of the event, in which direction it is travelling and the approximate time of passing.
7. Special consideration should be given to householders with pets or livestock.
8. Where under these regulations, PR work is necessary, then notify the adult member of each household, but if two visits have resulted in no personal contact, a letter will suffice. Other local Clubs may be able to provide manpower.
9. Where an organiser is intending to publish for the benefit of spectators a guide to the route of an event or specific locations to see the event, he shall ensure that:
 - i) Householders within 500m of any specially advised location, have been effectively PR'd without difficulty and that wherever possible such areas are marshalled.
 - ii) The guide must contain warnings of locations that they should avoid (sensitive areas etc.) as are advised to competitors.
10. Ensure that each PR crew prepare reports on each visit so that they are available to the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards on the night of the event and to the RLO on request. Special note must be made about problem areas for the benefit of future events, and these reports must also be passed onto RLOs.
11. Contact should be made with local Police stations before and immediately after all events.
12. Please note permissions should be obtained from the owners of notice boards/telegraph poles/sign posts before notices are displayed as companies may charge for the removal.

P.R. WORK CATEGORIES

CODE	REQUIREMENTS
A	Personal visit to an adult member of household within 100m.
B	Letter to each householder within 100m.
C	Public notice.
D	Personal visit and obtain signature from an adult member of any household within 500 meters of any point where competitors are required to stop (i.e. any control or club point).
E	Consult R.L.O.
F	Personal visit to an adult member of household within 150m.
G	If timed to the second, not pass through any area which has in excess of 20 occupied dwellings within 300m radius of the route, unless written agreement is given by all of the householders within that area and the MSA has given its permission.
H	Letter to each householder within 100m, unless the R.L.O. agrees to a lesser requirement.

Note: The R.L.O. may require a higher level of P.R. than shown in the table.

ROAD CATEGORIES
A B Yellow White/UCR/Private Habitation: Villages, Towns, etc.

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PERMIT	SECTION	ROAD TYPE	TIME	P.R. REQUIREMENT		
ROAD RALLY (inc. HISTORIC)	STANDARD (timed to the second) inc. STANDARD (timed to minute)	All Classes (see H 49) (See H 50)	23.59 to 1 hour after sunrise	A(G)	D	
		All Classes	24 hour	B	D	
	REGULARITY	A & B Habitation	22.00 to 07.00	C	D	
		Yellow/White UCR/Private	24 hour	H	D	
		A & B Habitation	07.00 to 22.00	E	D	
	TRANSPORT & NEUTRAL	White/UCR/ Private	24 hour	B	D	
		Yellow	22.00 to 07.00	B	D	
		Habitation A, B & (Yellow 07.00 TO 22.00)	24. hour	C	D	
	ECONOMY, NAVIGATIONAL & 12 CAR RALLIES (All types) VINTAGE (22.00 TO 07.00)	STANDARD & REGULARITY	A & B Habitation	22.00 to 07.00	C	D
			A & B Habitation	07.00 to 22.00	E	D
Yellow/White UCR/Private			24 hour	H	D	
TRANSPORT & NEUTRAL		White/UCR Private	24 hour	B	D	
		Yellow	22.00 to 08.00	B	D	
		A, B, Habitation & (Yellow 07.00 to 22.00)	24 hour	C	D	
VINTAGE (07.00 TO 22.00)	ALL	ALL	07.00 to 22.00	C	D	
VETERAN	ALL	ALL	24 hour	C	D	
NAV. SCATTERS	ALL	ALL	24 hour	E	D	
TREASURE HUNTS TOURING ASSMS	ALL	ALL	24 hour	E	D	
SPECIAL STAGE RALLIES inc. MULTI-USE STAGE RALLIES	ROAD	A & B, Habitation	22.00 to 07.00	C	D	
		Yellow	22.00 to 07.00	B	D	
		White/UCR/ Private	24 hour	B	D	
		A, B, Yellow Habitation	07.00 to 22.00	E	D	
	ACCESS/EGRESS To/From STAGE To PUBLIC HIGHWAY	ALL	24 hour	F	D	
	SPECIAL STAGE	Private or Roads Closed by appropriate Legislation	24 hour	F		
CLASSIC TRIALS and ALL OTHER EVENTS USING THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY		White/UCR/ Private	24 hour	B	D	
		Yellow	22.00 to 07.00	B	D	
		A, B Habitation & (Yellow 07.00 to 22.00)	24 hour	C	D	