

STANDARD RULES FOR REGULARITY EVENTS

1. GENERAL

1.1 Application.

These standard rules must be respected in all regularity Events which will be organised under the authority and control of the FIVA and will be the basis for the rules of an ANF and/or an Organiser.

Any case not provided for in these standard rules will be studied by the EC of FIVA that has the authority to decide on a course of action.

These standard rules are applicable as of 1st January 2021.

The EC may modify these standard rules by publication of a special bulletin which will be published at www.fiva.org.

1.2 Official Language

For International Events, the official languages are English or French and only the English or French text will be binding.

For National Events, the language of the organising country will be the official language.

1.3 Application and interpretation of the Regulations

The Clerk of the Course is charged with the application of the Regulations of the event and their provisions during the running of the event.

Any case not foreseen in the Regulations of the Event during the running of the Event will be judged by the Event Steward(s) and a decision made.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Regulations of the event

Official written document issued by the Organiser with the object of laying down the details of, and rules applying to, the Event.

2.2 Crew

A crew is normally made up of two persons.

2.3 Day

Each part of the Event, separated by an overnight halt.

2.4 Leg

Each part of the Event:

- between the start of the Event or day and the first regrouping/rest halt.
- between two successive regroupings / rest halts.
- between the last regrouping/rest halt and the end of a day or finish of the Event.

2.5 Section

Part of the route between two successive Time Controls.

2.6 Neutralisation

Time during which crews are stopped by the Organiser / force majeure for whatever reason.

2.7 Regrouping

A stop foreseen by the Organiser to enable the time schedule to be followed and/or regrouping of the vehicles still in the event. The stopped time may vary from crew to crew.

2.8 Bulletin

Official written communication to modify or complete the Regulations of the Event. Bulletins must have been approved by the organising committee before the start of the Event or by the Clerk of the Course during the Event.

2.9 Route bulletin

Official written communication to modify or complete the road book or time schedule of the Event.

2.10 Time Control Card

A card or booklet (with or without an electronic device) intended for entry of times recorded at the different control points scheduled on the route.

2.11 Passage Control Card

A card or booklet intended for stamps or records of the different Passage Controls on the route. This may, or may not, be combined with the Time Control Card.

3 OFFICIALS

3.1 FIVA Observer

The EC may nominate an observer for some Events. The observer will review all aspects of the Event and complete and submit the FIVA Observer's report form.

3.2 FIVA Steward

The EC of FIVA will appoint one or more Steward(s) for International Events.

3.3 Clerk of the course

The Clerk of the Course is charged with the application of the Regulations of the Event and their provisions during the running of the Event.

3.4 Scrutineer

The Organiser of all Events shall appoint a Scrutineer to check vehicles' conformity with their FIVA ID Cards, the Event Regulations and Roadworthiness. All vehicles must be in a safe and roadworthy condition. Any vehicle that does not meet the requirements of the Regulations or pass the safety checks will not be allowed to start the Event.

3.5 Competitor Liaison Officer (CLO)

The Organiser may appoint a Competitor Liaison Officer. The CLO must be easily identified by the participants and their name and photo should be published in the Event Regulations.

4 DESCRIPTIONS OF THE EVENT

4.1 The Organiser must give all details of the running of the Event and Officials in the Regulations of the Event. For example: location of the start and finish, time schedule of the whole Event, length of the Event, number of days and legs, the kind of navigation, number of regularity sections and/or tests, etc.

4.2 Different routes, average speed and rules may be stipulated by the Organisers for the various classes of vehicles.

5 ENTRIES

5.1 Dates

The opening and closing dates for entries must be mentioned in the Regulations of the Event.

For FIVA International Category Events the complete entry list including the number of FIVA ID Cards, if mandatory, (and, if possible, the unique numbers of the vehicles' FIVA ID Cards) for vehicles participating must be sent to FIVA Steward after the closing date for entries.

5.2 Entry fees

The entry fees must be specified in the Regulations of the Event.

The Organiser may specify in the Regulations of the Event conditions to partially refund entry fees.

5.3 Number of entries

The minimum and maximum number of entries will be specified in the Regulations of the Event.

5.4 Refusal of an entry

In case of an entry being refused by the Organisers they must notify the applicant of such refusal.

The Organisers have the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason.

6 ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Participants wishing to take part must be in the possession of a valid driving licence.

Navigators or passengers are not required to possess a driving licence unless they are required to drive.

If the driver is not the owner, he/she needs the written permission from the owner to use/drive the vehicle.

7. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

7.1. Vehicle period classification

In all Events on the FIVA calendar, only vehicles which are in accordance with the FIVA Technical Code can take part. (See Annex 7)

Other forms of classification may be used and sub-divisions are allowed. The acceptance of an entry for a certain class is at the discretion of the Organiser. The organiser may introduce a coefficient system which allows older vehicles to compete with younger vehicles.

7.2. Equipment

Permitted electronic/mechanical equipment will be stipulated in the Regulations of the Event.

8 INSURANCE – INDEMNITY DECLARATION

8.1 Insurance of the Organiser

The Regulations of the Event must give details of the insurance company and policy number.

8.2 Insurance of the crew

Participants should arrange valid insurance covering them for the duration of the Event.

8.3 Indemnity declaration

Before the start of the Event the participants must sign the entry form and an indemnity declaration form:

For example: I have been given the opportunity to read the regulations of the Event and agree to be bound by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the Event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and the type of the Event and the potential risk and agree to accept that risk. I declare that to the best of my belief the driver(s) possess(es) the standard of competence necessary for an Event of the type to which this entry relates and that the vehicle hereby entered is suitable and roadworthy for the Event and that it is in conformity with the traffic laws and regulations for the use on public roads. I declare that the use of the vehicle entered will be covered by insurance as required by the law of the crossed country (countries). I declare that I am in the possession of a valid driving licence.

9 CREWS' BEHAVIOUR

9.1 Traffic laws

Throughout the Event, crews must observe the traffic laws of the country (countries) traversed. Penalties for infringements must be mentioned in the Regulations of the Event.

9.2 Speed

The Organiser must check the speed of participants at least once a day. Penalties for speeding must be mentioned in the Regulations of the Event.

10 STANDARD DOCUMENTS - PROCEDURES

10.1 Publication of Regulations

The definitive Regulations of the Event must be published at least one month before the start of the Event

10.2 Road book

All participants will receive a road book containing an outline of the route.

10.3 Time Control cards

The control cards must be suitable for all time controls and must be issued at least for each section. An Organiser may make use of an electronic timing/time card system.

A Marshal is the only person allowed to make time entries on the time card except where self-start regularities are used.

The control card must be suitable for the entries which have to be made by the crew where unmanned passage controls are used along the route.

The absence of a stamp, signature from a control, time entry, entry of an unmanned control or failure to hand in the time card at each control will result in a penalty.

Each crew is responsible for its control card and the accuracy of the entries therein when submitting the control card for checking at controls indicated for such purpose.

10.4 Speed restrictions

The maximum average speed during the Event shall not exceed 50kph or the maximum speeds authorised by the governmental authorities of the countries concerned for such automobile Events (see FEC Art. 3.1). Penalties for speeding must be mentioned in the Regulations of the Event.

11 CONTROLS

11.1 General prescriptions

By preference, time controls, manned passage controls, start and end of regularity sections shall be indicated by means of appropriate sign boards. Unmanned passage controls may be indicated by any other means as specified in the Regulations of the Event.

An area of 25 metres radius around the control will be regarded as the control zone.

Controls must be ready to function at least 15 minutes before the due passage time of the first participant. Unless the Clerk of the Course decides otherwise, controls will be closed 30 minutes after the due time of the last participant.

At any control, participants must check-in in the correct order and direction of the route. Penalties for infringements must be specified in the Regulations of the Event.

Participants must follow the instructions of the control post marshal. In the case of one or more controls being cancelled for whatever reason before the passage of the first participant or after the passage of a number of participants, it is up to the Clerk of the Course to decide on an appropriate course of action.

11.2 Passage controls (PC)

At manned passage controls, the Marshal must stamp and/or sign the control card without mentioning the time of the passage.

At un-manned controls, the participants must simply stamp or write the characters of the control on the control card themselves. The penalty for missing a passage control must be specified in the Regulations of the Event.

11.3 Time controls (TC)

The check-in procedure begins when the vehicle and the crew enter the control zone. The check-in time shall correspond to the moment at which the crew hands their control card to the Marshal.

Penalties for early or late arrival or missing a control will be specified in the Regulations of the Event.

It is not allowed to make up lost time in Neutral or short distance sections.

Penalties for missing a time control must be specified in the Regulations of the Event.

Crews may check-in early without any penalty at the last time control of a day or Event subject to any limitations specified in the Regulations.

Missing the last time control of the Event will result in a penalty up to and including exclusion from the Event.

11.4 Maximum permitted lateness

Any lateness exceeding a time mentioned, usually 30 minutes, on the due passage time of the crew at any control will be regarded as missing the control.

11.5 Regrouping controls

On arrival at a regrouping control, crews must hand in their control card and they will receive instructions about their re-start.

12 RUNNING OF THE EVENT

12.1 Regularity sections

Generally, Regularity sections will be organised on roads open to public traffic.

Crews must complete Regularity sections at average speeds which have been set by the Organiser. The average speed on a regularity section may vary.

The organiser may set up intermediate timing points along the route

The organiser must specify the organisation and running of Regularity sections in the Regulations of the Event.

Details concerning the penalties for driving above or below the set average time must be mentioned in the regulations of the Event.

12.2 Closed Regularity sections

Closed regularity sections can be organised on areas closed for all other traffic.

Details concerning the running of the section and the penalties for driving above or below the set time must be specified in the Regulations of the Event.

12.3 Navigation systems

If applicable, Organisers must give detailed descriptions of the navigation systems to be used during the Event in the Regulations.

13 RECONNAISSANCE

Any kind of reconnaissance of the route of the Event before the start or during the Event by the crew or any other person related to the crew is prohibited. Offences will be penalised by a) not permitting any culprit to start the Event or b) exclusion during the Event.

14 SERVICE - ASSISTANCE

Repairs and refuelling are permitted throughout the entire Event by the crew members. Any kind of help during the Event organised by the participant prior to the Event is not permitted.

The Organiser must mention in the Regulations of the Event if they provide any kind of assistance for the participants during the Event.

15 ROADWORTHY CHECK – ADMINISTRATIVE CHECK

15.1 Roadworthy check

All vehicles must be in a safe and roadworthy condition. If a vehicle does not pass such checks, it will not be allowed to start the Event.

15.2 Administrative check

Organisers must establish a control to check at least driving licences; to obtain signatures to an indemnity declaration; and to obtain insurance details if those are not given on the entry form.

16 START – RESTART

16.1 Start

Before the start of the Event, the Organiser may assemble all competing vehicles in a waiting area in order to improve the promotional and media interest. Details must be mentioned in the Regulations of the Event.

The Organiser shall schedule the starts of the vehicles in conformity with the start list and at an interval at least 30 seconds.

If a crew reports after his due start time at the start of the Event, then the crew will be penalised.

16.2 Restart

The starting order for the 2nd day or thereafter shall be left to the discretion of the Organiser.

17 RESULTS - PROTESTS

17.1 Participants will only be taken into account for the final classifications if they cross the finish of the Event with the entered vehicle running under its own power.

17.2 The results will be established by adding together the penalties incurred on the route with all other penalties. Penalties may be expressed in time or penalty points.

The following results may be published during the Event:

*Provisional results: published at the end of a leg or day

*Provisional final results: published at the end of the Event

*Official final results: published after the resolution of any queries/protests and approval of the FIVA Steward (if an Int. Event)

The time when the final results will be published, amended as necessary, must be posted on the official notice board.

17.3 The Organiser should publish in the Regulations how any ties are to be resolved. E.g. Furthest cleanest, smallest engine capacity etc.

17.4 Queries

The provisional results are subject to query for a period of 30 minutes after posting of them on the official notice board. Any query must be handed to the Competitor Liaison Officer or directly to the Clerk of the Course. The Clerk of the Course will study the query and will make a decision. If the complainant is not satisfied, he/she has the right to protest.

17.5 Protests

Any written protest must be lodged by one single participant and may be lodged against one single participant or against the Organiser. The lodging of a protest must be done in accordance with the FIVA Events Code and the Event Regulations.

Any protest must be handed with the protest fee to the Clerk of the Course within 30 minutes after posting of the provisional results, at the latest. The Regulations of the Event shall contain information on the protest fee.

If the complainant is not satisfied, he/she has the right to appeal.

17.6 Appeals

Should the complainant still not be satisfied he/she has the right, at no extra fee, to appeal to the FIVA, or Panel of, Stewards whose verdict is final. Should the protest be successful, the protest fee will be returned.

18. PRIZES – PRIZE CEREMONY

The Regulations of the Event shall contain information about the time, location and dress code of the prize ceremony.

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