

BULLETIN



BULLETIN No.: 2017-03

Subject: Rule Changes

Issue Date: June 22, 2017

Effective Date: Immediate implementation in time for Rallye Baie des Chaleurs

The CARS board recognize that there has been no time allowed for rally community input, most of these changes address deficiencies in the current rules that were highlighted during an appeal board review and in order to avoid a repeat of the confusion, the CARS board decided that the rule changes needed to be implemented prior to the next CRC event.

In order to obtain rally community input, the Admin Rules Committee and the CARS board will continue to accept input for adjustments to these rules up to July 7th. At this time any required adjustments will be made.

#1 Subject: NRR 13.1.1.2 Spacing of Vehicles by Time

Rationale: To provide an additional mechanism to help insure proper spacing at stage starts for safety

13.1.1.2 Two new sentences (inserted after third sentence) "...is re-inserted into the start order. **Organizers shall provide a letter or card for drivers with speed factors >85 (or any team benefiting from the increase in competitors receiving the additional spacing) which gives direction to the marshals that the team is to be given the additional spacing even if they are not starting in the first five positions on the road. Note: Failure by a marshal to give the additional spacing is not grounds for inquiry.** (Organizers of...)"

#2 Subject: NRR 28.3.3 Mandatory Equipment (Rally Cross)

Rationale: To address the mandatory equipment requirements required for a fully caged vehicle to participate in Rally Cross

28.3.3 New part (c) "**Vehicles that have a safety cage must meet all the requirements as specified in 29.3.3 for Rally Sprint.**"

#3 Subject: NRR 29.3.2 (insert new b and re-letter) Vehicles (Rally Sprint)

Rationale: To add CARS turbo restrictions to forced induction vehicles

29.3.2.b Insert new b and re-letter current b-g: “**Vehicles with forced induction engines must meet the requirements of 12.6.3 –Turbocharger/Supercharger restrictions.**”

#4 **Subject: GCR 4.2.2.3 Policy for Rally Sprint**

Rationale: To clarify parameters for the conduct of Rally Sprint events

4.2.2.3 Insert at the end of bullet #3: “Obtain a permit for the event from the CARS Regional Director (**A limit of one Rally Sprint per day**)”

#5 **Subject: GCR 8: change to “Grievance Procedures -Inquiries”**

Rationale: Following an appeal and a protest meeting at the final two 2016 events, deficiencies in the present regulations became evident. The Inquiry, Protest and Appeal regulations also needed updating to reflect present practices.

Add new 8.1, 8.2 and re-number all 4 present parts (8.1 to 8.3, etc)

8.1 Grievance Procedure Protocols (new)

“CARS has provided a three part mechanism for resolving grievances that may arise in a competition (see also 1.4 –Exercise of the Powers of CARS). It consists of three levels: a) inquiry, b) protest and c) appeal. The inquiry level is where competitors, who have questions about an issue arising at an event, seek remedy from the organizers.”

Add new 8.2 move 23.2 here and modify as below:

23.2.1 **8.2** Title: **The conclusion of Grievance Procedures at an Event**

The grievance procedures at the finish of a rally have concluded when:

~~23.2.1~~**8.2.1** “Each...marked “~~void~~**rejected**” and ~~30~~ **20** minutes...marked “~~void~~**rejected**”.

~~23.2.2~~**8.2.2** as is: “Each protest...decision was posted.”

~~23.2.3~~**8.2.3** as is except change 30 minutes to **20** (2 times)

~~23.2.4~~**8.2.4** as is except change 30 minutes to **20** (once)

23.2 closing sentence be moved here and numbered **8.2.5** “The organizer,...have finished.”

~~8.3~~ remains as is.

~~8.24~~ in all sections a-d, change “...~~30~~-minutes to **20** minutes”

8.35 Rewrite (removing verbal inquiries option) the entire section to read:

“All Inquiries must be written on the official CARS Inquiry Forms obtained from the steward(s) or an official appointed for the purpose. Once filled in, the Inquiry Form is to be given to the steward who will record the time the inquiry was received and give it to the Clerk of the Course or event official appointed for responding to inquiries. A copy of the inquiry is to be posted on the event’s official notice board by the steward(s).”

8.46 Reword as follows:

(a) “The ~~organiser’s~~ reply... for ~~their~~ **the** decision”

(b) “The ~~organiser’s~~ reply... a result of the inquiry. ~~The organiser shall obtain~~ **If the answer affects the necessity to alter the scoring of the event**, one copy of the reply **shall be given** and give it to the scorer.”

(c) “The senior steward....to the ~~organiser’s~~ allowable time...possible for the ~~organiser~~ to prepare the reply.”

(d) “If the....granted to the ~~organiser’s~~ allowable....retrieve the inquiry from the ~~organiser~~, mark...?”

New (e) **“Any inquiry that is not answered within the 30 minute time limit (unless the time limit has been extended by senior steward) shall be retrieved by the steward, mark the inquiry “rejected” and the time on it and post the voided inquiry on the notice board.”**

#6 Subject: GCR 9 Protests

Insert new 9.1 and re-number 9.1-9.11: **“Protests are the second level of the grievance procedures where grievances are heard and responded to by the Steward(s) of the event and not the organizers.”**

9.12 (a) edit the present wording: “The right...any competitor ~~or driver~~ who....official **(but stewards)**, competitor, ~~driver~~ or....”

(b) Edit the ending: “...in any circumstances, regardless of ~~whether~~ a protest has **having** been lodged.”

(c) re-write: Protests against Judges of Fact **or the steward(s)** in the...”

9.2 Preamble: Edit –replace the 2nd sentence with: **“The stipulated protest fee should accompany the protest or arrangements acceptable with the stewards to get the funds to the CARS office within seven days.”**

Also in the preamble, edit the last sentence “Unless...Stewards(s) **because of exceptional circumstances**, the protest fee normally be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.”

9.2 (b) Edit to: “If the scores are not posted at the finish **of the event and a competitor believes that the provisional results sent out by the organizer, contain an error that has been made....the error by mail electronic means to the Senior Steward (copying the organizer) so that it will be received before the deadline for the protest meeting as indicated in the provisional results. (The protest fee will be waived for scoring issues.) The protest must include** a full statement **to support** the protest.”

(c) & (d) edit the endings to: “...the error by ~~mail~~**electronic means** as...”

9.4 in 5th sentence remove the word “himself”.

9.5 -edit c to: “The...then ~~30~~ 20 minutes...is posted, ~~except by agreement of all parties.~~

-in 9.5.f, edit to “Any...sent by ~~first class mail~~ **electronic means** to the organiser...”

-in 9.5.g edit to “...submitted by ~~mail~~**electronic means** shall...” and the final sentence to: **The protest meeting shall be held via conference call within 7-10 days of the distribution of the provisional results** and shall be closed....”

-in 9.5.h edit to “At the protest meeting **in g above**, the Steward’s...submitted ~~with the fee~~ and then rule on it. The decision of the Steward(s) shall be sent by ~~first class mail or presented~~ **electronic means** to the organiser within...decisions. The organiser shall then issue, **via electronic means**, another set of provisional results.”

9.10.a grammar: “person(s)”

#7 **Subject: GCR10 Appeals**

Insert new 10.1 and re-number: “**Appeals are the third level of the grievance procedures and are heard and responded to by an appeal board appointed by the CARS Board and not the organizers or stewards of the event.**”

10.2.d Edit- 1st sentence: “~~Except as provided for in the International Sporting Code a A national....~~”

Edit –last sentence: “~~Appeals arising out of National and International events...~~”

Add new last sentence: “**Appeals arising out of International events will be as provided for in the International Sporting Code.**”

10.3.a Edit 1st sentence: “When an appeal arises from a decision of the Steward(s) **at an event**, notice...to the Steward(s) ~~along with the appropriate deposit payable to CARS~~ within thirty minutes...of their decision **or when an appeal arises from a decision of the Steward(s) as per provisional results as outlined in 9.5 g/h, the**

notice of appeal must be sent to the Steward(s) within 24 hours of the sending of the provisional results.

- 10.3.c Replace entirely with: **“Such appeals are to be lodged by electronic means to the CARS office and copied to the CARS president.”**
- 10.5.a Edit 2nd sentence: “The appeal shall state the **email** address to which communications may be sent.” (deleting reference to the fees)
- 10.5.c New ‘c’: **“The appeal fee is part of the appeal filing. Arrangements for electronic transfer of funds or a money order/certified cheque may be made with the CARS office manager within the 2 day period for lodging the protest. The payment of the fee must be completed within 7 days of lodging the protest. (Failure to pay the appeal fee within the time lines is grounds for dismissal of the appeal by the CARS Board without further option to continue the grievance procedures.)”**

#8 Subject: NRR 20 Results

- 20.1.1 The 1st sentence remains. Re-write 2nd sentence: **“The provisional scores can be posted not less than 30 minutes and not later than 90 minutes after the arrival of the last possible finisher. An additional allowance of 20 minutes per event podium is given for the posting of the provisional scores. The steward(s) may also further extend the time limit, if circumstances indicate the provisional results are almost ready for posting.”**
- 20.1.2 Edit 1st Sentence to: **“Upon failure to post provisional scores within the time limits given in 20.1.1 above, then the event results will not be posted at the event, but will be sent by electronic means to each competitor by the organizer. (reference GCR 9.5.g).”** Remove last two sentences. “Complete scores...concerning unofficial results.”
- 20.1.3 Insert and edit new .3 and re-number remainder of 20.1: Move 2nd sentence from 20.1.2 to here “Complete scores may be posted **on the event web site** at a later...but they should be titled **titled Provisional Results.**”
- 20.1.34 Edit: “Leg totals **results** ...”
- 20.1.45 Edit: “The scoring **board** must show exactly the...”
- 20.3 Edit 2nd sentence “The time of modifications should be noted ~~adjacent to each total score modified~~ **by the steward(s).**”
- 20.4 Edit to read: “When...finished (~~see 23.2~~)”

- 20.5 Edit all 3 parts (.1, .2, .3) remove “~~first class mail, e-mail or web posting~~” and replace by “**electronic means...**”
- 20.6 Modify final sentence to: “These sets...**sent by electronic means...within 48 hours of the notification from the Steward(s) following the protest meeting.**”
- 20.7.2 Edit: “...**sent by electronic means** to...within **2 days** of the appeal meeting.”
- 20.8 Edit ending to: “send by **electronic means**...as previous sent ~~mailed~~...Such a notice should be ~~mailed~~**sent** within **2 days** ~~fifteen (15)~~...”

#9 Subject Removal of entire NRR 23 Grievance Procedures

Rationale: With the changes given above, there is no longer any need for this section’

- 23.1 Remove all three parts
- 23.2 in .1, .2 and .3, replace 30 minutes with 20 minutes.

#10 Subject GCR 9.10.c Stewards

Rationale: To allow for the possibility of more stewards being assigned to an event.

- 9.10.c** Edit 2nd bullet to: “**a minimum of** two stewards...”
- 9.10.c Edit 3rd bullet to: “**the number of stewards assigned** for...”

#11 Subject GCR 6.3 Judges of Fact

Rationale: Following an appeal hearing, questions were raised about alternative ways for statements of fact from Judges of Fact to be questioned or mitigated by additional evidence.

- 6.3.4 Reword to: A ~~mistake~~ **report** by a Judge of Fact may be:
- (a) Corrected by the Judge of Fact with the concurrence of the Steward(s) of the Event Organizer;**
 - (b) Reviewed/Corrected by the Stewards/Appeal Boards if additional evidence (video, tracking device, etc.) is available to them.**

#12 Subject NRR 15.3 Timing and Scoring (Interruption of a Special Stage)

Rationale: Following the appeal board findings from TP, this section was up-dated to reflect what should happen when either a stage is downgraded to a transit or a re-route is needed.

15.13.1

Edit second last sentences to: “...An organizer...to transit through any stage or take an alternative route to rejoin the event via an official notice which one member of the team is to sign. In the case of a stage being downgraded, a specific stage long time will be assigned by the stage start marshal. Competitors (using speed limits as per 13.6.9) should transit a downgraded stage with caution as there may be on-coming vehicles or stage obstructions. Competitors are also to obey traffic signs and marshals’ directions. Organizers should attempt to maintain stage security and radio coverage until all transiting competitors have completed the stage. In the case of a re-route being given, directions and a specific transit time will be assigned by the marshal and exclusion under 17.6 does not apply.”

#13 Subject CARS Bulletin 2017-01 NRR 12.4.1.10 Reserved Spaces

Rationale: Upon observation at the first event with a CARS sponsor, there were vehicles without the physical space on the front of the cars to meet the requirement sizing as detailed in the bulletin.

a) Add new sentence to the end: “If there is insufficient area on the front bumper or lower valance to support the sponsor identification, then an equal area on the leading edge of both front fenders shall be reserved. Additionally, no conflicting sponsor identification may be displayed on the front below the hood edge (or on the front fenders if that option is used).”

b) Updated diagram:

