

# BULLETIN



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**Subject: Rule Changes**

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**Rule Change #1: Use of Radar Detection Equipment**

Rationale: While there is a rule prohibiting use of radar detection equipment during reconnaissance (13.6.10), there currently is no rule banning radar detection equipment during a rally and there is no penalty defined for the non-compliance to rule 13.6.10. To cover these shortcomings in the regulations, CARS is adding regulations to: (a) prohibit the use of such devices and (b) penalize non-compliance.

- a) In 12.4 General Regulations for vehicles add a new 12.4.10: **“The installation of radar detection equipment is prohibited.”**
- b) In NRR 17 –Assessment of Performance’s 17.3 (Improper Procedures), add an additional **17.3.9 having a radar detection equipment in a vehicle as per 12.4.10.**
- c) Modify wording of 13.6.12 to: Violation of 13.6.9 **or 13.6.10 above will be penalized as follows:...**

**Rule Change #2: Minimum Age for Passengers in Shakedown**

Rationale: While there is a regulation for minimum age and physical attributes is in place for Rally Cross (28.3.1.b), there is no such passenger regulations in place for Shakedown (13.7).

Add new sentence at the end: “Any passenger, ~~as per 13.7.4 (a) 21.4.a above,~~ on board the vehicle during Shakedown must have signed an insurance waiver provided by the organizer and must wear a helmet and FHRS device as well as the vehicle’s safety harness. **Passengers (minimum age 14 years, minimum weight 36kg (80 lbs) and minimum height 145 cm (4’9”) are permitted.”**

### **Rule Change #3: Missing Control Correction**

Rationale: An updating of the regulations to account for priority established in NRR 15.2.1.

16.10 Missing Control: Modify wording to: “Should a control not be placed, the correct time of arrival at the next control shall be calculated using the elapsed times and “lateness” times as listed ~~in the route book~~ **on the time card**”.

### **Rule Change #4: Rally Sprint 29.4.3 Course Design**

Rationale: To allow for a better manner to determine the top speed limitations for Rally Sprints.

29.4.3 c) “The roads used as special stages shall be chosen so that the average speed for the ~~fastest~~ **average** competitor does not exceed 80 km/h...”

### **Rule Change #5: Additional Items to be Included in Event Supplementary Regulations**

Rationale: Several recent rule changes require items to be added to event’s Supplementary Regulations.

19.2.7 Add new e and f to the end: “A brief description of the rally indicating:...a-d, “(e) The number of legs.” and “(f) Choice of re-seed methodology as required by 15.3.”

### **Rule Change #6: Use of Safety Warning Devices**

**Rationale: Questions have arisen in recent events about how competitors can stop following vehicles in a stage when no red cross situation exists, but a clear and present danger is present such as a vehicle fire or a similar circumstance. The regulations have always had two requirements for following vehicles being allowed to pass by a stopped vehicle: triangle(s) in place and an OK sign being shown. The new wording is meant to show how stopping the following vehicle(s) can be done without the use of a red cross.**

17.9.4 Modify wording to: “If a crew is stopped in a stage, unable to continue, but do not need medical attention **and are okay**, they must display the “OK” sign found on the reverse of the Red Cross, to the following vehicles. **If no “OK” sign is shown, following vehicles must stop to ascertain the need for assistance. Competitors stopping to comply with this rule may apply for scoring relief under 15.13.**

17.9.9 Modify wording to: “Penalties for violation **or abuse** of the above shall be according to 17.3.