

Announcement 2020-02



Subject: COVID19 Update

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Dear Rally Fans and Participants,

The Canadian Association of Rally Sport (CARS) is closely monitoring the COVID-19 developments. Our primary concern is the safety and health of the whole rally community as well as the people we come into contact with during the course of our events.

CARS and its events will be complying fully with the fast-changing provincial requirements relative to dealing with the pandemic, gatherings and social distancing.

Working with the upcoming event organizers, CARS has established a minimum timeframe for cancellation or postponement of an event. These lead times should allow for the least negative impact on all involved.

MINIMUM TIMES FOR PUBLISHING GO/NO-GO DECISIONS

National Rallies: 6-8 weeks in advance

Regional Rallies: 6 weeks

Rally Sprint: 6 weeks

Rally Cross: 2 weeks

Test Days: 2 weeks

TSD Rallies: 2 Weeks

Other non-event gatherings (AGM's, Classroom): At discretion of organizer/club.

These times are the agreed minimums; however, events can choose to make cancellation or postponement decisions sooner at their discretion. CARS appreciates the huge effort organizers, competitors and volunteers put in to make these events happen, and the challenges they face when schedules change.

“National events are complex with a lot of moving parts,” commented Keith Morison, Rocky Mountain Rally Organizer, “As we face the changing situation with the pandemic, we need to think of our volunteers, competitors, and fans. The Calgary Sports Car Club is evaluating both the health and financial impact on holding or postponing the Rocky Mountain Rally and intends to make a decision in time for anyone planning on attending the event to also change their plans.”

CARS will continue to evaluate the situation, and pass on any updates from event organizers through official channels and social media. The CARS office remains open, providing licensing and other services during this time.