

## **BULLETIN 2021-01**



**Subject: CARS affiliation with GDS the ASN for Canada**

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**Effective Date: For review, comments will be accepted until  
January 31, 2021**

The Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS) was formed as the Canadian Rallysport sanctioning body 30 years ago, this was after the demise of CASC. A year or so after their formation, CARS affiliated with what was then the new ASN Canada FIA, and was delegated continued sanctioning authority over Rallysport in Canada. Since then, CARS has operated with a high degree of autonomy while being affiliated with ASN Canada FIA.

In 2020 CARS once again found itself not affiliated with an ASN or the FIA, since ASN Canada FIA resigned from the FIA at the end of 2019. CARS was able to continue its business without missing a beat, largely because of our self-sustaining organizational model and autonomy with respect to Rallysport.

In 2020 the FIA awarded the ASN in Canada to Groupe de Développement Sportif /Sports Development Group (GDS)

Over the past months CARS and GDS have been in discussions regarding affiliation with GDS, the new ASN for Canada. The question being addressed; does CARS affiliate with GDS or does CARS continue on its own.

After much discussion, weighing of the pros and cons, assessing what is best for Rallysport in Canada, the CARS board and GDS have established a draft agreement that outlines the delegation of sanctioning authority for Rallysport in Canada to CARS, similar to what CARS has enjoyed for the past 30 years, but with improvements in the working relationship and involvement of CARS in Rallysport at the ASN.

During the January 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 AGM weekend, member clubs, national event organizers and some competitors had the opportunity to review and discuss the draft agreement. Overall, there was a high degree of comfort with the agreement and proposed working relationship, supporting the position taken by the CARS board that moving forward with affiliation is in the best interests of Rallysport in Canada.

Upon affiliation:

1. GDS the ASN for Canada will delegate sole sanctioning authority for Rallysport in Canada, up to and including national level Rallysport, to CARS. GDS the ASN for Canada will sanction International Rallysport.
2. CARS will continue to operate as a self-sustaining, autonomous Federal Not for Profit Rallysport association, with our affiliated member clubs working together within their five regional rally associations that are represented by the 5 elected Regional directors, who make up the CARS board of directors.
3. CARS will continue to utilize and maintain the General Competition Regulations (GCR's) and National Rally Regulations (NRR's) that make up the CARS rule book.
4. CARS will continue to issue Rallysport licenses up to and including National level. GDS the ASN for Canada will issue FIA International licenses.
5. ASN Canada plan on providing an insurance package that CARS, CARS Member clubs and events will be able to purchase through the CARS processes. (this is work in progress)
6. ASN Canada are bidding insurance to multiple vendors.
7. CARS will have a role with ASN Canada, representing Rallysport within the ASN.
8. ASN Canada is continuing to work on the details and functioning of the ASN. CARS will participate and help maintain/create a structure that provides for a mutually beneficial working relationship with GDS the ASN for Canada.

Before the CARS board make its final decision to affiliate with GDS the ASN for Canada, at their Feb 1st board meeting, we want to share this summary of affiliation key points with the broader Rally community, as an opportunity to review, have an understanding of the proposed relationship and offer any thoughts before a decision is finalized.

Please send input to your Regional Director and copy Debbie the CARS office manager.

Email: [office@carsrally.ca](mailto:office@carsrally.ca) on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021