

## BULLETIN 2022-05



**Subject: Media Accreditation and Tracking System Power Supply**

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**Implementation: Immediate**

Rule changes to address outstanding issues;

1. The Media Accreditation guideline and application along with the Drone use application forms are in the Media documents on the CARS website. However, they are not mentioned as being required in the CARS rules.
2. The Tracking System requires a permanent power supply to ensure that the unit is operating for the full duration of the rally. This is to allow the system to push event related updates via GSM at any time during the event. The requirement for the power supply is added.
3. Tampering with the Tracking System or other CARS installed device is not allowed and will be considered an improper procedure infraction.
4. The use of the tracking system data is acknowledged as an acceptable way for the organizer to provide a time allowance.

#### 4.2.2.7 Media Accreditation

- All media wishing to cover a CARS sanctioned national event are required to follow the Media Accreditation guideline and complete the Media Accreditation application form which is to be approved as follows;
  - For multiple CRC events the application is approved by the CRC National Series Manager. The list of approved media and assigned media bibs is shared with each event media person.
  - For a single event the event media person approves and assigns media bibs to applicants for that event.

#### 4.2.2.8 Drone Use

- Drone use at all CARS sanctioned events requires the drone operator to complete the [drone use application form](#).
- Use of drones at CARS sanctioned events is restricted to those that have pre-approval of this application from the event organizer (on behalf of the organizing club), CRC National Series Manager (on behalf of CARS for CRC events), CARS region Director (on behalf of CARS for Regional events) and private property owner/s if applicable. Priority use of airspace will be given to CARS media (TV Production).

- 13.1.4.4 All competing vehicles in national status rallies shall carry a tracking device that is monitored for vehicle location and status during the running of the stages. Tracking systems shall be powered at all times during the event, (from the time of installation at the start, to removal at the end of the rally) using a circuit that by-passes the circuit breaker as allowed for in 12.3.8.4.  
Installation details are available on the SAS website for [RallySafe install](#)  
Any interference or tampering with the tracking system during the rally will result in an improper procedure infraction penalty as per 17.3.

### 17.3 IMPROPER PROCEDURE INFRACTIONS

Improper Procedure Infractions must be reported in writing to the organiser by marshals, judges of fact or competitors. Upon acceptance of the Inquiry or Judge of Fact report by the organizer, a penalty of 10 minutes will be applied for a first infraction and may result in a recommendation by the organizer to the steward(s) for a sentence of exclusion for a second violation during the event. Use of in-car video footage may be used by event or CARS officials to verify compliance with the regulations for use of safety warning devices (see CARS GCR 3.11 c):

- Serious violation of quiet zone regulations,
- Failure to properly wear safety harness, driving suit, helmet, or head and neck restraint while traversing a special stage,
- Reversing in a control area,
- Violation of procedures detailed in CARS NRR 17.9, (in addition to the 10-minute penalty applied to the crew, a \$500 fine will be assessed to the entrant by the steward(s) of the event),
- Traversing a stage with the sun roof open or roof panels removed,
- Traversing a stage with window(s) open (more than 2.5 cm) and without window net(s) in place,
- Illegal service as defined in CARS NRR's 18.1.7 & 18.1.8,
- Illegal refuelling as per CARS NRR 15.9,

- Having a radar detection equipment in a vehicle as per CARS Technical Rule 12.4.10,
- Violation of control procedures (see CARS NRR 15.4),
- Violation of Parc Fermé regulations (see CARS NRR 16.8.4),
- improper modification to a time card (see CARS NRR 15.2.6),
- Being towed on a Transit (see CARS NRR 17.6.1).
- Interfering with the operation of tracking systems or other equipment installed in the car by CARS, the event organizer, or series media.

**17.9.5** The organiser, upon inquiry ~~and only with the concurrence of the Steward(s) of the meeting,~~ shall have the right to grant a time allowance to a competitor who has stopped to ascertain the need for assistance as per section 2 above. When available, tracking system data and/or in-car video footage can be used to determine the time allowance given.