

BULLETIN 2026-02



Subject: Use of Rally Safe for Speed Neutral Zones

Issue Date: February 26, 2026

Implementation: Immediate

Rationale: To give organizers another speed control option when a section of stage road needs to be run at a slower speed, this could be for safety or performance reasons. This uses more of the RallySafe functionality. For competitors while a virtual chicane is a rapid deceleration and acceleration, the Speed Neutral Zone is a calmer speed management through a section of road. Both tools have their place and can be used by organizers as they see appropriate.

13.5.5 Speed Neutral Zones

Organizers may use Speed Neutral Zones (NZ) if the tracking device has a process for creating them.

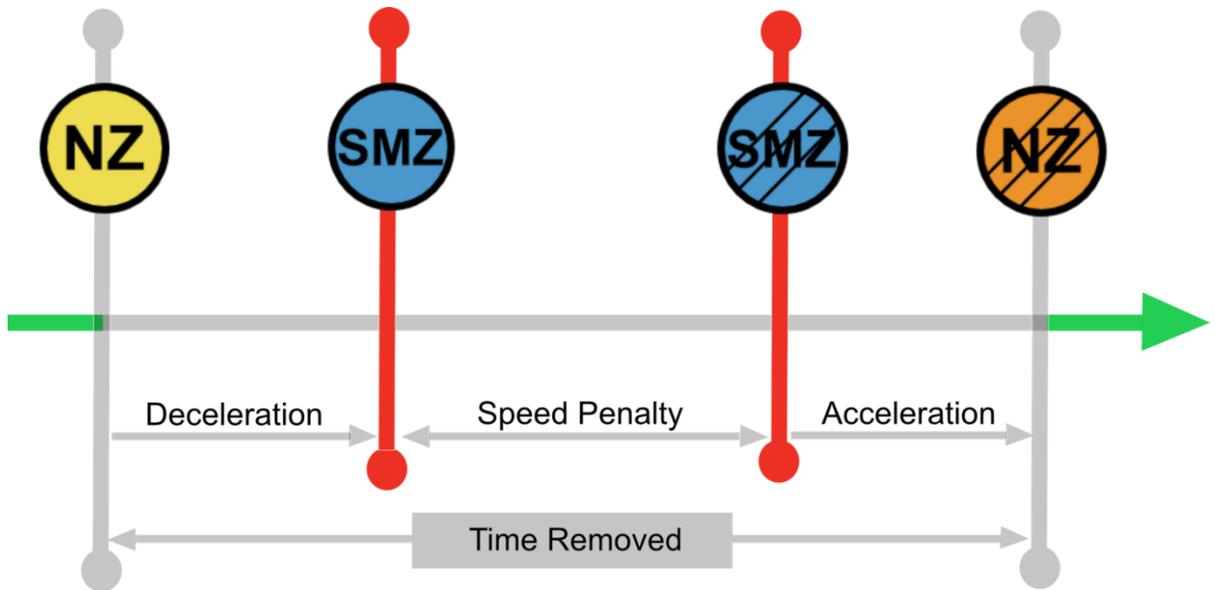
The Speed Neutral Zones consist of a Speed Monitoring Zone (SMZ) with a buffer on both ends for deceleration and acceleration respectively. It is designed to create a section of the stage that is not timed and where cars are given a maximum speed for a specified distance over the SMZ. The time spent in the Speed Neutral Zone is deducted from the overall stage time, so teams can drive slower than the maximum speed without additional penalty or added stage time.

Organizers should outline the procedures that will be followed for their event including the length of the Neutral Speed Zone including deceleration, speed monitoring zone and acceleration lengths, as well as the maximum speed for the speed monitoring zone restriction.

The location and distances must be identified in both event route book and event supplied notes.

Cars are not allowed to stop in a Neutral Zone.

Penalties for exceeding the speed or stopping will be as per CARS NRR 17.2 f) & g)



16.8.7 Speed Neutral Zones

Signs should be placed on both sides of the stage road, that indicate:

- a) **Start of Neutral Zone:** used to indicate where the time is stopped and the start of the deceleration area begins.
- b) **Start of Speed Monitoring Zone:** used to indicate where the start of the speed restriction begins. From this point to the end of the SMZ.
- c) **End of Speed Monitoring Zone:** used to indicate the end of the speed restriction and the beginning of the acceleration neutral zone.
- d) **End of Neutral Zone:** use to indicate where the timing for the stage restarts.

<u>Speed Neutral Zones</u>			
<u>Start of Neutral Zone</u>	<u>Start Speed Monitoring Zone</u>	<u>End Speed Monitoring Zone</u>	<u>End of Neutral Zone</u>

17.2 PERFORMANCE PENALTIES

- f) Speed violation in Virtual Chicane or
Speed Neutral Zone
- 10 seconds if less than or equal to 9 kph over speed.
 - 30 seconds if greater than 9 kph over speed
- g) Stopping in a Speed Neutral Zone - Time stopped