

ROLE: Road Closure

This role is vital to the safe running of the event.

Local notification and sign alert the community and forest permit holders of a rally event however the Road Closure official normally with a vehicle is required to completely block a road that has access to a rally stage. It is vitally important that the stage is physically closed to all vehicles and people.

Access points and road junctions along the stage must be manned by road closure officials and taped exactly as instructed in the Set-Up Book. This setup will most likely be done for you when you get to your post – if not refer to your Stage Commander and ensure this is done ASAP.

Always ensure your vehicle is placed in a position that will not put you, rally competitors or members of the general public in danger. If the road you are blocking has the potential for a rally car to 'overshoot' then ensure that your vehicle is parked well back from the intersection and that you and any spectators do not stand in or near this location.

Use common sense or ask your Stage Commander for his/her guidance in the best area for you to setup.

Interaction – a number of course cars will come through the stage before the rally cars

- The set up car will be the first course car and is tasked with ensuring that all road closures and appropriate course markings are in the right place.
- The "000" vehicle is next and will travel through the stage at a slightly faster pace to check stage set-up.
- "00" vehicle (as above)
- "0" vehicle will bearally cargo at 8/10ths rally pace to double check the stage is ready for competition.
- **We ask that when each of the above vehicles come through the stage that you stand with one arm raised above your head to indicate that you are 'all ok'. If you need assistance flag down the vehicle, radio HQ or stand with your arms in a crossed position above your head.**
- Members of the Public who may arrive at your road block and who wish to use the route should be advised of and shown copies of all permits provided to you in your event packs. **No unauthorized vehicle or person is permitted to pass the road block and continue on the stage.** If you experience any problems then please radio Event Headquarters as a senior person in Command may need to intervene. Safety is paramount for both the person wanting to enter the stage, you and rally competitors.

Duties

- Completely block the road with a vehicle and
- Ensure officials and spectators are in a safe place
- Remain alert to surroundings
- **You also act as a Monitor Point recording the passage of ALL vehicles past that point. This is a very important part of your job. If a vehicle goes missing on a stage, we may contact you to see if it has passed your location. You will receive in your packs**

paperwork to record each car number that passes your point. PLEASE complete these for each run through the stage.

General Information

You will be supplied with a club radio (which you will need to sign for) and this will enable you to know 'what's happening' with the status and competition on your stage.

You will hear over the radio that your stage is 'Ready for competition' and you can then expect the '0' car within roughly 10 minutes.

'0' car is the first fast car onto the stage and is normally around 10 minutes before the first competitive car.

After all competitors have gone through the stage you should then expect a 'fast sweep' and a 'slow sweep' and possibly recovery vehicles if time permits.

ALL stages at this event will be run twice therefore we ask that you DONOT leave your post until instructed by your Stage Commander.

Your Stage Commander will also advise what direction you may travel to exit the stage. General rule of thumb is you should also travel in the same direction as the rally car to exit the stage. If you are advised to travel against the flow of traffic - use EXTREME CAUTION. There may be crews coming through to dismantle bunting etc.

Please take all bunting, signage, posts, etc. with you and return to HQ.

Remember to take with you - shelter, chairs, table, food, plenty of water, sunscreen, hat, and sense of humour, patience and diplomacy.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

You will have a radio so contact HQ immediately and ask for assistance. If you have any difficulties with your radio then safely flag down a course car and get those people to go for assistance.

The stage will have SOS points at regular intervals and competitors or course cars will drive to the closest point and get assistance to you.

Remember our first priority is that this event runs safely for competitors, officials and spectators - SAFETY FIRST.

What to bring with you

- Warmclothes
- Cool clothes
- Water
- Food (lots of it - Sandwiches, fruitetc.)
- Plastic bag to hold yourgarbage
- Magazines or a book to read (if you are on stage that runs twice there will be time sitting around with no rally cars!)
- Cups
- Chairs
- Table
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Towel
- pencils or pens
- Rain Coat or somecovering
- Torch & Batteries
- InsectRepellent
- Toilet Paper (think about it, it can be a longday)
- Spade or shovel (think about it, it can be a longday)
- Your CAMSlicense

Things to remember to do

- **BE ON TIME**
- Sign on - at the start of the event. You are then covered by CAMSinsurance.
- Lights on when driving on the stage at anytime. And always travel out of the stage going in the direction of the rally cars – NEVER travel in reverse unless instructed by Rally HQ.
- Although all rally cars are loud, always look before crossing the road, there may be a course car on the stage, you just neverknow.
- Have a good time, stay safe and enjoying theracing.

Things NOT to do

- Do not place you or your car anywhere in the line of traffic or run off areas.
- Do not light open fires in the forest.
- Do not shine lights into the eyes of the driver (on night stages).
- Do not leave your position before rally HQ has advised you that all is okay.
- Do not try and emulate the drivers you have just seen once you are behind the wheel of your car.