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BRIEFING NOTES

<p style="text-align: center;">SOS EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER 00 34 667 581 345</p>

Welcome to Baja España Aragón in Teruel.

Because the COVID – 19 situation continues and the consequent requirements almost ALL the communication will be contactless.

1.- PROCEDURE WITH TIME CARDS AND CONTROLS

<p>The complete set of Time Cards for the whole rally will be delivered at TC0, 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time.</p>
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<p><u>Time cards</u> will be keep by the crew and <u>will not be given back at the end</u> of the Leg.</p>
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For this event we will be using and **ELECTRONIC TIME CARD** system which is included in the **STELLA** device supplied to all vehicles.

There is no need to have contact for this kind of communication.

Enclosed several instructions also available at Sportity app of this Baja:

ELECTRONIC TIME CARD SCREEN



In this example, we could see in the STELLA screen of vehicle #706 the following:

706	- Number of vehicle
SEC 1/1	- section 1 / sector 1
10:33:31	- Official GPS time
TC0	- Initial number of Time Control
TC1	- Final number of Time Control
9:08 (in white background, first column)	- Target check - in time to arrive at TC0
9:08 (in black background, second column)	- Real check - in time at TC0
11:03 (white background, first column)	- Target check - in time to arrive to TC1
(empty rectangle, second column)	- Real check - in time - pending to fill on arrival at TC1
0:29:29	- time left to arrive to TC1
72.49k	- Total distance of section / sector considered
+1:55	- 1 hour and 55 minutes, total time for the section / sector considered

ELECTRONIC TIME CARD

Generally, participants must **push the green button to check – in** (this is similar to hands the Time Card to the Marshall in charge) and the Timekeeper push the green button of their own Stella device to validate the check – in procedure (is equivalent to write in the paper Time Card the actual check - in time) .

Resume of the different procedures:

IMPORTANT !!! : CHANGE OF SCREEN

1. The crew to **get the Time Card screen must push the GREEN button in a “long” mode (at least 1 second)**
2. By default, it will appear the next Time Control to check – in. If this is not the case, crew can push button RED or BLUE to forward or backward until appears the Time Control where they want to check – in.
3. **When the crew are ready to check – in they must push the GREEN button “short” (usual pulsation, less than 1 second)**
4. At the Timekeeper's Stella, will appear the number of vehicle with the hour/ minute / second of the check - in time.
5. Timekeeper must check that everything is correct and push the green button of his Stella to validate the check – in.
6. In the crew's Stella it is filled with the real check – in time in this Control (numbers with black background) and they can continue to the next Time Control. If they push the green button “long” the device returns to the usual navigation screen.

IMPORTANT REACHING SUNSET TIME / OTHER INCIDENTS

We remind all competitors that since the medical helicopter(s) can fly only during the daytime, in case of reaching the sunset time will result in all the competitors concerned and still running on the Selective Section will be informed – at the nearest Control (Safety Point, Passage Control, etc.) that the crew must return to the bivouac/service without using the route of the Selective Section. The crew will be considered to have retired and will receive the penalty established. The crew may, nevertheless re-start the rally under the provisions established in the appropriate regulations. These dispositions are also applicable in case of weather conditions that did not offer the standards required by aeronautical authorities to fly in safety conditions.

ELECTRONIC CONTROL OF ITINERARY

As stated in Supplementary Regulations (art. 11.14), we are controlling electronically the passage for each one of the diagrams in the Road Book.

The passage of the vehicle through each road direction diagram is registered by the GPS.

Through the passage at each diagram the Stella RESTART automatically to the total distance. The validation distance for each diagram are 15 meters and the system send a “bip”.

It will be shown in the screen the number associated to this diagram in the road book (i.e: from 1 to 293 in the case of SS1)

Competitors must pass through all road direction diagrams in chronological order and cannot drive back to get a previously missed diagram.

At the end of each Leg, the GPS may be inspected to control the validation of the road book diagrams.

EXTREME FIRE RISK

VERY IMPORTANT

We request insistently to all competitors that, according to the hot temperatures of the season and extreme drought situation, they must be very careful because of the extreme risk of fires.

We also remind all competitors that it is forbidden to shorten or cut down the rally route.

Organizers will emphasize the watchfulness of this rule, especially at shortening in cultivable land, because the danger to set fire to land.

We remind also the competitors to warn – through the emergency telephone number

EMERGENCIAS: 00 34 667 581 345 - any sign or beginnings of a fire that eventually can notice.

A quick warning is basic to start all safety and extinguishing measures.

We do remind that still it's harvest season, so do please be extremely careful and stay attentive to possible harvest machinery.

CROSS ROADS AND SAFETY POINTS

- We remind competitors that the Special Stages route ARE NOT EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED TO COMPETITORS, although we have taken many work and great care in safety:
 - The rally route has been carefully selected, checked (and where necessary corrected). Great care has been taken in signposting the rally route.
 - Among the Start and Finish Controls, there are a total of 104 Control points (Cross Road Controls, Passage Controls and Security Controls):
 - On SS 1:
 - 1 Passage Control

- 27 Security Controls
- 4 Cross Road Controls
- On SS 2: (This Selective Section has two Neutralization zones of 3,64 km and 25,25 km due to environmental requirements):
 - 29 Security Controls
 - 3 Cross Road Controls
- On SS 3:
 - 1 Passage Control
 - 35 Security Controls
 - 6 Cross Road Controls

At all of them, the passage of each competitor is checked and the Clerk of the Course is informed if there is any anomaly.

As stated in the Supplementary Regulations (Art. 11.16), ALL the Cross Road points are CONTROLLED SPEED ZONES of 40 km/h and the vehicle must be ready to STOP if necessary under the surveillance of Marshalls.

A car missing at any passage will cause the start up of all the safety measures. Thus it is that, we require all competitors to inform – by means of phone or other means – any accident or any other incident.

SPEED CONTROL ZONES

There are several speed control zones along the Special Stages.

All the Speed Control Zones, the Panels, penalties and all the details are explained in article 37 of 2021 FIA CCR SR.

PLEASE, BE CAREFUL BECAUSE THE NON COMPLIANCE OF THESE SPEED LIMIT ZONES COULD PREJUDICE NEXT EVENTS.

The “STELLA” system gives a warning 100 meters before the Zone (DZ) showing in **orange the speed limit (30 or 50)**. When you enter the “speed zone” the limit is shown in **red**.

There is an **acoustic and lighted warning if you overspeed** the limit.

30 meters before the end of the speed zone the speed limit in the screen are automatically removed.

The system controls the overspeeding on-line.

5.- ALARM AND TRACKING SYSTEM

THE SYSTEM IS SET UP TO RECEIVE THE REQUESTS AT 350 METERS

Alarm system “vehicle to vehicle”

- We have put on each car a “vehicle to vehicle” alarm system called “STELLA” to help cars during the overtaking manoeuvres and we think this will increase the rally safety standard.
- These alarm system is received and checked **on – line for all the vehicles** at Race Control.
- If a vehicle receives a request for overtaking and did not authorize it or increase clearly the speed of the vehicle, the Clerk of the course should consider it an offence.
- The Clerk of the Course will consider **infringements** two (2) consecutive offences or three (3) alternate.
- These infringements should be reported to the Panel of Stewards.

Position control system GPS – SOS System

- Also - and according Cross Country Rallies regulations – all cars are fitted with a satellite position system (GPS) that allow us to know, from the Rally Headquarters, the position of each vehicle for their easier localization.

You have all the instructions on the web page and any additional explanation required should be given to you immediately.

OPERATION: SOS button: (mandatory use only in emergencies)

- The SOS button should be used ONLY in an emergency.
- It should be **hold for 5 seconds** when the team suffers or see an accident that requires medical help. Pressing the button, automatically activates the voice connection with Race Control.
- If you have to leave the vehicle urgently (eg. fire or rollover) GPS may be removed from the vehicle and used as a mobile phone.
- The misuse of it, or use to communicate any other subject not concerning medical help should be immediately reported to the Stewards.
- When the Race Director, at its sole discretion, believes that the emergency situation and risk has ended, the GPS will be disconnected to open the channel to other competitors.

CLOSING TIME FOR CONTROLS

We recommend to competitors an attentive reading of art.11.17 of Supplementary Regulations and Bulletin N. 2 concerning the maximum time in Passage Controls.

On each Time Card are specified the maximum time allowed to finish the SS. Any vehicle with more time shall be awarded the max. time and could find (if his lateness is more than 30 minutes) the next Time Control closed for him.

ALSO, REMEMBER TO COMPETITORS THAT THERE IS A TIME OF 5 MINUTES FROM THE LAST SERVICE ON SATURDAY TO ARRIVE TO PARC FERME.

FOR THE EXIT OF SERVICE AND THE ENTRANCE OF PARC FERME THE CAR COULD BE DRIVEN FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPETITOR

MEDICAL SERVICES.-

- The Medical coverage of the event are as follows:
 - 1 Medical helicopter
 - 1 Medical Post (at "parking Palacio de Congresos y Exposiciones de TERUEL)
 - 2 Medical 4 x 4 cars
 - 2 cars with extrication (4 x 4)
 - 3 Intensive care ambulance (VSVA) - (2 of them 4 x 4)
 - 6 Basic care ambulance (VSVB) – (2 of them 4 x 4).
- Also in warning state:
 - Medical helicopters in alert from Service 112 SOS – ARAGÓN.
 - General alert of Emergency Services of 112 SOS – ARAGÓN.
 - General alert of Emergency for all the Hospitals involved.

PODIUM CEREMONY

- There will be a "photograph" ceremony, at the Podium zone, upon arrival for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classified in overall classification.
- The following vehicles must attend podium ceremonies.
 - 1^o classified scratch BAJA ARAGON 2021.

IMPORTANT: As the podium area is a restrictive zone, we kindly ask **competitors to take their pass to podium accreditations at the Secretary.**

PRIZE – GIVING CEREMONY

- Results will be published at 20:00 hours.
- Due to COVID restrictions, there WILL NOT BE the usual Prize Giving Ceremony. The Trophies will be set up at the exterior (on the Refuelling Zone used during the Rally) and winners were called and themselves they will take their Trophies.
- Trophies are listed in art. 13 the Supplementary Regulations

Have a nice and lucky Baja ¡¡¡¡

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We are open to all your questions

Any query to be addressed in writing to mvidal48@gmail.com