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Instructions for control marshals

1- General

Your job as a control marshal is very important as the times you will inscribe on the participants route card will be the only information available to the organisers for compiling the results at the end of the rally. Your primary goal is to inscribe the precise time of arrival (Time In) of each car at your control and to issue them a time of departure (Time Out)

2- Different types of control

2-1 Average speed or elapsed time

At an average speed control, participants must arrive at a precise time as indicated in the rally instructions. Cars should not arrive earlier or later than that time.

At an elapsed time control, participants are allowed to arrive earlier than their ideal time and they can then ask you to inscribe a later time (ex.: a car should ideally arrive at the control at 10:17 but arrives at 10:14; participants are then allowed to ask you to inscribe 10:17 instead of 10:14 as their Time In). N.B.: If a car is late, participants are not allowed to ask you an earlier time than their Time In (in the precedent example, if the car shows up at 10:19, they can not ask for 10:17 as their Time In, they must accept 10:19).

2-2 Timing to the minute or to the second.

A control may be timed to the minute or to the second and this makes a difference for the final results. For you, as a control marshal, the only difference is that you must inscribe more precise Time In and Time Out on the participant's route card when the control is timed to the second (hour, minutes and seconds instead of simply hour and minutes).

3- Instructions

Organisers will give you a control logsheet that you will have to give them back at the end of the rally. As a car passes the control panel, note the exact time (hour, minutes and seconds) and inscribe it in the Time In column on the next available line on your logsheet. You will then be able to determine and inscribe its departing time in the Time Out column (see instructions further in the text). At this time, you will not know the car's number. You will be able to inscribe the car's number when the participant will hand you their route card as the car number appears on it.

On the participant's route card, you write down the Time In you have recorded and the Time Out you have determined (hour and minutes for a control timed to the minute; hour, minutes and seconds for a control timed to the second) and you put down your initials. Please be sure to write down this INFORMATION on the appropriate line corresponding to your control number. In the "Remarks" column, write down the distance of your control and the car "0" ideal time (ex.: 14,84 km 20:36); this INFORMATION appears on the control description sheet that organisers will also have given you.

When all cars have passed or when you have reached your control closing time, you pick-up the control panel and you leave for your next control or for the location indicated by the organisers.

4- Determining Time Outs

Important rule:

You should never let two cars leave your control at the same time. There must be a separation of at least one full minute between two departures. So you must bear in mind this rule when determining a car's Time Out. Here are some examples for a control timed to the minute and for one timed to the second:

4.1 Control timed to the minute:

For determining a Time Out, you take the Time In and you simply add 1 to the number of minutes.

Ex.:

Time In	Time Out
10:14:33	10:15
10:59:21	11:00
11:00:59	11:01
11:03:18	11:04
11:03:25	11:05 (and not 11:04, to have at least one full minute between two departures)
11:03:58	11:06 (and not 11:04, to have at least one full minute between two departures)
11:05:33	11:07 (and not 11:06, to have at least one full minute between two departures)
11:07:46	11:08

4.2 Control timed to the second:

For determining a Time Out, you take the Time In and you add 1 to the number of minutes. ~~You then add the number of seconds corresponding to the ideal time of car "0".~~ You then inscribe the ideal number of seconds.

Ex.: if the number of seconds of the ideal car "0" time is 18

Time In	Time Out
10:54:33	10:55:18
10:59:21	11:00:18
11:00:59	11:01:18
11:02:25	11:03:18
11:02:42	11:04:18 (and not 11:03:18)
11:02:55	11:05:18 (and not 11:03:18)
11:04:03	11:06:18 (and not 11:05:18)
11:06:22	11:07:18

5- Important points

5.1 Before leaving for your control:

Be sure to set your watch precisely with the official rally time (to the second).

Be sure to know exactly where your control is located and how to reach it (a recent map and a cell. phone would be helpful).

Take all the documents and bring a control panel with you.

Leave sufficiently early to be at the control location at the "In Position" time specified on the control description sheet.

Bring at least two pens.

5.2 At the control location:

Be sure to be at the right location.

Park your vehicle on the right side of the road and lean your control panel against the rear of your car (be sure not to block the exhaust if you are planning to run your motor).

Have on hand the information to give to the participants (distance and car "0" time).

If a participant disputes the Time In you have given him, verify that you have not make a transcription error. If so, simply write the good Time In on his route card. If not, simply note the Time In requested by the participant in the "Remarks" column on his card. Organisers will advise at the end of rally.

Do not leave the control location before the Closing Time except if you are sure that all cars have already passed.

When leaving, **do not forget to pick-up your control panel** !!!!

Example of a control description sheet

Control # 4
Leg A
Section 2
Distance 14,84 km (information to be written down on to the participant's route card)
Car "0" 20:36:18 (" " " " " " " ")

Type Average speed ; timed to the second

In position time 20:11
Opening time 20:21
Closing time 21:40

Location: In front of the post with the sign "Private property"



Route card Carte de route

Car No.
Auto No.

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Cont.	Time in Arrivée	Time out Départ	Init.	Remarks Remarques	Elaps time Temps écoulé	Penalties Pénalités
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Start Départ	19:12					
01	19:35	19:36	AB	28,85 km 19:30		
02	19:47	19:50	CS	08,32 km 19:43		
03	20:13	20:15	JPL	31,24 km 20:10		
04	20:26:02	20:27:18	RS	14,84 km 20:36:18		
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