

## John Overend Memorial Stages 2017 and Melbourne Junior Rally 2017

### Drivers' Briefing

- Welcome ...
- There are new mandatory requirements for a competitors' briefing from 1<sup>st</sup> July and we are trying to comply with them (so this briefing is longer than it has been in the past!)
- Chicanes – we have left an escape at the side of each (?)
- Splits and Merges – there is a split and merge on every stage. The MSA is concerned about increasing number of accidents at splits and merges – this is a “non-contact” sport. The split on stages 1 and 2 is as signed on the stage (not as the diagram on the stage map) – there are photographs of it on the Notice Board.
- We will be applying penalties for contact between cars and we have been asked to report any incidents of this to the MSA for possible further action. The MSA has asked you to use your door mirrors.
- From the Start line on each stage you can see the merge.
- All stages start on 30 second intervals – two cars leave the Main Control at the start of the event every minute.
- Incidents – your own and other competitors'
- **The Blue Book requirements are:**
  - In the case of an accident where urgent medical attention is required, the red SOS sign should be displayed as quickly as possible to alert following cars
  - Any crew that sees a red SOS sign displayed on a car, or sees a major accident where both crew members are inside the car but not displaying the SOS sign, must immediately and without exception **stop** to give assistance. All following cars must also stop and the second car arriving at the scene must inform the next radio point. Subsequent cars must leave a clear route for emergency vehicles.

- In the case of an accident where medical intervention is not required, the OK sign must be clearly shown to following vehicles
- If you stop on a stage, your warning triangle must be put out at least 50 metres before the car's position.
- **First competitor on the scene of an incident** – we hope you have all watched the MSA's first on scene video – quick summary:
  - **If the vehicle is on fire, get them out immediately,**
  - **If the competitor is still in the vehicle, is responsive, and no risk of fire – do not move them until the professionals arrive,**
  - **If the competitor is in the vehicle, is unresponsive and there is no risk of fire – stop life-threatening bleeding, ensure an open airway, immobilise the head and neck, check if they are breathing. DO NOT REMOVE HELMETS UNLESS THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO ENSURE AN OPEN AIRWAY.**
  - **If the competitor is out of the vehicle – do not grab them, guide them to a place of safety, don't let them wander.**
- Under this year's regulations you may miss controls or stages (with penalty of 30 minutes for each control or stage missed). You need to complete 2/3rds of the stages to be classified as a finisher. After missing a control or stage, your car needs to be re-scrutineered before re-joining the event. Then report to Rally Office for a new Time Card.
- Juniors
  - If there is a hold-up on stage 1 or stage 2, the arrival control may not have moved to its location for stage 3 – if this is the case, please queue up after the last adult
  - If we have no delays, please arrive 5 minutes early for stages 3, 5, and 7 – if everyone is ready and the stage is clear, we'll call you into the arrival control early (and give you the correct time). This is to try to keep the event as compact as possible.
  - Standing water at the breaking point for post 20
  - Mud on left of road at post 5

- Caution – bad bump at 6+
- At lunch time, please give priority to marshals at the burger van.
- We have a full field, we aim to recover stranded vehicles between pairs of stages, but this will be tight and may not be possible.
- Have a good day!