



**Bulletin #2017-002 20 – January - 2017**

Subject:

Mandatory Events, Restart Rules, Spec Tire, Fuel, Rules

**Overview: Mandatory Events**

| <b>Round</b> | <b>Name of Event</b>            | <b>Date</b>                               | <b>Notes</b>           |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1            | Sno*Drift Rally                 | Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Mandatory Event</b> |
| 2            | 100 Acre Woods Rally            | March 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Mandatory Event</b> |
| 3            | Southern Ohio Forests Rally     | May 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>   |                        |
| 4            | Rally Colorado                  | July 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | <b>Mandatory Event</b> |
| 5            | Sno*Drift Summer Rally          | Aug 5                                     | 50% National Points    |
| 6            | Rally Wyoming                   | Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>   |                        |
| 7            | Show-Me Rally                   | Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>                       | 50% National Points    |
| 8            | Lake Superior Performance Rally | Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>   | <b>Mandatory Event</b> |

Missing any of the mandatory events will result in a reduction of the number of events that can count towards a National Championship. The penalty for missing each mandatory event is the loss of 1 additional championship event, plus the 1 event that was missed. If you score points in more than the allowed number of events you must drop events until you only score the allowed number of events.

Example - If you miss 1 mandatory event you will only be able to count 6 Events towards the National Championship.

**Overview: Replacement for Restart Rules (aka Super Rally)**

The current restart rules have been replaced with scoring national championship points on individual legs. Effective immediately, each leg will award national championship points based on finishing position overall and within class.

A DNF on any leg will result in a DNF for the entire event. If you DNF during a leg, you still have the opportunity to earn valuable championship points in the other leg, or legs. The championship points for each leg will be based on your finish position for that leg alone. National competitors will be allowed to restart only at the first MTC of the next leg.

Only competitors that complete the entire event will be eligible for the National Event Podium.

Example - If you DNF in the first leg of a national event, you are a DNF for the entire event. Your finishing position for the 2nd day only will determine the number of national championship points that you are awarded.

1st Leg DNF = 1 Start Point

2nd Leg 1st in class for Leg 2 only = 1 Start + 1 Finish + 22 Position = 24 points

Event Class Points = 1 point for Leg 1 + 24 Points for Leg 2 = 25 Total Class Points

Event Finish Position = DNF

Rationale: The restart rules were changed in an attempt to improve upon them.

1. Replace the following definition in Article 1.9.

#### Leg

A sequence of Special Stages, preceded by an MTC Out and ended with an MTC In. It may contain one or more sets of MTC Outs/MTC Ins between the initial MTC Out and the final MTC In. A Leg will typically be a single day of competition. The Supplemental Regulations or an Event Bulletin will define the actual Legs.

2. Strike 7.16.

3. Replace the first section of Article 9.1.A with the following.

#### A. National Championships

There will be separate Rally America National Championships for Driver and Co-Driver.

Points will be scored in all Rally America classes (see Article 10.1) at all Rally America National Events rallies. For the purposes of assigning championship points only, a National Championship rally will typically consist of a weekend of two separate legs events. The event's Supplemental Regulations or an Event Bulletin will indicate the beginning and end of each leg event. These points will be used to determine the outcome of the Rally America National Championships listed below.

Rally America will award the following National Championships:

4. Replace Article 9.1.D with the following.

- D. In national rallies, points shall be awarded to both driver and co-driver based on the competitor's finishing position overall and within a class as follows:

| Finish Position | Points |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1st             | 22     |
| 2nd             | 18     |
| 3rd             | 16     |
| 4th             | 14     |
| 5th             | 12     |
| 6th             | 10     |
| 7th             | 8      |
| 8th             | 6      |
| 9th             | 4      |
| 10th - last     | 2      |

**Overview: Regional Rallies that award National Championship Points**

For 2017 the Sno\*Drift Summer and Show-Me Rallies will award 50% National position points. These regional rallies are single day events and the position points awarded will be 50% of those awarded for one leg of competition at a National Event.

Example - 1st in class = 1 (for starting) + 1 (for finishing) + 11 (position points) = 13 points

**Overview: 2WD National Spec Tire**

Rally America is partnered with Maxxis and tires produced by Maxxis will be the "Spec Tire" for the 2017 Rally America 2WD National Championship. Use of the Spec Tire in the classes eligible for the 2WD National Championship (Group 2, Group 5 and B-Spec) at National Championship Events will be required or not required as indicated below. All 2WD competitors holding a National license are required to follow this schedule.

|                                 |                 |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Sno*Drift Rally                 | January 27 – 28 | Not Required |
| Rally in the 100 Acre Wood      | March 17 – 18   | Required     |
| Southern Ohio Rally             | May 19 – 20     | Required     |
| Rally Colorado                  | July 21 – 22    | Required     |
| Sno*Drift Summer Rally          | August 5        | Required     |
| Rally Wyoming                   | August 25-26    | Required     |
| Show Me Rally                   | October 7       | Required     |
| Lake Superior Performance Rally | October 20 – 21 | Required     |

Effective immediately, replace Article 10.1.I with the following.

**I. Spec Tire**

All cars entered in classes eligible for the 2WD National Championship with the Driver holding a National License must use the brand and model(s) of tire(s) specified by Rally America at National Championship events. There may be exceptions or allowances described in Event Bulletins.

**Overview: Fuel**

Effective immediately, replace Article 10.1.D with the following.

#### D. Fuel

1. Open Class vehicles entered in Rally America National Championship rallies are required to use either:
  - a. One of the official fuels as listed on the fuel order form on the Rally America website.
  - b. An alternate fuel (e.g., propane), which must be approved by the Competition Director 90 days in advance of the event.
2. All other competition vehicles entered in ~~Rally America National Championship rallies~~ are required to use either:
  - a. One of the official fuels as listed on the fuel order form on the Rally America website.
  - b. Locally purchased 94 (or lower) octane street legal pump gasoline without additives or octane booster.
  - c. An alternate fuel (e.g., propane), which must be approved by the Competition Director 90 days in advance of the event.  
E85 is an approved alternative fuel.
  - d. Diesel fuel.
- ~~3. All other rally vehicles are required to use either:~~
  - ~~a. Unleaded gasoline with a minimum specific gravity of 0.735 at 60 degrees Fahrenheit and containing no MTBE.~~
  - ~~b. Diesel fuel.~~
  - ~~c. An alternative fuel (e.g., propane), which must be approved by the Competition Director 90 days in advance of the event.~~

#### **Overview: Regional License Holders in National Rallies**

Effective immediately, replace Article 2.1.D.3.b with the following.

- b. License holder who has entered the regional rallies run concurrent with a national rally may also enter that national rally (aka dual entry) and earn points. A regional license holder may only score national points in 3 national rallies in a season. ~~This is limited to three national rallies in a season.~~

#### **Overview: 2017 Performance Rally Rules and Bulletins**

The 2017 Performance Rally Rules (PRR) will only be available electronically. Also, despite being originally issued before the 2017 PRR, Bulletin 2017-001 is to be applied to the PRR and not vice versa.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.