



Bulletin #20 31-August-2005

Subject:

Speed Factors, Seeded Draw, and Stage Start Intervals at Rally America Championship Events

Overview:

Effective September 1, 2005 the start order for Rally America Championship Events will be established based primarily on median based speed factors. These will be supplemented by the old speed factors on an as-needed basis. These new speed factors will be used to determine start positions and which competitors will be included in the seeded draw.

Speed Factors:

The parameters for the new median based speed factors are as follows:

1. Each competitor's individual stage speed factor is based on their standard deviation from the median competitor's stage time. These numbers are then normalized so that the speed factors generally range from 0 to 100 rather than -2 to +2.
2. Any individual stage time slower than -1.5 standard deviations from the median will not be considered.
3. The fastest 75% (rounded down) of each competitor's stages per event will be used to calculate their event speed factor.
4. Any stage which any competitor completes in less than 2 minutes is excluded from the event speed factor calculation.
5. Any stage where 25% or more of the competitors are awarded the same finish time due to application of article 7.6.D is excluded from the event speed factor calculation.
6. A competitor must complete four of the remaining stages to get an event speed factor. In other words they do not have to finish the event.
7. Pikes Peak is excluded from speed factor calculation.
8. A competitor's Speed Factor is the average of their best 3 event speed factors from the current and previous season.
9. These will not be applied to stand-alone Rally America Regional Events at this time.
10. A competitor may petition to Rally America to exclude an event from their Speed Factor in which they competed in a slower than normal class. These exclusions will be made at the sole discretion of Rally America.

Seeded Draw:

There will be a seeded draw to establish the starting order for competitors with a Speed Factor of 89.50 and higher plus FIA Seed A listed drivers. The competitor drawing #1 has first choice of road position among those in the draw. The competitor drawing #2 gets second choice and so on until the draw is complete. Competitors (or their designate) included but not present at the time of the seeded draw will be assigned the highest road position available when their number is drawn. The stewards may not adjust the initial starting position of those in the seeded draw. This initial start order carries no precedent for any reseed through the remainder of the event.

Stage Start Interval:

The first “n” vehicles will start every stage with a minimum 1-minute additional interval to the vehicle ahead, where “n” is the number of drivers scheduled to start the event that were included in the seeded draw. The number “n” is established at the start of the rally and will remain the same for the entire rally. This is a modified reinstatement of Article 1.7.E.5 and supercedes Bulletin #11.

Stewards may interpret this bulletin as necessary to resolve penalties or protests.

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