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1. COVID-19 Delegates Notes

Please study carefully in particular the Attachment 1 (COVID-19 Delegates Notes) which is scheduled to be applied and to form an integral part of this Bulletin no. 1.

This document contains some very important information and instructions and a number of changes to the procedures stipulated in the 2021 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations, applicable for Qatar International Rally as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

2. SRs - Article 8 / Fuel - Refuelling (updated)

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The following commercial filling stations were designated by the organiser to be eventually used by the competitors for refuelling along the rally route:

Leg	Section	Road Section	km	Location	GPS coordinates
1	2	TC1C > TC2	34,00	Al Takhira	25° 43.469'N 51° 31.667'E
1	3	TC3C > TC4			
2	4	TC5E > TC6	31,83*		
2	5	TC8C > TC9			

* Petrol station is located 2,17 km out of rally route.

3. SRs - Article 10.2 / Administrative checks - Schedule (updated)

Wednesday, 27 January

Time	Competitor	Time	Competitor	Time	Competitor
16.00h	1	17.30h	8	19.00h	16
16.10h	2	17.40h	9	19.20h	17
16.20h	3	18.00h	10	19.30h	18
16.40h	4	18.10h	11	19.40h	19
16.50h	5	18.20h	12	19.50h	20
17.00h	6	18.40h	14		
17.20h	7	18.50h	15		

4. SRs - Article 11.1 / Scrutineering - Timetable (updated)

Friday, 29 January

Time	Competitors	Time	Competitors	Time	Competitors
08.00h	1 / 10	10.00h	5 / 15	12.15h	9 / 19
08.30h	2 / 11	10.45h	6 / 16	12.45h	20
09.00h	3 / 12	11.15h	7 / 17		
09.30h	4 / 14	11.45h	8 / 18		

Cars must be presented to scrutineering with the competition numbers, rally plates, obligatory and optional advertising affixed.

5. SRs - Appendix 3 / Names and photographs of CROs and their schedules (updated)

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Wed 27/01	09.00 / 20.00h	Rally HQ
Thu 28/03	09.00 / 20.00h	Rally HQ
Fri 29/01	08.00 / 13.00h	Rally HQ & Scrutineering
	14.00 / 16.00h	Rally HQ
	17.00 / 22.00h	Pre-start holding area & SSS1
Sat 30/01	09.00 / 10.00h	Parc Fermé
	10.00 / 18.00h	Rally HQ
Sun 31/01	07.00 / 08.00h	Parc Fermé
	08.00 / 18.00h	Rally HQ
	19.00 / 20.00h	Podium Ceremony

The CRO will be available preferably by phone or email in order to avoid face to face contacts.

The Organising Committee

COVID-19 Delegates Notes

QATAR INTERNATIONAL RALLY

29/31 January 2021

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From: COVID-19 Delegate

Version: 1

To: All Stakeholders and Attendees

Date: 21.01.2021

INTRODUCTION

QMMF is working in close collaboration with the Qatari authorities to enable safe participation in Qatar International Rally 2021. The success of the event depends on the involvement and cooperation of all related and involved teams, drivers and officials and their awareness of the measures we elaborated.

Hence, everyone will be responsible for their implementation in order to insure safe and enjoyable atmosphere.

These sanitary protocols rely upon three key principles: building a COVID-free sanitary bubble, carrying out extensive PCR tests and implementing consistently the sanitary rules while applying decent social distance, temperature monitoring and emphasizing the face masks at all times. QMMF reserves the right to sanction any person infringing the measures detailed in this document. These protocols were elaborated according to the current sanitary rules provided by the Qatari authorities. Therefore, if by any case of evolve before the start of the rally, all related concerned departments and personnel will be informed immediately.

Everyone should understand the following provisions and recommendations which should cover all of the aspects, please note that these measures may change and should be adapted from time to time depending on the latest evolutions, including but not limited to the latest health regulations and protocols defined by the relevant authorities in Qatar.

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

COVID DELEGATE (CMO)	Dr. Amr Aboulwafa	+974 55543136	cmo@qmmf.com.qa
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1. INTERNATIONAL TEAMS & PARTICIPANTS

a) Before Doha arrival

- Limitation of all social interactions: Starting from 10 days before the rally, please limit your physical contacts in order to reduce the risks of contamination.
- PCR test 48 hours prior to flight departure: The organizer (based also on airlines and Qatar authorities' requirements) will require everyone to provide a negative PCR test from an official reference in their country (48 hours prior to flight departure). As of today, a negative PCR test is mandatory and there will be no exception to this obligation. It is highly recommended for the teams/participants to book their flight tickets on Qatar Airways as the other airlines may have difficult travel procedures.

b) Doha arrival

The following procedures must be followed by every person accessing the Rally official sites.

- To arrive in Doha on 25th January 2021 the latest.
- Upon arrival: Every person must follow the official instructions from the organizer and the Qatari authorities upon arrival including (but not limited to) the disclosure of any respiratory symptoms to the health monitoring center, commitment to fill and sign the required documents from the health authorities and to deliver them to the related authorities at the port of entry, commitment to download the required mobile applications from the health authorities (Ehteraz) on your personal mobile and that should be done through a valid Qatari mobile number (available at Hammad International Airport next to Ehteraz check point). Obligation to update the health status and notify the health authorities if any symptoms appear.
- PCR test at the airport: You will be instructed to do a PCR test at the airport, and you should expect to receive the result as a text message on your Qatari number between 24 to 30 hours. Do not leave the airport without PCR test!!
- First 72 hours: After your arrival in Doha, a period of 72 hours a strict quarantine will be required from the Qatari authorities – at the dedicated hotels and that needs to be indicated in the forms which will be given to you at the check-in desk before your departure. This quarantine includes strict limitation of all your social interactions and movements (only the transfer from the airport to the quarantine location is allowed).
- In the case of positive result, the person will be required to respect an additional isolation period for the duration (minimum 7 days) required by local authorities at the time of taking the test.
- Please note that any access to the rally official sites will be allowed only to the persons with a green QR code which will be shown in "Ehteraz" mobile application. The organizers may also ask for a negative PCR test and body temperature check in order to obtain the official accreditations.
- After the end of the quarantine period, following the initial 72 hours after the arrival, you must understand and respect the preventive measures put in place by the Qatari authorities (social distancing, avoiding large gathering, regular cleaning of hands, wearing of face masks, communicating to health authorities any potential symptoms...)

c) Doha departure

- Depending on the evolution of global and national health contexts, a recent PCR test may be required by the airlines or health authorities prior to the boarding for the return flight and/or to re-enter the home country. Please keep following the updates of the health authorities of your home country.

2. QATAR BASED TEAMS & PARTICIPANTS

Please note that all Qatar based teams and participants will be tested in a dedicated place and time. All participants and team members must be tested with no exception as instructed by the Qatari Health Authorities.

Everyone must submit a negative PCR test result before the admin checks.

3. DURING THE RALLY (SANITARY BUBBLE)

The target is to start the rally with a clean sanitary bubble in order to reduce the risks of contamination.

- All persons wishing to enter the rally sanitary bubble must respect the accreditation protocols and deadlines.
- Teams must nominate one person as a TRO (Team Relation Officer) to handle all the team concerns. The TRO must provide us with a detailed list of all team members no later than Monday 25th -Jan-2021.

a) Hygiene – PPE and medical face masks

Consistent with the provisions of the COVID-19 Code, the following guidance is provided regarding the use of PPE.

- When arriving at the specific zone of the Venue, it is mandatory to wear a medical face mask until reaching your Group (Team) area, temperature check and hand sanitizers.
- Within a specific area, medical face masks must be worn and may only be removed when superseded by a superior level of PPE for a safety critical task (e.g. a full-face helmet). Within a Group's immediate operating area face masks may be removed, however the use of a mask at all times is highly recommended.
- Random temperature tests will be made during the event by the medical and Security teams.
- Security and the medical teams will ensure the correct use of PPE.

Location	Mask requirement by the FIA
Cars, aircraft, coaches etc.	Highly Recommended
Service Park – Common Areas (Outdoors)	Mandatory
Team Defined Area (When not Working and Social Distance is possible)	Highly Recommended Individual Group (Team) Control
Team Defined Area (While Working and when Social Distance not possible)	Mandatory
Scrutineering	Mandatory
Time Controls and other Controls	Mandatory when a crew member exits the car unless superseded by a balaclava which covers nose and mouth
Refuel Area	Mandatory
Rally HQ	Mandatory
When visiting Other Team or Defined Area (Scrutineers, TV Tech, SPORTTRAX, Tyres)	Mandatory
Stewards Hearing	Mandatory. Hearings will be conducted in a Socially Distanced manner
TV Interviews	Mandatory
In Car Officials	Mandatory

b) To limit the social interaction, they will be 4 different color-coded zones. Each zone will have a specific accreditation.

➤ **High density zones:**

- Red zone: Rally Headquarters including rally control and stewards' room.
- Blue zone: Service Park Area including remote refuelling zone, pre-start and SSS1 holding area.

➤ **Low density zones:**

- Yellow zone: Media Center & dedicated Media zones.
- Green zone: Rally route.

No one could receive accreditation to more than one zone.

c) Anti-COVID team

Dedicated staff will be present during the rally to manage the specific sanitary measures. In this way, COVID-Control team will manage the sanitizing materials, sanitize the high contact areas and to ensure that everyone is wearing masks and respecting social distancing. Any required medical procedures and decisions related to COVID during the rally should be reported directly to COVID delegate.

In case of infringement of this protocol, QMMF reserves the right to take sanctions against this person with the exclusion possibility from the rally bubble depending on the seriousness of the breaches observed or in case of repeated infringement.

d) Evacuation of the sanitary bubble

In case of a positive PCR test, the infected person will be immediately evacuated from the sanitary bubble by the organizer. In this case, the quarantine measures and the dedicated duration must be respected. A minimum of 7 days will be applied as per the Qatari authorities at the time of taking the test. Please also note that Qatari health authorities do not allow to "dispute" a positive PCR test, meaning that evacuation and isolation measures are mandatory upon the receipt of a positive PCR test result, without any exception.

4. COVID-19 SPORTING REGULATIONS

a) General / Communication

During the event, individual and general communication between all rally officials (rally control/COC, rally secretariat, CRO, stewards, technical staff etc.) and the competitors/crew members will primarily and as far as possible be conducted electronically (phone calls, Emails, and mobile apps).

For this purpose, each competitor is required to nominate ONE official representative authorized for the purpose of receiving any official notifications, along with the respective contact (mobile number, Email, WhatsApp). This contact must be notified before Monday 25th -January-2021.

This contact will be used both for general and individual communications.

Any confirmation of receipt, if required, must mandatorily also be returned by this contact to Competitors' Relation Officer (CRO):

cro@gmmf.com.qa

As provided for in FIA ISC Art. 11.9.4, the official notice board will be the digital notice board, published on the Sportity mobile app. There will be no physical official notice board and all competitors will be informed by Sportity, Email & WhatsApp about the publication of any documents on the digital notice board.

b) Administrative Checks

The following additional procedures will apply:

- Administrative checks should, whenever possible, be carried out together with the collection of recce and rally materials and documents.
- Notwithstanding RRSR Art. 30.1, drivers and co-drivers are not required to report personally to administrative checks. Each Competitor shall nominate in advance to the Rally Organizer one authorized representative to complete administrative checks and collect the recce and rally materials and documents.

For this purpose:

At administrative checks, the authorized representative shall present a hard copy of each duly completed entry form as previously submitted with the original signatures of the Competitor, both crew members and of any other entity as requested on the entry form or on any attachments/other forms. The original driver's and co-driver's driving licenses and sporting licenses shall be presented for visual inspection at administrative checks.

- The recce and rally materials will be provided in plastic bags and sanitized before submission. In order to receive the package, administrative checks must be fully completed. Any additional documents to be handed to Crews will use the same system.

A form for confirmation of receipt of materials shall be signed and put into a box provided for that purpose.

- Please remember!! to bring your own pen to sign.
- (Reminder) Individual times for administrative checks are published for each competitor in this Bulletin and must be respected.

c) Recce

Recce control cards will not be used, all procedures will be electronically controlled. Nevertheless, crews must stop at TC and STOP of each stage for a minimum of 10 seconds.

d) Scrutineering

The scrutineering area and the equipment contained therein will be used by multiple Groups during the events. Necessary resources to clean all touch surfaces (including equipment) within the scrutineering area between uses by different Groups will put in place.

- Scrutineering – 1 or max 2 people for Car, (2 if required to remove underbody protection / 1 person for Checking the Equipment / 1 person for sealing Spare Parts). PPE is required for all team entering scrutineering.
- Minimize the number of people entering the Team Area to seal/mark components and where possible work 2m apart – e.g. on opposite sides of the car.
- Tire Marking – Will be in Blue zone – but no access to Teams, crews to handle spare wheel themselves.
- During an event, Scrutineers will need to enter the team service areas to undertake their duties, they will be required to wear PPE whilst in the Team area.
- At the End of the Stage, to show that crews are wearing the correct clothing – please help scrutineers by showing the sleeves.
- Post Event Scrutineering – please have a sensible limit on mechanics – aim for maximum 4

e) Briefing

Under a written form and will be communicated by an email to each team representative.

f) Restart After Retirement / Final Retirement

1. RRSR Art. 54.1.1: Confirmation of a final retirement must be communicated by Email, but only by the duly authorized competitor's representative to the Clerk of the Course.
2. RRSR Art. 54.1.2: Competitors who have retired are not required to hand in their time card.

g) Time Cards & Controls

GENERAL

- a. The following procedures apply and have priority over all the related provisions in the 2021 FIA RR Sporting Regulations as far as they are in conflict. Some of the conflicting article numbers are quoted below, but without claiming to be exhaustive.
- b. Any irregularity or discrepancies regarding the below procedures will result in the application of RRSR Art. 19.3.4 and 44.2.12. It is to be noted that, as a principle, the entries recorded on the timing marshals' check sheets shall be decisive.
- c. The complete set of Time Cards for the whole rally will be delivered with the rally materials at administrative checks. It is imperative for all crews to carry at least all the Time Card sets for a whole day inside the car (cf. for example procedures at regrouping controls).

TIME CONTROLS

- a. The check-in procedure begins at the moment as stipulated in RRSR Art. 44.2.1.
- b. The check-in time corresponds to the moment at which the co-driver shows their time card to the marshal through the side window (RRSR Art. 44.1 & 44.2.4).
- c. The appropriate marshal will then enter the actual time at which the card was shown on the control clock and write it on the check sheet (RRSR Art. 44.2.5).
- d. They will then show the recorded check-in time, and, in case of a Time Control followed by a special stage, the provisional special stage start time to the co-driver. The co-driver shall then enter this time on their time card (RRSR Art. 44.2.5).

SPECIAL STAGE START

- a. At the start line, the co-driver shows the appropriate marshal the time card through the side window. The marshal then either confirms this provisional start time or shows a different start time on his checksheet.
- b. This new time, if any, shall then be recorded as actual start time on the time card by the co-driver (RRSR Art. 48.2.3). This actual start time will also be shown on the electronic start count-down display.

SPECIAL STAGE STOP POINT

- a. The appropriate marshal at the stop point will show the finish time (time of the day: hour, minute, second, tenth of a second) to the crew (co-driver).
- b. The co-driver shall record this time on their time card.
- c. Where the Organizer distributes water at the end of a Special Stage, the marshal should wear gloves and offer the bottle, having touched the bottom of the bottle only, allowing the crew to receive holding the cap end.

REGROUPING CONTROLS (RRSR ART. 46)

- a. There is no need to hand in the Time Card used for the Section concerned.
- b. For regroupings during a day, the crews shall themselves record their re-start time from the regroup as instructed by the timing marshal on their new time card for the following Section of that day.
- c. In case of an overnight regroup, the crew shall themselves record their re-start time of the following day on their time card, following the publication of the start list for the section after the overnight regroup.

FLEXI-SERVICE

The marshal at the control Technical Zone OUT/Service IN will keep a check sheet and record the start of the permitted service time. The marshal at the entrance to the overnight parc fermé will also keep a check sheet to record the time of the car entering the parc fermé.

h) Recce & Tracking Systems

- SPORTTRAX will update competitors with a time to collect the units from their base. Please respect social distancing and use PPE in queueing for collection.
- All units will be cleaned before hand-over but please take all care to clean again on fitment.
- Please clean units in accordance with SPORTTRAX instructions before returning units.

5. MEDIA GUIDELINES

In the Media Centre, provided there is the option to socially distance, all visitors will be requested to use PPE face masks until they are sat at their desks when it is then permitted to remove masks.

When being in the media zone, PPE face masks must be worn at all times and there will be a minimum 1.5m separation between each Driver and people around.

6. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Each Stakeholder to have hand sanitizer available at the entrance to their base.
- All marshals at time controls, at stage starts and at stop controls to wear face masks when the stage is running. 7- Spectators
- The public presence is forbidden at start and end of each leg/section and in the Service Park.
- Spectators will not be allowed anywhere in the Rally Route.