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### 1/ Compulsory itinerary of the rally

Competitors are reminded (Art. 19.2 of 2023 FIARRSR and Art. 12.11 of supplementary regulations) that «the compulsory itinerary of the rally is defined in the Road Book by the road direction diagrams and, between the road direction diagrams, by the defined roadway».

### 2/ Equipment of the crews

Competitors are reminded (Art. 53.1 of 2023 FIARRSR) that «whenever a car is in motion on any type of special stage and until the stop control, the crew must wear homologated crash helmets, all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III - Drivers' Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer and have their safety belts correctly fastened».

### 3/ Use of Red Flags

Electronic Red Flags will not be used.  
Arts. 53.5.2 to 53.5.7 of 2023 FIARRSR will apply.

### 4/ Team Passes

As per Art. 4.4.2 of supplementary regulations, each competitor received a total of 10 personnel passes, including those for the drivers.

Two of these passes have a special mention (the letter R inside a red circle) and will be the only ones allowed in technical areas, like scrutineering, refuelling, tyre marking, control zones, etc...



## 5/ Procedure in refuelling areas

Competitors are reminded of the dispositions of Art. 61.2 of 2023 FIARRSR and particularly the following:

- In a Refuelling Area (RA) only actions directly involved in the refuelling of the competing vehicle are permitted.
- The responsibility for refuelling is incumbent on the competitor alone.
- Engines must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.
- It is required that the crew remain outside the car during refuelling.
- In all RAs, a 5 kph speed limit will apply.
- Solely for the purpose of assisting with the refuelling procedure of their car, two team members of each crew wearing the dedicated «R» team passes may access the RA.

The personnel involved in refuelling operations must wear clothing that provides adequate protection against fire and includes at least: long trousers, long-sleeved top, closed shoes, gloves and a balaclava.

- A car may be pushed out of the RA by the crew, the two team members and/or officials without incurring a penalty.

## 6/ Remote refuelling

The access route from the Service Park to the remote RA location is described in Rally Guide.

## 7/ Tyre marking zone

With reference to Art. 13.8 of 2023 FIARRSR, a tyre marking zone will be established at the exit of the authorised service parks.

For the sole purpose of assisting the tyre marking procedure, one team member wearing the dedicated «R» team pass may access this zone.

## 8/ Start of the rally

The start of the rally will be at TCO (Al-Maha Island).

The access route from the Service Park to the start location is described in Rally Guide.

Cars may be driven by one of the drivers or a team representative to the pre-start holding area, where they must enter between 17.30h and 18.00h.

The holding area will be under vigilance. Access to the holding area is limited to team members and media representatives with appropriate identification.

No service will be allowed inside the holding area.

The start will be given in descending order of the competition numbers with 1-minute intervals., 1<sup>st</sup> car starting at 19.00h.

## 9/ Pre-event press conference

Will take place at the start podium by 18.30h.

The list of drivers requested to attend the function was published in CoC Communication no. 3.

## 10/ SSS 1 – Super Special Stage

When checking-in at TC1, cars will enter a neutralisation where parc fermé rules apply.

Crews must follow marshals' instructions and, when informed, be prepared to enter the track for starting the stage at any moment.

The start procedure will be like the one used for any other stage. The start time for SSS1 will be entered in the timecard at the start line and the electronic start procedure will be displayed on a countdown clock.

After three consecutive laps, the finish of SSS 1 will be indicated by a waved chequered flag. The crew must reduce the speed and, following the instructions of the marshals, exit the track and stop at the stop control, where their SSS1 finish time will be entered in the timecard.

## 11/ Finish of the rally

The attendance at the finish ceremony and prize giving is compulsory for all classified crews and crew members must wear their approved overalls.

In the event a car is not driveable for the above procedure, this must be reported to the clerk of the course and the crew members concerned must still attend the podium finish ceremony.

From the opening of the final Parc Fermé, cars must be driven by the crew or by one team member to the location of the Prize Giving (Al-Maha Island, same location as for the start of the rally) using the route indicated in the Rally Guide.

Post-event Press Conference (for invited drivers only) will take place at 18.30h.

Prize Giving Ceremony will start at 19.00h. Cars will pass by the ramp in reverse order of the final classification.

After the conclusion of the ceremony cars will be released and may be driven back to the service park.

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