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1. The 2021 Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland will be using the Sportity App to advise competitors of official information. The Sportity App can be downloaded from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android). Once downloaded, please enter the password: **abrq2021**

2. COVID-19 BRIEFING - COMPETITORS AND CREW

Introduction

Welcome to the 2021 Accent Benchtops Rally Queensland! The rally brings together Competitors from the 2021 RSEA Safety Motorsport Australia Rally Championship, the 2021 Queensland Rally Championship, and Clubman Series.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, this document will focus on those items that will depart from the standard processes and procedures that you may have experienced at previous events.

During these extraordinary times we need to take extraordinary measures to ensure the health and well-being of all rally participants, Officials, Volunteers, staff and the general public. The COVID-19 restrictions and concessions stipulated by the Qld Government are very fluid during this time and there may be significant changes between the date of this document and the date of the event.

Therefore, please endeavour to continue to monitor these changes. Regardless, while COVID-19 is still a threat there are two practices unlikely to change: social distancing and hygiene.

Although it is recognised the risk of contracting COVID-19 from community transmission in Qld is very low at the moment, we do not want this event to be the trigger point for a new wave.

Three basic assumptions underlie all practices to be followed at the event:

- Assume every person you interact with has COVID-19.
- Assume every object you touch has come in contact with COVID-19.
- Assume you have COVID-19.

Social distancing and other COVID-19 practices described in this document must be observed at all times.

1 Before the Event

Motorsport Australia strongly encourages you to download and activate the Australian Government's "COVIDSafe App".

Use the QR Code shown at section 3.4. Doing so now saves your information in the system we are using to create an Attendance Record for contact tracing purposes. If your information is saved, it should speed up the scanning process.

Many administrative and operational processes for the event may be very different from those experienced in the past. This may result in some activities taking longer than expected. Please allow additional time and tolerance so we can all be involved in the sport we enjoy.

1.1 Personal Health

Under no circumstances can you attend the event if any of the following apply:

- have been diagnosed with COVID-19 as confirmed with a positive test for COVID-19 (not antibody test) and have not recovered and since tested negative to COVID-19;
- currently experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 such as: fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, muscle pains, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, runny nose, loss of taste or smell;
- have been in contact with a known COVID-19 positive case in the 14 days prior to the rally;
- have been overseas or has been in contact with someone who has been overseas in the 14 days prior to the rally; and
- have been in any area or location that has a travel restriction applied due to COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the rally, except where an exemption is applicable as determined by the relevant Government authority.

Note: These requirements may change depending on Qld Government regulations at the time of the event.

It is highly recommended that if you exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19 prior to the event you should consider taking a COVID-19 test and self-isolate until the result is known.

You may wish to consult with your medical practitioner on measures you could consider prior to the event.

1.2 Scrutineering

As per the Event Supplementary Regulations, Article 9, there will be no pre-event scrutiny; ARC Sporting Regulation Article 5(a) does not apply. All crews must electronically submit, prior to the event, the "Self-Scrutiny Checklist – Rally/Road" and the "Self-Scrutiny Statement of Vehicle Compliance" forms to the Event Secretary prior to the event. These forms are:

- available on the Motorsport Australia website
- in writeable PDF format
- should be saved to your device, then completed and emailed.

A Scrutineer may perform a non-contact walk around of the vehicle and check of apparel compliance.

COVID risk management protocols are mandatory at pre-event turbo check/ sealing, vehicle weighing and post event scrutiny:

- distancing of 1.5m must be observed at all times
- gloves are to be worn when touching vehicles or parts

- where parts are to be provided for inspection, they should be placed on a convenient surface, the presenter should step away, and the scrutineer will then step forward.

1.3 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Procurement

Prior to the event, assess all activities you would normally carry out during an event to determine how you will operate while observing social distancing and ensuring hygiene. Some measures to be considered are:

- Frequent washing of hands or the use of hand sanitiser.
- The use of suitable masks.
- The use of disposable rubber or nitrile gloves (dispose appropriately when considered contaminated).

One important aspect to consider is in the case of an accident, Section 5.3 – Emergency Procedure of the National Rally Code (Special Stage Rallies) shall continue to be followed.

Crews must carry, in the competition vehicle, one suitable mask each for the Driver and Co-Driver, an adequate supply of disposable gloves and any other PPE you deem appropriate to render assistance.

PPE must be worn if it is required for you to stop and render assistance to a crew involved in an incident.

Hand sanitiser will be available for your use whenever dealing with Officials during the running of the event.

Once you have determined the quantity of PPE you require for the event it is highly recommended you procure it well before travelling to Qld as there are no guarantees supplies will be available once you arrive.

1.4 Pre-Event Document Lodgment

As per Article 10 of the Supplementary Regulations, you must complete and electronically submit forms and documents prior to the event. This will ensure the minimum time necessary to complete document checks and RallySafe collection. Social distancing of 1.5m must be maintained during this time and rooms will be restricted to 1 person per 2m²; you may need to wait in line outside the rooms.

Refer to Section 3.4 (Attendance Records) for steps you should take now to save time when arriving at the event.



keep **COVIDSafe**
active at events

Motorsport Australia recommends downloading the COVIDSafe app and activating it at events.

Keep yourself and your community safe by helping our health workers to notify you quickly if you've come in contact with someone who has Coronavirus

2 At the Event

2.1 Social Distancing and Hygiene

It is mandatory that everyone (including you and everyone in your team) maintains 1.5m distance from all people at the event at all times, indoors and outdoors. All enclosed spaces will have a limit to the number of people who can occupy that space: 1 person to 2m². This limit will be displayed at the entrance to that space. This will be strictly controlled.

Your Service Crew will be required to wear gloves (eg nitrile disposable) while working on the competition vehicle. Failing that, frequent use of hand sanitiser will be required.

Before you touch a shared item wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser. Once finished with the item wash/ sanitise your hands again. If carrying out a repetitive task with multiple items, first wash/sanitise your hands. Secondly, put on disposable gloves to carry out the task. Finally, when complete, remove the gloves and dispose of them and finally wash/ sanitise your hands. At all times resist touching your face with your hands.

All competition apparel and equipment must be for the sole use of an individual and must be kept separate from competition apparel and equipment of others. It must not be shared with or handled by any other individual.

2.2 Documentation and RallySafe Collection

As per Article 10 of the Supplementary Regulations, all completed forms and documents must be submitted electronically prior to the event.

It is strongly recommended you attend to all collection activities at the event at your earliest opportunity. These processes may take longer than previously experienced due to distancing requirements so your understanding and patience will be appreciated.

Document collection will occur at Rally HQ, Gympie Showgrounds, Exhibition Road, Southlands, Gympie Qld. Your documentation **must** have already been submitted electronically. There will be a limit to the number of people able to be present in the space concurrently. To reduce the number of people in the area only 1 member of the crew needs to attend document collection.

The person limit per room will be displayed on a sign at the entrance and will be actively controlled. While queuing and once inside the space, strict social distancing of 1.5m must be observed. Marks on the floor will indicate where you should stand while documentation processing is under way.

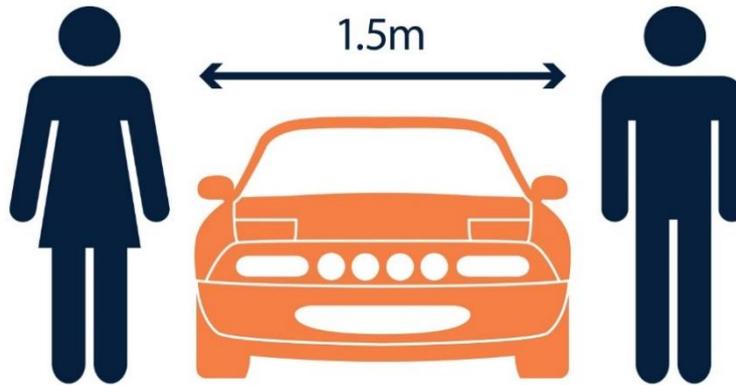
Once document collection is complete, proceed to collect the RallySafe unit, where similar distancing and queuing protocols will apply.

2.3 Service Park

To support COVID safety at the event, distancing of 1.5m must be respected at all times. Each entry is required to limit their team to a maximum of 8 people (1 Driver and 1 Co-Driver and 6 Service Crew).

Sharing of equipment is to be avoided. Where this is not possible, appropriate hygiene practices should be employed (Section 3.1).

Social distancing between all individuals in the Service Park is MANDATORY.



stay apart to stay together

Wherever possible stay 1.5 metres apart. Help stop the spread of coronavirus by keeping your distance.

Remember, don't shake hands or exchange physical greetings, and practice good hand hygiene.

If 1.5m cannot be maintained while servicing vehicles then the individuals should wear an appropriate mask.

3. Attendance Records

Motorsport Australia and the Qld Government require that Attendance Records are created to enable effective contact tracing. Details of ALL event attendees are to be captured upon their first arrival at the event using a QR scan based system that meets regulatory requirements. **Scan once only, upon your first arrival.**

Upon first arrival at the event, you (including all Drivers, Co-Drivers, Team Members, Service Crew, etc) must attend the Gympie Showgrounds to scan onto the Attendance Record. Your mobile phone should be produced upon request to demonstrate you have scanned (take a screen shot photo of the "green tick screen" to show that you scanned).

Signs with the QR Scan code will be at the Showgrounds entry gates, manned by Officials able to assist you.

This is mandatory – you must QR Scan your attendance upon first arrival.

Use the QR Code shown below now. Doing so, prior to the event, saves your information in the system we are using to create Attendance Records for contact tracing purposes. If your information is saved, it should speed up the scanning process.



The first scan can be done at any time prior to the start of your involvement in the rally, to save time. Do it now.

Can't scan? Please go to <http://GuestTrack.com.au/qr>

When you scan at the event, you will receive a "green tick" screen bearing day and time. Take a screen shot and save to your phone.

3.1 Drivers' Briefing

There will be no in-person Drivers' briefing at this event. Any briefings will be via electronic means (YouTube, Zoom or similar) and/ or documentation.

3.2 Spectators

Your team members or families/ friends may wish to be Spectators. Spectator Parks will be established in forestry areas on Saturday and Sunday. Distancing of 1.5m and hygiene standards must be respected and mingling in groups (except same households) must be avoided.

The Spectator Park requires a free ticket available from the Eventbrite App. Mobile phone reception is not available in the forest, so it is essential tickets are obtained while in a reception area. Eventbrite tickets are available through the following links or scanning the QR code:

Saturday Spectator Park https://saturdayforest.eventbrite.com.au 	Sunday Spectator Park https://sundayforest.eventbrite.com.au 
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4. Prior to your first activity

You must QR Scan onto the Attendance Record once only, prior to your first activity (i.e. the first of testing, reconnaissance or competition).

For the avoidance of doubt: COVID Checker/s may be present at the start of each day's activities. If Attendance Record scanning has not been completed, you will not be allowed to start until rectified. As testing and reconnaissance are in forest areas, mobile reception to complete this task may not be available and you may have to leave to find reception.

4.1 Control Procedures

The use of the RallySafe timing and tracking equipment for the event enables contactless control procedures. This will also allow for minimal numbers of Control Officials and no contact between Officials and Crews. Stage and Regroup Control procedures will be advised.

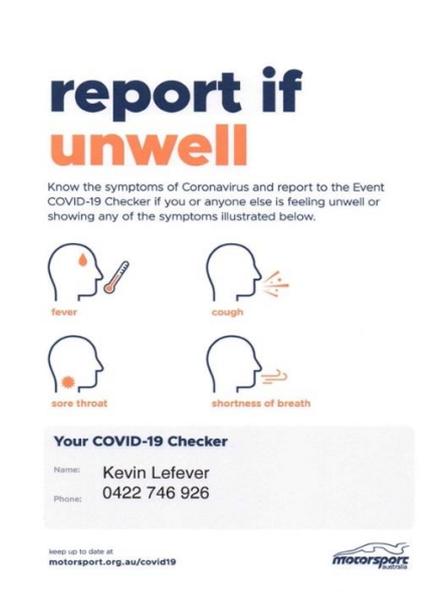
Passing of documents between Officials and Crews is strictly prohibited. Any interaction between you and Officials is to be non-contact and respect the minimum 1.5m distancing requirement. Officials may use a whiteboard to convey information to you.

5. After the Event

5.1 Podium or Presentation Dinner

A Podium presentation will be held on Sunday 23rd May at the Service Park. Distancing of 1.5m is mandatory.

Due to Qld Government COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings and venues no presentation dinner will be held. Regardless, smaller groups are encouraged to make bookings at local venues and restaurants to have a dinner post event. Any restrictions placed by the venue chosen must be adhered to.



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