

## John Overend Memorial Stages 2019 and Melbourne Junior Rally 2019

### Competitors' Briefing

- Welcome to the Melbourne Junior Rally/John Overend Memorial Stages
- This is the mandatory competitors' briefing
  - This is our first event here since 2017 – no rallies ran here in 2018 due to works by the Landowner and Mintex's testing company.
  - A strip of Landowner's / Mintex tarmac down the main runway – marked by small cones – apart from driving slowly and carefully across it for access to the afternoon stages – DO NOT DRIVE ON THE NEW TARMAC
  - The three clubs, Motorsport UK development fund, sponsors and crowd-funding have put about £70,000 of tarmac down on the worst bits of this nearly 80 year old airfield, but it is NOT smooth tarmac everywhere!
- Splits and Merges – there is a split and merge on every stage. On the morning stages you go through the split twice; on the afternoon stages you go through the split 3 times.
- Motorsport UK is concerned about increasing number of accidents at splits and merges – this is a “non-contact” sport.
- We will be applying penalties for contact between cars and we have been asked to report any incidents of this to Motorsport UK for possible further action. Motorsport UK has asked you to use your door mirrors.
- All stages start on 30 second intervals – two cars leave the Main Control at the start of the event every minute.
- Incidents – your own and other competitors' – see the first two pages of the Road Book – a quick summary:
- **The Motorsport UK Yearbook (“Blue Book”) requirements are:**
  - In the case of an accident where urgent medical attention is required, the red SOS sign should be displayed as quickly as possible to alert following cars
  - Any crew that sees a red SOS sign displayed on a car, or sees a major accident where both crew members are inside the car but not displaying the SOS sign, must immediately and without exception **stop** to give assistance. All following cars must also stop and the second car arriving at

the scene must inform the next radio point. Subsequent cars must leave a clear route for emergency vehicles.

- In the case of an accident where medical intervention is not required, the OK sign must be clearly shown to following vehicles
- If you stop on a stage, your warning triangle must be put out at least 50 metres before the car's position.
- **First competitor on the scene of an incident** – we hope you have all watched Motorsport UK's first on scene video – quick summary:
  - **If the vehicle is on fire, get them out immediately,**
  - **If the competitor is still in the vehicle, is responsive, and no risk of fire – do not move them until the professionals arrive,**
  - **If the competitor is in the vehicle, is unresponsive and there is no risk of fire – stop life-threatening bleeding, ensure an open airway, immobilise the head and neck, check if they are breathing. DO NOT REMOVE HELMETS UNLESS THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO ENSURE AN OPEN AIRWAY.**
  - **If the competitor is out of the vehicle – do not grab them, guide them to a place of safety, don't let them wander.**
- We have 1 rescue unit and 2 recovery units
- Red flags are in place at each mandatory radio point (shown on the Stage Plans). These are to allow us, if necessary, to neutralise competition (for example, to mobilise rescue units to the scene of an incident before all competitors have cleared the stage). Please ensure you understand the red flag rules (Motorsport UK Yearbook R.25.6.4): if you are shown a red flag:
  - You must immediately and significantly reduce speed and
  - You must be prepared to stop at any time;
  - You must not overtake any safety vehicle you encounter;
  - You must follow the instructions of marshals or safety personnel and
  - You must maintain the reduced speed until you leave the stage.
- This is a single-venue rally so you may miss controls or stages (with penalty of 30 minutes for each control or stage missed). You need to complete 2/3rds of the stages to be classified as a finisher (we shall round that down, so it is 5 out of 8 stages). After missing a control or stage, your car needs to be re-scrutineered before re-joining the event. Then report to Rally Office for a new Time Card.

- At lunch time, please give priority to marshals at the burger van.
- We have a full field, we aim to recover stranded vehicles between pairs of stages, but this will be tight and may not be possible.
- Any queries, see Gavin Heseltine (the Secretary of the Meeting)
- Have a good day!