



Specsavers Christmas Stages Rally - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

## **FINAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Thank you for your entry to the Specsavers Christmas Stages Rally.

### **1. START NUMBER**

**1.1** A start number has now been allocated based on the seeding information you supplied and can be found on the online seeded entry list. This can be found at [www.northallerton-ac.co.uk/xmas](http://www.northallerton-ac.co.uk/xmas)  
No discussion will be entered into regarding the seeding so please don't ring the organisers. If you think we've got it wrong, prove it on the day!

### **2. VENUE**

**2.1** Gates into the circuit will be opened from 5:45am on the morning of the event Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. A diagram can be found on the club website showing the location of the Service area, Trailer Park, Noise Test, Scrutineering & Documentation. On arrival to the circuit service vehicles and trailers must be parked in the area shown on the diagram.

Gates will also be open from 3:00pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January. Competitors may leave vehicles at their own risk or stay at the circuit overnight however the gates will be locked once the organisers leave at approx 6:00pm.

**2.2** Every entry will receive croft circuit passes. You will receive 6 personnel tickets, one paddock C (*service area*) vehicle pass and one paddock B (*hard standing car park behind grand stand*) vehicle pass. Any additional vehicles will be directed into the free public car park. A vehicle pass entitles access to paddocks B & C only, all crew inside the vehicle will also require personnel passes.

We recommend you use your paddock C pass for your service vehicle and your paddock B pass for any crew members arriving by car. Please ensure you have your passes on entry or you will be charged an admission fee by the circuit staff.

### **3. NOISE TEST, SCRUTINEERING & DOCUMENTATION**

**3.1** We have nominated specific times for competitors to attend noise test & scrutineering to ensure the event starts on time. Scrutineering will be held on the morning of the event Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January between 6.00am & 8.30am

CARS 1-10	06:00
CARS 11-20	06:15
CARS 21-30	06:30
CARS 31-40	06:45
CARS 41-50	07:00
CARS 51-60	07:15
CARS 61-70	07:30

CARS 71-80	07:45
CARS 81-90	08:00
CARS 91-100	08:15

**3.2** Competitors should proceed to noise test first where you will be issued with a documentation sheet along with your competition numbers and event decals. Please then proceed to the scrutineering building. Door numbers must be attached to the door before entering the scrutineering area. Documentation sheets must be completed in every detail before your rally pack will be issued at documentation.

**3.3** No vehicle other than rally cars will be allowed in the area towards noise and scrutineering.

**3.4** Competitors must produce a valid 2012 competition licence. Application forms may only be accepted for a co-drivers licence and the form must be completed in full ready with the appropriate fee. Any competitor not producing a current 2012 valid licence may have to pay non production fine payable to the MSA Steward unless a letter from the MSA is produced.

**3.5** Due to the date change the MSA have agreed to work with us to ensure competitors have their licence or a covering letter for the event. Competitors must have applied for their licence so the MSA can see the details on their system. Any competitors who have applied for a 2012 licence and haven't received anything by Monday 19th December 2011 should contact the event CLO, John Richardson, on 07711 591635.

**3.6** Competitors are reminded that because the event now falls under the jurisdiction of the 2012 regulations, specific attention should be paid to the checking of seat (if applicable) and belt dates.

**3.7** Anyone wishing to enter the 'AS Performance North of England Tarmacadam Championship' or 'The Just Ferries Yorkshire Winter Rally Challenge' please speak to signing on team who will direct you.

## 4. AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

The event date change and finalised arrangements affects the following regulations sections.

**4.1** Regulations section 1 (ANNOUNCEMENT) - Northallerton A.C. Ltd will organise a National B Permit Multi-Use Stage Rally on ~~Tuesday 27th December 2011~~ Monday 2nd January 2012 known as the Specsavers Christmas Stages Rally. The event will be held at Croft Racing Circuit near Darlington.

**4.2** Regulations section 3. (AUTHORISATION) - MSA Permit Number 67947 has been granted for the event

**4.3** Regulations section 5 (DOCUMENTATION & LICENCES) - All competitors must produce a valid ~~2011~~ 2012 Competition Licence of National B Status or above (H22 & R5.2.1) and Club Membership Cards (R5.2.2) together with Championship Registration cards if applicable.

Competitors are reminded of the MSA's requirements for Entrants licences as laid down on the licence declaration form and in the ~~2011~~ 2012 MSA year book. All competitors' licences, club membership cards and championship documents will be inspected at Documentation. Fully completed application forms for a 'Co-drivers non-race National B Licence may be accepted.

**4.4** Regulations section 7 (TIMETABLE)

Upon Publication of Regulations	Entries Open
16th December 2011	Entries Close
18th December or shortly after	Finals available
<del>27th December 2011</del> 2nd January 2012	(6am –8.30am) Noise Test (allotted times)
	(6am –8.30am)Scrutineering (allotted times)
	(6am –8.30am)Documentation

<del>27th December 2011</del> 2nd January 2012	09:15 Hours car '1' Starts
<del>27th December 2011</del> 2nd January 2012	Awards Presentation approx 30 minutes after final stage completion
<del>27th December 2011</del> 2nd January 2012	Final results will be available for download at <a href="http://www.northallertonac.co.uk/xmas">www.northallertonac.co.uk/xmas</a>

**4.5 Regulations section 10 (SCRUTINEERING)** - All cars must comply with MSA Technical regulations. The event will be staged entirely on private property, mileage on the public highway is not included, regulation R46.1.1 is waived in respect of current tax. But vehicles must be presented to scrutineering with the vehicles registration document along with a valid MOT certificate (where appropriate).

At Scrutineering, each car will be inspected to ensure it complies with the ~~2011~~ 2012 MSA Tyre, Technical and Safety Regulations as well as for class eligibility.

**4.6 Regulations section 21 (G. R. MODIFICATION)** - (R31.2.5) Reduced to ~~15 minutes~~ 10 minutes. Controls will close ~~15 minutes~~ 10 minutes after due time of arrival of last car.

**4.7 Regulations section 29 (SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR CROFT CIRCUIT)** - Gates into the circuit will be open from 3:00pm on ~~Monday 26th December~~ Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January. Competitors may leave vehicles at their own risk or stay at the circuit overnight however the gates will be locked once the organisers leave at 6:00pm. ~~The aircraft at croft circuit will be holding there annual boxing day barbecue using the runway which we will be using as the event service area. As a result the service area may be unavailable till later in the day.~~

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## 5. OFFICIALS

Chief Time keeper.....Mr Richard Blackshaw  
Stage Commander.....Neil Coleman

## 6. CONTROLS AND TIMING

**6.1** Note! The area between the SSA and SSS will be Parc Ferme

**6.2** Cars will be required to start at 30 second intervals. You may be expected to wait 10 minutes between ATC and STC. All special stages will have a bogie time set at 75mph

**6.3** MTC1 times will be posted on the official notice board on the morning of the event. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure they have the correct MTC 1 time. It is envisaged the 1<sup>st</sup> competitor will leave MTC1 at approx 09:05hrs but this will be advised at Documentation.

**6.4** Due times for arrival controls after MTC1 will be issued at a PC between the Stage stop line and the Service Area.

## 7. SHORT CUTTING

**7.1** Due to problems in previous events and to preserve grassed areas of the circuit, corner-cutting will not be tolerated. A strict policy concerning corner cutting will be adhered to.

**7.2** Short cutting for the purposes of this event is defined as the deliberate or careless positioning of a competing vehicle such that one or more of the vehicles wheels come into contact with the cultivated grass at the side of the stage route or driving a vehicle off the stage route or access route. This will include the

driving of a vehicle through any chicane barrier erected by the organisers to define the stage route e.g. through straw-bales, road cones, barrels, tyres etc.

**7.3** Official observers will be positioned around the course and will notify the Clerk of Course of offending crews and penalties will be applied as follows whether the course taken by the competitor works to their advantage or not.

First offence: [10 seconds penalty]

Second offence: [30 second penalty]

Third offence: [Exclusion]

## **8. RED FLAG PROCEDURE**

**8.1** The event will be using a system of red flags on all stages. If for extreme circumstances it is necessary to authorise the movement of a rescue or non competing vehicle ahead of competing vehicles a red flag will be shown at various radio locations. (R 24.4.5)

**8.2** Competitors who are shown a red flag must cease competition and come to a standstill at the side of the track as soon as possible. (R25.6.6) Competitors must not continue until advised to do so by an official. (25.6.5). Competitors should be especially vigilant on the final stage due to it running into darkness.

## **9. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**9.1** These final instructions carry the same force as the regulations for the event.

**9.2** The official notice and results board will be located on the fence next to the documentation hut.

**9.3** The prize presentation will take place as soon as possible after the last stage and will be held in the administration room located at the end of the first row of pit garages. As this is located within the stage, access will not be available until after the last car has cleared the final stage

**9.4** Provisional and Final Results will be posted in the administration room after the last competing car has completed the last stage

**9.5 AWARDS** - This year we will be again presenting 2 special awards,

1. After supporting Northallerton auto club as safety officer for many years we will be awarding a Steve Easton spirit of the rally award for the eighth year in memory of Steve who sadly died.
2. Should have gone to Specsavers award.

No competitor will be allowed to win more than one award except for the above 2

**9.6** The service area (paddock C) is very restricted. Only one support/service vehicle will be allowed into the service area with the correct vehicle pass. Again this year it will be rigorously enforced so please don't try it on. A service area coordinator at the entrance to the service area will be allowing ONE vehicle in with the rally car.

**9.7** The service area is subject to a maximum speed limit of 10mph, the warming of brakes and tyres by bursts of acceleration within the confines of the service area is not allowed. Penalty for failing to comply will be exclusion.

**9.8** You are reminded that a spare wheel that fits all 4 corners must be carried at all times. Failing to stop immediately, to replace a wheel and tyre when a competitor gets a puncture will result in the penalty of exclusion.

**9.9** You are also reminded that the event will run into darkness and if using Auxiliary lights these must be fitted for scrutineering.

**9.10** Damage declarations will be collected at the final passage control. If you retire you must ensure you hand in your completed form. Many competitors are failing to return damage declarations in conjunction with the MSA year book 40.1.3

**9.11** All marshals will be deemed “Judges of Fact” and will report infringements to the Clerk of the Course.

**9.12** Please note entry fees are only refundable at organisers discretion and subject to a reserve filling that place

**9.13** If you need any information telephone:- Ian Jackson, Clerk of the Course Mobile 07977565559

We wish you an enjoyable days sport, please consider other road users and drive quietly and with care especially in near the circuit.

Please let the organisers know what you thought about the rally, we can then take opinions on board for next year, Have a good days rallying & Good Luck,

The Management.