

AUSTRALIAN RALLY COMMISSION DECISION



AGENDA No.: 10.1

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Victorian Club Rally Series: Navigational Component Dispensation Request

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INTENT:

TOPIC:

The changes in the 2018 NRC (continuing in 2019) removed the ability to run Navigational Competitive Sections, timed to the second. This request is for variations to the NRC SSR to permit three events, which form part of the Victorian Club Rally Series, to include a navigational component in their event.

DISCUSSION DETAILS:

The VRP requests that ARCOM consider a request to permit three events to continue to utilise Navigational Competitive Sections, timed to the second. Previously these were run as per the 2017 NRC DEFINITIONS 2.4 (a) (iii): Navigation Section, as Non-Special Stage Rallies and under "Road Closed" conditions as mandated by the Victorian Rally Bulletin Part B. In effect the 'Navigational' component is not one that can allow competitors to make wrong turns, as the course remains fully access controlled, with an unambiguous course. The navigation extends to plotting the Special Stage on a map before the start of the event and calling the instructions using the map instead of a route-chart.

The 2019 VCRS comprises six Multi-Club Special Stage Rallies and the three events below request the variations to the 2019 NRC outlined below.

VCRS Round 2 Marysville Stages 4 May 2019
 VCRS Round 3 Nissan Nightmoves 15 June 2019
 VCRS Round 4 Daryl Tunbridge Trial 27 July 2019

VCRS Rounds 1, 5 and 6 will be route-charted.

The Victorian Rally Panel has reviewed this request and supports it. If approved by ARCom it is expected that these variations will be published in the 2019 VCRS Regulations applicable only to the three events named above.

Changes to NRC SSR

1. DEFINITIONS

The following would need to be added to the definitions to run navigational sections in special stage rallies. The wording for these has been taken from NRC RR

1.17 OBSERVATION

Information to be collected by each Crew at a specified via location or route instruction. (Note: wording is taken from NRC RR Art 1.4)

1.18 VIA

A feature, specified location or point on the route to be specified in Route Instructions. (Note: wording is taken from NRC RR Art 1.12)

- 2. ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS
- 2.4 ROAD BOOK
- (a) The road book must comply with the following:

Be amended to:

- 2.4 ROAD BOOK
- (a) The Section of road book for a Route Charted Special Stage and all Liaison Stages must comply with the following:

Added to this section will be a Part (b) as follows:



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- 2.4 ROAD BOOK
- (b) The Section of road book for a Navigational Special Stage must comply with the following:
- (i) Instructions shall be in accordance with NRC RR Sections 5.1, 5.3, 5.4 & 5.6
- (ii) Instructions of the type included in NRC RR Sections 5.5, 5.7 & 5.8 must not be used
- (iii) VIAs may be utilized to specify the course.
- (iv) Observations and/or Passage Controls may be used to verify the correct Route has been followed.

4. CONTROLS

Deletion: For Navigational Special Stages only Article 4.1 (c) will not apply.

4.2 PASSAGE CONTROLS

The beginning of the Passage Control area will be marked by the Passage Control [Boundary] sign – stamp on yellow background. The Control point will be marked by the Passage Control [Actual] sign - stamp on red background, with the End of Control Zone sign to indicate the end of the Control area. At Passage Controls, the Control Official must simply sign or stamp the Time Card as soon as this is handed in by the Crew, without mentioning the time of passage.

Be amended to:

4.2 PASSAGE CONTROLS

Each Passage Control will be proceeded by a P board. At Passage Controls, the Control Official must simply sign or stamp the Time Card as soon as this is handed in by the Crew, without mentioning the time of passage.

Add the following:

4.5 OBSERVATIONS

Each OBSERVATION will be preceded by an O board.

9. PENALTIES

For Navigational Special Stages only (Art 2.4 (b)) the following variation shall apply:

9.1 (i) Enter a Control area in any direction other than that described in Route Instructions – Exclusion (Art. 4.1 c) i)).

Shall be varied to:

9.1 (i) Enter a Control area in any direction other than that described in Route Instructions – 30 minutes per occurrence.

To be added:

9.1 (o) Missing or incorrect Observation – 30 minutes per occurrence.

DECISION:	The Australian Rally Commission have reviewed this request and supports it. The variations from the National Rally Code, in respect to the aforementioned regulations, are expected to be published in the 2019 Victorian Club Rally Series Regulations applicable only to the three events named above.
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