

Introduction to Road Rallies

Competitive Rallies & Non-Competitive Tours



This document is aimed at individuals who are new to Road Rallies and Scenic Rally Tours (SRT) events. Parts of this document may also be relevant to individuals taking part in a Tour organised by SRT which does not involve timings.

- Road Rallies (also known as Regularity Rallies) are Competitive events run on the Public Roads, which are open to the public whilst the event takes place. Road Rallies are not a test of who can drive the quickest!
- SRT events do not run on private land, unlike some events that do.
- SRT events run to a schedule with penalties for being early or late at hidden Timing Points on Regularity Sections based on driving at a specified average speed on the specified route.
- There are several Clubs and Organisations in the UK that organise Historic Road Rallies. They all provide useful guides on their websites. Each will have their own nuances so it is important to read the guide relevant to the event being undertaken. The events Standard Regulations/ Additional Supplementary Regulations should also be read.
- <https://www.hero-era.com/rallies/how-to-go-historic-rallying>
- <https://www.vsccl.co.uk/vscclMedia/1946.pdf>
- <https://www.hrcr.co.uk/cars-for-competition/> Click on the "Get Started" Heading and review the sub headings.
- <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/8sraj4brhkd6jlww7crvf/A-Newcomers-Guide-to-Historic-Road-Rallying.pdf?rlkey=m7dwyigo1vxsqzri2mf43lv9h&e=1&dl=0>
- SRT operate under FIVA governance rather than Motorsport UK.
- Details of FIVA Event Codes can be found at [https://www.fiva.org/storage/Documents/Events%20Commission/FIVA%20EVENTS%20CODE%202025\(1\).pdf?v20241231105434](https://www.fiva.org/storage/Documents/Events%20Commission/FIVA%20EVENTS%20CODE%202025(1).pdf?v20241231105434)
- SRT events are less complex than some of the above Clubs and Organisations; GPS devices are allowed to measure distances, do not have any Special Tests away from the Public roads and are generally relaxed and sociable. The navigation instructions are also generally simpler.
- SRT allow vehicles from all periods and have classes to suit all from 20 years old and beyond. Vehicles are grouped into Classes based on age of the vehicle.
- SRT two-day events will generally have four Regularity Sections each day, each covering around 30 miles. These sections will be connected by transport sections into and out of towns or villages where there will be a stop for refreshments (not provided) and facilities. Fuel stations will also be signposted along the route.
- Competitors will be provided with a Roadbook for the weekend which will detail the directions from each Manned Time Control (MTC) to the start of the Regularity Section and from the end of the Regularity Section to the next halt and the next MTC. The Roadbook will also contain details of the route for some of the Regularity Sections. The route for some of the Regularity Sections may be provided at the proceeding MTC. No additional information, such as maps will be required. All information is provided by the Organisers to enable the route to be followed.
- Each car will be Scrutineered before the event starts to check for road worthiness. The Crew will also be required to sign an Insurance Indemnity before collecting their Roadbook. Details will be contained within the Additional Supplementary Regulations for each event.
- Only limited specialist equipment is a requirement, these include an Environmental Mat (spill kit), an SOS/OK Board, First Aid Kit, Warning Triangle and min 2kg Fire Extinguisher (plus any equipment mandated by local laws such as Hi Vis jackets in France).
- Additional equipment such as a digital trip meter showing the 1/100th of a Mile or Kilometre would be very useful and will be more accurate if mechanically driven by the vehicle. Alternatively, a GPS driven trip would be acceptable although will not be as accurate. Apps are available and can be used on a mobile phone as a trip meter but will be driven by GPS and will not be 100% accurate. A digital stopwatch would also be beneficial.
- The event information will be available on the Sportity app and will include bulletins and results.
- Separate guides have also been produced to assist with understanding event timings and Controls procedures on a Road Rally, and to assist with understanding Roadbooks and route instructions.
- Full event timings will be detailed in the Additional Supplementary Regulations.

For any further information or questions contact us at info@scenicrallytours.com

We look forward to seeing you soon.