



There will be no Competitor Briefing at the 2020 LDV Donington Rally. All competitors are asked to read the important briefing notes below (both crew members). A copy will also be included in every rally pack.

This is not a 'contact' sport: It is a rally not a race, and you should drive with respect for your fellow competitors. Please use your rear-view mirrors and do not impede a faster competitor. Likewise, if you do catch another car, please show some patience because there are plenty of safe places to pass around the stage.

Service Area: Please be very careful when driving around the Service Area / Paddocks. A **10 MPH speed limit applies at all times.**

THERE MUST BE NO WARMING OF TYRES or BRAKES WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA

Those competitors using the Garages. **There is NO access to the Pit Lane and the doors to the pit lane must remain closed at all times.**

30 second starts: All stages will start at 30sec intervals. The start is indicated using a Traffic Light Starting sequence. There is a jump start beam and a flying finish beam

Stage Route: The onus is on the competitors to follow the correct stage route as set out in the stage plans and as defined by arrows and other stage furniture. In particular we remind you about the merge and split points which must be negotiated correctly and with due care for other competitors. If you do take the wrong route at the split point, do NOT under any circumstances reverse back or try and cut across between the bales / cones. Penalty = Exclusion

NB: Most of the stage is covered and recorded by live CCTV in Rally Control, so the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards can see what is happening!

Chicanes: The stages include a number of chicanes to reduce speed at certain points. Striking the robust tyre barriers will damage your car and may also INCUR A TIME PENALTY should the tyre barriers be moved from their original position. Marshals at these locations are deemed to be Judges of Fact and will record and report on these instances. If a barrier requires repositioning after being moved by your rally car, you will incur the following time penalties: 1st occasion - 30 seconds, 2nd and any subsequent occasions - 60 seconds

Gravel Traps: The gravel traps around the racing circuit are there to stop a car which leaves the track. If you have gone off into a gravel trap, then so might another rally car. Therefore, you must immediately switch off the engine, put out your OK board and Warning Triangle (if it is safe to do so) and go to a safe place behind the concrete wall or Armco barrier. **The marshals are instructed not to try and remove a car from a gravel trap while the stage is live.**

Breakdowns in the Stage: If your car breaks down on stage please use your Warning Triangle and OK board. There are three Motorsport UK licenced Recovery Units to bring broken rally cars back to the Service Area. This recovery process will only take place after Stage 1, Stage 3, Stage 5 and Stage 7 are completed, but we will not delay the event in order to recover every car.

Punctures: like any race circuit, Donington Park is very concerned that there is no damage to the track surface. If you have a puncture you must STOP immediately and change it; do NOT continue. Any competitor driving on a flat tyre may be EXCLUDED. Any damage caused to the track surface and the subsequent costs incurred will be the responsibility of the competitor.

Accident / Incident Procedure: 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.

The Clerk of the Course may award a discretionary time to any Competitor delayed in such circumstances. Any crew which is able to but fails to comply with the rule will be reported to the Clerk of the Course who may impose penalties.

In the case of an accident / incident where medical intervention is not required, the OK sign must be clearly shown to following vehicles. If the crew leave the vehicle, the OK sign must be left clearly visible to other Competitors.

Competitors who misuse the SOS or OK signs will be penalised and may be reported to Motorsport UK for further action.

Red Flag Procedure: On any special stage where extreme circumstances make it necessary to neutralise the competition e.g. where spectator safety is compromised, or to authorise the movement of non-competing or rescue vehicles, the system of **RED FLAGS** will be in place.

As described in R24.4.5 the **Red Flags** will be located at specific points (identified by a blue radio symbol board) along the stage. These will be located at mid stage rescue points, all locations where a rescue/emergency vehicle may re-enter the stage following a shortcut and at each mandatory Radio Point (29.5). Red Flags will be displayed at all mandatory Radio Points preceding the incident, only on the specific instruction of the Clerk of the Course or Deputy C of C. Red Flags will be prominently displayed (held out steady not waved) by a designated marshal who WILL be wearing a marshals' tabard.

(i) Competitors who have been shown a Red Flag will be given a notional time for the stage.

(ii) The time of the deployment of the Red Flags will be notified to the Clerk of the Course.

(iii) No flag other than a Red Flag may be deployed at any point along the route of the special stage.

On passing a Red Flag displayed by a marshal wearing a marshals' tabard, the driver **MUST immediately and significantly reduce speed as well as being prepared to stop at any time; at no time must they overtake any safety vehicle they encounter on the special stage route.** The driver must then follow the instructions of any marshals and/or stage safety personnel and maintain this reduced speed until leaving the special stage. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

Missing a Stage: If you have a problem and miss a stage then you will receive a penalty of 30 mins (per stage) but you can re-join the event and be shown in the results. Report to Rally HQ to be given a restart time (subject to scrutineers inspection). To qualify as a finisher, you must have completed at least 5 stages and reported to the final control within maximum lateness. ((R40.1)