

Road Rally - A Beginner's Guide

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1. Road Rally 101 – Getting Started

- What is a Road Rally and why should I care?
- Rule number one: Rallying is fun
- Driver, navigator, a vehicle
- Basic equipment
- Find a rally
- General Instructions, Route Instructions
- Help from experienced competitors
- Official rally time, start time, checkpoints
- Odometer calibration, measured distance, route distance

2. Road Rally 102 – Let's Play Safe

- Rallies are run on public roads – all rules of the road apply
- There are other people using the roads
- You will pass through populated areas
- Safety regulations
- Safe speeds, Pauses, Out markers, Checkpoints
- Common sense
- Time Allowance (T/A)

3. Road Rally 103 – Glossary of Terms

- There are a lot of new and strange terms in the rally game
- Use this document to understand many of these strange words and concepts

4. Road Rally 104 – Example of General Instructions

- This is probably the second most important document you receive at a rally
- The Route Instructions are the most important

5. Road Rally 105 – Determining Your Odometer Factor

- NRI – Numbered Route Instruction
- Route Mileage (mileages in the Route Instructions)
- CAST – Change Average Speed To
- Odometer Correction Factor (Factor)
- Factor = measured mileage/route mileage

6. Road Rally 110 – Course Following

- Is this the right road?
- Stay ahead in the instructions
- Communication
- Dead ends

7. Road Rally 115 – It's About Time

- How are rallies timed?
- When to start the rally
- When to leave the end of the odometer calibration zone
- Free zones
- Transits
- When do I start a new leg?

6. Road Rally 120 – Checkpoints

- Checkpoint sign/ air hose
- In Time/ Out Time
- Leg slip (critique slips)
- Out Marker

7. Road Rally 201 – How to Handle Mistakes and Problems

- Getting un-lost
- Using T/As
- Why is my factor drifting?