

COMPETITOR BRIEFING



This meeting is run under the CAMS OH &S policy (a copy is available on the notice board)

Motorsport is dangerous if you wish to withdraw you should do it now.

Supplementary Regulations. It is your responsibility to have read your Supplementary Regulations, Further Regulations and any Bulletins that may be issued through the event.

The Notice Board is located inside the entrance at HQ and on the Alpine website under the Competitors tab.

Introduce Stewards Michael Holloway and Mark Hallowell

Introduce the CRO's Lui McLennan and Kaye Kilsby. Please use the CRO's as your first port of call for all enquiries, issues, complaints, derived time queries, etc. They are both very experienced and knowledgeable and will likely sort out most of your issues on the spot. They will be roving around most key locations.

Introduce the Chaplain Ian Young

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- DELWP – especially Harrie Fletcher and Gary Carr.
- The organising committee of the Alpine.....
- Advance Teams & Stage Commanders and all officials
- Sponsors/Supporters
 - Lock n Load Transport
 - SRP
 - MMJ
 - Pro Rally Motorsport Fabrications
 - ShowWorks
 - Bruthen Inn Hotel
 - Rykers Real Estate in Lakes Entrance
 - East Gippsland Shire Council
 - The community of East Gippsland. Please support local businesses as much as you can. There are food places staying open late on Saturday, buy stuff from them.....
- Finally, thank you to you, the competitors, for making this Centenary Alpine the biggest and best yet.

Police and Speeding

We have a great relationship with the local authorities and the Police in the region have been particularly accommodating. However, they will not tolerate speeding on Transport sections so be warned. They will be supplying car numbers of competitors and Service Vehicles caught speeding or for any other traffic infringement, for that matter, and you may well be referred to the stewards for a possible penalty as well.

Start Order

Firstly, let me be clear that today's stages are NOT a prologue, they are Division 1 and times count towards the results. Finish order today sets start position for tomorrow.

The start order for Saturday and Sunday will be posted on the Official Noticeboard as well as the Noticeboard on the Competitors page of the Alpine website. We will attempt to get it out as soon as we can once all the Control Cards are checked for non-competitive penalties like booking in errors and exceeding Late Time. I expect we will have tomorrow's start order out by 10pm tonight. Start order for Saturday and Sunday will be based on finish positions the day before except for obvious discrepancies where I will exercise discretion but this will be extremely limited.

Please make sure you understand Further's Article 12: "The Organisers reserve the right to place within the field any crew having (previously) dropped out of the Event". This is a safety issue; we will not replace any re-joining crews inside the top 10 cars but we will put them into a place in the field that is appropriate and safe for their speed.

Rallysafe

It's not just for tracking but for official timing as well. But we need your help and support. For many of our officials this is the first or second time they ever seen or used Rallysafe tablets so please be patient with them and allow a little bit of leeway for them in case anything doesn't go according to plan. Hopefully everything will work just as perfectly as I know it can with Rallysafe. Abbey from Rallysafe and her crew will be at many stage starts as well as all the service parks.

- Make sure your unit is always powered up during the weekend of the event.
- Push to Pass is active this weekend and is set to 500 mts. For co-drivers please keep an eye on your unit especially on long stages so you know if there is someone behind you using push to pass. We will be able to monitor the use of this and the response, or lack of it, from cars in front. If you continually ignore it there may be penalties applied.
- We would prefer it if you do not use it as your primary odometer. The road book was written using a Terratrip with a wheel probe. Sometimes distances measured by satellites can vary so you may find inaccuracies in using Rallysafe for distance.
- Don't rely on Rallysafe for scoring, that is not their function. Checked scores will be found on the Alpine website.
- Introduce Abbey Sims – Rallysafe.

Assistance to stopped cars

If you come across a stopped car in stage you MUST stop and render assistance if you do not see a Green OK board or an SOS board is displayed. Please also take a note of the distance the car is at if you are not required to stop.

If you are the stopped car and both crew members are OK you MUST get your OK board out ASAP as well as your triangles. Of course, your Rallysafe unit will want you to press OK or SOS as soon as you stop in a stage. If you don't press OK we will assume you are unable to press OK because you are too injured so don't ignore it.

Pace Notes

You will be randomly checked for pace notes so be warned, if we find them you will be referred to the Stewards for the appropriate penalty which may include exclusion.

The Route

I want to remind you, especially those for whom it is your first Alpine that this event is quite unique. It is long, it is arduous it will catch you out when you least expect it.

You must pace yourself and you must look after each other when it comes to fatigue and dehydration.

There are some long stages and some long transports, stay hydrated.

The Road Book

The Road Book does not have every little road variation noted in it, it only has what is needed to keep you safe and on the correct course. EG, not all crests are called up but we have called the ones that we believe are dangerous, we have called variations in the type or severity of corners that are out of context for the rest of the stage etc.

We have attempted to give you as much information on each instruction as possible but you must read the tulip and the information as this is the way to get the most out of the roadbook. Congratulations to Steve Hollowood for an outstanding roadbook.

You must drive as you SEE the roads, if you are not sure what the road is doing around a bend or over a crest, BACK OFF.

We have tried to select the best roads in the area for this event. Having said that there is a huge variation of roads out there this weekend from very fast wide logging roads right through to tight, twisty and sometimes rocky mountain roads, sometimes all of them in the one stage. Where there is something rough enough to damage cars we have cautioned it, so please don't ignore the cautions in the road book. Remember this is an Alpine and there are many varying road conditions.

Also know that these roads have endured almost 12 months of constant rain and there are lots of potholes, ruts and other water damage that we just don't have the space to mention, again, drive to what you can see.

Single Cautions do not have a sign out on the road, doubles and the very few triples do have signs out. The caution board will be 100mts before the hazard and on the hazard you will find an X board.

On Saturday, the day starts at Ensay so you can trailer cars there and the day ends at the Speedway so you are in your own time after that to find your way back to Lakes. Hang around and have a spectate for a little while and buy some food off the guys at the Speedway club.

When you finish today, Friday and Sunday the roadbook will bring you to the parking spots on the roadway in front of HQ and the ShowWorks FanZone. Starts on Friday and Sunday are in the same place.

40kmh Quiet Zones

There are a number Quiet Zones past houses on the event and they will be monitored via Rallysafe. If you speed through these areas you WILL be penalised. So be warned.

Virtual Chicanes

There is one VC on this event first stage Friday morning.

On approaching the VC zone, there will be 300m, 200m and 100m warning boards.

At the start of the VC zone there will be "VC START" boards on both sides of the road and at the end of the zone there will be "VC END" boards. See the boards displayed in front of me here. Between the VC START and VC END boards you need to decrease your speed to 60 kph or below. As soon as the target speed has been achieved, the RallySafe screen will go Green and you can then accelerate back to competition speed. You do Not need to maintain 60 for the length of the chicane. Do NOT use your speedo, Rallysafe determines whether you achieve the correct speed or not.

RSZ

There is one RSZ on this event second stage Saturday morning.

On approaching the RSZ, there will be 300m, 200m and 100m warning boards.

At the start of the RSZ there will be "RSZ START" boards on both sides of the road and at the end of the zone there will be "RSZ END" boards. See the boards displayed in front of me here. Between the RSZ START and RSZ END boards you need to decrease your speed to 40 kph or below and do not exceed 40 kph for the ENTIRE distance of the RSZ (from start to end) unlike a VC where you only need to achieve the target speed briefly before accelerating again.

This has been implemented to protect a farmer's paddock from unnecessary damage. You must stay on the track, do not stray on to the paddock. We will have observers there to keep an eye on your behaviour.

Drug and Breath Testing

We may have a CAMS CATO in attendance for this event and you may be drug and/or breath tested prior to starting the event each day so go easy on the drinks tonight, Friday and Saturday night. For the Sunday evening celebration please organise a Taxi or designated driver, there are plenty of taxis in town.

Withdrawing

Please don't just pack up and go home if you withdraw early without letting us know. Firstly, you need to return the Rallysafe unit, second we would like to know your reason for withdrawal and thirdly we may need you to help out with any last minute officials jobs.

Service Parks

Service parks will have food and drinks available provided by the local community in that locality, please buy your food from these groups wherever possible as it shows our support for the communities that have supported the event. At Omeo the food will be served across the road at the Hilltop Hotel.

Space in service parks is extremely tight. Last Alpine I asked teams not to take trucks and trailers into Bruthen service park and most of you promptly ignored me. This year the service parks will be tightly managed for access, especially Bruthen on Sunday. If your crew tries to enter the Bruthen park with a trailer they **WILL** be turned away. With such a big field there just isn't the space for all your service vehicles in the service park.

Orbost is very soft so be careful not to get bogged.

Omeo and Swifts Creek do not have 98 octane pump fuel available so you will need to carry enough fuel on Saturday to get you through the whole day without relying on servos.

Roadside servicing is generally not available except for a few locations. Read your service instructions and roadbooks carefully to plan where your crew can rendezvous with you between the long stages on Saturday.

Bairnsdale Speedway on Saturday afternoon will be very busy and parking will be at a premium. We have allocated enough space for about 30 service vehicles with trailers to stay for up to 30 minutes so you can watch your crew around the stage, but if you want to stay longer than that you need to park out on the road and walk in.

This is the end of day at the speedway so competitors are now in their own time and can stay and spectate if they wish.

Champagne Spray

At approximately 5.00pm on Sunday there will be a champagne spray under the finish arch at the ShowWorks FanZone for 1st, 2nd and 3rd outright. This is mainly for the benefit of film crews and photographers. But please join in the celebrations anyway and have some fun before leaving to freshen up for the Celebration Dinner on Sunday night where meals begin serving at 6pm.

Information and Updates

The Alpine website will be hosting a number of update features during the weekend.

We have a dedicated person blogging live updates as they happen, there is a scoreboard that will be almost live time and FB and Twitter will have constant and regular updates all weekend.

Questions?

Please Sign-in before leaving – either paper Attendance Sheet or use QR code to sign in with your smart phone..

HAVE FUN!!

Owen Polanski
Clerk of the Course
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