



Reminder to QRC Rally Competitors about markings on vehicle doors

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At a recent rally, Flying Finish and SOS officials reported that they had difficulty reading the black car numbers on the doors of a small number of competing vehicles with dark coloured bodywork. These vehicles did not have the required white background panel for the competition numbers supplied by the organiser. This caused difficulties in the positive tracking of these cars particularly during dusk and on night stages.

While the majority of competing Rally cars have the specified white panel on the front doors, all competitors are reminded of the provisions of Schedule K of the 2017 National Competition Rules which specifies that for Road events other than ARC (ie, QRC and Club level Rallies) each vehicle must have a white panel on the leading edge of each front door as per Figure K-1, so that black competition numbers as provided by the organisers can be clearly seen.

To assist competitors to clearly identify this requirement, the specified white panel can be either painted or a sheet of white vinyl may be affixed. The white panel must be no less than 450mm wide and 430mm deep (see Figure K-1). If a rally vehicle already has white doors, a thin 10mm wide black band (painted or tape) around the specified background area is required to assist in the display of the black competition numbers provided by the organisers.

Please note that the above white background panel will comprise part of the area measuring 530mm high and 500mm wide which is to be reserved on the vehicle's forward doors to allow the placement of the competition number and other event advertising material supplied by the organiser. This is identified in the event's Supplementary Regulations (usually Article 13).

The above requirement for the placement of the white background panel will be checked during scrutiny of vehicles for future QRC and Club level events.