

## Trials Commission

The following rule changes (explanation in *italics*) have been made following discussion at the Forum. They have been approved by the Motorsport Council and are effective immediately. Changes shown in **Bold Type**.

*4.11. No rule change, just a renumbering to achieve a logical sequence for the rules below.*

**4.11.** The Clerk of the Course is responsible for vetting and approving the safety of the event, including the sections and section areas both prior to the start and during the trial. They or the Safety Officer, or both, should inspect all sections prior to the start and make changes if necessary on safety grounds or if conditions have changed since the section was laid. Only the COC can make changes after the event has commenced. It is recommended that the COC go around the course at the end of an event to advise officials when the trial is finished.

For the competitors and observers benefit the C.O.C. must be clearly identified at an event by either a hi-visibility armband or vest printed with the letters C.O.C

**4.11.1** Where a COC changes a section on safety or other grounds during a trial (other than at the half time break), any competitor who has attempted the section prior to the change and failed at the changed gate, the preceding gate or the following gate, must be offered the opportunity of a re-run. If the offer is accepted the mark from the first attempt will be void and only the mark from the second attempt will be valid, except that any Roll penalty incurred in the first attempt will not be deleted. Any competitor who has already attempted the section but failed before the gate preceding the change or successfully negotiated the changed gate or the following gate will not be offered a re-run.

*4.12. Renumbered and Grades A&B and C&D now combined for the draw.*

### **4.12. START ORDER DRAW**

Organisers shall make a draw for the starting order, which shall be displayed at check in. They should endeavour to start an equal number of competitors at each of the sections. **For the purposes of the draw, Grade 'A' & 'B' drivers will be combined and Grade 'C' & 'D' drivers will be combined. Grade A/B drivers must be drawn to start ahead of Grade C/D drivers in each section.** Double drivers will be drawn to **start at** the same section. Where one of the drivers is the holder of a junior licence/cover note (drivers aged 10 to 16 inclusive) and both are in the same grade, the junior driver must be drawn to start after their double driver. In circumstances where the parent/guardian of a driver holding a junior licence/cover note is entered in a different car, both cars will be drawn to start at the same section, with the parent/guardian starting before their junior. Competitors in this situation are requested to advise organisers when submitting their entry.

*4.13. Renumbered. No actual change in the rule but the wording has been changed for clarity.*

### **4.13. START ORDER**

**Lap 1: Drivers must start at the section at which they are drawn and then continue in sequence until each section is attempted.**

**Each driver must start their first section in the position in which they are drawn (double drivers may NOT swap the order in which they start). For their second and subsequent sections, drivers may start in a different order than on their first section, including double drivers, except that a junior licence/cover note holder (drivers aged 10 to 16 inclusive) must always start a section after their parent/guardian.**

**Lap 2: Drivers must start at the section at which they are drawn for lap 1 and then continue in sequence until each section is attempted.**

**Drivers may start in any order, at their designated section, including double drivers, except that a junior licence/cover note holder (drivers aged 10 to 16 inclusive) must always start a section after their parent/guardian.**

Double drivers must 'double up' on both laps.

Where a driver arrives at a section having not completed the previous section (unless it is their first section) **and/or starts a section out of order**, they may be penalised 10 marks **for each offence**.