2008 AGM Rally Program Manual Changes Proposed to the AGM

Introduction: Due to time constraints and the volume of rule change requests from members, this year's Rally agenda will consist of responses to member change requests. Editorial changes proposed by the Rally Committee are covered under item 5 below.

Proposed changes by Pascal Gademer

Introduction:

we are a JAGUAR club and as such for an event to count towards JCNA competition, it should be primarily a Jaguar event. I realize that organizing rallies is not easy, especially considering the lack of interest, and that we must allow non club organized events to be included. However, having ONE Jaguar in an SCCA or local rally club event, is not enough.

We currently have EIGHT rally classes but in 2007 only 6 teams qualified for JCNA rally awards : we have more classes than participants which doesn't make any sense; we need to simplify the classes. In the future, if the rally program grows then we can consider adding classes restricting equipment for hard core rallyists, at this point it only makes the entire program more complicated and confusing to clubs considering organizing their first rally.

1. - The current rules state that to be included in the rally championship, a rally must have minimum of FIVE CARS. This should be changed to a minimum of FIVE JAGUARS or JAGUAR POWERED cars (to allow some of the classic "specials" to participate).

The following words have been drafted and recommended by the Rally Committee for addition in the Rally Program Manual:

> (only changes shown)

> 7.3.1 All rallies eligible for inclusion in the Rally Championship program shall conform to the following requirements:
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> > Minimum Jaguar powered cars entered   5 (see 7.4.1)

> 7.4 Rally Competitor Qualification Requirements –

> 7.4.1 Drivers and navigators must be JCNA members in good standing as defined in the JCNA bylaws to accumulate points in the JCNA Championship program.   There must be a minimum of five (5) JCNA member drivers start the rally in Jaguar engine equipped cars for drivers to be awarded points toward the Rally Championship. Likewise, there must be a minimum of five (5) JCNA member navigators start the rally in Jaguar engine equipped cars for navigators to be awarded points toward the Rally Championship.

2 - **Additionally, if a rally is not organized by a JCNA affiliate, the affiliate club who requests sanction shall, within 20 days following the rally, mail the rally rules, road book and all instructions to the JCNA Rally committee chair to verify that the rally complied with JCNA Rally rules.**

The following words have been drafted and recommended by the Rally Committee for addition in the Rally Program Manual:

> 7.2.8.1 If a rally is not organized by a JCNA affiliate, the affiliate club who requests sanction shall, within 20 days following the rally, mail or electronically send the rally rules, road book and all instructions to the JCNA Rally committee chair to verify that the rally complied with JCNA Rally rules.

3. - Rally classes will be limited to TWO classes as follows:

- Time Speed Distance, allowing use of the stock odometer, speedometer, and trip computer if factory installed. Sat Nav system shall not be used and shall be disabled or covered.

- Monte Carlo, with the same equipment limitation as TSD.

The following words have been drafted and recommended by the Rally Committee for addition in the Rally Program Manual:

> 7.1. <u>Overall Rally Program Rules</u> - <u>ONLY</u> Time Speed Distance (TSD) and Monte Carlo Rally classes will qualify for scoring of rally points under JCNA rules.
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> > 7.1.1. Classes for the JCNA Rally Championship program rules are defined to address the rally type. The classes are defined as follows:

Class	
Time Speed Distance	T
Monte Carlo	M

4. - Additionally, instead of multiple novice classes, the best novice team in each two class will receive a Best Novice / Rookie of the Year award.

The following words have been drafted and recommended by the Rally Committee for addition in the Rally Program Manual:

7.2.1 Novice Classes formerly existed in separate TSD and Monte Carlo Divisions, but were eliminated in 2008. A Novice of the Year award has replaced the novice classes, and is awarded to the highest scoring driver and navigator during their first calendar year of posting results in the JCNA Rally program.

Corresponding Glossary change:
NOVICE   The JCNA Rally program includes a Novice of the Year Award. Novices are entrants with no prior documented JCNA rally experience prior to the current competition year.

Proposals by the Rally Committee:

5.   Various editorial changes to correct inconsistencies or clarify definitions:
- change sanction request notification time from eight (8) to six (6) weeks to be consistent with other locations in manual
- Eliminated several definitions in Glossary, such as 'S' for straight, "SOR" for Sign on Right, "SOL" for Sign on Left, TL for traffic light
- Allow local clubs to decide when checkpoints should close.
- Add a rule 7.1.5 that all Rallymasters must share route info equally.
- Clarified how ideal times are used by teams, relocated checkpoint procedures, and restated that timing is independent by stage in Chapter 3
- Deleted old section 2.6 as redundant to other material in the Chapter

Proposals by David Belanger, JCOH:

6. (withdrawn – 3/13/08 email)

7**.   JCNA championships shall require scores from at least two different clubs. North American championships should be based on North American competition and not just entries in one club's events. (This requires a minimum of three rallies in different locations, otherwise the default will be high score regardless of location.)**

The Rally Committee is not in favor of this change, however if it were to be made, the first sentence of paragraph 7 above would be added to above paragraph 7.6.2 of the Rally Program Manual.

8. (withdrawn – 3/13/08 email)

9. Rallymasters should keep all checkpoint records and scoresheets for 3 months after the end of the competition year (i.e. until April 1)

<u>The following words have been drafted and recommended by the Rally Committee for addition in the Rally Program Manual:</u>

> 7.5.6 The Rallymaster shall maintain records of the rally General Instructions, Route Instructions, entry forms, datasheets, and results until three (3) months after the end of the competition year, April 1 of the following calendar year.

<u>Changes to Existing Rules proposed by David Belanger, JCOH:</u>

10. The number of Monte Carlo classes should be reduced by dropping the M1 and M1n classes. There is no difference between the M1 and M2 classes in a Monte Carlo competition. (7.1.1)
(Previously covered as Item #3.)

11. The qualifications for a first-time Novice should be defined. Rallymasters are given no guidance, and participation in one or two rallies more than two years in the past should not disqualify a new JCNA entrant from the Novice classes. (7.1.2 and 1.1.2)
(Previously covered as Item #4.)

12. (withdrawn – 3/13/08 email)

13. The Maximum Time limit of 4 hours should be removed and left to the discretion of the Rallymaster. There is no maximum limit on mileage; why limit the time? (7.3.1)
Currently posted paragraph 7.3.1 only has a maximum recommended time, so there is no limit.

> All rallies eligible for inclusion in the Rally Championship program shall conform to the following requirements:

<u>Minimum </u>distance:	50 miles
<u>Minimum </u>elapsed time:	2 hours
<u>Maximum</u> Recommended elapsed time:	4 hrs
<u>Minimum </u>timed legs:	3 timed legs,
<u>Minimum </u>odometer check distance:	10 miles
<u>Minimum </u>of two persons per car:	Driver and Navigator

14. (withdrawn – 3/13/08 email)

<u>Additional proposals by the David Belanger - JCOH:</u>

15. Requests for clarification to the hidden checkpoint rules by Dave Belanger submitted on 30 January, in that some of the existing checkpoint rules did not fit hidden checkpoints.

The Rally Committee would like to change the definitions of controls to terms that are closer to the SCCA definitions, namely open and passage checkpoints. Passage checkpoints will require a timing marker, unlike prior used hidden checkpoints. Timing at same will not reset for a stage, so entrants next stage ideal arrival time is uneffected. Various changes to rules and glossary definitions have been drafted and were posted to make these changes, and to replace 'hidden' checkpoints with the term 'passage'.

EXAMPLE:
Definitions added for open and passage checkpoints" :

OPEN CHECKPOINT (or CP)	A checkpoint used for rally scoring where entrants are timed as they pass and come to a stop past a timing marker. Teams obtain timing information and/or further route instructions, and any further stage elapsed time is reset.
PASSAGE CHECKPOINT (or CP)	A checkpoint used for rally scoring where entrants are timed but do not stop. Start time on the current stage is not reset. Formerly termed a 'hidden' checkpoint.

16. Relocate paragraphs 1.4.7 through 1.4.12 to Chapter 4.

Sections 1.4.4 through 1.4.13 have been drafted and posted relocated to 4.1.5 through 4.1.14 in the Proposed 2008 Rally Program Manual.

17. Relocate paragraphs 1.5.7 through 1.5.10 should be covered in Chapter 6.

As Section 1.5 concerned TSD rallies and Chapter 6 covered Monte Carlo rallies, we took this as intended to mean these should be in Chapter 5. Sections 1.5.5 through 1.5.10 have been drafted and posted relocated to 5.1 through 5.1.5 in the Proposed 2008 Rally Program Manual.

18. 6.2.6 says, however, "Under normal JCNA Rally conditions, strip maps are all that will be issued to participating teams." This conflicts with 6.2.4 - "You may provide one of two types of maps..." and 1.4.3 - "Depending on the total distance will, in turn, dictate the use of one general, overall regional map and strip maps." (sic). I don't know what, if any, advantage one type of map provides over the other, but 6.2.6 looks like something that was added without checking the rest of the manual, and it seems better to use the language that offers the rally master both options. My suggestion was to delete it.

Changes to allow either whole area or strip maps, at Rallymaster's discretion and as needed by route have been drafted and posted relocated to Chapters1 and 6 of the Proposed 2008 Rally Program Manual.