

NB-4b GPS Rule Change Request

Rally program rules presently prohibit use of aftermarket odometers, or GPS related devices, in JCNA rallies. This rule is over ten (10) years old and dates to when such equipment involved considerable expense and expertise to operate. In the present day, it is not practical to restrict the use of GPS related devices, as most cell phones today have GPS navigation applications available to them. This rule should be revised to allow GPS related devices and hand held computers (smart phones) to be used in JCNA sanctioned rallies for these reasons:

1. Modern Jaguar Cars are built with navigation systems that are integrated into a master data bus computer that controls climate and other systems. Covering up displays to restrict navigation displays can cover needed warning systems and controls.
2. It is not advisable to cover factory installed units due to potential damage to surrounding veneers, etc.
3. Aftermarket GPS systems today cost as little as \$50, and they are simple to operate.
4. To comply with this rule, GPS applications on smart phones make it theoretically necessary to not allow such phones, which could be needed in the event of becoming lost or another emergency.

Rally Program Manual Chapter 7 currently reads as follows:

7.1.4. Aftermarket electronic and electro-mechanical and mechanical rally odometers, hand held or portable electronic computers, Global Positioning System related devices, and aftermarket electronic on-board trip computers are specifically prohibited. Original Jaguar on-board trip computers in the models they were designed for are permitted in T2 and M2 classes.

Proposed rule change will delete the words, “**hand held or portable electronic computers, Global Positioning System related devices,**” and be revised to read as follows:

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