Greece Rally Raid / Serres 2025

General Things

RTFM Read the Fucking Manual (this handbook)!!!

Everything you do during this event is under your own responsibility. The Greece Rally organization cannot be held liable for any damage that you or your vehicles suffer or that you cause to anyone or anything else.

In Serres town, there is the Hospital, 3 kms from Elpida Resort & Spa Hotel, to the end of Perimetrical Road to Drama.

The Greece Rally organization provides medical and emergency services, but due to the character of the race, it is not possible for these services to be immediately near to any incident. Keep it in your mind! You are here for fun.

Race Time is Greek time = European Central Time (CEST) +1 hour.

You must have a mobile phone with roaming 24 hours per day open, during the whole event. Ensure that you can be called by the organization at any time.

Organization have installed GPS - GPRS Tracker on your bike, so to follow you at any time with a Global System Monitoring. You MUST NOT turn off this tracker! In case of emergency, you can call the organization to give you directions about your position or your return back to bivouac. Do not forget: There is NO perfect system, and the best system is NOT panacea...

Do not say *malaka* (μαλάκα) to any male Greek person that you don't know personally, especially not to officials like policemen, customs officers etc. You severely risk that famous Greek hospitality immediately turns into its opposite. This rule does not apply to your Greek friends. Don't say malaka to women, this does not make any sense at all.

Race

Due to the international character of the event, the roadbook is written in English. Be Happy that it is not in Greek... Make sure that you understood all roadbook symbols and information before you start into a stage. It is probably better to ask before than to experience a personal nightmare off the rally track. We are here to ask us everything! The uppermost authority on questions concerning the roadbook is the Clerk of Course.

On every day of the Rally, the Roadbook refers to the Gas stations, at Special Stages and Liaisons. In the 2^{nd} and 6^{th} day Big Special Stages, you have to organize refuel with jerrycans by your assistance to a refueling point. There will be your tank to wait for your thirsty vehicle. Only transport serious fuel containers without any leaks.

In the mountains

You will be alone in the mountains. Most likely, you will meet other people hanging around there for whatever reasons. Slow down your speed and always greet when you pass people. The Rally Track is **NOT CLOSED!** So, always be aware that you might encounter traffic (pick-ups, Vans, big trucks, tractors, etc.) that in generally have more hand power than you!

You will come across fences and gates in the mountains. They usually don't protect property, but try to prevent animals from strolling around where they like. In case you encounter a gate on the track, pass and leave it in the state it was before. There will be Time Checks and Paramedics every 30-50 kms. You have NOT to stop on these Time Checks, only to lower your speed, just to see your race BIB Number. You have to Stop, ONLY if you see the special Control Point Signalization, or people with bibs stopping you.

Wildlife

There are some honeybees this season... Be careful, and please, inform us in case you are allergic on bees. About sheep, cows and Goats: If you meet a shepherd with his herd blocking the track, greet him, slow down or even stop and wait to let HIM organize his animals to free the track before you go on.

You might meet turtles on the track! Do not run over them! You can stop your vehicle, get off and place the turtle in a more safe location, out of the road. It will not run away when you do this, and you have a good chance to increase your karma!

Paddocks

Please, do not leave your rubbish alone... Put them with others! Clean your vehicles in the appropriate places, and do not burn out inside the parking area! The speed limit in the parking - paddock area is 15km/h. If you do not respect this rule, the punishment is money penalty, imprisonment and walloping!

Birra

We also have a nice girl in our orga family: Birra is a 5 years lady, she is a Schnauzer and she is very friendly. Please, do not feed Birra, because she gonna eat all your food! Just give her a hug!

Penalties and Time Limits

Jury and Clerk of Course can impose penalties for unsporting or generally stupid behavior. There are no written rules for this. You are an experienced rider, so just don't bullshit and you are fine!

Delay limits and penalties for Liaisons and Special stages will be as follows:

Abandonment of a Stage

Each rider / each crew has the right to not finish a liaison or special stage as many times, as he wants, but on the condition that he starts the race day!

However, competitors, who complete ALL the special stages, and ALL of the liaisons without abandonment, will be classified above the others! Their classification will be above someone who was not able to finish a stage; this includes classification for race day and for the final classification.

DNS

If a competitor does not start a day of competition, he will receive an additional penalty of 2h00' but has the right to do so only once in the race, so he can be legible for classification and not considered out of the race (i.e. abandon the race, not just the stage).

Whoever does not start 2 or more race days, is considered to have abandoned the race, but reserves the right to participate in all stages of the race for his personal pleasure, unless Clerk of the Course has a different opinion.

Time limits

The time limit on liaisons is +50% of the ideal time. From then on, it is considered that the competitor has abandoned the liaisons stage. The time limits for the special stages, depends on each particular stage, and is announced before the race, but in any case, it cannot be longer than if the stage was travelled with an average speed of 25km/h, or the given maximum time for the Special Stage, which is written on your timecard, and at Greece Rally Overview 2025.

Example: If a competitor is traveling repeatedly slow (and not due to a temporary misfortune, like a flat tire, damage that can be repaired and he continues) will be warned by the race stewards, beyond a certain limit, which will leave him behind the flow of the race. And of course, because of night fall, he is obliged to leave the stage and return via the local roads, in which case he will be classified as abandoning the stage.

Liaison:

If one rider or one crew does not complete or does not try to run liaison, the penalty that will be imposed for classification of the day, is the perfect time for the Liaison. *

That is, if his time is 6h45' and the last liaison has an average time of 30 minutes, and he returns with assistance, or bypass the liaison, etc., he will receive a penalty 30' having a total of 7h15'.

Special Stages

If one rider or one crew does not complete or does not try to run the stage, the penalty which will be imposed for classification of the day, is the maximum time for the corresponding category (Bike & Quad or 4x4) + minute penalty for the length of the specific stage in kilometers. (i.e. 1-minute penalty for each km of the special stage).*

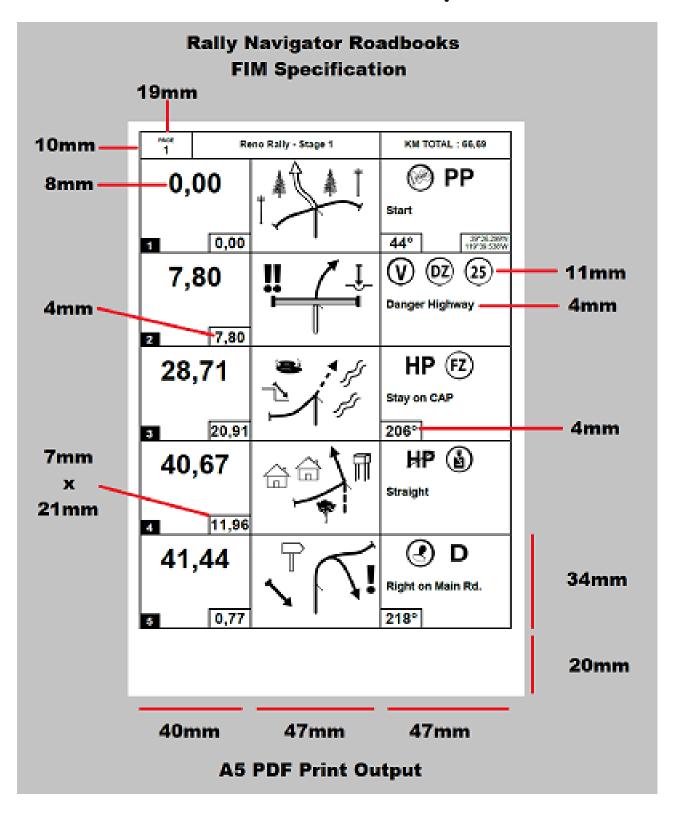
* Intermediate timings for security reasons will be enforced for both the big liaison dirt stage of the 5^{th} day, and on the large special stages of the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} days. If the competitor abandons the stage after a check point, the penalty will not calculated in minutes corresponding to a total length of the stage, but will be calculated after the check point that the competitor has past, unless we can see the exactly point from the GPS Tracking.

I.e.: If for example a competitor in the 280km special stage, passes the fourth intermediate time check point at 210km and abandons after (e.g. 250km), he will be given the last competitor's time of the stage, +70' minutes corresponding to the time from 210km to 280km. This so a rider will not be penalized harshly, if he abandons near the end of a long special stage.

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Road Book Sample



RALLY RAID TOUT TERRAIN ROAD BOOK SYMBOLS

SYMBOLS		SYMBOLS		ABBREVIATIONS		ABBREVIATIONS	
	Ruine / abandoned		Small wadi	VG	Vegetation	EFF	Collapsed
	Fort / castle	~~	Large wadi	L/R	Left and Right	ORN	Ruts
辯	Cemetery		Sandy wadi	R/L	Right and Left	BAD	Bad
V	Village		River (water)	onL	On left	RP	Rejoin
SWOLAG	Bivouac		Lake / puddle	onR	On right	BTW	Between
90	Tunnel	-	Plain / chott	kpL	Keep to the left	MODIF	Modification from Opening Car
-	Pipeline	1	Towards / direction	kpR	Keep to the right	NEW NOTE	New note from Opening Car
/ - 1	Wall	<u>k</u>	Road works	kpS	Keep straight	BIG SMALL FOLLOW	Written as text (English)
CAMP	Native / local camp	•	Reset / recal trip	-V	Less visible*		
	Petrol station & type of fuel	300m	Distance	±V	More/less visible		
**	Monument	DUN	IES / SAND	ALT	Alternance		
A 22	Animals individual		Sandy plain	1	During		
A	Animals	THE PARTY OF THE P	Big bowl "cuvette"	IN	In / into		
&	Cairn	 	Sand spit	ET	And / next		
	Rocks		Dune	Α	At		
	Mountain	<	Broken dune	CX	Stone / stony		
~ 9	Tree	150	Dunes	E3	Narrow*		
* *	Palm tree	DN	Dune	QT	Quit / leave*		
No. wh	Camel grass	DNX	Many dunes	TJS	Always		
攀 ♥ 繳	Vegetation	DNT	Small dune "dunette"	NBX	Many		
~~~	Slope	L1 L2 L3	Dunes difficulty level	IMP	Imperative		

TRACKS		WAYPOINTS		ON TRACK		SYMBOLS	
	Tarmac road	M	Masked WP	~	Bump	####	Fence
<b>→</b>	Track Piste	C	Control WP	<b>~</b>	Dip hole	×××××	Barbed fence
	Off track (HP)	S	Security WP	<u>→</u>	Compression	***************************************	Rail road
	Low visible track / traces	0	Navigation WP	~	Ditch	$\otimes$	Hole
Р	Track Piste	P	Precise WP	NUMMIT	Summit		Collapse, ditch, ravine, etc.
PP	Principal track/ piste	V	Visible WP	<b>I</b> L	Above bridge	<b>}</b>	Ruts
RO	Road	E	Eclipse WP	<del>)</del> (	Under bridge	5	Twisty / sinuous
P//	Parallel track/piste	1	Waypoint number	仝	Step up	M	Bumpy / broken
HP	Off track Sight driving!	C	ONTROLS	₹	Step down	M	Bumpy
НÞ	Off track forbidden	DSS	Start Selective Section	<b>₹</b>	Up hill Down hill	4	Lateral inclination
FPP	Follow principal track/piste	ASS	Arrival Selective Section	^	Cut danger	\ \	Post
FR0	Follow road	<b>€</b> CP	Check point	+	Right or Left over crest	†	Electric pole
SA	Sandy	ON FN	Start/Finish Neutralisation	<b>#   #</b>	Fence gate	1111	Electric line
GV	Gravel	ON	Start neutralisation with speed limit	# <b> </b> #	Fence with cattle gate	\$	High voltage tower
	SAFETY	(FT)	Start/Finish Transfer	-1-	Wall gate	Ť	Antenna
	Danger Level 1	OT	Start transfer with speed limit	<b>≋</b>	Wading / water cross	Î	Well
!!	Danger Level 2	T:25	Neut./transfer max. time allowed	ф	Concrete pass		Tanks
!!!	Danger Level 3		Waiting for restart		CAPS	(D)	Barrels
	Global danger in the note		Stop for restart	CAP	Exit cap		Notable elements
DZ 40	Start Speed limit	M/Q/ T3/T4	Fuel zone with authorized cat.	CAP	Average cap	90	Tires
<b>FZ</b> 40	Finish Speed limit	<b>(3)</b>	Time control	CAP	Calculated cap (only HP)	$P \Box Q$	Sign posts
втор	Stop	<b>S</b>	Assistance Service	OBLIC	Cap that turns	<b>®</b> 🖏	Restricted/protected area
Δ	Important	<b>(</b>	Tyre marking zone				Buildings / houses
<u>25,25</u>	Red line under km = danger 2 in the note	<b>②</b>	End zone			À À	Church / mosque

### SIGLALIZANION OF CONTROL ZONES

