

Greece Rally Raid / Serres 2026

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 2nd and 6th day Big Special Stages, you have to organize refuel with jerry cans 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 6 years old 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 2026.

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 5th day, and on the large special stages of the 2nd and 4th days. If the competitor abandons the stage after a check point, the penalty will not be 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.

Useful telephones:

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Road Book Sample

Rally Navigator Roadbooks FIM Specification

19mm		
10mm	PAGE 1	Reno Rally - Stage 1
8mm	0,00	KM TOTAL : 66,69
	1 0,00	Start
4mm	7,80	44° 29°26'20m 119°28'53mW
	2 7,80	V DZ 25
		Danger Highway
	28,71	HP FZ
	3 20,91	Stay on CAP
		206°
7mm x 21mm	40,67	HP
	4 11,96	Straight
	41,44	D
	5 0,77	Right on Main Rd.
		218°
	40mm	47mm
		47mm

11mm

4mm

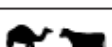
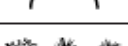
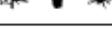
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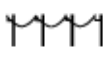
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RALLY RAID TOUT TERRAIN ROAD BOOK SYMBOLS

SYMBOLS	SYMBOLS	ABBREVIATIONS	ABBREVIATIONS
 Ruine / abandoned	 Small wadi	VG Vegetation	EFF Collapsed
 Fort / castle	 Large wadi	L/R Left and Right	ORN Ruts
 Cemetery	 Sandy wadi	R/L Right and Left	BAD Bad
 Village	 River (water)	onL On left	RP Rejoin
 Bivouac	 Lake / puddle	onR On right	BTW Between
 Tunnel	 Plain / chott	kpL Keep to the left	MODIF Modification from Opening Car
 Pipeline	 Towards / direction	kpR Keep to the right	NEW NOTE New note from Opening Car
 Wall	 Road works	kpS Keep straight	BIG SMALL FOLLOW Written as text (English)
 Native / local camp	 Reset / recal trip	-V Less visible*	
 Petrol station & type of fuel	 Distance	±V More/less visible	
 Monument	DUNES / SAND	ALT Alternance	
 Animals individual	 Sandy plain	/ During	
 Animals	 Big bowl "cuvette"	IN In / into	
 Cairn	 Sand spit	ET And / next	
 Rocks	 Dune	A At	
 Mountain	 Broken dune	CX Stone / stony	
 Tree	 Dunes	E3 Narrow*	
 Palm tree	DN Dune	Q^T Quit / leave*	
 Camel grass	DNX Many dunes	TJS Always	
 Vegetation	DNT Small dune "dunette"	NBX Many	
 Slope	L1 L2 L3 Dunes difficulty level	IMP Imperative	

TRACKS	WAYPOINTS	ON TRACK	SYMBOLS
 Tarmac road	 Masked WP	 Bump	 Fence
 Track Piste	 Control WP	 Dip hole	 Barbed fence
 Off track (HP)	 Security WP	 Compression	 Rail road
 Low visible track / traces	 Navigation WP	 Ditch	 Hole
P Track Piste	 Precise WP	 Summit	 Collapse, ditch, ravine, etc.
PP Principal track/piste	 Visible WP	 Above bridge	 Ruts
RO Road	 Eclipse WP	 Under bridge	 Twisty / sinuous
P// Parallel track/piste	 Waypoint number	 Step up	 Bumpy / broken
HP Off track Sight driving!	CONTROLS	 Step down	 Bumpy
HP Off track forbidden	 DSS Start Selective Section	 Up hill Down hill	 Lateral inclination
FPP Follow principal track/piste	 ASS Arrival Selective Section	 Cut danger	 Post
FRO Follow road	 CP Check point	 Right or Left over crest	 Electric pole
SA Sandy	 Start/Finish Neutralisation	 Fence gate	 Electric line
GV Gravel	 Start neutralisation with speed limit	 Fence with cattle gate	 High voltage tower
SAFETY	 Start/Finish Transfer	 Wall gate	 Antenna
 Danger Level 1	 Start transfer with speed limit	 Wading / water cross	 Well
 Danger Level 2	T:25 Neut./transfer max. time allowed	 Concrete pass	 Tanks
 Danger Level 3	 Waiting for restart	CAPS	 Barrels
 Global danger in the note	 Stop for restart	CAP Exit cap	 Notable elements
 Start Speed limit	 Fuel zone with authorized cat.	CAP Average cap	 Tires
 Finish Speed limit	 Time control	CAP Calculated cap (only HP)	 Sign posts
 Stop	 Assistance Service	OBLIC Cap that turns	 Restricted/protected area
 Important	 Tyre marking zone		 Buildings / houses
25.25 Red line under km – danger 2 in the note	 End zone		 Church / mosque

SIGLALIZANION OF CONTROL ZONES

