



Discover Syria Rally 2011 Regulations

Discovering Syria

In July 2003, the Syrian Automobile Club organized the very first Discover Syria Rally. Now, nine years later, the Rally has become one of the most interesting and exciting events on the calendar of the Syrian drivers, as well as the foreigners from all over the world.

It goes without saying that living the variety of nature has an important part of the adventure. The Discover Syria Rally has proved to be exactly what we want it to be: an exciting experience for people and machines to explore the best of Syria - the cradle of civilisations.

In 2011, we will start from Damascus - City of Jasmine - the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, where The Umayyad Mosque, The Roman Catholic Cathedral and Souk al-Hamidiya are located in the heart of the old city, first night will be in Aleppo, the city which has a special significance in the history for its location at the end of the Silk Road and the Citadel of Aleppo which occupies the center of the ancient part of the city, the last two nights will be in Lattakia, Syria's jewel on the Mediterranean coast, where the variety of nature makes an exclusive combination between the sea and the green mountains. During day time we will go from highlight to highlight of many important historical and religious sites, which make Discover Syria Rally offers, a unique chance for individuals and families of all nationalities to better know Syria.



Organization:

Article (1):

All the participants must read and understand these instructions. No participant has the right to discuss them or pretend the non-knowledge of any item mentioned within these instructions. The participant is considered responsible of implementing all the instructions entirely.

Article (2):

The organizer of Discover Syria Rally 2011 is the Syrian Automobile Club through the organizing committee. This event is considered Rally of the second classification (Ranger Rally) where the speed don't consist the criterion by the results report according to the subsequent systems.

Article (3): Description

The distance of Discover Syria rally is (1100 kilometers) during three days. To provide participants with taste of the culture, beauty and history of Syria while visiting important ancient monument and touristic sites all within an interesting tourist and sport context.

The Organizing Committee

Organizer: Syrian Automobile Club (SAC) licensed by the Federation International of Automobiles (FIA).

Stewards: **Walid Shaban (chief), Fadi Shehadeh , Salim Hamami**

Clerk of the Course: **Hani Shaban**

Asst. Clerk of the Course: **Khaled Attassi**

Safety Officer: **Fadi Dib**

Chief Marshals: **Sari Mahli**

Results Officer: **Mazen Murad**

Press Relations Officer: **Imad Sankar**

Start area Officer: **Fayez Madani – Anas Horieh**

Chief Medical Officer: **Samer Khodor**

Public Relations and Hotel accomodation: **Raed Sulaibi**

Asst safety officer: **Hasan Alhamod**

Event Secretariat: **Wardeh Elias**



Competitors Relations Officer (CRO) :Mr. Mohammad Tinawi



The Competitors Relations Officer (CRO) duties:

- Presenting precise replies of all the questions he receives on behalf of the participants.
- Presenting all the information and amendments of the arrangement, and what related to the general instructions and the incidents of the Rally.
- Working as a mediator to solve all the problems, and giving all the clarifications which may avoid raising them to the referee committee except the official objections or the contestations (for example: Clarifying the dispute about registering the time in cooperation with the point's controllers).



Rally program

Day one: 4 May: Damascus – Aleppo

Day two: 5 May: Aleppo – Lattakia

Day three: 6 May: Lattakia – Lattakia

Detailed route will be announced one month before the rally

The participation in the rally does not require any special skills .It is based on adhering to the driving and safety rules, speed limits, knowledge of following the road book.

It is not based on high-speed skills.

Points System, and winning the Rally

a- Starting point of every day :

Any Team arrives late to the park ferme' every day will be penalized by adding one point for every minute to their score. Any car arrives late for more than 15 minutes is penalized by five points for every late minute added to their points. The late for more than 25 minutes exposes the team to exclusion without returning the fees.

b- Ordinary and special Stages + Regularity Stage:

1- **Ordinary Stages** : Every day of the Rally consists of many ordinary stages . Every stage is given a sufficient limited time mentioned on the time sheet given to each competitor.

And every arrival:

- After this time is penalized by adding one point to their score for each minute of delay.
- Before this time is penalized by adding two points to their score for each minute.



2- Regularity special Stages:

Each Rally day will have one or two regulatory stages that start at the beginning of a certain stage and ends at a secret check point. This stage will be given a speed of 60 KMPH, and the team will have to maintain this speed till the end of this stage, the end of which is marked by one of the time controllers by means of a checkered flag in a point unspecified on the road book. This stage will be timed by laser beam watches in order to give the accurate time.

Participants will have to cross distance and time the closest possible to the set time with a 60 KMPH speed, i.e. one kilometer per minute. Each excess or decrease of the set time will be given one point for every second more or less.

Example: If the stage was 13 kilometers long then it must be crossed in 13 minutes exactly , if the team crossed the beam in 13:05 minutes they will be penalized five points.

Note 1: The stage will always end at an integral number of kilometers, being 12, 13 or...etc and will not otherwise include any fractions of a kilometer.

Note 2: The regulatory stages are always calculated in the way that enables the participants from modifying time and speed between areas that require a speed more or less than 60 KMPH within the same stage.

Note 3: It is preferred to use a stop watch between stages and set it according the time controller's watch.

Note 4: Teams are not allowed to question time recorded by the official timing watches.

Note 5: The end of the regulatory stage does not require the participant to stop for writing any thing down the timing sheets.

Note 6: At the beginning of the regulatory stage, the time controller will count and release the car on the exact time, and the team will be responsible for setting off at specified time.



Note 7: After the end of the regulatory stage, the normal stage which includes the regulatory stage shall be continued according to the time set for such stage.

How to calculate average speed:

Speed Rate= 60 x distance / time

c- Check Points:

Non-passing through any of the checkpoints located in the road book is penalized by adding (50) points to the team score.

d- Hidden Check points:

To control the speed limit of the competitors there will be some hidden check points on the road, these points will check for all safety methods like seat belts ext. And also these points will measure the time and distance of the competitors that should be in this point with flexibility of three minutes (plus or minus), **every arrival:**

- After this time is penalized by adding two points to their score for each minute of delay.
- Before this time is penalized by adding four points to their score for each

e- Puzzle Pictures:

The Participants will be handed at the start point of every day of the rally a folder that has several pictures placed randomly, these pictures are for objects located on the way of the rally, each participant should locate these pictures on the road book and right that on the sheet attached with the time sheet.

Every missing picture will be penalized by adding (7) points to the team score.



f- **Questions of general information:**

The participants will be handed at some check points every day of the rally some questions concerning general information or touristic information, and the team will have the time to answer the question and hand it to the next check point in the rally, or will be asked to answer at the same time.

Every wrong answer will be penalized by adding (7) points to the team score.

g- **Different Events:**

Every day of the rally will have some events (games) during the day that will count in the general results of the rally, the rules and points of the game will be given at the beginning of each day.

h- **Violations of the safety instructions:**

Since this Rally is a social rally, it also cares for the personal and public safety, by looking after several aspects:

- 1- Safety seat belt
- 2- Not using the mobile phone earpiece while driving without the earphone.
- 3- Violation of the speed limits.
- 4- Littering.

Any participant checked by **any of the organizers** at any time during the days of the rally holding any of these violations will be penalized by adding 100 points to their score, without the right of objection.

i- **The winners:**

The winner team is the one team who has the least points during the Rally.

In case of tie the winner will be the team which won the first day, then the second day, if the tie is still the case the stewards will make a general information Quiz to define the winner.



Article (4) Timing Card and puzzle picture sheet

Every team will be handed daily a time sheet that has the time required for each section of the road, and also they will be handed the lost photo's sheet that they should locate the puzzle photo's on.

These cards should be handed to the marshals at each check point to mark the time on, and only the marshals are allowed to do these markings, then these papers should be handed over to the marshals at the final check point of the day.

The teams (driver or the co-driver) are responsible of presenting the cards to the different checkpoints, and for the correctness of information in them.

Any correction or changes will subject the team for exclusion unless it was done by the marshals responsible.

Failing to present the card to any check point or any missing time on the time sheet will be penalized by adding 50 points to the team score.

Article (5) Traffic and tickets

All the participating cars in the Rally are subjected to the traffic laws of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Any traffic violation done by the competitor will be on his personal responsibility and the organizing committee is not responsible of any procedures done by the state authorities against him.

Any reparation, refueling or stopping for any reason is allowed and on the responsibility of the competitor and from their own time. The time used for these reparations is not deducted.

The crews are prevented from:

- 1- Behaving without sports manners.
- 2- Blocking the way for other competitors deliberately or preventing them from passing.

Any team reported of blocking the way of any other competitors deliberately will be penalized up to exclusion of the event



Article (6) General provisions – Check points – writing procedures

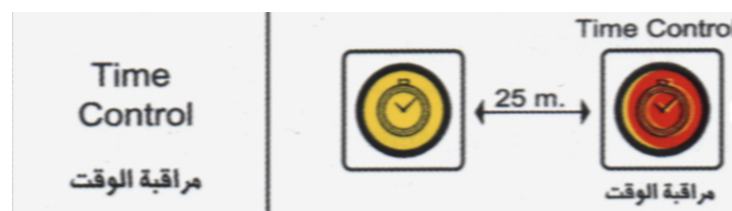
The official timing of the Rally is the time stipulated in the watches of the organizing committee and all the checkpoints.

All checkpoints are distinguished by signboards.

The start of the checkpoint zone is distinguished by yellow signboard. The checkpoint center is signed on a distance of about 25 meters with a similar but red signboard.

The distance between the yellow and the red signboards is considered closed area.

All the timing procedures will be held in the site of the red signboard.



Stopping period at any checkpoint must not exceed the time needed to make the procedures of control.

The time is counted from the moment the team handed the time sheet to the marshals at the check point, knowing to targeted time for the team is its own responsibility and they are not allowed to ask the marshals of any information regarding this matter. The teams can have a look at the official time presented at the marshal's table.

The teams should follow any instructions given by the marshals at the checkpoint, and any violation of these instructions will be penalized by the decision of the stewards committee.

Article (7): Qualified cars

Any team that wishes to participate in the event should have a licensed and insured car according to the Syrian traffic laws.

Any kind of passenger's cars, four-wheel drive vehicles are qualified cars for participation, with the condition of:

The car must contain:

- Extinguisher
- First Aid Box
- Spare Tire and its tools
- Primary tool Box (tow cable, electric feeding cable, torch, simple tools)
- Danger triangle alarm



Article (8): Qualified competitors

Any person holding an effective driving license in Syria or an international driving license from his countries considered qualified for participation, the driver has to present his/her license accompanied with the application form of participation, if the co-driver is going to drive during the rally, he/she should present his/her license also.

Article (9): participation forms and registration

Every one who wishes to participate in the event must fill the application form accompanied with the stipulated participation fees, before 16:00 hrs. Of the 20/april/2011, with a copy of the driving licenses, and one colored picture of the driver and co-driver, forms that are not filled properly or not signed will not be accepted.

Application should be sent to the following address:

Syrian Automobile Club- Sport office
Damascus – Syria
P.O.Box: 3364
Tel. 2323706
Fax: 2312785

Email: sport@syrianautomobileclub.com

Or attending personally to the Syrian Automobile Club –
Motorsport office – Damascus –Almouhafaza square – Al Hilal Al
Ahmar (Red cross) building – second floor .

All the detailed related to the driver or co-driver or passengers can be sent till 16:00 o'clock of 1/May/2011.

Any changes of the passengers or the car after this date will not be accepted.

The organizing committee has the right to reject the participation of any team without revealing the reasons for that.



Article (11) Bulletins/ Regulation changes

Any bulletin or changes to the regulation of the event will be announced in numbered and dated bulletins, and will be posted on the official notice board every day; these bulletins are considered as personal notification for all the participants.

Article (12) Applying the Regulations

The clerk of the course is entitled to apply these regulations and all the bulletins during the Rally. Any objection concerning this application is sent to the stewards committee for decision. The stewards, who only have the authority to make these decisions, will discuss any case not mentioned in these regulations.

Article (13) the participating Crews

Crew consists of at least two persons is allowed to participate in Discover Syria Rally 2011. The teams should decide on who will be the driver and co-driver.

Other passengers can be accompanied in the car in condition of adhering to the number of seats legally defined for that car. They will be considered only members of the crew and they are not qualified to receive any prize or driving the car. In case of violation of this article the team is subjected for exclusion.

Article (14) Numbers – Plates –Starting order

The starting order will take the form of racing numbers, the minor number takes off first at the beginning of the Rally at the first day. As for the second and the third day of the Rally the leading teams will start first accordingly.

The organizing committee will provide every team with two plates to be fixed on the two front doors of the car. It must be seen clearly all the period of the Rally.

Article (15): Penalties

Banned to start the rally:



- 1- Unlicensed car.
- 2- Unlicensed driver.
- 3- Not paying the fees, and not signing the participation forms.
- 4- Exceeding the legal number of passengers in the car.
- 5- More than 25 minutes delay at the Start Checkpoint.
- 6- Disputing any of the event officials.

Exclusion during the Rally:

- 1- Exceeding the legal number of passengers in the car.
- 2- Bad behavior during the rally.
- 3- Blocking the way of other participants.
- 4- Disputing any of the event officials.

The stewards have the right to adopt penalties not mentioned in the regulations.

Article (16) Protests

All The protests should be presented in writing to the clerk of the corse via the Competitors Relations Officer (CRO) accompanied with 5000 five thousand Syrian Pounds; this amount is refundable if the stewards accept the protest.

Latest time for presenting the protest is at 20:00 o'clock of every day of the Rally, or after one hour from the time the results is published (which is later).

The competitors have no right of protest for the times registered by the marshals at the checkpoints.

The competitors have the right to present any questions concerning the regulations of the event to the Competitors Relations Officer (CRO).

Article (17): Cups and the prizes

Cups and prizes are distributed as follows:

- 1- First place winner cup
- 2- Second place winner cup
- 3- Third place winner cup

In case of equality the next place will be canceled

In addition to:

- 1- The Ideal team cup.



Seat belts should be used at all times of the Rally.

The Syrian Automobile Club and its employees and the organizing committee of the event do not bear any claim or responsibility of loss or damage or harm, of persons or competitors or their properties resulted from this event.

**With our best wishes.
Syrian Automobile Club**