Annex K - Competitor Briefing

It is mandatory for all competitors on Single Venue Events and encouraged for Multi-Venue Events (both drivers and co-drivers) to attend a competitor briefing. It is the responsibility of the Clerk of the Course to make sure this takes place. The briefing should as a minimum include:

- A reminder that this is a non-contact sport
- An explanation about any splits and merges
- An explanation about how any 30 second starts will operate (queueing etc.)
- Clear actions the competitor must take in the event of an incident
  a. If they are involved
  b. If they are next on the scene
- A clear description about what action the event will take in case of an incident

The content of this briefing should be derived from your safety and incident management plans and must also be included in your final instructions. Ensure the competitors understand the purpose of the red flag and what actions they should take if they see one.

In order to ensure that any incident is responded to by all parties in the most effective way. It is strongly recommended that ALL competitors on ALL types of stage rally are reminded of their responsibilities related to SOS/OK boards either as the crew affected by an incident or the next competing car on the scene.

This reminder must also state that information given to Marshals or Officials regarding display of an OK/SOS Board, must ALWAYS be FACTUAL and ACCURATE. NO INFORMATION is better than FALSE OR INACCURATE INFORMATION – Competitors must be advised that they only report what they have actually seen, if they did not see anything, say so. Also, remind competitors that if they misuse the SOS and OK signs they will be reported to Motorsport UK for further action.

For those events using a tracking system, Competitors will be required to transmit an OK or SOS when they are stopped on stage, as per SRSR 10.12.5. and General Regulation R25.4. to R25.4.9.

Further, remind competitors that the Emergency Red Warning Triangle should be placed at least 100m down the stage, appropriate to the approaching speed of following competitors to provide a visible advanced warning.

You may also wish to advise them of the Clerk of the Course option to issue discretionary times so they are aware they will not suffer as a result of stopping to assist one of their colleagues.

You may wish to consider making this briefing a formal part of your documentation process and only issue Time Cards once the briefing and all other administrative checks have been completed.