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Lancer Evo Caves Classic 2019  
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## Competitors and Crew – COVID-19 Briefing Notes

**ROUND  
2**

**10TH OCTOBER**

MTA NSW Rally Championship  
East Coast Classic Rally Series  
NSW Clubman Rally Series  
NSW Hyundai Rally Series

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## **Introduction**

Firstly, welcome to the 2020 Midstate Freight Caves Classic which is Round 2 of the MTA NSW Rally Championship (NSWRC), Round 2 of the East Coast Classic Rally Series (ECCRS), Round 2 of the Techworkz NSW Clubman Rally Series (CRS), and Round 2 of the NSW Hyundai Rally Series (HRS).

Due to the current COVID19 situation, this document will focus on those items that will depart from the standard processes and procedures that you would have normally experienced at previous events.

During these extraordinary times we need to take extraordinary measures to ensure the health and well-being of all Rally participants and the general public. The nature of the COVID19 restrictions and concessions stipulated by the NSW Government are very fluid during this time and there may be significant changes between the date of this document and the date of the event. Therefore, please endeavour to continue to monitor these changes. Regardless, while COVID19 is still a threat there are two practices unlikely to change. They are social distancing and hygiene.

**Although it is recognised the risk of contracting COVID-19 from community transmission in NSW is very low at the moment, we do not want this event to be the trigger point for a new wave.**

***We appreciate there are a number of concessions generally afforded people who live in the same household. Unfortunately, due to logistics and the large number of people that will be involved we will need to treat everyone as an unrelated individual during the running of the event. This includes partners, siblings, parent and child or any other person in the same household. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause but it is essential we take this path for the event to occur at all.***

There are basic assumptions that underlie all practices to be followed at the event:

- 1. Assume every person you interact with has COVID19**
- 2. Assume every object you touch has come in contact with COVID19.**
- 3. Assume you have COVID19.**

***Social distancing and other COVID-19 practices described in this document must be observed at all times.***

## **Before the Event**

**Motorsport Australia strongly encourages the download and activation of the Australian Government's 'COVIDSafe App' for all event participants.**

Many administrative and operational processes for the event may be very different to what has been normally experienced in the past. This may result in some activities taking longer than expected. Please allow additional time and tolerance during this difficult period so we can all participate and be involved in the sport we love.

### **• Personal Health**

Under no circumstances should anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 attend the event. This includes any fever, respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, sore throat, cough, fatigue, or sudden lack of sense of smell.

Under no circumstances should anyone attend the event if they have been;

- i. overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- ii. in contact with someone who has been overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- iii. in contact with a known COVID-19 positive case in the previous 14 days.

It is highly recommended that if any participant exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 prior to the event they should consider taking a COVID-19 test. Contact details for testing clinics can be found at this link:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/clinics.aspx>

*You may wish to consult with your medical practitioner on measures you could consider prior to the event.*

### **• Regional Scrutineering**

At Regional Scrutineering you will need to have available the fully completed and signed “**Self-Scrutiny Checklist**” and “**Self-Scrutiny Statement of Vehicle Compliance**” forms. These two documents can be found at <https://motorsport.org.au/covid-19/competitors>. All other aspects of scrutineering apply except the Scrutineer will not be required to touch or enter the vehicle but will carry out a walk-around inspection. Inspection of apparel compliance and expiry dates will also occur under social distancing guidelines. Once satisfied, the Scrutineer will complete the Vehicle Log Book using COVID19 safe hygiene practices (eg use of disposable rubber gloves) and return the Vehicle Log Book to you.

### **• Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Procurement**

Prior to the event, assess all activities normally carried out by your team during the event to determine how you will operate while observing social distancing and ensuring hygiene. Some measures to be considered are:

- Frequent washing of hands or the use of hand sanitiser
- The use of suitable masks
- The use of disposable rubber or nitrile gloves (dispose when considered contaminated)



One important aspect to consider is in the case of an accident, **Section 5.3 – Emergency Procedure of the National Rally Code (Special Stage Rallies)** shall continue to be followed. For this reason, **crews will be required to carry in the competition vehicle one suitable mask each for the Driver and Co-Driver, an adequate supply of disposable gloves and any other PPE they deem as appropriate. DO NOT FORGET.** Liquid or gel Hand Sanitiser IS NOT to be carried in the Competitive Vehicle due to its flammable properties. This PPE must be worn if it is required for you to stop and render assistance to a crew involved in an accident.

Hand sanitiser will be available for your use whenever dealing with Officials during the running of the event.

Once you have determined the quantity of PPE you require for the event it is highly recommended this is procured well before travelling to Batemans Bay as there are no guarantees supplies will be available once you arrive.

## • Pre-Event Document Lodgement

Where possible completed forms and documents should be submitted electronically well prior to the event. This will ensure the minimum time necessary to complete Documentation Checking.

***It is a Motorsport Australia condition that contact details of ALL event attendees are captured during COVID19 to assist with possible contact tracing so all forms will request this information.***

You should also consider using the Rally NSW Fasttrack Document Process for prior lodgement of documents where only confirmation of document validation will be passed on to Series Event Organisers. This helps to ensure the privacy of your personal information. Further details can be found at the Rally NSW website.



## keep COVIDSafe active at events

Motorsport Australia recommends downloading the COVIDSafe app and activating it at events.

Keep yourself and your community safe by helping our health workers to notify you quickly if you've come in contact with someone who has Coronavirus

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## At the Event

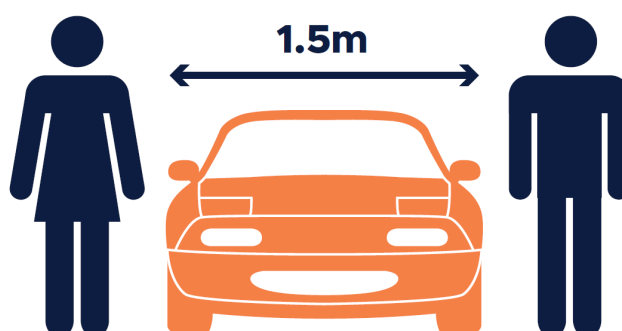
- **Social Distancing and Hygiene**

It is mandatory that all members of your team (Competitors and Service Crew) maintain 1.5m of distance from all people at the event at all times except for the Driver and Co-Driver while in their competing vehicle. The Driver and Co-Driver must also complete and submit the "Dual Occupant Vehicle - Declaration" form found at [https://www.motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/covid19/venues/motorsport-australia\\_covid-19\\_dual-occupant-vehicle\\_declaration.pdf](https://www.motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/covid19/venues/motorsport-australia_covid-19_dual-occupant-vehicle_declaration.pdf). The Service Crew will be required to wear gloves (eg nitrile disposable) while working on the competition vehicle. Failing that, frequent use of hand sanitiser will be required.

All enclosed spaces, both inside and outside, will have a limit to the number of people who can occupy that space. This limit will be displayed at the entrance to that space. This will be strictly controlled.

Before you touch a shared item wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser. Once finished with the item wash/sanitise your hands again. If carrying out a repetitive task with multiple items, first wash/sanitise your hands. Secondly, put on disposable gloves to carry out the task. Finally, when complete, remove the gloves and dispose of them and finally wash/sanitise your hands. At all times resist touching your face with your hands.

***All competition apparel and equipment must be for the sole use of an individual and must be kept separate from competition apparel and equipment of others. It must not be shared with or handled by any other individual.***



# stay apart to stay together

Wherever possible stay 1.5 metres apart. Help stop the spread of coronavirus by keeping your distance.

Remember, don't shake hands or exchange physical greetings, and practice good hand hygiene.

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## • Documentation

It is highly advisable to attend to all administrative activities at the event at your earliest opportunity. These processes may take longer than previously experienced so your understanding and patience will be appreciated.

Documentation Checking will occur at Rally HQ in the netball courts at Oberon Rugby Leagues Football Club, Lowes Mount Rd, Oberon, NSW [33°41'52.3"S 149°51'24.2"E] or [-33.697847, 149.856734]. Most of your documentation should have already been submitted electronically. There will be a limit to the number of people able to be present in the space concurrently. This limit will be displayed on a sign at the entrance and will be actively controlled. While queuing and once inside the space, strict social distancing will be observed. Marks on the floor will indicate where you should stand while documentation processing is occurring.

**Note: Documentation concludes at 09:20 hrs on Saturday.**

Once complete, one member of the competitive crew will move to the RallySafe desk to collect their unit and Competitors Pack which will include vehicle numbers, Service Park passes, etc. The other crew member will leave the pace and wait outside. Hand sanitiser will be available for use as required.

## • Service Park and Remote Refuel

Due to NSW Government constraints as a mechanism to limit the spread of COVID19 on the number of people at community sporting events, the Service Park will be sub-divided into Service Bays to facilitate social distancing. Rally HQ and the Service Park will have a maximum headcount of 500 people. Each entry is requested to limit their team to a maximum of 4 people (2 for the Driver and Co-Driver and 2 for the Service Crew). There will also be a limited number of vehicles that will be allowed entry to the service bays (1 competition vehicle and 1 service vehicle per entry). If two entries will be sharing a Service Crew it is important the Organisers are made aware so they can be co-located. If Government constraints are relaxed closer to the event then the size of a Service Zone, and associated number of people, may change. The following image is indicative of the proposed layout. **Social distancing between all individuals in the Service Park is MANDATORY. If 1.5m cannot be maintained while servicing vehicles then the individuals MUST wear appropriate masks. If Formula 1 can do it so can we.**

The expected layout for the Service Park is shown on the following page.

The remote Refuel Location Black Springs should only have the competition and service vehicles present while refuelling. Service crews will arrive and wait for their competitor as per the running schedule. Once refuelling is completed, both vehicles will be required to leave the area as soon as practicable. This will be a rolling process as the field progresses. There is more than adequate space for the expected concurrent number of vehicles and associated crew members to maintain 1.5m of social distancing. As such, this space will not be specifically managed though strict social distancing and hygiene will be expected and enforced.



## • Driver's Briefing

There may be a gathering for a driver's briefing subject to restrictions at the time. If so, social distancing will need to be maintained. The method for delivery of any form of briefing to drivers/co-drivers will be advised closer to the event.

## • Prior to the Start

You will be required to present to the TCO Staging Area a **minimum of 30 minutes** prior to your scheduled start time in a ready to start state. ie full apparel suitable for the transport stage. A body temperature measurement of the Driver and Co-Driver by a non-contact thermometer will be taken and recorded **while you remain in the vehicle**. **Your vehicle supply of masks and gloves to be worn to render assistance to other crews on course will be confirmed.** If you present with an elevated temperature (**37.5°C or above**) you will be asked to put your mask on, alight from the vehicle and move into the adjacent Isolation Facility. After a 15 minute wait to stabilise your body temperature, a secondary temperature test will be carried out by the Testing Official who will confirm the reading with you. If the reading is below 37.5°C you will be able to return to your vehicle to start the event at your nominated time. If your temperature is still 37.5°C or above you will not be able to compete. You will then be provided with advice as to the next steps.

If you need to alight from the vehicle for other reasons while waiting to start, please do not move any further than one arm length away from the vehicle.

## • Control Procedures

Due to COVID19 compliance there will be no physical contact between Crews or Control Officials.

The use of full RallySafe timing will allow for non-contact Time Control procedures. Please make yourself aware how to use the unit via the training video and user's manual found at <https://rallysafe.com.au/competitors-tm/>

A backup timing procedure will be in place which uses clocks and a conventional Road Card but times will be entered by the Co-Driver on the card. The finish time will be displayed at the Stop Control for the Co-Driver to record if the backup process is active. To ensure the safety of the Officials, **YOU MUST COME TO A COMPLETE STOP** at the Stop Control even though the Competitors will have no contact with the Control Officials. Time Control Officials will be keeping a record of all times on their own paperwork and this will be communicated back to Rally HQ.

If you are receiving a wheel spin start warning from your start at the previous stage it will be displayed to you on a sign by the Control Official. Both crew members will acknowledge you have seen the warning. Future infractions from this point will invoke a penalty.

## • Spectators

Due to COVID19 compliance there will be no spectator points available or advertised. This does not mean that members of the public may not find their way into the forest to watch the event. Please continue to be aware of the potential for the presence of unauthorised spectators. **If you have friends or family who would normally attend to watch, we can always use additional volunteer officials to staff road closures or assist in other ways.**

## After the Event

### • Return of RallySafe Unit

Please return your RallySafe unit to Rally HQ as soon as possible after completing the final stage or after retiring from the event. Please also observe appropriate COVID19 hygiene measures while doing this.

### • Results

All results will be available via [www.chrissport.co.nz](http://www.chrissport.co.nz). There may be no printout display of results at the event.

### • Podium or Presentation Dinner

Due to NSW Government COVID19 restrictions on public gatherings and venues there will be no podium or presentation dinner organised. Regardless, smaller groups (currently 10 or less) are encouraged to make bookings at local venues and restaurants to have a dinner post event. Any restrictions placed by the venue chosen must be adhered to. ***It is strongly advised any booking with a venue be made well in advance as this will also be the last weekend of NSW School Holidays.***



# report if unwell

Know the symptoms of Coronavirus and report to the Event COVID-19 Checker if you or anyone else is feeling unwell or showing any of the symptoms illustrated below.



fever



cough



sore throat



shortness of breath

## Your COVID-19 Checker

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