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Dear All

ALRC General and Scrutineering & Off Road Committee Meetings

Please find enclosed with this letter copies of the ALRC EGM and S&ORC meetings minutes held on the 16th November 2024 and the agendas for the next meetings to be held on the 15th March 2025. These meetings will take place in person at the Mercure Daventry Court Hotel, Sedgemoor Way, Daventry, NN11 0SG and will hopefully incorporate a Zoom meeting, details for this will be sent two weeks before the meeting is due to take place.

Ratification of Rule Changes to the ALRC Roll Cage Regulations.

Following discussion at the S&ORC meeting the ALRC Council ratified the following changes to the Roll Cage Regulations so that the next edition of the ALRC Handbook due to be published early in 2025 would have the correct measurements in.

The discussions behind the decisions are in the S&ORC meeting minutes which can also be found on the ALRC website. The minutes are sent direct to the ALRC Council, all club secretaries, chairs and delegates, the Scrutineering & Off Road Committee and Log Book Scrutineers but I would be grateful if you could distribute this information to all members of your clubs. There is no need to change existing vehicles so long as they meet the minimum requirements.

i. Roll cage spreader plates

Any reference to 6mm spreader plates in the ALRC Roll Cage Regulations are to be amended to 3mm. This includes, but not exclusively, the following regulations/ drawings:- 3.6., 5.3.3., 5.3.8., 5.3.9., 5.3.10., 7.3., 7.4., 7.6.3., 7.6.4., 7.7.1., 8.2.6., 8.2.10., 8.2.12., 8.2.16., 8.3.1., 8.3.2., 8.5.1., 8.6.1., 8.6.6., 8.7.2., 8.7.3., 8.7.10., 8.7.12., 9.1.2., 9.2.3., 9.2.4., 9.2.5., 12.1.2., 12.1.3., 12.1.6.
Additionally Practical Metric Size for Roll Bar Base Plates shown in 3.6. should be shown as 3mm.

(All regulations / drawings will be checked individually to make sure that they do not refer to outrigger brackets).

ii. Top Harness Mounts

The “Plate Thickness” given in Drawing 10.1 of the ALRC Roll-Cage Regulations is to be changed from 6mm to 5mm. Any holes drilled in the plate for the anchor points must have the minimum of the hole diameter to the outside edge of the plate. The overall length of the plate must be a minimum of 90mm.

Changing the Rules

i. Voting on by the clubs has been changed to the majority of total votes received (either before or at the meeting) which may not be all of the number of clubs in the ALRC but would be a true representation of those that actually attended any meetings and responded to communications sent out.

ii. In line with the revised Changing the Rules document there is the following proposed revision to the Seat Belts in Team Recovery which has been posted on the ALRC website for a 70 day consultation

period for objections which should be sent to secretary@alrc.co.uk. Further information can be found in the S&ORC meeting 16th November 2024 minutes.

Current text:
Section I – Point to Point & Team Recovery – Specific Technical Regulations
"I.5. SEAT & SEAT-BELTS
I.5.1 ~~In Point to Points a minimum of a 3 point fixing safety belt with two shoulder straps and one abdominal strap to be worn by all occupants whilst the vehicle is in motion.~~ DELETED
I.5.1 A minimum of a three point harness is required by all occupants. (A three point is defined as comprising of two merged shoulder and one lap strap with three anchorage points on the chassis / body shell or roll over bar of the vehicle on either In Point to Points a minimum of a 3 point fixing safety belt with two shoulder straps and one abdominal strap to be worn by all occupants whilst the vehicle is in motion. (Implemented 8th February 2024).
I.5.2. All occupants must be properly seated.

Proposed text:
I.5. SEAT & SEAT-BELTS
I.5.1 In Point to Points a minimum of a 4 point fixing safety belt with two shoulder straps and one abdominal strap to be worn by all occupants whilst the vehicle is in motion.
I.5.2 In Team Recovery, a minimum of a lap strap (as design intended) to be worn whilst the vehicle is in motion.
I.5.3 All occupants must be properly seated whilst the vehicle is in motion.

Explanation and comment:
Reinstate and amend the previous I.5.1 (currently deleted) because there is no intention to change point-to-point apart from updating the clause to refer to minimum four-point belt.

Allow lap strap only in TR, due to the impracticality and risk of misuse/poor adjustment of "full harness" belts in that discipline. Note that MSUK regulations do not require any seat belts at all in TR but the proposers feel that there should be lap straps used, as they have been for most of the history of ALRC TR events up to February 2024.

Q Class to be included for Comp Safari
At the ALRC Council meeting held on the 10th October 2024 it was agreed that Q Class would be extended to Comp Safari events as a trial period until 31.12.25. Entry numbers with vehicle modifications should be submitted to Simone after an event has been run if Q Class vehicles have been entered in the event. Q class has been allowed for the ALRC 2025 National Rally Comp Safari.

Please contact the above address if you have any questions that you would like to be raised at any meeting.

I would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and hope to see you at an event in 2025.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary
For and on behalf of The Association of Land Rover Clubs

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All member Clubs Secretaries & Chairs
ALRC Council
S&ORC
Log Book Scrutineers
Delegates.