

2010 BP Ultimate Rally Briefing

Welcome to the event

The weather forecast is chance of a shower including snow for Division 1 across the Alps, partly cloudy for Division 2 up to Swan Hill, sunny for Division 3 in the Mallee, and fine on Division 4 run down to Ballarat.

It is assumed that you have read and understood the Supplementary Regulations, Further Regulations and the Navigator's Guide.

Refer to the sheet in your competitor envelope for the required door stickers arrangement.

You are reminded to record informations and observations in correct line on rear of road card against the appropriate section number.

Rally entry markers on gates will be red and white diagonal striped plastic bunting tape wrapped around fence posts and on wire gates if not easy to see.

Sand sections are designated in route instructions under the type of section, usually Touring. They can generally be easily bypassed if the crew does not feel equipped to handle such conditions.

The intent of the event is not to trick navigators, but to test crews over a variety of conditions so that there is a sense of achievement at the end of the event.

Drivers have to be clever, maintain consistent pace and avoid trouble in mountains in tight mallee scrub forest and in threatening sand.

Teamwork will be critical.

Rallying in daylight is great fun but please be very careful. Be aware you are on public roads at a time of the year where farmers are moving large equipment.

This is a Touring Road Event. The BP has survived because flat out driving is not required. Over the years, the constant briefing message has been that if you have to retrace your steps in daylight be very cautious over crests and around blind corners.

Radar will generally be employed on sections where there are houses, where there is likely to be traffic and where competitors may be wanting to make up for lost time. Don't think you can make up time as penalties are huge and could cost you the event.

You are reminded that the penalty for additional maps or markings on maps is exclusion. Such cheating cannot be tolerated.

The event will be memorable. That remains my guarantee. Enjoy yourselves.

Ross Runnalls
Event Director