



Trial's Rule Clarification For New Competitors & Marshal's

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TRIAL RULE CLARIFICATION FOR NEW COMPETITORS AND MARSHALS

1. Trial sections consist of twelve sets of canes, each set has a numbered white right hand flag and a coloured right hand flag, this dictates the direction of travel, the white flag must always be on the right; each pair of canes are known as a gate.
2. Sections begin at number twelve gate, progress being made through the gates in descending numerical order until the vertical centre line of either front wheel passes an imaginary line connecting the two canes of a gate, this is called hubbing the gate.
3. Forward motion must continue at all times until number one gate is hubbed or driven through, when this is achieved a score of zero is awarded also known as a clear; if the competitor chooses to continue forward motion, the whole of the vehicle must either clear the gate or come to a halt before the score can be declared.
4. Should forward motion cease whilst in the section, a score is awarded based on the location within the section; the score awarded is the number of the flag being approached, at this point the competitor's trial for this section ends. It is at the Marshals discretion to when forward motion stops.
5. During the driving of the section, if a cane is touched by any part of the vehicle, the trial for this section ends, the score being the number on the cane touched. For the purpose of clarity it should be noted that ANY part of the flag will be treated as contact with the cane. Marshals will have discretion for contact with a cane if it results from ground movement or wind.
6. Whilst negotiating from one gate to the next, it is not permitted to cross your tracks; tyre "marks" must not intersect, further, crossing tracks is not permitted anywhere within the section, LWB vehicles are exempt whilst shunting.
7. Long-wheelbase vehicles (98"+) are allowed one shunt per section. Competitors are allowed to reverse 2 vehicle lengths to line the car better to enter through the next gate. Shunts are to be used where gates are tight and LWB competitors are unable to make the turn to the next gate. They are not allowed to be used to gain better position for Hill climbs or tricky parts of the section. All Shunts are at the Marshals discretion and should be declared to the marshal before the section is driven.
9. As part of the challenge it may be deemed necessary to install "cross canes" between two gates to stop the competitor from deviating too far; cross canes denote a wall of infinite length, the line of the wall is determined by a straight line through the top of both canes in both directions. Vehicles are allowed to touch the "wall", but not to "knock it down", the cross canes only apply whilst between the two relevant gates.

10. Hitting a cane of a gate numerically further on in the section and therefore not already driven through is not permitted and will be deemed as a stop and scored accordingly .
11. Course modification should not be permitted once the section is live unless as a result of an incident the section is deemed as dangerous or impassable, the marshals should rectify and if appropriate, competitors who have already ran be invited to go again. Where practical, all competitors would be consulted re change/proposed change, and if no agreement can be reached, the Clerk of the Course would be consulted.
12. Marshal's decision is FINAL. Grievances will be dealt with in accordance with judicial Section C of the MSA Blue Book. In first instance, the grievance should be brought to the attention of the Clerk of the Course within 30 minutes of the end of competition.
13. Competitors will be required to assist in the set up of a trial. Competitors will not be entered into the championship unless complied with; this should benefit all because it will create a more diverse style of setting out of sections.

Please note this document dose not replace our current Trials SR's and is issued for the purpose of clarity to new competitors and marshals.

