



Bulletin #5 11-Jan-2005

Subject: 2005 Rally America Regional Championships

Overview:

This bulletin revises Article 9.6 of the 2005 Rally America Rule Book

Please replace Article 9.6 in its entirety with the following:

9.6. ANNUAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Regional Championship is for competitors who compete in their Region's events. Top Championship drivers from each Region will be invited to the Regional Cup Championship Event, to compete for the overall champion in each class.

A. SEASON

The Regional season is from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

B. REGIONS

There will be three Regions, East, West and Central. The border between the East and Central regions is a straight line extending past but intersecting Detroit Michigan and Baton Rouge Louisiana. The border between West and Central is a straight line extending past but intersecting Lubbock Texas and Billings Montana. The Colorado Cog rallies will be a part of both the West and Central Regional Championships.

C. CLASSES

Vehicles will run in classes as established by the Rally America Rules. All classes will be included in the Regional Championship. An event organizer, with prior approval from Rally America, may divide his/her entry field into additional classes for the purposes of event awards and/or the computation of points for independent regional championships.

D. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Titles

Regional competitor champion titles are established in each of the Regions for each of the classes established in the Rally America Rules. Titles will be determined for eligible

competitors by the highest total of event points accrued in class, based on the rules below, during the declared season.

2. Eligibility

Any competitor holding a Rally America competition license is eligible to register for the Regional Championships. All competitors registered for a specific Regional Championship will accrue points at events in that region.

3. Participation

Any driver may register for any single or combination of Regional Championships.

4. Event Points

All Rally America sanctioned Regional events will award points for the purpose of determining Regional champions. A competitor must be registered for the regional championship prior to the event. If the competitor is not registered, he/she will NOT accrue points for that event. Selected events held outside of the U.S. may also award Regional points (as "out-of-Region points") if approved by Rally America. Competitors must obtain approval from Rally America BEFORE the out-of-country event is run, in order to count points earned.

Finish Position Points

1st 20
2nd 15
3rd 12
4th 10
5th 8
6th 6
7th 4
8th 3
9th 2
10th - last 1

In the awarding of points for championship purposes, the finishing positions held by Competitors not registered for that regional championship will be ignored.

5. Event Weighting

Event coefficient designations will act as multipliers. For example, a first place finish in a Coefficient 1 event gains 20 points while a first place finish in a Coefficient 3 event gains 60 points.

6. Categories

Drivers and co-drivers may earn points in either category of the championships, but they may not combine these points to produce one total. Points accumulated in one class may not be combined with points from another class.

7. Points Totals

Competitors may count their best two thirds of the number of the coefficients in their Region (rounded up to the nearest whole event) to a maximum of 18 coefficients. No more than 5 of those coefficients may be from out-of-Region events.

8. Championship points for organizers will be awarded equivalent to those awarded for winning the event they conduct. These points will be awarded to three key positions of the organizing committee (for example, Chairman, Rallymaster, Chief of Controls, Safety/Emergency Coordinator, Spectator Safety Coordinator). These points are limited to one position per Regional season per person. It is the responsibility of the organizing committee of each event to determine who will receive these points and to inform Rally America. Competitors may only accrue organizer points if they are registered for the championships.

E. Tie Breaking

Ties will be resolved on the following basis for Regional competition. The winner shall be:

1. The competitor with the most points earned within the Region.
2. If further resolution is required, the winner shall be the competitor with the most points earned on the Coefficient 3 events, then Coefficient 2 events, and finally Coefficient 1 events.

F. REGIONAL SERIES ADMINISTRATION

1. It shall be the responsibility of Organizers to ensure that correct results from each event are furnished to Rally America. Any questions regarding the accuracy of points assigned should be referred to Rally America.
2. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in class for each Region at the end of the season.

G. REGIONAL CUP CHAMPIONS

1. The top three competitors in the Regional Series in each Region will be invited to the Regional Cup Championship Event to compete for the title of Regional Cup Driver Champion in each class. Competitors must enter in the class they qualified in to be considered for competition. The highest finishing invited competitor in each class will be declared the Regional Cup Champion for that season.
2. The presentation of the Regional Cup Champion awards will be made at the Regional Cup Championship Event awards ceremony. Rally America will establish, secure, and present these awards.

G. INTERPRETATION AND CLARIFICATION

Stewards may interpret this bulletin as necessary to resolve penalties or protests.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.