



# The CBS Rally

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## General Instructions

### FORMAT

The CBS Rally is designed for both novice and experienced rally competitors. There are no course following tricks on this event so getting lost shouldn't be an issue. The short timed sections and multiple choice questions will keep you on your toes, though – pay close attention to the details and remember rallying is a precision sport.

The course will cover approximately 100 miles and should take less than four hours to complete. There are mileages to every turn and you will re-zero your odometer frequently. (Odometer drift is an issue on many time-speed-distance road rallies, it's the rallymaster's intent to minimize this issue on this event.)

This is a low-pressure event – you're rallying to win a little plastic trophy, keep that in mind whenever you start thinking about doing dumb things. You will never need to exceed the posted speed limits and you will rarely need to approach them, either.

The roads you will be traversing are public roads and you will be wandering past people's homes, ideally they should never know you were there. Local law enforcement has been notified that we will be in the area, as well. Any moving violation will mean immediate disqualification from the event.

All entrants will be required to sign a release waiver at the start. Minors who will be in the vehicle will also need to have a minor release waiver filled out and signed by a legal guardian. Consumption of alcohol or controlled substances is expressly prohibited and is grounds for immediate disqualification.

## **LOCATIONS and SCHEDULE**

The rally will start at the Burger King at 1960 Barnett Shoals Road in Athens, Georgia; the finish will be at Fatz Cafe on Lexington Road in Athens. Registration will run from 10:30-11:30 a.m., first car off at 12:01 p.m. There will be a competitors' meeting at 11:30 near the registration location. Last car should finish by 4 p.m.

## **TIME and MILEAGE**

Official time will be available at the start – make sure you check it as it may be different from your watch or phone. There are several apps available for your devices that will give you more precision in timing, search for “rally clock” and you’ll find them. The course was measured using a GPS odometer on a mostly clear day. Distances will be given to the hundredth of a mile.

## **CAR PREPARATIONS and EQUIPMENT**

You warrant that the entered vehicle is on the road legally, is being used by the entrant with the owner's permission, and is covered by liability insurance of not less than \$20,000/\$40,000/\$10,000, or the minimum requirements of the state of registry, whichever is higher.. If the vehicle is owned by someone other than the contestants, you will need to provide a written statement that the owner has granted permission. Contestants will perform their own safety check.

All entrants will be given a sticker with their car number. This number must be attached to the front, right bumper of the car so that it is easily viewable by the checkpoint crews.

Stock odometers and speedometers must be used. Electronic or mechanical precision measuring devices, including rally computers and GPS units, are not allowed. *Play fair.*

## **ROADS**

Only paved, through roads will be considered legal roads on this event unless you are specifically instructed to continue onto an unpaved road. This event does have a few miles of very high quality unpaved roads – you may get dusty, but that should be it. No questions are active when you're on an unpaved road. Other unpaved, private and dead end roads do not exist. The parking lot of the start and at the end at Fatz Cafe are the exceptions.

## INSTRUCTIONS

The Numbered Route Instructions (NRIs) are to be executed in ascending numerical order. Course following words (LEFT, RIGHT, STOP, etc.) are fully capitalized. Other words that appear in all capital letters in the NRIs are on metal, government-erected signs associated with legal roads and may be on either side of the road. Information in parenthesis is there to assist you. If you reach an intersection with no instruction, proceed as straight as possible (SAP). If you reach a T intersection with no instruction or the road becomes unpaved without notice in the NRIs, you are off course.

There are no course-following traps – if you are unsure what to do, do what you think I'd want you to do. If you thought wrong, return to that point and try something else.

## QUESTIONS

Questions are to be answered in ascending numerical order. Please mark your answers on your score sheet clearly. Only one question will be active at a time. Questions become active one foot after the preceding instruction is completed unless otherwise noted and are no longer active when the subsequent question is asked. All signs will be visible in a 180 degree arc centered on the driver, they may be partially quoted but always sequentially and punctuation matters. Words or phrases in quotes may appear on any sign of a permanent nature (meaning no yard or temporary signs). Words that appear in all capital letters in questions are on metal, government-erected signs associated with legal roads. Questions may extend across multiple NRIs.

## THE MONTE CARLO CHECKPOINTS

At various points in the NRIs you will see a line for Monte Carlo checkpoints – you will be given both the mileage where the checkpoint may be as well as when Car 0 should arrive (CZT). Add your car number (in minutes) to the Car 0 time and that's when you should be at the checkpoint. Not all checkpoints will be manned.

As an example:

NRI	Mileage	Delta	Instruction/Question
21	14.31	1.62	MC Checkpoint 4 – CZT 1:04

At a mileage of 14.31 miles, you may find a checkpoint. If you are car 5, you should cross the checkpoint line at exactly 1:09. You will be penalized for being early or late, so you want to be on time.

## TIME ALLOWANCES

If you are delayed along the route and cannot make it to a checkpoint on time, calculate how late you are going to be and add one-half minute to your arrival time. (This keeps you apart from other cars.)

For instance, if you have been delayed by five minutes before the above checkpoint, you would take 1:04, add your car number (5), your delay (5) and half a minute, making your perfect arrival time 1:10.50. (We time in hundredths of a minute, not seconds.) Mark down on your score card when you took a TA and for how long. Continue on that delayed schedule through any remaining checkpoints.

There is no penalty for taking a time allowance. If another car ahead of you leaves on the half minute, wait one more minute. The maximum amount of time allowances you can take for the event is 19.50 minutes. Remember that if you take a time allowance on one segment, you need to carry it forward through the remaining segments – you cannot make up time between checkpoints. If you do, you were speeding and that is grounds for disqualification.

## **SCORING**

Lowest score wins at the end and penalty points will be assessed as follows:

- Each incorrect answer: 15 points
- Each hundredth of a minute early or late at a checkpoint: 1 point
- Maximum score at a checkpoint or a missed checkpoint: 50 points

## **QUESTIONS & PROTESTS**

This is supposed to be fun. The rallymaster will listen to any question at the end and consider any protest written on a \$20 bill. The rallymaster's decisions are final.

## **EMERGENCY INFO**

If you choose to drop out of the rally, please text the rallymaster at 706-340-4239 with your car number to let us know you're okay.

## **HISTORY**

This is the second event of the year for the Atlanta Region. If you ran the spring event, thanks for coming back. If this is your first event, thanks for coming out.

This event is a tribute to my late friend Ted Goddard. Ted organized 49 consecutive Covered Bridge Rallies in New England. He declared that the 2016 event, the 50th running, would be his last. Alas, he passed a few months before the fall event that year. A team of friends picked up where he left off and put on that 50th running.

Ted loved to hear the stories after the event, he reveled in having caught someone out with a little trick. I look forward to hearing your stories at the end of the day.