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FORUM8 RALLY JAPAN AIMS TO MANAGE THE EVENT IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MANNER



Rally Japan 2023 Environmental Policy

Rally Japan 2023 Commission recognizes the necessity of protecting and preserving the natural environment when holding this event. We understand our environmental responsibilities, and continuously work to understand, monitor, and minimize our environmental impact, share values with those involved, and strive to raise awareness.

Rally Japan 2023 Commission will strictly adhere to the following manifesto and aim to hold a meaningful event that considers environmental conservation:

1. Strive to comply with applicable regulatory environmental requirements under international and Japanese legal frameworks.

2. Aim to acquire the highest ranking of 3 stars in the FIA environmental accreditation programme, which aims to help motorsport and mobility stakeholders around the world to measure and improve their environmental performance.

3. Raise awareness of environmental conservation and promote the following effective joint efforts with relevant parties:

(1) Creating an environmentally friendly event

· Actively utilizing renewable energy for energy used at the event. In particular, Toyota Stadium (Super SS and service park) electricity will be supplied with 100% clean energy.

· We will reduce the amount of waste generated at the event as much as possible, establish effective sorting and treatment, and promote recycling and reuse. The event will actively utilize environmentally friendly materials.

· Encourage the use of public transportation by the executive committee members and related parties (suppliers, product and service providers, participants, media personnel, spectators, etc.) and reduce unnecessary and non-urgent travel.

· We will appropriately collect and treat pollutants and wastewater to minimize water usage.

(2) Forest conservation

· Since the event area has been striving to preserve forests through human activities for many years, it is possible to hold rally competitions using forest roads. Through this event, we will disseminate the charm of mountain villages both domestically and internationally and convey the role that forests play.

· In all event areas, we will strive not to adversely affect the ecological environment.

(3) Education for children

· Using this event held locally as a theme, we will create opportunities for elementary and junior high school students from related municipalities to think about a sustainable society.

4. Measure, monitor and evaluate our environmental performance and this policy at least once a year, and take the necessary measures to continuously improve.

For the sustainability and development of this event, it is important for all the staff and related parties to implement concrete measures together.

Chairman of Rally Japan 2023 commission
July 2023



ENTRANTS - PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT



To avoid soil contamination, the following measures should be taken.

- Always place mats under the vehicle.
- Clean parts in accordance with the organiser's regulation.
- Place spill-proof trays under hazardous liquid containers (fuel drums, canisters, etc.).



The use of water should be avoided in a wasteful manner.



Waste should be properly separated in accordance with the rules.

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1 Welcome

We would like to thank the many people involved in organising FORUM8 Rally Japan 2023 for their guidance and cooperation.

The concept for this year's event is "ENJOY! RALLY JAPAN", and preparations are underway for the event under the four advocacy principles "WITH FANS -fan familiar", "WITH TEAMS - team friendly", "WITH HOST TOWNS - together with the local host communities" and "WITH EARTH - environmentally friendly events".

Last year, the WRC was held in Japan for the first time in 12 years. The world's best drivers drove exciting machines on a course that made use of the beautiful satoyama mountains that are unique to this region of Japan, amidst the enthusiastic cheering of the fans. The podium finish of Takamoto Katsuta, who

hails from Aichi Prefecture, in third place overall, will be fresh in the memories of everyone involved in the rally and the host region. We are now looking forward to building on that enthusiasm once again, together with the fans, teams and the host city.

As organisers of the event, we will continue to make every effort, with the co-operation of the local authorities concerned, to ensure that this event is a satisfying one for the fans, the athletes and everyone else involved.

Toshihiko Ohta

Chairman - Rally Japan Executive Committee
Mayor of Toyota City



We are very pleased that Rally Japan, which was returned last year after a 12-year absence since 2010, will again be held across Aichi and Gifu prefectures this year. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the tremendous effort and support of Toyota City, Okazaki City, Shinshiro City, Shitara Town, Nakatsugawa City and Ena City in organising the FORUM8 Rally Japan 2023, which will be held for the second year. In particular, a special stage has been set up at Toyota Stadium for this year's event, allowing fans visiting the venue to see up close the performance of the cars and the high level of skill of the drivers. We would also like to thank Toyota City for providing such an exciting environment for fans. We hope that from 16 to 19 November 2023, the eyes of rally fans from all over the world will be drawn to the beautiful satoyama of Japan, and through the motor sport of rallying, the power of rallying and the beauty of Japan's four seasons in autumn leaf colour will fascinate and delight many people. ENJOY! RALLY JAPAN!. Please look out for it.

Masanori Sekiya

Chairman of Rally Japan Organisation Committee
Chairman of TMSC



2 Contact details

2.1 Permanent contact details

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Rally Sporting Office: (until the 12th Nov 2023)	NPO MOSCO 1-200 Nishimachi, Toyota-city, Aich 471-0025 Japan Tel: +81 (0)565 41 3316 Fax: +81 (0)565 41 3319
E-mail:	info2023@rally-japan.jp <i>*For assistance with hospitality and accommodation</i> entry@rally-japan.jp <i>*For competitors enquires</i>
Website:	https://rally-japan.jp/en
Twitter:	@2020rallyjapan
Facebook:	@2020rallyjapan
Instagram	rally_japan

2.2 Key Officials

Event Director:	Mr Yasuji Nakagami y-nakagami@rally-japan.jp
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Communication Manager:	Mr Hiro Sato hiro@iltempo.co.jp
Clerk of the Course:	Mr Haruo Takakuwa h-takakuwa@rally-japan.jp
Sporting Secretary:	Mr Koji Takahashi k-takahashi@rally-japan.jp

2.3 Rally Headquarters

Sky Hall Toyota
1-20 Hachimancho, Toyota-city 471-0861 Japan
Tel: TBC
Website: <https://www.toyota-taikyo.or.jp>
Rally Headquarters will be operational from Friday 10 November to Monday 20 November.
Please check 3.3 for opening hours.

2.4 Rally Sporting Office (until the 9th Nov 2023)

NPO MOSCO Office at Toyota Sangokan
1-200 Nishimachi, Toyota-city, Aich 471-0025 Japan

2.5 Media Contact details

Mr Masato Miura, National Press Officer
media-rj@rally-japan.jp

3 Programme and critical deadlines

3.1 Schedule before the rally

Friday 14 July
Publication of Rally Guide 1 - website
Tuesday 22 August
Closing date for radio licence application and helicopter registrations
Thursday 31 August
Publication of Supplementary Regulations - website
Entries open
Thursday 7 September
Closing date for ordering Pirelli tyres
Closing date for ordering FIA fuel
Saturday 16 September
Opening date for media accreditation
Friday 6 October
Closing date for Temporary Operating Permits application form
Monday 16 October
Closing date for entries
Closing date for reconnaissance only applications
Thursday 19 October
Publication of Rally Guide 2 - website
Monday 23 October
Entry list is published - Digital Notice Board
Thursday 26 October
Closing date for application requests to Rally Japan National Press Officer
Thursday 2 November
Closing date for accreditation requests to FIA Media Delegate

3.2 Schedule during the rally (Times shown are Japanese Standard time(JST)=UTC+9h)

Friday 10 November		
12:00 - 20:00	Service Park open for all priority competitors	Toyota Stadium
Saturday 11 November		
7:00	Service Park open for all competitors	Toyota Stadium
15:00 - 20:00	Collection of temporary operating permit for Private Test participant	Rally HQ
Sunday 12 November		
9:00 - 15:00	Private Testing	Ikeda - Kuragaike
9:00 - 19:00	Administrative Checks upon individual invitations	Rally HQ
Monday 13 November		
6:00 - 16:30	Reconnaissance Day 1	

Tuesday 14 November		
6:00 - 16:00	Reconnaissance Day 2	
12:00	Registration for route note car closed (Rally1 crews only)	Rally HQ - Sky Hall Toyota
15:00 - 18:30	Collection of FIA Safety Emergency Console for Rally cars	SAS Office - Service Park
Wednesday 15 November		
6:00 - 15:30	Reconnaissance Day 3	
9:00 - 12:00	Scrutineering & Sealing for Rally1 cars	Service Park - Team's own Service bay
14:00 - 19:00	Scrutineering & component sealing for all other cars	Toyota Stadium B2 Parking Scrutineering area
14:00 - 16:00	Extrication Training	TBC
16:00	WRC Team Managers meeting (by invitation only)	TBC
17:00 - 17:30	Photographers briefing	Media Center
19:00	Drivers' safety briefing	TBC
20:00	Shakedown start list published	Digital Notice Board
Thursday 16 November		
9:01 - 10:30	Shakedown - WRC P1 and nominated drivers	Kuragaike Park
10:30 - 12:30	Shakedown - all priority drivers	Kuragaike Park
11:30 - 13:00	Shakedown - all non-priority drivers	Kuragaike Park
13:30	Meet the Crews	Service Park
14:00	FIA pre-rally Press Conference	Media Center
15:00	Publication of Start List for Ceremonial Start and Section 1	Digital Notice Board
16:00	Helicopter pilot briefing	Rally HQ - Sky Hall Toyota
17:00	Rally Show and drivers introductions	Toyota Stadium
18:00	Start ceremony	Toyota Stadium
19:05	Start of the Rally - Section 1	Toyota Stadium
Friday 17 November		
5:29	Start of Section 2	Toyota Stadium
~18:30	Meet the Crews	Service Park
20:00	Publication of Start List for Section 5	Digital Notice Board
Saturday 18 November		
7:40	Start of Section 5	Toyota Stadium
~17:30	Meet the Crews	Service Park
20:00	Publication of Start List for Section 9	Digital Notice Board

Sunday 19 November		
5:34	Start of Section 9	Toyota Stadium
14:15	Wolf Power Stage	Asahi Kougen
15:15	Power Stage Podium Ceremony	Asahi Kougen Genkimura
TBC	Podium Ceremony and Prize Giving	Toyota Stadium
TBC	Final Scrutineering	Toyota Stadium B2 Parking Scrutineering area
17:00 - 20:00	Return of temporary operating permits	TBC
17:30 - 19:00	Return of FIA Safety Emergency Console	SAS Office - Service Park
18:00	FIA post-rally Press Conference	Media Center
19:30	Publication of provisional classification	Digital Notice Board

3.3 Opening hours of the Rally HQ, Media Accreditation and Media Centre

Date	Day	Rally HQ	Media Accreditation	Media Centre
10-Nov	Fri	09:00-19:00		
11-Nov	Sat	09:00-19:00		
12-Nov	Sun	08:00-20:00		
13-Nov	Mon	08:00-20:00	14:00-18:00	14:00-18:00
14-Nov	Tue	08:00-20:00	08:00-18:00	08:00-18:00
15-Nov	Wed	08:00-20:00	08:00-18:00	08:00-20:00
16-Nov	Thu	08:00-21:00	08:00-18:00	08:00-22:00
17-Nov	Fri	05:30-21:00	-	05:30-22:00
18-Nov	Sat	07:00-22:00	-	07:00-22:00
19-Nov	Sun	05:30-20:00	-	05:30-21:00
20-Nov	Mon	08:00-12:00	-	-

4 Entry details

4.1 Titles for which the rally counts

- FIA World Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers
- FIA World Rally Championship for Manufacturers
- FIA World Rally Championship for Teams
- FIA WRC2 Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers
- FIA WRC2 Challenger Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers
- FIA WRC2 Championship for Teams
- FIA WRC Masters Cup for Drivers and Co-drivers
- FIA WRC3 Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers

4.2 Criteria for acceptance of entries and closing date

Those wishing to take part in FORUM8 Rally Japan 2023 must submit official electric entry form published on the FIA website <https://registration.fia.com/wrcjpn> duly completed before the closing date for entries.

By sending an electronic form, the competitor undertakes to abide by the rules and regulations of the competition. Competitors will sign the entry form during Administrative

Checks.

All entry form must be received by the close of entries on Monday 16 October at 17:00 JST (UTC +9 hours).

Competitors entering to the national classes will use a separate entry form available on the rally website once entries open.

4.3 Number of competitors accepted

The maximum number of entries is 60. If more than 60 entries are received, the organisers reserve the right to extend this number and decide which entries among the Non-priority drivers will be accepted.

Cars will be divided into classes (and groups) as indicated in the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Art. 12.4.

4.4 Classes

A. 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Article 12.4 Classes of cars

CLASSES	GROUPS	
RC1	World Rally Cars: 1.6 T engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rally1 Cars complying with the 2023 Appendix J, Art. 262 - World Rally Cars, complying with the 2021 Appendix J, Art. 255A, when the driver has not scored points for a WRC Manufacturer Team in the previous five (5) seasons (not a WRC Team as defined in Art. 5.3) and when fitted with a restrictor complying with Art. 255A-334 except for the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The maximum internal diameter of the restrictor is 33.7mm, b) The maximum external diameter of the restrictor at its narrowest point must be less than 39.7mm, and must be maintained over a distance of 5mm to each side. - World Rally Cars homologated before 31.12.2013, complying with homologation extension 100/01 KSR and its WR extension, and with the 2013 Appendix J, Art. 255A. Only WRC cars with an FIA passport issued before 31/12/2016 are allowed - World Rally Cars homologated as from 01.01.2014, complying with homologation extension 200/01 WRC and with the 2016 Appendix J, Art. 255A. Only WRC cars with an FIA passport issued before 31/12/2016 are allowed. - World Rally Cars homologated as from 01.01.2015, complying with homologation extension 300/01 WRC and with the 2016 Appendix J, Art. 255A. Only WRC cars with an FIA passport issued before 31/12/2016 are allowed.
RC2	Group Rally2 Group Rally2 Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Rally2 cars conforming to the 2023 Appendix J, Art. 261. - Car fitted with Rally2 Kit cars conforming to the 2023 Appendix J, Art. 260E
RGT	RGT Cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group RGT cars conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 256. - Group RGT cars conforming to the 2023 Appendix J, Art. 256.
RC3	Rally3 (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 927cc and 1620cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Rally3 cars homologated from 01/01/2021 and conforming to the 2023 Appendix J, Art. 260
RC4	Rally4 (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000cc - and turbo over 927cc and up to 1333cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Rally4 cars homologated from 01/01/2019 and conforming to the 2023 Appendix J, Art. 260 - Group R2 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 and conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260
	R3 (atmo / over 1600cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 1067cc and up to 1333cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group R cars homologated before 31/12/2019 and conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 260
	R3 (turbo / up to 1620cc / nominal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group R cars homologated before 31/12/2019 and conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 260D
RC5	Rally5 (atmo up to 1600cc and turbo up to 1333cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Rally5 cars homologated from 01/01/19 and conforming to the 2023 Appendix J, Art. 260
	Rally5 (atmo up to 1600cc and turbo up to 1067cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group R1 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 and conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260

B. National / regional cars

Cars approved by JAF and proposed to the FIA can be entered under the provisions of Art. 12.3. These cars must, however, **fully comply with the safety requirements**, as stipulated in the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix J, Art. 253, and with all other application provisions and procedures stipulated in the 2023 WRC Sporting Regulations (e.g. tyres, barcodes, fuel, restart regulations, etc.).

CLASSES	GROUPS	
JRCar1	Over 2500cc	* Group NR4 over 2000cc (current N4) * AP4/JP4 * JAF regulations RJ and APRC vehicles approved in Japan - over 2500cc
JRCar2	Over 1601cc and up to 2500cc	* JAF regulations RJ and APRC approved in Japan for normal aspiration vrehicle over 1600cc and up to 2500cc * JAF Regulations RJ and APRC vehicles approved in Japan - over 942cc and up to 1600cc, 2WD turbo, 1600cc (nominal)
JRCar3	Up to 1600cc	* JAF regulations RJ and APRC vehicles approved in Japan, up to 1600cc
Classic Car	-----	*See Supplementary Regulations for Alpine Classic Car Rally, published separately.

4.5 List of the entry fees - WRC Category

Under the agreement between WRC Promoter and Rally Japan Organisation Committee, entry fees for FIA registered Manufacturer and WRC Team, including all WRC Championships (WRC, WRC2, WRC2 Challenger, WRC Masters Cup and WRC3 as defined in the FIA WRC Sporting Regulations) are waived for FORUM8 Rally Japan 2023.

4.6 List of entry fees - non-priority drivers

All fees below includes 10% Consumption Tax.

Entry fee:	550,000 JPY
Reconnaissance only:	110,000 JPY
Auxiliary plate (each):	55,000 JPY

4.7 Private Testing

Private Testing will be conducted as outlined below.

Date:	Sunday 12 November 2023.
Hours:	9:00 to 15:00
Location:	Ikeda - Kuragaike, Toyota-city
Eligibility:	All competitors except those entered in class RC1.
Fee:	55,000 JPY (tax included) per vehicle. Priority drivers are exempted from the fee.

For more information and to register, please see Rally Guide 2.

4.8 Entry packages for non-FIA registered teams

Vehicle Plates	Service plates	1
	Auxiliary plates	1
Services	Area in Service Park	5m× 7.5m
Administration	Regulations	Website
	Rally Guide 2	Website
	Road Book set	2
	Route Maps	2
	Official Programme	5
Event-issued Passes	Driver / Co-driver	2
	Team guest	1
	Team member	5

5 Service Park

5.1 Service Park information

The service park will be located at Toyota Stadium parking lot with the following GPS coordinates: **N35 05 04.4 E137 10 15.4**

Detailed final layout of the Service Park and extensive information will be available on the website in due time.

FIA priority competitors can access the Service Park from 12:00 on Friday 10 November. Non-priority competitors can access the Service Park from 7:00 on Saturday 11 November. Flexi Service, in accordance with the 2023 FIA Sporting Regulations Art. 59, will apply for the end of each day service.

5.2 Facilities at the Service Park

The following facilities and services will be provided at various points around the Service Park:

- Toilets
- Waste collection **For national competitors; please take your waste home with you.*
- Lightings (partly)

The following can be provided by the organiser for a fee upon prior request:

- Private toilets
- Hazardous waste collection
- Private security
- Telephone and private internet access
- Power supply (Electricity; 100V at 60Hz)
- Water supply
- Tents and any necessary office supplies

To order these facilities, please use the "Service Park Facilities Order Form" from website



Each competitor will be provided with the following area within the Service Park:

- WRC Registered as published by FIA (WRC Sporting Regulations Appendix VI)
- Non-priority service bays; 5m x 7.5m or as agreed.

5.3 Bringing your own fuel into the Service Park

The amount of fuel brought into the Service Park must be less than 40 liters (including for generators) per team under the Fire Service Act in Japan.

5.4 Environment, recycling and waste collection

All competitors are asked to cooperate in their efforts to protect the environment.

- To prevent soil contamination, trays or sheets should be provided during the operation to prevent oil and sewage from running onto the ground.
- Water is a valuable resource and should not be used wastefully.
- Waste should be sorted and brought to the designated area in accordance with the organisers' instructions. Domestic competitors are requested to take their waste home with them.

6 Two-way radio

The use of two-way radio is strictly regulated in Japan. Those wishing to use a two-way radio communication equipment must contact Rally Japan Administrative Office <entry@rally-japan.jp> by 18:00(JST) Tuesday 22 August. Specifications such as the frequency, model number and transmission output of the radio should be provided.

7 Fuel/Tyres

7.1 FIA Fuel

Please note that P1 Racing Fuels is the FIA fuel supplier for year 2023. The use of FIA fuel is obligatory for all priority drivers (FIA WRC, Art. 62.1.1). Non-priority drivers may choose to use FIA fuel or commercially available pump fuel at petrol stations, designated by the organiser.

Those competitors who have not used P1 Racing Fuel before, should make sure that their cars are compatible with this fuel (engine mapping etc.). P1 Racing Fuels also urges all competitors to carefully read the official letter concerning technical items, which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3H8tGVD>.

No later than 10 weeks prior to the event (Thursday 07 September 2023), the competitors must notify their fuel requirements to the sole supplier P1 Racing Fuels at the following address <https://p1-fuels.odoo.com>, where you can find all necessary information.

P1 Racing Fuels contact details: marwan@p1fuels.com

7.2 Refueling

FIA Fuel will be available only at the designated Refuel Zones (RZ) indicated in the Road Books (Service Park and three Remote Refuel Zones shown on Art.7.3 below).

Non-priority drivers may use commercially available pump fuel. This fuel must be dispensed directly into the competing car from pumps at service stations marked in the Road Books.

7.3 Remote Refuel Zones

Three Remote Refuel Zones (FIA fuel only) will be established as follows:

- Friday 17 November following SS3 & SS6 in Inabu N35 13 02.2 E137 30 34.5
- Saturday 18 November following SS10 & 14 in Tsukude N34 58 34.1 E137 25 26.8
- Sunday 19 November following SS19 in Nakatsugawa N35 27 23.9 E137 28 03.1

7.4 Safety fuel tanks

All cars must be fitted with an FIA approved safety fuel tank as defined in the FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix J, Art. 253.14. See also FIA Technical list No.1.

www.fia.com/regulation/category/761

Fuel tanks must be fitted with FIA-specified refuel couplings (FIA WRC Art. 62.3.2). Non-priority drivers' cars which have the fuel tank in a separated place (trunk) with a firewall between this space and the cockpit, may have a normal cap for refueling directory from a pump pistol.

All non-priority competitors using pump fuel are reminded to pay attention to FIA WRC, Art. 62.3.7: cars equipped solely with FIA-specified refuel couplings and using commercially available pump fuel at service stations must transport the adaptor in the car and show it at pre-event scrutineering.

7.5 FIA fuel sample couplings

Cars of the FIA priority drivers must be fitted with FIA fuel sample couplings. See FIA WRC, ART. 62.3.5 and FIA Technical List No.5.

7.6 Tyres (road surface: tarmac)

All competitors are reminded to comply with the 2023 WRC Sporting Regulations, Art. 13 regarding tyres that may be used.

FIA has nominated the following tyre supplier for 2023 World Rally Championship:

Pirelli Pneumatici S.p.A

Viale Piero e Alberto Pirelli n. 25 I-20126 Milano Italy

Website: www.pirelli.com

Contact: Terenzio Testoni

Email: terenzio.testoni@pirellif1.com

Tel: +39 (0)335 1227 136

All competitors entered with 4WD car must use tyres supplied by Pirelli (this applies also to those 4WD cars entered in National classes).

For 2WD cars the tyre manufacturer is free, but Article 13.3.1 and 13.3.2 of the 2023 WRC Sporting Regulations must be complied with. For RGT cars, see Article 13.4.1 and 13.4.2.

Tyre order for Pirelli must be made by Thursday 7 September at the latest, using the form available on the Rally Japan website.



8 Import of vehicles and spare parts / driving in Japan

8.1 Driving of foreign-registered vehicles on domestic public roads

In order to run competition vehicles, recce-vehicles and service vehicles registered outside Japan, a temporary operation permit (temporary number plate) must be issued by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLIT) through the organiser.

To apply for a temporary operation permit, the vehicle registration card and vehicle inspection certificate are required. As the application process takes time, please send a copy of the required documents to the following address by 18:00(JST) 6th October prior to entry close.

entry@rally-japan.jp

Please note that you will be required a separate fee for getting the temporary operation permit number plate. Also, please inform your freight agency that you must order the official freight agency of Rally Japan (Please see below) regarding import/export and transportation in Japan, to ensure accurate and quick response. If not, we cannot prepare the temporary number plate.

(1) **ATA CARNET** can be used for the following - vehicles/tools/parts/tyres (those are to be re-exported after the event), and promotional items. All of the items imported under ATA Carnet are to be re-exported after the rally - Even if it is temporary, the import of contraband goods is prohibited.

(2) **SHIPPING INVOICE** - please check with the official freight agency of Rally Japan on use of shipping invoices.

Important notice Those wishing to import high pressure gas cylinders including gas filled shock absorbers and other hazardous materials, foods, tableware and medical supplies must go through a special permission. On top of that, the procedure must be made by yourself. Therefore, we recommend procuring these items locally rather than importing them. The organisers plan to arrange for the sale of nitrogen gas and argon gas, as well as the rental of welding machine and other equipment.

Please contact the official freight agency below regarding sea freight, air freight and transportation for Rally Japan:

CARS JAPAN Co., Ltd.

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8.2 Vehicle regulations and insurance

All vehicles taking part in Rally Japan must comply with and observe all relevant domestic laws and regulations such as the Road Vehicles Act and the Road Traffic Law, as well as JAF National Sporting Regulations for Vehicles (lighting devices, noise level, etc.) except when Appendix J of the FIA International Sporting Code defines otherwise.

In addition, all vehicles participating in FORUM8 Rally Japan 2023 (rally cars, as well as reconnaissance and service vehicles) are required to have the following **(a) Liability insurance** and **(b) Automobile insurance(valid insurance for competition vehicles)**.

(a) Liability Insurance (Jibaiseiki) Vehicles (rally cars, and reconnaissance cars, service vehicles, etc.) that drive on public roads in Japan are required by domestic law to subscribe to compulsory liability insurance.

Vehicles other than those registered in Japan will be required to pay an amount equivalent to the insurance premium (7,000 yen) in order for the Rally Japan Secretariat to carry out the necessary procedures to join the compulsory liability insurance.

(b) Automobile insurance This insurance covers the rally car, reconnaissance car and service vehicle against contact with other persons or property, and death or injury of the driver/co-driver during operation.

FIA priority drivers, including rally cars and reconnaissance cars (temporarily imported vehicles with temporary permission to operate), are required to take out automobile insurance at the Rally Japan Secretariat. Non-priority drivers are requested to apply through the Rally Japan Secretariat or submit a valid insurance policy that has been individually purchased together with the entry form.

If you wish to purchase individual automobile insurance, please ensure that the following requirements are met.

[Automobile insurance requirements]

The insurance policy must meet the terms and conditions of the contract and be valid for liability insurance and personal injury insurance.

- Liability insurance for bodily injury: unlimited payment limit.
- Property damage liability insurance: Limit of payment: ¥2 billion or more.
- Personal injury insurance: Insure

*For rally cars, accidents during rally competitions must also be covered.

Non-priority drivers who wish to apply for car insurance through the Rally Japan Secretariat should apply using the form that will be available on the Rally Japan 2023 website. Premiums vary according to age and length of coverage, but range from JPY 10,000 to JPY 70,000.

8.3 Conditions on driving in Japan

- (1) International visitors shall have a valid Japanese license or International Driving Permits (IDPs) issued by a signatory to the 1949 Geneva Convention in conformity with the Convention's provisions are recognized as valid for driving in Japan. An IDP on the other conventions or treaties, including the 1969 Vienna Conventions, is invalid even if it is issued by a signatory to the 1949 Geneva Convention.

In addition, the following conditions must be satisfied: The IDP shall be valid for one year from the date of issue while you shall be allowed to drive with it for one year from the date of your entry into Japan.

[List of the contracting states of the Convention at Geneva 1949](#)

- (2) Driving Licenses issued by the authorities of Belgium, France, Germany, Monaco, Switzerland, and Taiwan are valid in Japan under the following conditions:
 - Your license is attached to Japanese translation provided by the authorities that are stipulated by the cabinet order are as follows:
 - (a) The license-issuing authority, the embassy or consulates of the issuing country in Japan, and so on.
 - (b) The Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
 - (c) The Japan-Taiwan Relations Association (for Taiwanese license holders)



- (d) The German Automobile Federation (ADAC)(for German license holders)
- (e) ZIPLUS Co., Ltd.
- (3) If your driving license is not any of the above, you will be required to take a practical test and obtain a local license with "Obtaining a Japanese License" procedure.

Details are available on the JAF website:

[Japanese Translation of Foreign Driver's License](#)

Note1: Now that the Republic of Estonia has joined the Geneva Convention on Road Traffic, it is possible to drive in Japan with a convention approved International Driving Permit. This means that you may no longer drive in Japan with an Estonian driver's license accompanied by a Japanese Translation. If you plan to drive in Japan, please consider other means such as obtaining an International Driving Permit under the Geneva Convention.

Note2: In Obtaining a Japanese License, the place of residence in Japan must be specified. For Rally Japan 2023, please make sure to specify "your place of stay (hotel etc.) in Aichi Prefecture". For Obtaining a Japanese License, the procedure must be completed at the designated Driver's License Examination Center. The procedure will be conducted on the date designated by the Rally Japan Secretariat, so you need to arrange your schedule well in advance of your arrival in Japan. Please be sure to contact Rally Japan office in advance.

Useful links:

[Foreign Driver's License and International Driving Permits](#)

[Valid Driving License in Japan](#)

[Driving a Motor Vehicle in Japan](#)

[Traffic Rules](#)

[Rules of the Road](#)

[National Police Agency - Traffic Bureau](#)

9 Helicopters

9.1 Registration process

All helicopters flying in support of the rally must be registered with organiser. There will be a standard protocol to control rally airspace and only registered aircraft will be permitted to fly in this space. A helicopter registration fee will be charged. A schedule of landing sites and GPS coordinates will be available later on, which will include the Special Stages and Service Park. Attendance at the pilot's briefing is obligatory for all pilots.

Applications for helicopter registrations close on Tuesday 22 August at 18:00 JST(UTC+9h).

Contact: entry@rally-japan.jp

9.2 Helicopter suppliers

The preferred helicopter suppliers to Rally Japan are:

Aero Asahi Corporation

Mr. Youichi Mayama

youichi-mayama@aeroasahi.co.jp

Central Helicopter Service Ltd.

Mr. Yuuichi Matsuno

yuuichi-matsuno@central-heli.co.jp

10 Hospitality arrangements

If you would like to offer a VIP hospitality package, please contact PIA DAIMANI Hospitality Experience (PIA).

Customisation of packages is also possible. Please send your requirements to the email address below.

The number of Super Rooms (private rooms) in Toyota Stadium is limited. Please contact us as soon as possible if you require a private room.

info.pdhx@pia.co.jp

11 Accommodation

JTB Mikawa Branch is the travel and local arrangements agent for the event. It provides arrangements for airport transfers, accommodation, car hire, meals, coordinators, etc.

**Accommodation is not included in the entry fee.*

To book accommodation from within or outside the country, please send your requirements (dates of stay, number of people etc.) to the email address below;

E-mail: rally_travel@jtb.com

12 Media

12.1 Contacts before the event

FIA WRC Media Delegate : Ms. Vera Dussausaye

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Mobile: +41 78 978 96 99

E-mail: vdussausaye@fia.com

Website: www.fia.com

National Press Officer: Masato Miura

Mobile: +81 (0)90 3902 1555

E-mail: media-rj@rally-japan.jp

Website: <https://rally-japan.jp/en>

12.2 FIA Permanent pass holders

No accreditation request is needed, but both the FIA Media Delegate and National Press Officer need to be informed of the pass holder's intent to attend the event. Please do so by e-mail at least five days before Scrutineering.

12.3 International publications, photographers, radio and internet media

All accreditation requests from international publications, photographers and websites must be made to the FIA before Thursday 2 November using the online accreditation system on www.fia.com in accordance with the stated procedure.

12.4 Television

For all Television accreditation, broadcasters and networks are to contact the WRC Promoter before Thursday 2 November 2023 at: accreditation@wrc.com

12.5 National publication, photographers, websites and radio stations

Applications from Japanese organisers and individuals representing press, radio and website must be received by the Rally Japan National Press Officer between Saturday 16 September and Thursday 26 October. Guidelines and application form will be available on the event website closer to the event. The application form with supporting documentation may be submitted online to : media-rj@rally-japan.jp

Note1:Website media will be given only one journalist credential and website photographer will not be accredited.

Note2:Media personnel of teams competing in the FORUM8 Rally Japan 2023 must apply through WRC Promoter: accreditation@wrc.com

13 Medical and safety services

13.1 Emergency numbers

Ambulance/Fire: 119
Police: 110

13.2 Medical services

Aichi Medical University Hospital

1-1 Yazakokarimata, Nagakute, Aichi

N35 11 29.4 E137 02 55.8

Tel: +81 (0)561 62 3311 www.aichi-med-u.ac.jp/hospital/

Gifu University Hospital

1-1 Yanagido, Gifu, Gifu

N35 28 06.9 E136 44 01.1

Tel: +81 (0)58 230 6000 www.hosp.gifu-u.ac.jp

13.3 Towing

All breakdown service used in a road section are at the cost of the competitor, even if that service is carried out using the organisation resources.

The Rally Japan preferred towing suppliers are:

JAF Roadside Assistance

Tel: +81 (0)570 00 8139 (call center)

13.4 Pharmacies (drugstores near the Service Park)

	Location (GPS coordinates)	Phone	Shop hours
V Drug, Koromo Store	N35 05 02.0 E137 09 46.0	0565 37 8855	9:00 - 21:00
Sugi Drug, Jin-naka Store	N35 05 40.0 E137 09.52.4	0565 85 8810	10:00 - 22:00
Drug Sugiyama, Misato Store	N35 04 58.0 E137 10 52.1	0565 87 1171	10:00 - 21:00
Sugi Drug, Misato Store	N35 07 40.8 E137 18 16.7	0565 87 3571	9:00 - 24:00
Sugi Drug, Motomiya Store	N35 04 20.4 E137 09 49.0	0565 36 0160	9:00 - 22:00

14 List of useful facts

14.1 Airport - Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO)

Aichi has Chubu International Airport, which is one of the Asian hub airports, with flying to 13 international destinations and to 17 domestic destinations - as of June 2023. It is located 40 min drive from the center of Nagoya, and less than 30 min by Meitetsu rapid train.

Meitetsu Bus also operates an airport bus service between Centrair Airport and Toyota City. See the website below for details.

<http://www.meitetsu-bus.co.jp/airport/toyota>

14.2 Train

Nagoya is a city with good access by Shinkansen bullet train approximately 100 min from Tokyo and 50 min from Osaka. For access from Nagoya station to the Toyota Stadium (Toyota-shi station), see [Toyota Stadium website](#). It takes approx. 70-80 min by train.

14.3 Time Zone

Time zone in Japan is JST, UTC+9 hours (November)

14.4 Sunrise / sunset

6:29 / 16:43 in Toyota City on 19 November.

14.5 Average temperature / rainy days

High 19°C / Low 7°C ; on average five rainy days in November (Toyota City)

14.6 Currency

The currency is Japanese Yen (JPY/¥). Banknotes and coins are identified easily. There are ¥1,000, ¥2,000, ¥5,000, ¥10,000 banknotes; and ¥1, ¥5, ¥10, ¥50, ¥100, ¥500 coins.

Exchange rate as of 2nd June: 1€ = approx. ¥150/ 1US \$ =¥139/ 1 £ =¥176.

14.7 Tax

Japan's consumption tax (standard rate) is 10%. The reduced tax rate for some foodstuffs, excluding alcoholic beverages and food service, is 8%. Although all price tags must display total amount with tax included, some are not actually the case.

14.8 Tipping

Tipping is not a common practice in Japan.

14.9 Electricity

The voltage commonly used in Japan is 100 volts, and frequency in Aichi is 60Hz. Plug is A type, as same as those in USA and Canada.

14.10 Mobile Phone

While most of the modern mobile phone can be used in Japan, many older phones may not work due to different technologies. Most importantly, GSM-only phones do not work as there is no GSM network in Japan.



14.11 Embassies

Check the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Foreign Missions in Japan: www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/protocol/index.html

Embassies & Consulates: www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/over/index.html

14.12 Visas and Border Control

Entry to Japan was restricted due to Covid 19, but as of June 2023, most restrictions have been eased and visa exemptions are in place for 68 countries and territories, as under normal circumstances. Vaccination certificates and pre-departure inspection certificates are also not required. For more information, see the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

[Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare](http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/health/visas/)

[Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Exemption of Visa](http://www.mofa.go.jp/ea/visas/exemption/)