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Road Rally Rules

1. This Road Rally is **NOT** a race.
2. Cars shall follow the printed instructions as closely as possible, observing safe, indicated speeds, as they look for the answers to the questions. The emphasis is on **SAFETY**, accuracy, observation and FUN.
3. Ask as many questions as you have prior to the race. Do not assume anything.
4. Drivers must be in possession of a valid driver's license and vehicles must be legally registered car.
5. In this event, teams of people in cars follow a set of driving directions to get from the start point of the rally to the Rally Finale. Along the way each team will try and identify pictures and answer the Rally Master's questions.
6. Each car shall have a team of at least two (2) people, a driver and a navigator. However there is no limit as to the number of people in each car as long as they fit safely.
7. Each car will be given only one (1) set of directions and only one (1) set of questions.
8. The only piece of equipment (besides a rally vehicle) required is a pen or pencil to answer the questions.
9. The rally vehicles will be sent off one by one at timed intervals. After the group welcome, announcements and any instructions from the Rally Master, the cars will line up and be given a number.
10. At the start of the rally the first car will be invited to the starting line by the Rally Master. At that point, the car will be given the direction and question sheets and any last minute



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instructions. Once the car is ready, the Rally Master will give a signal for the car to start and mark down their starting time. The next team is then invited to the starting line, given their paper work and instructions and sent off anywhere from 1-4 minutes after the team in front of them.

11. Upon completion of the course return, your answer sheet and “HELP” envelope to the Rally Master. Your course completion time will be recorded upon receipt.
12. Here is an example of what the rally direction sheet will look like:

Inst. #	Mileage		Instruction
	Leg	Cumulative	
1	0	0.2	Take first RIGHT (30mph)
2	1	1.2	LEFT at 2nd Traffic Light
3	1	2.2	RIGHT onto Hawthorn Drive
4	2.3	4.5	LEFT at 3rd Stop Sign (35mph)
5	1.5	6.0	Straight at Light

- a. Always follow the road you have previously been instructed to be on until another instruction directs you to the next road.
- b. Follow the posted speed limits. Where a speed limit is indicated in the directions follow that speed until you see a posted speed limit sign.
- c. For the purpose of this rally there are no dirt roads, dead ends, private, unpaved or “no Outlet” roads. Always stay on public roads. If you come to an intersection where one road is unpaved or any of the above, proceed on the paved public road regardless of an instruction (or lack of instruction, since these roads do not exist).



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- d. There is no instruction requiring a U-turn, so all turns will be a right, left or oblique.
- e. If you come to a fork in the road and the next instruction is “turn left at stop sign” or “2nd right turn” stay on the main road.

13. In addition to following the driving directions, each team must answer the questions that are interwoven into the directions. Here is an example as to how these will look:

Inst. #	Mileage		Instruction	Question	Answer
	Leg	Cumulative			
1	0.2	0.2	Take first RIGHT (30mph)		
2	1	1.2	LEFT at 2nd Traffic Light	PICTURE: Location of Bedford's first settlement.	
3	1	2.2	RIGHT onto Hawthorn Drive		
4	2.3	4.5	LEFT at 3rd Stop Sign (35mph)	Bank on Right what is on Left?	
5	1.5	6.0	Straight at Light	Pass this on Right: OSPT FIECFO	

- a. The driving instructions will be as clear and easy to follow as possible. There are no tricks in the driving instructions.
- b. Some questions however may be tricky at times and require a little thought. Others will be more straightforward.
 - i. The first question above asks you to identify the picture from those provided in your packet that shows the “Walker Monument”. You would have passed the Walker Monument somewhere between 2nd and 3rd instruction.



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- ii. The second question simply asks you to identify what is on the Left side of the road as you pass the bank between instructions 4 and 5.
 - iii. The third question is the scrambled name of something you will pass on the right between the 5th and 6th instruction. In this case it is the POST OFFICE.
- c. All of the answers to the questions are clearly visible from the car. There is no need to stop and exit the car to find the answer to any question.
14. The winning team will be selected by the following criteria:
- a. Accurate completion time: The Rally Master has driven the route several times prior to the rally obeying all of the speed limits and posted or written instructions. The completion time has been calculating the average of all the prior runs to take into account traffic lights, congestion etc.
 - i. For every minute greater than or less than the completion time a team will have one point deducted from their score.
 - b. Correctly answered questions: Each correctly answered question will be awarded one point. No points will be deducted for incorrect answers.
 - c. The team with the best combined score is the winner.
15. If you get hopelessly lost and have no idea where you are you may choose to open the “HELP” envelope. Inside this envelope is a map and phone number to help you get to the Rally Finally. Opening this envelope will disqualify you from the event.
- a. ALL “HELP” envelopes (opened or unopened) must be returned upon completion of the race. Lost envelopes will result in a disqualification.