

Sweep Car Job Description

Vision:

What you deliver: Disabled rally car assistance and recovery (including co-ordination with service crews via radio net).

How you deliver: Create a professional but friendly atmosphere for disabled competitors and service crews trying to hook up with their teams.

Responsibilities:

Be prepared for a variety of problems associated with disabled vehicles.

Assist all disabled rally vehicles.

Co-ordinate towing and meeting with the teams service crew via the radio net.

Sweep Car Check List:

Pre-event:

- ◇ Go over this job description with Course Closure Captain.
- ◇ Equip sweep vehicle with towing and other extraction stuff.
- ◇ Go over plan and schedule for event in general and sweep team specifically with Course Closure Captain (including meeting place and time).

Day of the Event:

- ◇ Meet with Course Closure Captain and rallymaster to review the plan, staffing and schedule.
- ◇ Get to start of first stage to sweep and watch the start.
- ◇ Wait for last rally car and get a list of all cars currently disabled on the stage.
- ◇ Follow Closing Car down the stage. **Do not pass the Course Closing Car.** The course closing car has the responsibility of determining if a competitor is a DNF, which may take a few minutes to determine.
- ◇ It is OK for sweeps to pull rally cars back onto the road so they can continue (assuming course closing has determined that they are not time barred).
- ◇ If the vehicle is disabled but can be towed select one sweep to tow the rally car to the best service crew pickup point and co-ordinate this with "service area comm" via net control. Use family radios, CB, ham radio or some other method of communicating with the rally team while towing. Remember when the engine isn't running (in the car you are towing) vacuum devices won't work for very long (like vacuum assisted brakes), so take it carefully.
- ◇ If the vehicle cannot be towed load the drivers into one of the sweep vehicles and continue. Make sure the rally vehicle is not blocking the road (especially if the stage is going to be rerun).
- ◇ Once sweep has been completed for a stage make sure net control knows that the stage sweep has been completed.

Sweep Equipment List

- ◇ Administrative adventure pass (provided by rally)
- ◇ Course maps and schedules
- ◇ Start Order
- ◇ Flashlights
- ◇ Radio (for communication between sweeps) CB radios are preferred
- ◇ Tow straps
- ◇ Come Along
- ◇ Bottled water
- ◇ FRS Radios for sweep and rally car
- ◇ Heavy gloves
- ◇ Adequate anchor point at rear of sweep vehicle

- ◇ Food and personal items
- ◇ Cold weather clothing
- ◇ Tools