

RALLY COSTA BRAVA HISTÒRIC WRITTEN BRIEFING (There will be NO face-to-face briefing)

Welcome to Palamós, to celebrate the XVII edition of the Rally Costa Brava Històric. This document replaces the usual welcome briefing that we usually do together on the podium, and at some point it modifies the supplementary regulations (*).

In this event we will all take care of ourselves. Participants will receive a mask, and we must avoid all avoidable contact, to follow the Covid-19 protocol: **Masks-Hands-Distances**. Please read the protocol published on the web, which will affect administrative verifications, briefing, social activities, and prizegiving.

This year there will be no super special stage in Palamós to avoid the concentration of spectators, but there will be a **parade-exhibition** of the classics through the streets of Palamós, on Saturday 17, at 12 am.

(*) **The new prologue leg "Calonge i St. Antoni"** is not mandatory, but it will give a minimum first classification, counting the 10 best times of each Secret Control, and the rest of the teams will be assigned the 10th time. A handicap will be applied to all times of each control. This handicap will be published the same Thursday before the start. This leg will serve to have a first classification and give the starting order in the second leg.

The administrative and technical checks on Thursday will be done at the Palau Firal de Calonge i St. Antoni. The administrative and technical checks on Friday will be done in Palamós; the administrative ones at the Hotel Trías -headquarters of the rally-, and the technical ones in the Parc Fermé of Passeig de Mar de Palamós.

The timing will be done with Blunik, and the tracking of the teams with GPS MyRally.

At the Administrative Checks, each participant will receive a Blunik Transponder and Velcro in a closed bag. The participant must install the Transponder following the instructions provided inside the bag. Before the start of the leg, its correct installation will be checked and the transponder will be activated.

The GPS will be placed by the organization before passing through the podium at the beginning of each leg, and will retrieve them at the end of each leg.

The **motorcycle teams** will always start in front. There will be 5 minutes between the last motorcycle and the first car, to avoid possible inconvenience to the first 4-wheel teams, which are usually the ones that play the rally.

The departures of the legs will be made, after lunch (each one for free), on the Palamós podium. In this way, we will avoid coincidences with cyclists, who tend to roll en masse along these same mountain routes in the morning. The narrowest and most complicated regularity stages will be done at night.



This year the roads of the Rally Costa Brava have a perfect asphalt in 95% of the regularity stages. In a more bumpy stage, they will only count the 10 best times in the Secret Controls (as in the prologue leg); Thus, a team with a very hard suspension or a car that is too low will not suffer from trying to keep the average, and will be able to recover it when the floor is perfect again. We do not want anyone to break any car, and therefore we try to avoid using poorly paved or concrete routes, unless they are very good for the whole itinerary.

A novelty of this edition is the **Rally & Party classification**, for teams that wish to finish the stages at dinner time, and re-engage at the start of the next leg.

The en-route dinners will be made with all Covid measures, one in Ripoll and another in Ca l'Enric (* Michelin).

Another new modality is **Rally Navigation**, without transponder but with GPS, just for the pleasure of following the route and the roadbook, as an introduction to the world of classics.

The start of the regularity stages will be made with the Monte Carlo style, to facilitate and make the times to be used in the links easier and more flexible. In some sectors, additional time will be given for assistance, in certain places where there is enough space.

Petrol stations open at night will be detailed in the roadbook. The maximum distance between open petrol stations along the route is 154 km.

The GPS coordinates are expressed in degrees, minutes and thousandths of a minute.

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