

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.

Desired Vehicle:

A **4WD truck** with a tow hook or wrench for disabled vehicles.

Sweep Car Check List:

Pre Event:

1. Go over the job description with Course Closing Captain.
2. Equip sweep vehicle with towing and other extraction stuff.
3. Go over plan and schedule for event in general and sweep team specifically with Course Closure Captain (include meeting place and time).

Day of the Event:

1. Meet with Course Closure Captain and Clerk of the Course to review plan, staffing and schedule.
2. Go to the transit early if you have to get competitors cars through any sand washes that the Clerk of the Course points out on the maps to you. Otherwise not instructed then follow out the Course Closing vehicle from MTC.
3. Once all rally cars are through on a sand wash follow behind to the start of the stage and watch the start.
4. Wait for the last rally car and get a list of all cars currently disabled on the stage.
5. 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.
6. It is OK for sweeps to pull rally cars back onto the road so they can continue (assuming course closing car has the responsibility of determining if a competitor is a DNF, which may take a few minutes to determine).
7. 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 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.
8. 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).
9. Once sweep has been completed for a stage make sure Net Control knows that the stage sweep has been completed.

Sweep Equipment List:

- Course maps and schedule.
- Start Order
- Flashlights
- Radio (for communication between sweeps) FRS radios are preferred if you do not have a ham operator or you are a licensed ham operator.
- Tow straps
- Bottle water
- Heavy gloves
- Adequate anchor point at rear of sweep vehicle
- Food and personal items
- Tools