



# 2022 Rex Pet Hotel Flying Fortress Stages Rally 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022



## Final Instructions

**Welcome to the 2022 Rex Pet Hotel Flying Fortress Stages Rally.**

Please ensure that this information is passed to every member of your team who is coming to the event, especially those who will be bringing the rally car on the trailer.

These Final Instructions can also be downloaded from [www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk](http://www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk)

**Thank you for your entry.**

Your competition number is shown on the Seeded Entry List in the Competitor section of the event website. The plans in these Final Instructions show the location of Rally HQ, Service Areas, and the Trailer Park.

Grafton Underwood is an excellent rally venue, but it has very limited space for servicing and parking. Therefore, to make the event possible there must be a limit on the number of people and vehicles at the venue.

A maximum of 6 wristbands will be posted out to the person nominated to receive them on your entry form. These will be posted out over the weekend before the event.

**DO NOT LOSE** these wristbands – **WE WILL NOT** be providing replacements

It is **YOUR** responsibility to distribute them within your team.

Please have your wristbands on before you arrive at the gate to the venue.

**No Wristband = No Entry to the venue, you will be parked to one side until they are in place.**

**Travelling to the Venue.**

Due to P.R. Sensitive areas you **MUST** approach the venue by exiting the A14 at Junction 10. Then head North on the A6003 towards Kettering, after approx 1 mile, turn Right at the traffic lights onto Warkton Lane and follow the orange arrows to the venue. (Note: there are new roundabouts on the A6003 prior to the right turn at the traffic lights towards Warkton).

**DO NOT travel through Geddington, Brigstock or Warkton Villages.**

These are Very PR sensitive villages with narrow roads.

**PLEASE RESPECT THE QUIET AND SLOW INSTRUCTIONS IN  
GRAFTON UNDERWOOD.**

**A 10mph maximum speed limit applies to ALL vehicles in the Service Area**

## **1.0 ADDITIONS & AMENDMENTS to the SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

### **Officials**

Motorsport UK Steward – Brian Hemmings  
Event Stewards – John Hickling and Peter Kettle

### **Additions to SR 14: Penalties**

**A 10mph maximum speed limit** applies to ALL vehicles in the Service Area including Service vehicles and any additional vehicles associated with an entrant / competing crew. **This also includes any WARMING OF TYRES or BRAKES** within the Service Area.

For any instances of speeding in the Service Area the competing crew will receive the following penalty: - 1st occasion - 30 secs penalty. 2nd occasion - 2 minutes penalty. 3rd occasion – Disqualification.

**Trailers or extra vehicles in the Service Areas.** It is an event requirement that trailers and extra vehicles are moved to the Trailer Park as soon as the competition car is unloaded.

The penalty for non-compliance (after a request by an official of the event) will be a time penalty of 30 sec. If a second request by an official of the event is ignored, then a 1-minute time penalty will be incurred.

## **2.0 ARRIVAL at the VENUE**

### **2.1. Arriving at Grafton Underwood and off-loading the Rally Car (see plan attached).**

#### **Saturday PM access – 2.00pm until 7.30pm**

Please **DO NOT** arrive prior to 2.00pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June as the venue gates will be locked and there is no area to park outside the venue.

Overnight Camping is permitted in the Service Areas.

**Please inform us via email** if you intend to camp so we can allocate a suitable location in the Service Areas. Email: Andy Smith – Clerk of the Course - andy.jo.smith@ntlworld.com

**Overnight parking** is permitted at the venue, but it is at your risk.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June the venue opens at 6.30am - **DO NOT ARRIVE ANY EARLIER.**

**SPACE IS LIMITED IN THE SERVICE AREA - Only the Rally Car and a maximum of 2 other vehicles are allowed to remain in the Service Areas.**

As soon as you have unloaded the rally car, take your trailer and any additional vehicles to the TRAILER PARK – Follow the one-way system (see plan attached) which is in the direction of the stages.

Please follow the Marshals instructions (Remember they are all volunteers), unload your rally car where you are planning to Service and then you **MUST** put your trailer and towing vehicle (if different from the Service Vehicle) in the designated trailer park once unloaded.

**DO NOT leave your trailer where you are servicing, you will be told to move it! Penalties as specified in SR14 will be applied.**

**EMERGENCY VEHICLES REQUIRE ACCESS THROUGH THE TRAILER PARK ALL DAY.** PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK IT. If a Trailer is blocking the route or parked in the wrong place, then we may be forced to move it with a forklift if necessary.

### **2.2 Sound Check and Scrutineering**

**3.00pm to 6.00pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and 7.00am to 8.00am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

The Sound Test will be carried out by the Motorsport UK licenced Environmental Scrutineer prior to Scrutineering. **Your Competition Numbers and 2 Sponsors Door Headers will be supplied at the sound test. They must be in place before presenting the car for Scrutineering.**

The Motorsport UK Scrutineering team will carry out Scrutineering of all competing cars. Please ensure you have your Motorsport UK CCLB or Vehicle Passport and MOT certificate (if required) with you. Please have all your safety items ready for inspection.

In-car cameras are permitted but they **must** be fixed securely in place before scrutineering and meet the appropriate requirements.

### **Eligible Tyres (SR10)**

**Only tarmac type tyres** are permitted to be used on this event. This is a stipulation by the landowner to minimise damage to the stage surfaces and must be adhered to throughout the event. The following tyres are **Not Permitted**: - Any tyre intended for forest or gravel use, including tyres on Motorsport UK Tyre List 6 and any tyre having any of the following patterns, inscriptions or manufacturers' designations: 'All Seasons', 'Grip', 'Snow', 'Special Use', 'Town & Country', 'Mud & Snow', 'M+S', 'M.S.' or 'M&S'.

To ensure compliance, tyres will be checked at the TC before the start of each stage. The penalty for non-compliance with this requirement will be disqualification from the event.

### **2.3 Documentation and Signing On**

**3.15pm to 6.15pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and 7.00am to 8.15am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Deputy Entries Secretary, Joanne Smith: Contact Number - 07889 282500

**Both crew members must attend Documentation to "Sign on"**. Bring your completed Process Card, Competition Licences and Club Cards for inspection. The driver's competition licence must be for 'Stage Rallies'. It is not permitted for a driver to make a Competition Licence application on the day.

Dukeries MC membership is available for competitors who do not meet the club eligibility criteria, at a cost of £15 (till end of Dec 22), but this should be completed prior to the event.

On completion of Documentation, you will receive a document pack containing a **Competitor Map Book, Time Record Cards** (Competitor use only as we are using Contactless Timing) and a **Rally Plate**. (Fix to the bonnet of the car)

**Start times** will be published on the Competitor Notice Board (see Competitor Tab) of the event website and on the Rallies Info Website Results page for the event.

### **2.4 Facilities in the Service Area**

A Burger Van will be on site during the event on Sunday.

**Toilets** will be located in the Service Area

**There will be NO Tyre Companies** at the event.

There is no water or fuel available at the venue and crews should bring sufficient to complete the event. Crews must ensure they bring a fully operable fire extinguisher to have on standby when refuelling the car.

### **2.5 Recce of the Stages**

There is absolutely **NO** access to the venue prior to the weekend of the event. (It is part of a Private Estate and trespassers will be prosecuted)

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and again on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June between 7.00am and 8.00am competitors **may walk or cycle** around the venue. There will be set up crews and other official vehicles on the stage routes so please take care. It is recommended a Hi-Viz vest is worn.

Any person using any Quadbike, Moped or Motorbike, will be disqualified from the event and removed from the venue.

## **COMPETITOR BRIEFING NOTES – BOTH CREW MEMBERS PLEASE READ**

**This is not a contact sport..!** It is a rally not a race, and you should drive with respect for your fellow competitors. Please use your rear-view mirrors and do not impede a faster competitor. Likewise, if you catch a car, please show a degree of patience because there are plenty of safe places to pass around the stage. At the merge off the start line give way to the car on its second lap if you look like you want the same piece of road, it will probably be quicker than you as it has already done 1 lap.

### **Stage Start Operation:**

Stages 1, 3 and 5 will start at 1 minute intervals.

Stages 2, 4 and 6 will start at 30 second intervals.

The event will continue to use the 'Contactless' system of timekeeping which was first introduced as a Covid-19 precaution. The Limited Contact Rally Timekeeping - Competitors Guidance is published in the Competitor section of the event website.

**Stage Route:** The onus is on the competitors to follow the correct stage route as set out in the stage plans and as defined by arrows and other stage furniture.

In particular we remind you about the merge and split points which must be negotiated correctly and with due care for other competitors.

If you do take the wrong route at the split point, **DO NOT** under any circumstances reverse back or try to cut across between the barriers/cones. **Penalty = Disqualification**

**Chicanes/Barriers:** The stages include a number of chicanes and barriers on corners to reduce speed at certain points. Striking the barriers will damage your car and **WILL** also **INCUR A TIME PENALTY** should the barriers be moved from their original position. Marshals at these locations will be deemed to be Judges of Fact and will record and report on these instances.

If a barrier requires repositioning after being moved by your rally car, you will incur the following time penalties: 1st occasion - 30 seconds, All subsequent occasions - 60 seconds (SR 13)

### **3.0 Procedure to follow should you be involved in an Accident on a Stage**

#### **3.1 Emergency and Recovery vehicles**

Extensive emergency facilities have been arranged including Paramedics, Rescue Vehicles, and Recovery Vehicles. There is a safety radio network around the stages linked to a central control. The location of each mandatory radio is shown on the stage plans and by boards on the stage. A yellow radio board will be 100m prior to the radio point and a blue radio board at the radio location. There is a radio at the stage start and stage finish.

Any competitor involved in an incident must indicate that they are OK by signalling with a "thumbs up" at the front windscreen at the earliest opportunity and to the approaching marshal. Failure to do so will result in mobilisation of medical personnel.

#### **3.2 Use of SOS & OK Boards (R25.4.) – CHECK IT IS IN THE CAR!**

In case of an accident where urgent medical attention is required, the red SOS sign should be displayed as quickly as possible to alert following cars. Any crew that sees a red SOS sign displayed on a car or sees a major accident where both crew members are inside the car but not displaying the red SOS sign, must immediately and without exception stop and confirm if medical attention is required by approaching the car from the front to check the condition of the crew and see if they are able to signal their condition through the windscreen. Do not try to extricate the crew from the car. All following cars must also stop and the second car arriving at the scene must continue on the stage and inform the next radio point. Subsequent cars must leave a clear route for emergency vehicles.

The Clerk of the Course may award a discretionary time to any competitor delayed in such circumstances. Any crew which is able to but fails to comply with the rule will be reported to the Clerk of the Course who may impose penalties.

In the case of an accident where medical intervention is not required the OK sign must be clearly shown by a crew member to following vehicles. If the crew leave the vehicle the OK sign must be displayed so that it is clearly visible to other competitors.

Any crew failing to comply will be subject to a penalty at the Clerk of the Course's discretion. Competitors who misuse the SOS or OK signs will be penalised and may be reported to Motorsport UK for further action.

### **3.3 Red Warning Triangle – CHECK IT IS IN THE CAR!**

Each competing car must carry a Red Warning Triangle, which in the event of a car stopping on a special stage, must be placed in a conspicuous position by a member of the crew, at least 50m before the car's position to warn following drivers. This triangle must be placed even if the stopped car is off the road. Any crews failing to comply may be subject to a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

Any crew retiring from the rally must report such retirement to the organisers as soon as possible, save in case of force majeure. Any crew failing to comply may be subject to a penalty at the Clerk of the Course's discretion.

### **3.4 Use of Red Flag Procedure (R24.4.5 and R25.6.4). This applies on All Stages.**

In extreme circumstances it may be necessary to authorise the movement of Rescue vehicles before the stage is cleared of competing cars.

As described in R24.4.5 a system of RED FLAGS will be in place located at specific radio points (identified by a blue radio symbol board) along the stage. If a RED Flag is displayed at these locations by a marshal wearing a marshals tabard it is to inform competitors that there are Emergency Rescue vehicles on the stage ahead of them.

**COMPETITORS WHO ARE SHOWN A RED FLAG MUST IMMEDIATELY AND SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE SPEED AND BE PREPARED TO STOP AT ANY TIME.** *(This does not mean stop but be ready to do so if necessary. By stopping unnecessarily, you could be blocking access for emergency vehicles)* **AT NO TIME MUST THEY OVERTAKE ANY SAFETY VEHICLE THEY ENCOUNTER ON THE STAGE ROUTE!**

The driver must then follow the instructions of any marshals or safety personnel and maintain a reduced speed until leaving the special stage. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

## **4.0 THE RALLY**

### **4.1 The Start.**

The official start time list will be displayed on the Competitor Notice Board on the event website on the Competitor tab. The first competing car will leave MTC1 at 08:57hrs and start SS1 at 09.00hrs.

**Please arrive at the MTC1/ATC's no more than 3 minutes before your due time as space is limited. We plan to impose a One-Way system in the Service Area – Please follow it.**

### **4.2 The Stages and Safety Procedures**

These are set out in the front of the Map Book and follow the Motorsport UK requirements. Please ensure that **BOTH** crew members have read them before starting the event.

### **4.3 Breakdowns in the Stage – CHECK YOU HAVE A TOWING EYE / STRAP!**

If a competing car breaks down in a stage, then it will (if possible) be recovered to the Service Area by one of the Motorsport UK licensed Recovery Units. This will only occur after SS2, SS4 and SS6.

#### 4.4 Missing a Stage:

If you have a problem and miss a stage, then you will receive a penalty of 30 mins (per stage) but you can re-join the event and be shown in the results. Report to Rally HQ to be given a restart time (subject to scrutineers inspection).

To qualify as a finisher, you must have completed at least two-thirds of the stages (4 stages) and reported to the final control within maximum lateness. (R40.1)

#### 4.5 Service Arrangements

Servicing is only permitted in the designated Service Area after every stage. Any occurrence of a competing vehicle observed receiving service and/or support from a vehicle outside of the designated Service Area will be penalised as stated in R32.2 (n).

Part of the Service Area will be located in the adjacent grass field and wooden boards (or similar) are therefore recommended when jacking up a vehicle on soft or uneven surfaces.

**A 10MPH MAXIMUM speed limit applies to ALL vehicles in the Service Area. THERE MUST BE NO WARMING OF TYRES or BRAKES in the SERVICE AREA.** Penalties will be imposed as follows: 1st occasion - 30 secs penalty. 2nd occasion - 2 minutes penalty. 3rd occasion - Disqualification

All servicing work must always be carried out on a tarpaulin or other impervious ground sheet. Competitors who do not comply with the request may be excluded from the event.

The behaviour of the Service Crew is the responsibility of the competing crew.

#### RE-FUELLING

1. Re-fuelling is permitted in the Service Area, but this must be the last operation to be carried out before the vehicles leave. **The vehicle should be off any support stands, have all four wheels on the ground and all other work must have ceased. There must be no occupants in the car at any time whilst it is being refuelled.**

2. All sources of ignition must be removed from the area, the engine switched off and an appropriate fire response should be prepared.

3. All vehicle re-fuelling is to take place in the open air. Smoking and any other sources of ignition, including live electrical items, must be prohibited and a safe area should be enforced with an operative on standby with a fire extinguisher.

4. Re-fuelling should only be undertaken using some form of pump, and not pouring from handheld containers.

5. Refuelling operatives, including those standing by with fire extinguishers, should ensure they are wearing protective clothing, including gloves and eye protection.

6. Containers should comply with the relevant British Standard, should be marked "Petroleum Spirit-Highly Flammable" and be kept from any source of ignition. All empty containers must be removed from the venue after the event.

7. Petrol is to be used as fuel only, not for any other purpose.

#### **STRICTLY NO SMOKING IN THE SERVICE AREA**

Please do not drop any litter or leave any rubbish for the organisers to clear up. It is very important that the Service Area is kept clean and tidy and is not contaminated by any oil or metal fragments. The future use of this venue depends on your co-operation.

Please use the bin bags provided and take your rubbish home with you; don't leave it for the organisers to clear up!

#### **TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME WITH YOU!**

#### **4.6 Results**

Event results will be updated throughout the event and be displayed at Rally HQ and be available on-line via the event website at [www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk](http://www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk)

If you have a Results Query come to Rally HQ or send a text or “Whatsapp” message to the Results supremo Matthew Atkinson on 07970 264094 and he will sort you out.

**Do not wait until the end of the event!**

#### **4.7 The Finish**

It is expected that the first car will finish at around 17.00hrs.

Competitors must complete and sign the damage declaration and hand it in at the final PC. Provisional and Final Results will be published on the Results Tab of the event website and on the Rallies.info Results webpage as soon as possible after the completion of the last stage. There will not be any formal prizegiving after the event; awards will be posted or delivered after the event. (SR 8)

#### **4.8 Leaving the Venue**

**Access to trailers will only be allowed after Stages 2 and 4 and at the end of the event.**

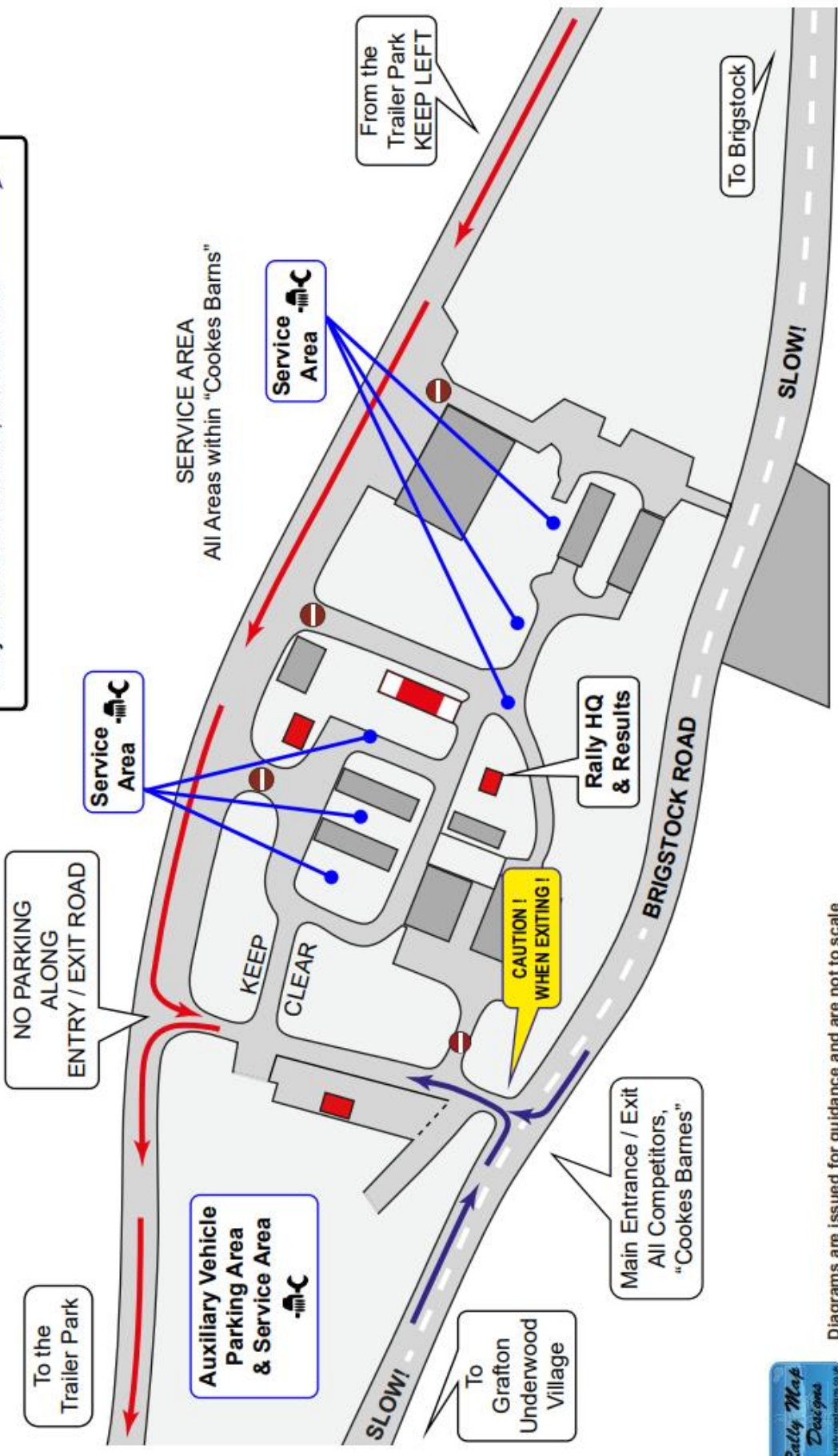
If you retire from the event and wish to leave the venue, you must report to Rally HQ as soon as you have made the decision to retire. We will give you instructions on how to access the trailer park.

#### **5.0 AFTER THE RALLY**

The official results will be published on the event website: [www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk](http://www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk)

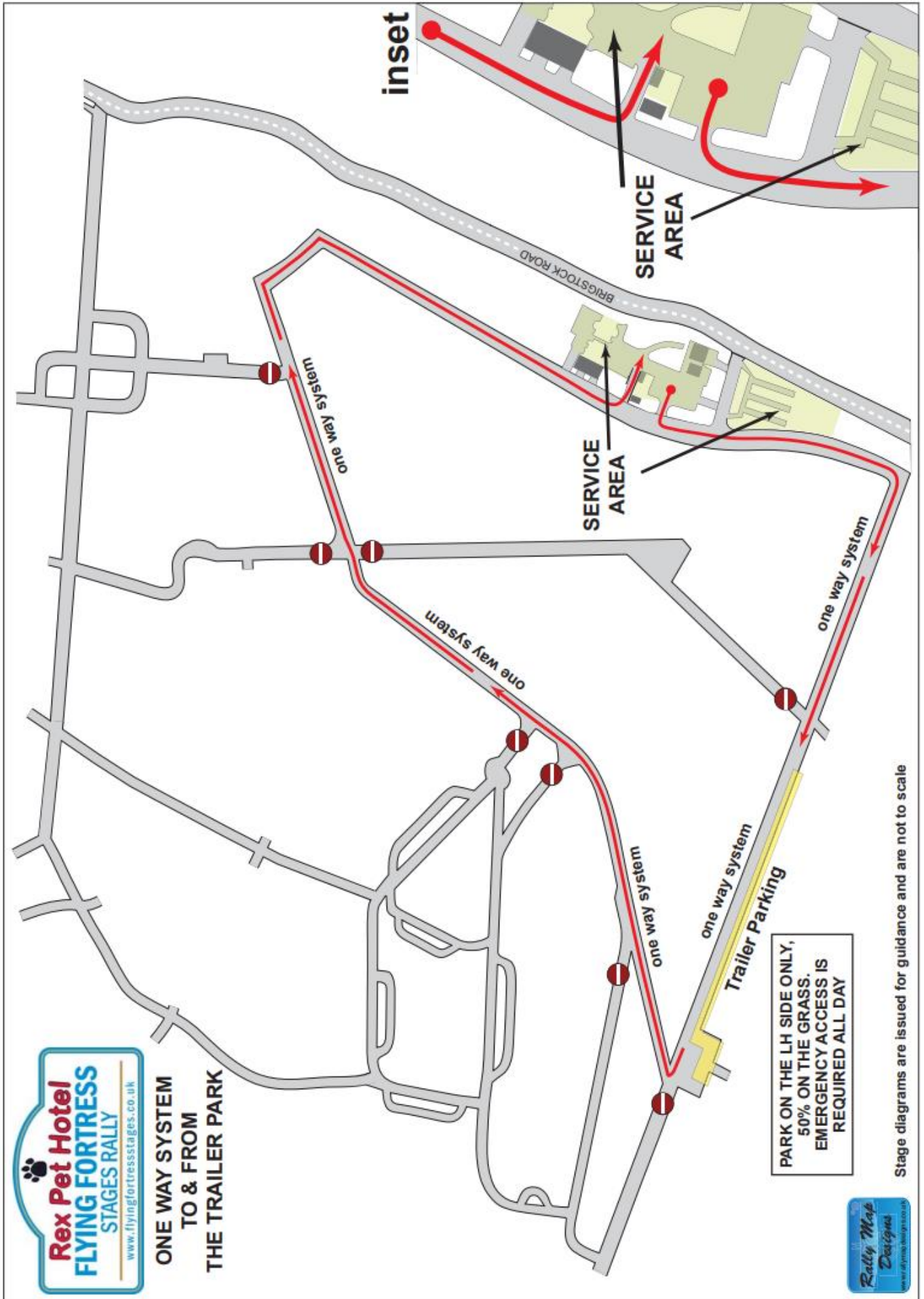
**AND FINALLY: The organisers hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable event.**

# Traffic Flow Plan



Diagrams are issued for guidance and are not to scale





# VENUE ENTRY PASS

PLEASE COMPLETE AND HAND TO THE MARSHAL ON THE GATE.

COMPETITOR  
NUMBER



THIS VEHICLE PASS WILL ALLOW THE FOLLOWING INTO THE VENUE:

**1 - RALLY CAR**

**1 - TRAILER**

**(MUST BE PLACED IN THE TRAILER PARK WHEN UNLOADED)**

**1 - SERVICE VEHICLE**

**(CAN BE A VAN OR MOTORHOME)**

**1 - EXTRA VEHICLE**

Service Vehicle Reg No: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Vehicle Reg No: \_\_\_\_\_