Sol Rally Barbados 2019: FAQs

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Hello to all from sunny Barbados...

It’s that time of year again when the Barbados Rally Club releases its Frequently Asked Questions document. As those of you who have visited before will be aware, this is full of information about the event, points of contact, important dates and general information which we hope will be of value in making your trip and overall experience a positive one.

Sol Rally Barbados 2019 marks the 30th running of the ‘All Stage Rally’ in Barbados and we are hoping to celebrate this milestone in typical Caribbean style, with serious motor sport and liquid refreshments aplenty . . . although not at the same time! Our planning committees have been hard at work in both areas and we feel confident that both will be supported and enjoyed by competitors, their crews and family members, officials and spectators alike.

In celebration of the 30th running of the event, we have decided to abandon the traditional ‘Fish Fry’ held on the Tuesday after Flow King of the Hill and replace it with a party on the Friday night before The Rally Show. This should allow for greater participation by local crews and their support teams, also offer adequate recovery time for those competing in Flow King of the Hill. No doubt, this will make for a fitting celebration with our regional and international friends who have made such a contribution through the years. The details for this are available in the FAQ.

For 2019, Flow King of the Hill and Sol Rally Barbados will take on a somewhat different look and feel, as we implement changes that have evolved from constructive discussion in prior years, make changes to keep things interesting - as we do every year - and continue our own internal development to secure the future success and viability of the Club and its premier events. To highlight a few of these, KotH returns to one of the island’s traditional venues at Stewarts Hill, there will once again be night stages to open the rally on Friday (more than just ‘spectator stages’) and a return to the popular finish location at Vaucluse Raceway. All are fitting changes in celebration of 30 years of all stage rallying in Barbados.

This year will also signal a major upgrade in the supporting infrastructure for the event, with the introduction of a new timing system supplied by RallySafe. For those who are not familiar with the name, this is the same system run in the WRC, which offers many benefits including live results, in-car official communication and major advances in car-to-car and officials-to-car safety. While this has been a major expense - a small portion of which will be passed on to competitors - we feel it necessary to maintain our progressive approach to the Club’s development and the environment in which participants compete. It is our hope that all will see this as a positive development.

For those who have committed to participate, I look forward to seeing you all and wish you the best in your preparations. For those still ‘sitting on the fence’, I can only offer you one piece of advice - come and enjoy some motor sport ‘fun in the sun’. . .

We will do our utmost to look after you . . . you won’t regret it!

Mark Hamilton
Chairman
More than just a Rally!

Be a part of it!
Provisional Key Dates
Friday, May 24 - 30th Celebration Party
Saturday, May 25 - International Scrutineering
Saturday, May 25 – The Rally Show
Sunday, May 26 - Flow King of the Hill (KoT)
Tuesday, May 28 - Jonesy and Lindsey’s Mystery Rum Shop Island Tour
Wednesday, May 29 - Sol RB19 Briefing Meeting
Friday, May 31 - Sol RB19 - day 1
Saturday, June 1 - Sol RB19 - day 2
Sunday, June 2 - Sol RB19 - day 3
Monday, June 3 - Sol RB19 Prizegiving

The week between KoT and Sol RB19 will be filled with a mix of social events organised by the Barbados Rally Club (BRC) for crews, friends and family, plus the opportunity to work on cars and recce the route

Prime contacts*
Rally Office - Jeanne Crawford & Michelle King
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*if it is a specific query with which Jeanne or Michelle cannot deal immediately, they will forward it to the right person

How much does it cost to enter?*
• the entry fee is US$4,100 up to a maximum of 30 entries (77 per cent of the real cost to the event, which is part-subsidised by Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc)
• this includes:
  a) entry fees and third party insurance for Flow King of the Hill, Sol RB19 and for road use
  b) trans-Atlantic shipping (outbound and inbound charges at Dover are extra)
  c) inbound and outbound charges at the Bridgetown Port, plus transport to and from
  d) a ‘home’ at Rally Central, a secure storage and workshop space, with shared use of a two-post lift and access (on a commercial basis) to an on-site tyre machine
  e) the provision of a tent in the Service Parks
  f) shared transport of major parts and service items on competition days
  . . . and, of course, let’s not forget the ‘all you can drink’ complementary Banks beer at Rally Central!
• repeat crews will continue to enjoy the same discounts on the revised entry fee of US$4,100, based on the number of previous visits (US$250 for one, up to US$1,250 for five)
• entries above the first 30 will be subject to the unsubsidised entry fee of US$5,300, although we hope to be able to subsidise entries over that number, depending on support from our tourism partners. If any entries among the first 30 are withdrawn, the next in line will automatically become eligible. Eligibility for the subsidized entry fee beyond the first 30 entries received by The Barbados Rally Club for Sol Rally Barbados 2019 is at the discretion of the Rally Club based on the availability of additional funding
• all competitors must complete the on-line entry form
• entry fee includes rental of a fitting kit for the RallySafe unit as well as the unit itself. The Barbados Rally Club will provide further details on the requirements for installation of the fitting kit in due course
* as exchange rates vary, please check your local currency against the US$ figure throughout this document
Where can we stay?

• Our Rally HQ Hotel Partner for 2019 is again the Accra Beach Hotel & Spa, Rockley, Christ Church
  (tel + 1 246 435 8920)
• the idea is the same as in Europe, accommodation for visitors and a central location
• US $180.50 inclusive of VAT and room rate levy only \ (Single or Double Occupancy)
• US $205.50 inclusive of VAT, room rate levy & breakfast \ (Single Occupancy)
• US $230.50 inclusive of VAT, room rate levy & breakfast \ (Double Occupancy)
• US $293.50 inclusive of VAT, room rate levy & breakfast \ (Triple Occupancy)
Extra Person charge: US $38.00 per person, per day
Children under 17 years sharing a room with two adults, no charge
• The Standard Room options include Island View and Ocean View Rooms, although accommodation will be assigned based on availability
• In addition, a 20% food & beverage discount throughout the hotel will be offered to all guests booked under this room rate.
Bookings can be made directly with the hotel Reservations Department: e-mail reservations@accrabeachhotel.com or tel + 1 246 435 8920. The group code is to be supplied, and must be quoted when booking to be guaranteed the preferred room rate

How do we get around the island?

• Stoute’s Car Rental Ltd is our Official Vehicle Rental Partner
• cars can be delivered to the airport or to any hotel on the island (free of charge)
• Stoute’s offer a wide range of vehicles, from saloons through people-movers to four-wheel-drives, ranging from around US$350 to US$525 per week, including CDW and one local driver’s permit. Cars will be delivered with a full tank and you are asked to return the vehicle full; if you do not do so, a US$20 refuelling charge will apply, plus the cost of the fuel
• e-mail: info@stoutescar.com or tel + 1 246 416 4456. Reference booking code#: RB2019

How does the rally car get to Barbados?

• the Geest Line is our Official Shipping Partner, from Dover to Barbados return
• schedules are confirmed. The outbound date is Sunday May 5 on the Baltic Klipper, cars arriving back towards the end of June. The date for delivery to Dover will be no later than May 1 and additional information on this will be supplied
• all necessary documentation for shipping will be issued via the Rally Office, and you are advised to read it carefully to understand Geest Line’s terms & conditions
• please note that all vehicles consigned to the Barbados Rally Club to compete in Sol RB19 must leave the island on the scheduled return shipping date. Any alternative arrangements must be made with the importer - The Barbados Rally Club

What happens to the rally car when it arrives?

• the Rally Office manages brokerage in Barbados and arranges immediate carriage from the Bridgetown Port to ‘Rally Central’ at Bushy Park Barbados (see below)
• ‘Rally Central’ is a storage and service facility, which accommodates most international and some regional competitors. A secure location, in which your vehicles are stored from their point of arrival to departure, when not in your care and custody. This facility provides support services for teams (particularly newcomers) and there will be helpful folk there who can assist with enquiries and source items you may need
• it also offers preparation areas for competition cars and a truck to transport larger spares, fuel and tyres that goes to main service for KotH and Sol RB19
What fuel can we use?
- apart from locally-available pump fuel, three racing fuels are on the Approved Fuel List:
  VP MS109: 109 RON unleaded, highly oxygenated
  VP C9: 100 RON unleaded, non-oxygenated; very similar octane to UK super unleaded, which also contains no added oxygenates
  Sunoco 260 GTs Plus: 110 RON, highly oxygenated
- they are available in 5 US gallon/19 litre or 55 US gallon/208 litre drums
- the 2018 price structure is:
  VP MS109: US$132.50/5 US galls; US$1325/55 US galls
  VP C9: US$102.50/5 US galls; US$1025/55 US galls
  Sunoco 260 GT: US$120/5 galls; US$1200/55 US galls
- fuel requirements should be e-mailed to Automotive Art no later than April 1 to guarantee supply:
  E-mail: jamalbrathwaite@automotiveart.com or jonathonhart@automotiveart.com
- Avgas is also on the Approved Fuel List and available. Please contact the Barbados Rally Club for more info
- no fuel other than the options listed above are permitted. Cars that require re-mapping must have this done before shipping, as there will be no exceptions

How much fuel might we use?
- for rental cars and rally cars running on pump fuel (or pump fuel plus octane booster), budget roughly US$90 per tank (60 litres) at the pump. Rental cars might consume three or four tanks over your stay for recce and sightseeing
- on the rally side, taking in Flow KotH and Sol RB19, competition cars will consume somewhere in the range of:
  1300cc unmodified modern fuel injected car: 120 litres
  2000cc normally-aspirated heavily modified car (kit cars, R2/R3): 160-180 litres
  Group N/WRC: 210-230 litres

What are the insurance arrangements?
Sol Rally Barbados
Rally Competition third party insurance, purchased through the BRC, is obligatory for all competitors and is included in the entry fee for King of the Hill and Rally Barbados. Competitors are required to obtain this insurance in order to compete, however they may also seek more comprehensive insurance (own damage cover), if available to them, from their own insurer.
The rally competition insurance is in two parts:
a) Competition Road Traffic Act (RTA Third Party) insurance is in effect from the time the vehicle arrives at Arrival Control at the Service Park, throughout the day’s competition, including while on the open public road during transits, up until the time that the competitor leaves the location of the finish/Service Park when the competitor is no longer under the control of the organisers. The RTA Limit of Indemnity for personal injury and death is BDS$30 million limited to BDS$10 million per person.
b) Public Liability Third Party insurance is in effect during the time the vehicle has entered the ‘Closed Road’ for the Special Stage until the vehicle has left the ‘Closed Road’ and is again in transit. The Limit of Liability is BDS$3 million Any one Occurrence. Please note that should you cause damage to other (Third Party) property during a Special Stage, the driver is required to pay the first Bds$1,000.00 of any claim admitted by the insurers.
International entrants are also required to obtain road insurance (non-competition) and must do this before driving their vehicles on the public roads. The BRC will arrange this Road Traffic Act third party 30-day Cover Note (the premium is also included in the entry fee for International entrants) and provide the documentation. The Cover/Limit of Indemnity is the same as stated for a) above.
**Flow King of the Hill**

The insurance arrangement for the ‘Closed Roads’ in KotH is the same as for the ‘Closed Roads’ in Sol Rally Barbados i.e Public Liability (see b) above). Please Note: when the vehicle is not on a ‘Closed Road’ in the Speed Event, such as when returning to the Start for the next run or when going to, from or while in the Service Area, your normal Road Traffic Act (RTA) insurance will apply during that time.

*John Sealy, Insurance Manager, Barbados Motoring Federation*

**What else might we need to know?**

- you take part as an invited guest of the BRC so you do not need an International licence – for instance, a Motorsport UK Nat B licence is OK
- the BRC’s vehicle classifications (2019-2021) can be found under Regulations in the draw-down under the Competitor tab on the web site – www.rallybarbados.net.
- HANS devices are mandatory
- UK spec fire extinguishers are OK
- there are no rally car rental companies in Barbados, although local cars have occasionally been made available for overseas visitors. Please check with Rally Office if interested
Key events in more detail* . . .
*additional social events will be confirmed in due course

Friday, May 24
30th Celebration Party
• a celebration for local crews, club members and rally fans together with our regional and international friends who have made such a contribution through the years. All are invited! Details to follow...

Saturday, May 25
9.00am to approx 12.00pm - International Scrutineering
• similar to many international events, scrutineering is run to a schedule published in advance. This event is not open to the public and is solely for international entrants

Saturday, May 25
2.00pm to approx 6.00pm - The Rally Show
• ALL crews are mandated to attend this event as it plays a major role in our pre-event promotion. Enjoy the chance to meet fans, sign autographs and distribute promotional give-aways. There is entertainment throughout and, once fans arrive in larger numbers late afternoon, driver interviews and a brief ‘official welcome’ to the overseas crews
• pay bar & food available throughout

Sunday, May 26
10.00am to approx 4.00pm - Flow King of the Hill
• a tarmac course approximately 5 kilometres in length
• drivers must take a co-driver on all timed runs
• for locals, a round of the BRC Driver’s and Class Championships
• for visitors, a shake-down and chance to drive a local stage at faster than recce speed
• four official timed runs
• the results are the basis for the seeding of Sol RB19
• initially, competitors are seeded in classes, in ‘reverse’ order, from Clubman up to WRC; after the second official timed run - if time allows, the top 10 may be re-seeded in reverse order of times and run at the end of the field, building the hype towards the final run
• pay bar & food available throughout, and a Prizegiving at the end of the day

Tuesday, May 28
Jonesy and Lindsey’s Mystery Rum Shop Island Tour
• call Andrew Jones at +1 246 262-6772 for details

Wednesday, May 29
6.30pm - Sol RB19 Briefing Meeting
• to be held at Mahogany Ridge, Plum Tree Road, St Thomas
• attendance at the Briefing Meeting is mandatory (for drivers and co-drivers only)
• there will be a formal introduction to key officials, plus a Q & A session
Wednesday & Thursday, May 29 & 30
• rest days and recce. Recce is open throughout the week and not restricted to these two days, but recce rules must be adhered to: no practising, no speeding and, especially, no public nuisance

Friday, May 31
Sol RB19 - day 1
• Official Start at approx 7.00 pm - provisionally three ‘super special stages’ at a single venue
• live commentary, internet stream and radio commentary

Saturday, June 1
Sol RB19 - day 2
• start at approx 10.30am - provisionally, nine stages at three venues
• live commentary at one venue, internet stream and radio commentary throughout

Sunday, June 2
Sol RB19 - day 3
• start at approx 10.00am - provisionally, seven stages at three venues
• live commentary at two venues, internet stream and radio commentary throughout
• approx total Sol RB19 stage distance - 120km
• provisional results posted at the official finish

Monday, June 3
1.00pm – Sol RB19 Prizegiving
• The Boatyard, Bay Street, St Michael
• Provisional Results posted at 1.00pm, Official at 3.00pm
• the Prizegiving will follow at approx 5.00pm
• pay bar & food available (except during the formalities)

* the information in this document is subject to change