



Sol Rally Barbados 2020: FAQs

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Hello to all returning friends and those making the trip for the first time...

It's that time of year again when the club releases its Frequently Asked Questions document. As those 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.

2020 comes on the heels of many fundamental changes in 2019. The introduction of the new RallySafe timing and safety system, a new set of Competition Regulations for the 2019 to 2021 period and a significant upgrade of competition vehicles by many of the island's top competitors were the highlights of 2019. Needless to say these are all positive changes which impact 2020 having now had the prior year to settle in. Improved safety and information flow within the competitive environment, a higher level of operational efficiency and an increased level of competitiveness with which local competitors can defend their local turf, will all make 2020's Flow King of the Hill and Sol Rally Barbados great environments in which we can enjoy the sport we all love.

2020 also ushers in new and exciting elements with Sol Rally Barbados becoming an official round of the FIA North American Rally Championship, formally referred to as NACAM. As a result the event will benefit from additional exposure and additional competitor numbers, with representation within the R5, R2 and R1 categories. While the Club welcomes this new relationship, we are very committed to maintaining our serious, but more laidback 'event status' so there need not be any concerns . . . it will be business as usual, with no fundamental changes to what you have become accustomed.

As always we want to encourage everyone to have a great time in Barbados, be it during the competition, out watching the stages, visiting all of the great attractions that Barbados has to offer, or just chilling at the beach or local rum shop. However, it is important to note that one fundamental change to prior years is the implementation in January 2020 of new legislation dealing with drinking and driving. While this is not being aggressively implemented at the moment, it is anticipated that it will be by 'Rally Time', so please keep this in mind and travel with your Designated Driver when out having a good time.

In closing, I wish everyone a great and safe Rally, as well as an enjoyable holiday. No doubt, I will see some of you during your trip and I look forward to having a chat with both those who are making a repeat visit and those coming for the first time.

Mark Hamilton
Chairman



Provisional Key Dates

Friday, May 22	Welcome Party
Saturday, May 23	International Scrutineering
Saturday, May 23	The Rally Show
Sunday, May 24	Flow King of the Hill (KotH)
Tuesday, May 26	Jonesy and Lindsey's Mystery Rum Shop Island Tour
Weds, May 27	Sol RB20 Briefing Meeting
Friday, May 29	Sol RB20 - day 1
Saturday, May 30	Sol RB20 - day 2
Sunday, May 31	Sol RB20 - day 3
Monday, June 1	Sol RB20 Prizegiving

The week between KotH and Sol RB20 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\$4,250 up to a maximum of 30 entries (78 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 RB20 and for road use
 - b) trans-Atlantic shipping (outbound and inbound charges at Portsmouth 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 entry fee of US\$4,250, 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\$5,450, 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 RB20 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 2020 is Divi Southwinds Beach Resort, St. Lawrence Main Road, Christ Church
 - US \$156 per room, per night: this includes all the taxes, service charge and Government levy - based on single or double occupancy. Additional person in room is US\$30 per night
 - 20% discount off Food & Beverage
 - Penthouse is US \$296.00 inclusive of all taxes, service charge and Government levy
 - Bookings can be made directly with the Hotel Reservations Department. Visit the Link: <http://bit.ly/SolRally2020>
- Any queries contact: Harriette.Rowe@divisouthwinds.com OR wanda.maynard@divisouthwinds.com

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#: RB2020 and get a 15% discount**



How does the rally car get to Barbados?

- the Geest Line is our Official Shipping Partner, from Portsmouth to Barbados return
- the vessel is the Lombok Strait GL20018.

Closing Portsmouth - Wednesday, April 29

Sailing Portsmouth - Sunday, May 3

ETA Bridgetown - Tuesday, May 12

- 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 RB20 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 RB20

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 GT Plus: 110 RON, highly oxygenated

- they are available in 5 US gallon/19 litre or 55 US gallon/208 litre drums

- the 2020 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:

Kenrick Baptiste - Kenrickbaptiste@automotiveart.com

(246) 233-8855

Nicholas Branker - Nicholasbranker@automotiveart.com

(246) 243-1173/(246)431-6990

- 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 RB20, 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
R5/Group N/WRC: 210-230 litres

What are the insurance arrangements?

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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 ie 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?

- for UK competitors, the minimum Motorsport UK licence requirement is either RS National – Stage Rally or RS National – Stage Rally Navigator Only
- 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 22

Welcome Party

• an opportunity for local crews, club members and rally fans to get together with our regional and international friends. All are invited! Details to follow...

Saturday, May 23

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 23

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 24

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 RB20

• 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 26

Jonesy and Lindsey's Mystery Rum Shop Island Tour

• call or message Andrew Jones at +1 246 262-6772 for details

Wednesday, May 27

6.30pm - Sol RB20 Briefing Meeting

• to be held at Divi Southwinds Beach Resort, St. Lawrence Main Road, Christ Church

• 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 27 & 28

- 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 29

Sol RB20 - day 1

- Official Start at approx 7.00 pm - provisionally three special stages at two venues
- live commentary, and internet stream

Saturday, May 30

Sol RB20 - day 2

- start at approx 10.00am - provisionally, nine stages at three venues
- live commentary at one venue, and internet stream

Sunday, May 31

Sol RB20 - day 3

- start at approx 9.00am - provisionally, 10 stages at four venues
- live commentary at two venues, and internet stream
- approx total Sol RB20 stage distance - 140km
- provisional results posted at the official finish

Monday, June 1

1.00pm – Sol RB20 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*