



Sol Rally Barbados 2020: FAQs

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Dear All,

Thus far, 2020 has certainly been one for the history books. The arrival of that 'curve ball' called COVID 19 has temporarily removed the word 'normal' from our day-to-day vocabulary, with every aspect of our business, social and personal lives being affected. As in the rest of the world, Motorsport has not been spared in Barbados, so I am very happy to be writing the preface to our updated FAQ document providing background to rescheduled events being held in late October. Thankfully, we currently remain in a position to execute Sol Rally Barbados as well as Flow King of the Hill and look forward to welcoming those of you that decide to make the trip.

This year's events will no doubt remain as competitive as ever with many of the top local, regional and international teams having upgraded their respective cars, some of which are already in Barbados. The event itself promises to live up to its reputation as an excitement filled and extremely challenging environment, notwithstanding some changes to meet the realities of the current situation. Needless to say we expect significant spectator support, given the drought that island fans have experienced so far this year.

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. I would however, like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to remain conscious of the challenges presented by the Pandemic and what we all as individuals need to do in our effort to remain safe and to keep those around us safe.

Additionally, you should ensure that you follow the arrival protocols and meet the COVID 19 accredited Test standard requirements (ISO: 15189, CAP, UKAS or equivalent) set by the Barbados Government to avoid any delays or quarantine implications.

In closing, I wish those that make the journey 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. To those who miss this year, don't panic...we will be here in 2021.

Mark Hamilton

Chairman

Barbados Rally Club

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Provisional Key Dates

Saturday, October 24th	Scrutineering (Public Invited)
Sunday, October 25th	Flow King of the Hill (KotH)
Weds, October 28th	Sol RB20 Briefing Meeting
Saturday, October 31st	Sol RB20 - day 1
Sunday, November 1st	Sol RB20 - day 2
Sunday, November 1st	Sol RB20 Prizegiving (at end of rally)

The week between KotH and Sol RB20 will be an opportunity to work on cars and recce the route. Some social activities are likely to be planned.

Prime contacts*

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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?*

Given the challenges created by COVID 19 it is obvious that participant numbers will be impacted negatively for a variety of reasons. This said, The Barbados Rally Club through financial assistance from The Barbados Government is presenting a special offer, for 2020 only, to those who decide to make the journey. This is detailed below and assumes a lower entry than normal.

- the 2020 special entry fee is US\$3,000.00 up to a maximum of 15 entries. This reflects the maximum discount historically provided to competitors who have participated five times or more. This will be applicable to everyone despite the frequency of participation previously. Entries exceeding the initial 15 will be dealt with on a case by case basis in terms of their eligibility to access the special rate.
- 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!
- 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

** as exchange rates vary, please check your local currency against the US\$ figure throughout this document*

Where can we stay?

Due to the impact on the Barbados Tourism sector of COVID 19 and the fluid situation within said sector, we advise that you contact our Rally HQ Hotel Partner Divi Southwinds Beach Resort, St. Lawrence Main Road, Christ Church

- Bookings can be made directly with the Hotel Reservations Department: e-mail: <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\$200 to US\$300 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 refueling charge will apply, plus the cost of the fuel
- e-mail: info@stoutescar.com or tel + 1 246 416 4456. Reference booking code#: RB2020. No discounts will be applied given that the rates quoted on their web site are already heavily discounted.



How does the rally car get to Barbados?

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

Closing Portsmouth - Wednesday, September 30th

Sailing Portsmouth - Sunday, October 4th

ETA Bridgetown - Tuesday, October 13th

- 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
- '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
- they are available in 5 US gallon/19 litre or 55 US gallon/208 litre drums
- the 2020 price structure is:
VP MS109: US\$113.75/5 US galls; US\$1,137.50/55 US galls
VP C9: US\$90.00/5 US galls
- fuel requirements should be e-mailed to vpfuelsales@gmail.com and kseabra@bushyparkbarbados.com no later than Monday, October 12th .
Contact can also be made via the following
+1-246-260-9100 Kurt Seabra
- 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*

Saturday, October 24th

9.00am to approx 4.00pm - Scrutineering at Bushy Park

- similar to many International events, scrutineering is run to a schedule published in advance. This event is open to the public.

Sunday, October 25th

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

Wednesday, October 28th

6.30pm - Sol RB20 Briefing Meeting followed by a social event

- to be held at Bushy Park, St Philip
- 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

Thursday & Friday, October 29th & 30th

- 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

Saturday, October 31st

Sol RB20 - day 1

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

Sunday, November 1st

Sol RB20 - day 2

- 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 - 100km
- Provisional Results posted at 4.00pm, Official at 5.00pm
- the Prizegiving will follow at approx 6.30pm
- pay bar & food available (except during the formalities)
- *the information in this document is subject to change*