

50. RECOVERY BY THE ORGANIZATION

The recovery of competition vehicles is done by the Organizer only in the Selective sections.

Vehicles are transported to the nearest road, where they could be picked up by their service team.

The recovery is at the risk of the participant. Damage caused by the recovery will not be borne by the Organizer.

For recovery in difficult situations, the help of other competitors may be required.

There is no guarantee of a successful recovery. The participant is responsible for all recovery costs, fees for third-party support, if such is required.

Further transportation of defective vehicles from the bivouac is the responsibility of the participant.

FUEL AND REFUELLING**51. REFUELLING AND PROCEDURES****51.1. LOCATION**

51.1.1. Except as detailed for the change of a fuel tank, crews may refuel only in the designated refueling zones (RZ) or at commercial filling stations indicated in the Road Book.

The refueling zones may be located:

- outside of the service parks / bivouacs;
- at remote service zones;
- at commercial filling stations;
- at a refueling zone in an Selective Section (applicable only for vehicles from classes and categories announced in the briefing or the itinerary).

Outside of these official areas, refueling is allowed only when using the same type of fuel coming from another competitor still in the race.

51.1.2. Any refueling zone shall feature on the itinerary of the event and in the Road Book. The entry/exit of refueling zones shall be marked by a blue can or pump symbol except for commercial filling stations.

51.1.3. Should there be a timed, refueling zone, the time allocated shall be 15 minutes minimum. A time control must be established at the entry and exit of such refueling zones.

51.1.4. The presence of a fire appliance and/or appropriate safety measures must be arranged by the Organizer at any refueling zone (not applicable at commercial filling stations).

51.1.5. If there are no filling stations on the route of the event, the Organizer may arrange for the distribution of a supply of fuel to the crews. Such refueling points must respect all the same safety conditions as for refueling zones.

51.1.6. The fuel supplier, the Organizer or the team, whichever is responsible for the refueling, must protect the ground with an environmental mat, which shall be composed of an absorbent upper part and an impermeable lower part (not applicable at commercial filling stations).

51.1.7. Carrying fuel in the vehicle is strictly forbidden.

51.1.8. Fuel autonomy will be specified in the Technical Regulations and in the Supplementary Regulations. Each competitor is responsible of the calculation of his autonomy. He cannot in any case file a protest against the Organizer if his vehicle doesn't reach the coverage of the minimum distance stated in the Technical Regulations, whichever is the nature of the terrain. For safety reasons, an additional autonomy of 10% is recommended.

51.2. PROCEDURE IN REFUEL ZONE (RZ)

51.2.1. Only actions inside an RZ directly involved in the refueling of the competing vehicle are permitted.

51.2.2. In all RZs, a 30 kph speed limit will apply, except at an RZ in a Selective Section.

51.2.3. Solely for the purpose of assisting with the refueling procedure of their vehicle, team members may access the RZ, but at least one being present with a fire extinguisher.

51.2.4. It is recommended that these team members use safety protection equipment and wear long clothes.

51.2.5. Engines must be switched off throughout the refueling operation and the crew must remain outside the vehicle during refueling.

51.2.6. The use of mobile phones and radio communication is forbidden while refueling.

51.2.7. If electrical refueling equipment is used, it must be spark-proof and it and the vehicle must be earthed.

51.2.8. Any additional conditions or restrictions must be specified in the Supplementary Regulations.

51.2.9. The responsibility for refueling (conformity and quantity) is on the competitor alone.