

JGR Media Regulations

1. General

1-1 This regulations are defined for smooth media actiities and assisting and prompting news coverage of events administered by Japan Organization Group of Developing Rally (“JGR”), under agreement with each respective organisers (the Event), in order to promote and develop rally motorsport.

1-2 This regulation is positioned under FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations and its V4 and appendixes and all the applicable regulations for JAF Japanese Rally Championship events, all effective for the year of the event. Media Safety Book, which will be issued to accredited media person(s) for their activies and other instuctions are also effective under this regulations as well as all the reuglatios set by the organiser of the event . In case of alleged violation of such regulations, JGR has sole authority to make decision and the event’s Media Officer or an official appointed by the organiser of the event to handle media administration (“Event Media Officer”) will act on behalf of the JGR.

1-3 Any individuals wishing to perform media activities at a JGR Event must do so in an exemplay manner, following principle and value of JGR. Any actions and/or behaviors compromising reputation aod/or dignity of the Japan Automobile Federation (JAF), JGR, the organiser of the event and its officals and people concerned, crew members and other participants to thee event, manucaturers, suppliers, sponsors and other sstakeholders are strictly prohibited. This is not limited to the duration of the media activities in the event, but also applis to the publishing and releasing its outcome. For those who wish to be registered for seasonal media accreditation must proactively cooperate to the JGR and the organiser of the event upon their request at the event venue, in addition to be a member of JGR.

2. Classifications and Targets

JGR Media Regulations (the Regulations) has regulatory power to the followings:

2-1 News Media

Organisation/companies publishing newspaper, magazines, TV programs and/or internet media for general public, and employees and contractors on their media activities per their orders. This category is for professionals and thus not applicable to non-professional individuals operating news websites or on PR activities of clubs.

2-2 Promotional Media

Organizations/companies whose primary purpose of media coverage is not publishing news but to utilize them to promote products and services it provides to market, and employees and contractors on their media activities under their orders. This category also includes the media which aims to gain direct or indirect profits from the audience of

video or movie it publishes (e.g. video sharing services), including incomes from the advertisements added/included to the movie.

2-3 Team Media (Competitors Own Media Team)

Media person/team of the competitors taking part in the Event.

2-4 In case if appropriate category for an applicant is not apparent, or cases where the organiser of the Event believes it is appropriate to classify non-media person under any of the above, JGR has authority to classify that person or organization under one of the above three categories.

Details are described in the JGR Rules of Use of Photo and Video.

3. License Fee

JGR may require payment of license fee for the publishing of photos and/or videos taken/recorded at the Event. Such use by a sponsor for the Event, or use for public nature may be waived by the JGR.

4. Accreditation Application and Registration

4-1 Only accredited media persons are allowed to perform media activities in the Event. Qualified media to apply for media accreditation is listed in Article 2 of the Regulations, and accreditation request must be submitted under agreement of organisations/companies requesting the media coverage to the applicant.

4-2 Procedure for Accreditation Application

Those who wish to dispatch media personnel(s) to the Event must sign and submit complete accreditation application forms with required attachments within the period specified by each respective organiser. Application without valid signature (handwriting or legally-valid electric signature) or seal is not accepted. Application by promotional media is subject to the payment of registration fee. Registration fee for a promotional media is JPY22,000 per person (tax included).

JGR will scrutinize the requests and notify the result

Application form and other necessary forms are to be available for download by the opening date of the media accreditation application requests.

4-3 Media Types

Requesters must specify type for each person requesting accreditation, from the following options:

4-3-1 Credential Media

General media persons including journalists, editors and photographers. Credential media is allowed to access the

service parks, Rally HQ and spectator areas of Special Stages (includes Premium and VIP areas). Either a media credential valid for each Event, or seasonal credential issued by JGR are provided. Vehicle pass for media parking is issued as required.

4-3-2 Tabard Media

This type is only for photographers and video camera crew (including drone operators) who takes photographs and/or record video in pre-defined media points and/or other areas along the stages (except for NO-GO area, escape zones and control zones). A set of media credential and media tabard is provided to each approved tabard media personnel. Tabard media is limited to photographers and vide crews with rich experiences in media activities on special stages. Applicant must have insurance policy valid for possible injuries and deaths during their activities in the Event.

Tabard media is classified to the following two categories:

a) Event Tabard Media

Stage access is limited to the media points designated by the organiser of the Event.

b) JGR Tabard Media

Access to any areas along the special stages except for dangerous areas, NO-GO areas and other areas prohibited by the rally rules and regulations are permitted. However, instruction by rally officials or marshals for relocation must be followed promptly, without questions. Some Events may not allow access to special stages except for designated media points, and in such cases, JGR Tabard Media's allowed access areas are the same as the a).

Applicant of the JGR Tabard Media must be a members of JGR with a valid seasonal media pass (exceptions may be granted to overseas media).

JGR Tabard Media applications are restricted to the ones who aim to cover rally cars of all classes competing in the Japanese Rally Championship.

4-4 A person intended to perform media activities must possess communication skill either in Japanese or English, or both. Otherwise such applicant must, at his/her own cost, arrange a translator, supporting maximum 3 persons which always moves together as a group, and apply for media accreditation for such translator together with oneself, with appropriate form.

4-5 JGR examines the application, and sends approval letters to the approved requesters. Reasons of dismissal will not be disclosed.

4-6 Upon receipt of the letter of approval, applicants must complete accreditation process at the time and place defined in the Supplementary Regulations. Failure of completing this process will result in cancellation of the approval at the time of the closure of the media accreditation, unless pre-approved by either a Media Officer of the Event, or JGR Media Manager.

5. JGR Seasonal Media Pass

5-1 JGR issues seasonal media passes to the regular members of JGR who satisfy the criteria and apply for it.

This credential is valid for all the events administered by JGR during the year of issue, except the ones specified by JGR. In case when a organizer of a given event does not permit media activities outside designated media points along the special stages, permitted access area for 5-2 c) is the same as 5-2 b).

5-2 Types of Seasonal Pass

Seasonal Media Credential has three different types, each corresponding to the classifications for the media personnel.

- a) Seasonal Credential Media Pass
- b) Seasonal Tabard Media Pass (for Event Tabard Media)
- c) Seasonal Tabard Media Pass (for JGR Tabard Media)

5-3 Those who wished to obtain seasonal media pass must follow application procedure by submitting completed form together with application fee (5-7). JGR examines each applications and notify applicants of the results. JGR may decide to give the approval for the different type than originally applied for, when deemed appropriate.

5-4 Holder of any of the Seasonal Pass are waived for media accreditation requests required for each of the Events (unless when there is/are change(s) from the original selection specified in the seasonal pass applicationj)..

5-5 Upon its decision of approval, JGR issues appropriate pass as a proof of approval, and special tabards to certified JGR Tabard Media personnel.

5-6 Seasonal tabard media passes are only valid when the holder has valid personal accident insurance that covers the Event. In case when an insurance gets expired or invalid for any reason, the holder must submit a copy of a valid insurance policy to JGR in order to restore its validity.

5-7 Application fee for seasonal pass

Application fee for seasonal media pass (both for credential media and tabard media) is JPY11,000 (tax included). In addition to this application fee, JPY22,000 per person per event (tax included) of registration fee is required for promotion media personnel.

This fee must be paid by bank transfer.

The application fee is refunded after applicable bank fee is deducted for unapproved applications.

5-8 Those who are approved for seasonal media pass must understand the power of the credentials and tabards as well as the risk when it is used maliciously, and handle with care at all times in order to prevent loss. The pass must not be lent to others for any reason.

5-9 Loss or severe damage of a seasonal pass must be promptly reported to the JGR secretariat.

5-10 JGR may declare suspension or order return of a media pass per Article 12 when it is found a violation of this regulation or inappropriate behaviour as a media by the holder. JGR has no obligation to disclose the reason of such order, and the holder of the media pass must obey such order without delay.

6. Media Briefing

6-1 When scheduled, attendance to the Media Briefing is mandatory for every tabard media person. Requirement of attendance by credential media will be announced for each Event. In case of force majeure, such affected person must consult with Media Officer or JGR Media Manager for his/her permission of absence. No-show without prior approval will result in the cancellation of the accreditation.

6-2 Generally, Media Briefing is held on-line. Briefing for tabard media and credential media may be held separately. During the briefing, attendees must enable their web camera and show their real time images/

7. Use of UAV (drone)

7-1 Permission

Media person who wishes to use Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drones, radio-controlled aircrafts) must indicate so in the Media Accreditation Application Form, and submit signed disclaimer, flight plan and other necessary documents to the Media Officer of the respective Event by the separately specified deadline for his/her approval of the flights.

7-2 Mandatory Requirements

Operator of UAV must have rich experiences in flight and have to be approved Tabard Media person. Flight experience is not mandatory for assistants but s/he must be approved Tabard Media. There must be public liability insurance which covers their media activity during the Event, valid for the combination of the operator and aircraft stated in the application form.

7-3 Form of Flight Planis will be supplied to the accredited media persons who indicated their will of using UAV in their Media Accreditation Request Form.

7-4 In case if the flight plan includes the area where applicable laws/regulations require approval by or notification to government authorities, the person appointed as a drone operator must complete such procedure and attach a copy of such evidence (e.g. approval certificate, receipt of notification, etc) and attach them to the flight plan document. Failure to do so, or defect is found with such evidence, will result in rejection/cancellation of part or whole flight plan

approval.

7-5 Goodwill Contribution in Research

In case of incident occurred within the area of the UAV coverage stated in the approved flight plan, Media Centre may ask such operator for flight for area research., and operators are expected to cooperate if feasible.

7-6 Detailed Rules

Use of UAV must be conducted per “UAV Regulations” of the Event, and anyone registered as operators or assistants and the applicant who submitted the application must observe these regulations.

8 Video Recording and its Use

8-1 Unless approved by JGR in advance, video recording of special stages, service park and other event venues of the Event is prohibited. Such approvals can be given to accredited media, competitors of the Event and JGR official media only, and must be requested to JGR prior to the Event.

8-2 Conditions of Approval for Video Recording

Approval may be given to the media who has been Accredited as a media for the Event (tabard media, and credential media for the area where access is allowed for them)

8-3. Releasing Video

Rally events have an aspect of commercial event, and most of the Events set admission fee for spectators. And their respective organisers reserve rights for video of the area where access is controlled by the organiser. In the Events administered by JGR, such rights are delegated by the organiser to JGR. This means releasing video recorded at the Event requires advanced approval by JGR, except for the video recorded where public access is permitted (e.g. road sections or rally shows).

8-3 License Fee

License fee is payable to the JGR to release video of the Event. JGR may waive such fee to sponsors of the championship series or individual Events, or other parties.

8-4 On-board video

License fee is waived for releasing on-board video recorded by crew, when all of the following conditions are satisfied: a) the video covers a single special stage, b) the video is not combined with footage taken from outside the car of the crew, c) and released under the name of the competitor itself. NOTE: Video consists of the on-board video from multiple cars is not regarded to satisfy the conditions for waiver, even if those videos are from the cars entered under the name of the same competitor.

9 Live Streaming and Broadcasts

9-1 Permission for Video Streaming

Live streaming and/or broadcasts (“Streaming”) from the venue of the Eventt requires special permission by JGR prior to the Streaming.

9-2 Application

Those who wishes to conduct Streaming must apply for approval with written detailed coverage plan including place to set up cameras (SS name for special stages), time and contents of the Streaming, target audience and amount of viewing fee (when applicable).

Streaming from special stages must be conducted by media personnel approved as Tabard Media, except for the coverage from spectator points, where Credential Media personnel are allowed perform this role.

9-3 License Fee

License fee stpulated by the JGR must be paid for Streaming. The amount of the fee will be set based on the purpose, duration, target audience and other various factors.

9-4 Aborting and Provision of Contens

Streaming must be aborted immediately when requested by Clerk of Course and/or Media Officer of the Event, regardless the reason of the request.

When accident(s) involving injury and/or fire happens within the coverage of the camera(s) taking part in the Streaming, such Streaming must be aborted immediately. When possible, Steraming party is requested to continue recording the visual of the incident scene without disclosing the contents to any parties except for Clerk of Course and Media Officer. It is highly appreciated to provide such contents from goodwill and contribution to the organiser, when requested..

When the Streaming is aborted with the reason above, license fee may be waived, refunded or reduced.

9-5 Publishing archived contents after Streaming

Publishing of archived contents of Streaming must be conducted following the “JGR Acceptable Use Poligy of Photographs and Videos”

10. Behavior and Conducts

10-1 General

All the media personnel must understand that safety of everyone including themselves and smooth operation of the Event have the highest priority and their actions must be based on that. It is critically important to understand and

observe all the regulations, rules and guidelines, especially the ones related to safety, issued by FIA, JAF, JGR and the organiser of the Event.

10-2 Instructions by Officials/Marshals

Within or around the area of the Event (including but not limited to Service Parks, special stages, Rally Parks and other sub-event venues) media persons must always follow orders and instructions by officials and marshals responsible for the corresponding area. In case of conflict the Media Officer should be engaged to evaluate and resolve the situation.

10-3 Respect the rights of Land Owners and Other Public

Rights of land owners, users and other general public must always be respected during the media activities. On road sections, which are public roads, rights of other road users and general public must also be respected, and instructions of officials and marshals covering the area must be observed at all times.

10-4 Identification

Media credential must always be worn during the media activities, and must be displayed when challenged by officials or marshals.

10-4-1 Media Tabard and Stage Access

Media tabard must be worn and kept visible at all times in the special stages. Media vehicles accessing special stages must display Media Vehicle Plate with STAGE ACCESS at clearly visible place, and all the occupants of the vehicle must wear their own media tabards and credentials.

10-4-2 Prohibition of loans and modifications

Media credentials are issued to each accredited media and valid for that person only. Loan of such credential is strictly prohibited. Each Media Vehicle Plate are issued with license plate number of its assigned car written on it and should be used with that particular vehicle only. Modification, duplication and/or forgery of any of those items are forbidden, and will be penalized per Article 12.

10-5 Suspension and Cancellation of Media Accreditation

Inappropriate manners and/or behaviours, especially the ones affecting safety in the special stages, will be penalized according to the Article 12.

10-6 Inappropriate manners and/or behaviours by accredited media will be reported to the Clerk of Course as well as the applicant of the accreditation request. Serious cases might be informed to the organisers of other rallies. Such incidents will be taken into account for future accreditation request to the Event.

11. Use of photos and videos

- 11-1 Use of photographs and videos captured through the course of media activities defined in this regulation are subject to “JGR Acceptable Use Policy of Photographs and Videos”
- 11-2 When an accredited media personnel is penalized with suspension of media activities or cancellation of accreditation during an Event, use or provision of photos and/or video acquired during the Event will be fully prohibited.
12. Enforcement of the Regulation
- 12-1 When violation of the regulations and/or inappropriate behaviour by an accredited media, JGR may exercise its right to suspend or cancel his/her accreditation, or suspend or remove his/her tabard, at any time, even during his/her media activities. When such decision is made and declared to a media, that person immediately follow that decision and/or order.
- 12-2 The Media Office of the Event is delegated to execute this authority on behalf of the JGR. This authority also covers seasonal media pass and/or tabard during the duration of the Event, and the Media Office of the Event can enforce such penalty on the holder of JGR seasonal pass, when s/he believes it is necessary. Such suspension is valid during the Event only, and order of return of the seasonal media pass and/or tabard is limited to the duration of the Event.
- 12-3 When a return of an assigned media pass and/or a tabard is ordered., the penalized media must immediately return both of his/her credential and tabard (when applicable) to JGR secretariat or Media Officer of the event, whichever is specified in the order.
- 12-4 When JGR find the violation and/or inappropriate behavior is critical, it may declare ban of media activity on all the future JGR administered Events. This ban can be permanent and infinite.
13. Indemnity for loss/damages by incidents
Neither JGR nor the organiser is liable to any losses and/or damages to accredited media and/or their properties caused by incidents during their media activities. Accredited media has direct responsibility for all the loss and damages they caused to others and/or their properties, and the organiser is not liable to those in any cases. The accredited media responsible for that must faithfully deal with the affected parties for compensation. The organiser strongly recommends for media people to purchase insurance policy to cover such cases..
14. Exemptions

The purpose of this regulation is to clarify the categories of media, accreditation processes and behavior standard of media in an Event, and should not interfere or limit rights of the Organiser in any cases, for the purpose described in Article 1. Therefore, decisions and judgements by the Organisation Committee, Clerk of Course, Media Officer and JGR Media Manager prevails the rules stated in this regulation when it shares the same purpose.

15. Schedule

This regulation is effective from the 1st of January, 2026/

History

June 2023: Added new chapter for Live Streaming as Chapter 6. Previous chapter 6 and latter chapters were renumbered.