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The Role of Technical Delegate during a Traditional Driving Meet

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The Technical Delegate is essential to the success of every traditional driving competition.

He or she must have perfect knowledge of the rules plus be a keen observer.

Duties of a Technical Delegate :

Examine the location a month before the date:

- Logic of the complete scene ;
- Access for horseboxes and trucks ;
- Parking ;
- Stabling.

Check the presentation area :

- Available space ;
- Placement of the judges ;
- Access ;
- Area reserved for the public ;
- With the organisers, establish the procedure and timing for competitors.

Check the topography and layout of the road track :

- Notice its general profile and condition (confirmation of the normal speed limits or adjust if necessary) 1 or 2 minutes of flexibility ;
- Specify (with organizers) the order and timing ;
- Likewise, determine the safety of the controlled passages (PCs). Be sure that the installations are constructed according to the rules ;
- Check the security at delicate points such crossroads and blind turns during the whole test.

The cone driving :

- Establish its position, keeping in mind the program as a whole : its length, timing of the prize-giving ceremony, presence of officials, etc ;
- Specify the order and timing of competitors ;
- Trace and install the parcours, keeping in mind the size and width of various carriages and not forgetting to mark on the ground the inside cone ;
- Control and protect entries and exits ;
- Indicate area reserved for the public ;
- Security.

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Prize-Giving Ceremony

- Detail the program with the Organizer, positions of the different catégories ;
- Be alert to eventual problems especially during the closing parade.

The Technical Delegate must be informed of availability and competence of personnel to assure;

- Security throughout the different phases of the meet :
- The positioning of those responsible for the timing (chronometers), the PC's, the road track and the cone driving arena ;
- The Technical Delegate should also be available to direct this final phase of the competition .

Before the meeting begins, in collaboration with the organisers, he/she should check the competence of the volunteers in charge of timing, security as well as controllers on the spot and along the routes. This responsibility is essential in avoiding errors, especially during the controlled passages (PC);

The DT's importance during the briefing is essential.

He is responsible for answering and explaining all technical questions, to all those concerned, competitors and officials as well...being sure that all participants understand the objectives and principles at stake....and always with a smile and a nod to compromise when necessary.