

The first leg starts off. Rain has affected Sosnová

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Only a few minutes left to the start of the first special stage of the Rally Bohemia. Unfortunately the Organizers are in the middle of solving a problem in Sosnová.

So far the sunny sky occasionally with some clouds welcomes attendees of the 39th Rally Bohemia in Saturday's morning 14th July at the Hoškovice Airport, where there is situated the Service Park during both legs. Engines of competitive specials are warming up and probably all drivers are trying to solve the problem with tyre choice. The reason is that more dark clouds on the horizon are promising rain showers. Unstable weather is the most difficult part for the proper choice of tyres, but that's the way rally is.

The weather, which has brought several heavy rains in last couple of days, affects in a way also the last special stage of the first leg of the Rally Bohemia. Indeed we are talking about the spectators' special stage at the Autodrome in Global Assistance Racing Arena in Sosnová near Česká Lípa. Unfortunately the jump at the opposite side of the racing circuit, where used to be gravel surface, was waterlogged. The organizers have tried to save the situation to the last moment and covered the jump by one more tarmac layer. As a result the jump got even higher and its originally designed profile has changed. During the reconnaissance crews have informed the organizer about the difficulty of passing over this newly shaped jump and that it will be very complicated to perform attractive jump for spectators. There is no time left now so the jump remains in this state. It will be only up to drivers, whether they drive fast over it and jump, or pass slowly. In fact it is the same decision ahead of them there as it is at any other difficult point of special stage elsewhere. The organizers of the Rally Bohemia want to announce this fact to spectators enough in advance, because it is very much possible there will be no proper jump performances at the opposite side of the racing circuit as previously planned.

Despite this fact the track of this spectators' special stage at the end of leg 1 in Sosnová remains attractive. All drivers do like the parallel jump right after the start and spectators will certainly appreciate it too.

General partner of the Rally Bohemia is the Škoda Auto automobile factory, which provides a representative background and also seeds into the competition factory's crews driving in Škoda Fabia S2000 cars.

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