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#### **Safety as Rally Bohemia Priority**

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Spectators at Rally Bohemia special stages can choose from 23 spectator places. Motorsport may be dangerous, so the organizers' instructions must be unconditionally obeyed.

This year, the Rally Bohemia organizers have prepared in total 23 official spectator places and two attractive city special stages at Mladá Boleslav for the spectators. So during two legs and thirteen special stages on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015, they will have a chance to see both the European elite within FIA European Historic Sporting Rally Championship and the elite of the Czech rally sport within Czech Rally Championship. At the head of the starting field, in addition to other quality crews, we will see the pilots of ŠKODA Motorsport team in new cars Škoda Fabia R5. Rally Bohemia also includes Czech Historic Rally Championship, Regional Rally Cup and Rally Legend.

Rally sport is one of the most favourite motor sports, and significant car contests, which Rally Bohemia definitely belongs to, are visited by dozens of thousands of spectators surrounding the tracks of special stages. This huge number requires one-hundred-percent discipline from the side of the spectators. Only this can ensure a safe course of the competition. Rally Bohemia organizers in co-operation with Autoklub České republiky officials have defined safety spectator areas along the special stage tracks as well as restricted areas where access during the competition is forbidden without fail! Information signs "prohibited area" have been prepared by Autoklub České republiky this year, and therefore they are the same as at other competitions in the Czech Republic. Entering the prohibited areas, the spectators endanger their health as well as that of the crew that may use the area in case of emergency as an escape zone. Neither in the escape zones nor in front of them (these areas are crossed out with a tape) may even accredited photographer be standing. An undisciplined spectator endangers the holding of the special stage itself, as it will be cancelled in case the appeal for leaving the restricted area is not obeyed.

Similarly to the last years, also this year the safety measures start to be effective at the beginning of reconnaissance when the training cars are provided with a GPS locator that displays their position online and records exceeding the speed limits. The crew that will not keep to the rules of recce, will be penalized by the organizer, and may even be





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disqualified. All tapes closing the access drive to the special stage, or signboards on the gates adjacent to the special stage track will read the information about closure because of Rally Bohemia and the respective closure times.

The safety on the special stage tracks during this year Rally Bohemia will be supervised by more than 1,500 marshals. During the rally, on the places determined in advance, rescue squads will be ready to take action in the case of an accident. Newly, there is also Chief Stage Safety Officer Deputy on longer stages with another safety point in the middle (the second rescue system – ASR and ambulance).

Even in 2015 the track of Rally Bohemia is provided with speed calming chicane that will slow down the speed of racing cars in some dangerous places. These have been specified by the Rally Bohemia organizers in co-operation with the Rally Driver Association and a safety delegate of Autoklub České republiky. The chicanes will also lower the so called access speed to some villages and slow down arrival at some spectator places where the racing car would have to brake from very high speed. Almost all the chicanes, which were two-element last year, are three-element this year, which means they will slow down the racing cars even more at the dangerous places.

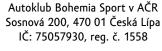
On each special stage track there will be spectator areas recommended by the organizer, from which the racing cars can be watched from a safe distance. Many raised places along the track enable the spectators to watch the racing cars safely from the distance of only a couple of metres. The track of Rally Bohemia runs through a beautiful and indented landscape offering the rally fans interesting and safe places to watch the rally from raised platforms and at a sufficient distance from the stage track, which, however, do not provide a comfortable access for the car. Such a place, however, has to be taken before the stage start, and in no case must be left for entering the track during the stage! On such places, we ask spectator to keep to the organizer's instructions strictly and respect the areas forbidden.

All spectators are welcomed at Rally Bohemia, and there is a range of attractive spectator places at their disposal. Despite all the safety measures, mind that rally, no matter how attractive sport it is, can be dangerous for all participants. The organizer of Rally Bohemia strongly recommends that the spectators move only in the areas specified and do not enter the areas prohibited. These are especially places near the special stage track or below its level, places at inner and outer sides of road curves. The spectators must pay more attention to their safety and to the track activity at the places where the cars reach high pace and mainly behind horizons!











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We would appreciate if you got familiar with the spectators places at Rally Bohemia 2015, the description of which can be found in the official competition Programme on www.rallybohemia.cz, and at the same time, paid attention to the safety instructions stated there as well. The spectator places will be also described in the Spectator Guide that will be available at the main competition places in Mladá Boleslav. See to the organizer's instructions and contribute with your discipline to the smooth course of Rally Bohemia 2015.

The traditional general partner of Rally Bohemia is ŠKODA AUTO.

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