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## 1 Welcome

Thanks to the understanding and cooperation of Aichi Prefecture, Gifu Prefecture, and the municipalities of Okazaki City, Toyota City, Shinshiro City, Shitara Town, Nakatsugawa City and Ena City, our dream of hosting the WRC has become a reality. Rally Japan had to be postponed due to the expansion of COVID-19, but on behalf of the organizer, Toyota Motorsports Club (TMSC), I am very pleased that FORUM 8 Rally Japan 2022 has finally joined the World Rally Championship and will be held on Japanese soil.

TMSC is a historic motorsport club founded in 1964 which is also the first club officially recognised by Japan Automobile Federation. It is a great honour to add hosting the World Championship to the history of TMSC.

The situation in the world today is more difficult than we can imagine, and the dreams and hopes of many people have become a struggle against insecurity and fear. What we can do in such a situation is to create new expectations, vitality and hope through motorsports. By holding this event, we hope to unite people who love motorsports, and we will devote our energies to deliver a lot of excitement. We hope that this joy will be passed on to the next generation.

### Masanori SEKIYA

Chairman, Rally Japan Organising Committee  
Chairman, TMSC



The Japan round of the WRC had to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19, but with your help, preparations are being made for the realization of the 2022 event. We would like to thank all ministries and agencies, as well as Aichi and Gifu Prefectures and other related local governments, for their support and guidance in inviting rally officials and spectators from around the world to participate in the event.

Japan has had a significant involvement in the WRC throughout the history of motorsports. Six WRC events have been held in Hokkaido in the past, and the success of Mitsubishi and Subaru and the enthusiasm of the spectators are still etched in the memories of rally fans.

Currently, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing has taken over this achievement and continues to compete fiercely against the HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM and the M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM. In addition, Takamoto Katsuta has made an impact around the world with his tenacious drive in every race.

They will finally make their triumphant return to Aichi and Gifu Prefectures, the heart of Japan and the holy land of the automobile industry. As the organizer of FORUM 8 Rally Japan 2022, we will make every effort to ensure that the event will be a satisfying one for the competitors and everyone involved, and that it will dispel the somber mood caused by the Corona disaster and inspire the world with energy and courage.

### Satoshi SUZUKI

Director, Rally Japan Permanent Secretariat  
CEO, SAN'S INC.



## 2 Contact details

### 2.1 Permanent contact details

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Facebook: [@RallyJapan.official](https://www.facebook.com/RallyJapan.official)

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Clerk of the Course: Mr Haruo TAKAKUWA  
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### 2.3 Rally Headquarters

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1-20 Hachimancho, Toyota-city 471-0861 Japan  
Telephone: TBC  
E-mail: [info@rally-japan.jp](mailto:info@rally-japan.jp)  
Rally Headquarters will be operational from Monday 7 November to Monday 14 November.  
Please check the official programme for opening hours. On Saturday 5 November and Sunday 6 November, a subsidiary HQ will be operating at the Service Park / Toyota Stadium.

### 2.4 Media contact details

Mr Akira Amiya, National Press Officer  
[media@rally-japan.jp](mailto:media@rally-japan.jp)

## 3 Programme and critical deadlines

### 3.1 Schedule before the rally

<b>Friday 12 August</b>
Closing date for ordering FIA fuel
<b>Tuesday 16 August</b>
Closing date for radio licence applications and helicopter registrations
<b>Monday 29 August</b>
Closing date for ordering Pirelli tyres
<b>Monday 5 September</b>
Opening date for media accreditation
<b>Tuesday 6 September</b>
Entries open Supplementary Regulations published on website
<b>Thursday 8 September</b>
Closing date for definitive attendee lists required for visa applications (see Art. 4.2)
<b>Tuesday 11 October</b>
Closing date for entries Closing date for reconnaissance only applications Publication of Rally Guide 2
<b>Monday 17 October</b>
Entry List is published
<b>Wednesday 19 October</b>
Closing date for accreditation requests to Rally Japan National Press Officer
<b>Wednesday 26 October</b>
Closing date for accreditation requests to FIA Media Delegate

### 3.2 Schedule during the rally (Times shown are Japan Standard Time (JST))

<b>Friday 4 November</b>		
12:00	Service Park open for all priority competitors	Toyota Stadium
<b>Saturday 5 November</b>		
07:00	Service Park open for all competitors	Toyota Stadium
08:00 - 20:00	Rally HQ open (Sub HQ)	Toyota Stadium
<b>Sunday 6 November</b>		
08:00 - 20:00	Rally HQ open (Sub HQ)	Toyota Stadium
09:00 - 15:00	Private Testing	Houroku
13:00 - 19:00	Administrative Checks upon individual invitations	Sub Rally HQ - Service Park
13:00 - 19:00	Collection of reconnaissance GPS trackers	SAS Office - Service Park
<b>Monday 7 November</b>		
06:00 - 16:30	Day1 Reconnaissance	
08:00 - 20:00	Rally HQ open	Sky Hall Toyota
15:00 - 19:00	Collection of FIA Safety Emergency Console	SAS Office · Service Park



Tuesday 8 November		
06:00 - 16:30	Day 2 Reconnaissance	
08:00 - 20:00	Rally HQ open	Sky Hall Toyota
12:00	Registration for route note cars closes (P1 crews only)	Rally HQ
14:00 - 20:00	Media centre open / media accreditation	Toyota Stadium
15:00 - 18:30	Rally tracking GPS unit available for collection	SAS Office · Service Park
Wednesday 9 November		
06:00 - 15:30	Day 3 Reconnaissance	
08:00 - 21:00	Rally HQ open	Sky Hall Toyota
08:00 - 18:00	Media centre open / Media accreditation	Toyota Stadium
09:00 - 12:00	Scrutineering & Sealing for Rally1 cars	Service Park
14:00 - 19:00	Scrutineering & component sealing for all other cars	Toyota Stadium
15:00 - 18:30	Return of reconnaissance GPS trackers	SAS Office · Service Park
16:00	WRC Team Managers meeting	Press Conference Room
17:00 - 17:30	Photographers briefing	Media Centre
19:00	Drivers' safety briefing (nominated drivers only)	Press Conference Room
20:00	Shakedown start list published	Digital Notice Board
Thursday 10 November		
08:00 - 22:00	Rally HQ open	Sky Hall Toyota
08:00 - 22:00	Media centre open	Toyota Stadium
08:00 - 18:00	Media accreditation	Media Centre
09:00 - 10:30	Shakedown - WRC P1 and nominated drivers	Kuragaike Park
10:30 - 12:30	Shakedown - all priority drivers	Kuragaike Park
11:30 - 13:00	Shakedown - available for all non-priority drivers	Kuragaike Park
14:00	FIA pre-rally Press Conference	Media Centre
15:00	Publication of Start List for Ceremonial Start and Section 1	Digital Notice Board
16:00	Helicopter pilot briefing	Rally HQ
16:50	Start ceremony	Toyota Stadium
17:00	Start of the Rally - Section 1	Toyota Stadium
18:28	End of Section 1	Toyota Stadium
Friday 11 November		
05:30 - 21:00	Rally HQ open	Sky Hall Toyota
05:30	Start of Section 1-B	Toyota Stadium
05:30 - 22:00	Media centre open	Toyota Stadium
19:00	Publication of Start List Section 4	Digital Notice Board
Saturday 12 November		
05:30 - 21:00	Rally HQ open	Sky Hall Toyota
05:49	Start of Section 4	Toyota Stadium
05:30 - 22:00	Media centre open	Toyota Stadium
20:00	Publication of Start List Section 7	Digital Notice Board

Sunday 13 November		
06:00 - 20:00	Rally HQ open	Sky Hall Toyota
06:37	Start of Section 7	Toyota Stadium
06:30 - 21:00	Media centre open	Toyota Stadium
14:18	Power Stage	Asahi kougen
15:00 - 19:00	Return of route note cars' GPS trackers	SAS Office · Service Park
15:15	Power Stage Podium Ceremony	Asahi kougen Genkimura
17:00	Podium Ceremony and Prize Giving	Toyota Stadium
17:30	Final Scrutineering	Toyota Stadium
17:30 - 19:00	Return of FIA Safety Emergency Console	SAS Office · Service Park
17:45	FIA post-rally Press Conference	Media Centre
19:30	Publication of provisional classification	Digital Notice Board
Monday 14 November		
08:00 - 12:00	Rally HQ open	Sky Hall Toyota

## 4 Entry details

### 4.1 Titles for which the rally counts

FIA World Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers  
 FIA World Rally Championship for Manufacturers  
 FIA World Rally Championship for Teams  
 FIA WRC2 Open Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers  
 FIA WRC2 Championship for Teams  
 FIA WRC2 Junior Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers  
 FIA WRC2 Masters Cup for Drivers and Co-drivers  
 FIA WRC3 Open Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers  
 FIA WRC3 Championship for Teams

### 4.2 Criteria for acceptance of entries and closing date

Those wishing to take part in FORUM 8 Rally Japan 2022 must submit official electronic entry form published on the FIA Website <https://registrations.fia.com/wrcjpn> duly completed before the closing date for entries.

By sending an electronic form, the competitor undertakes to abide by the rules and regulations of the competition. Competitors will sign the entry form during Administrative Checks.

All entry forms must be received by the close of entries on Tuesday 11 October at 17:00 JST (UTC +9 hours).

Competitors entering to the national classes will use a separate entry form available on the rally website once entries open.

### 4.3 Number of competitors accepted

The maximum number of entries is 60. If more than 60 entries are received the organisers reserve the right to extend this number and to decide which entries among the Non-priority drivers will be accepted.

Cars will be divided into classes (and groups) as indicated in the 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Art. 12.4.

### 4.4 Classes

**A** 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, Article 12.4 Classes of cars

CLASSES	GROUPS	
RC1	World Rally Cars: 1.6L turbo engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rally1 Cars complying with the 2022 Appendix J, Art. 262</li> <li>- World Rally Cars, complying with the 2021 Appendix J, Art. 255A, when the driver has not scored points for a WRC Manufacturer Team in the previous five (5) seasons (not a WRC Team as defined in Art. 5.3).</li> <li>- World Rally Cars homologated before 31.12.2013, complying with homologation extension 100/01 KSR and its WR extension, and with the 2013 Appendix J, Art. 255A. Only WRC cars with an FIA passport issued before 31/12/2016 are allowed</li> <li>- World Rally Cars homologated as from 01.01.2014, complying with homologation extension 200/01 WRC and with the 2016 Appendix J, Art. 255A. Only WRC cars with an FIA passport issued before 31/12/2016 are allowed.</li> <li>- World Rally Cars homologated as from 01.01.2015, complying with homologation extension 300/01 WRC and with the 2016 Appendix J, Art. 255A. Only WRC cars with an FIA passport issued before 31/12/2016 are allowed.</li> </ul>
RC2	Group Rally2 Group Rally2 Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group Rally2 cars conforming to the 2022 Appendix J, Art. 261.</li> <li>- Car fitted with Rally2 Kit cars conforming to the 2022 Appendix J, Art. 260E</li> </ul>
RGT	RGT cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group RGT cars conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 256.</li> <li>- Group RGT cars conforming to the 2022 Appendix J, Art. 256.</li> </ul>
RC3	Rally3 (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 927cc and up to 1620cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group Rally3 cars homologated from 01/01/2021 and conforming to the 2022 Appendix J, Art. 260.</li> </ul>
RC4	Rally4 (atmo over 1390cc and up to 2000cc - and turbo over 927cc and up to 1333cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group Rally4 cars homologated from 01/01/2019 and conforming to the 2021 Appendix J, Art. 260.</li> <li>- Group R2 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 and conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260.</li> </ul>
	R3 (atmo over 1600cc and up to 2000cc and turbo over 1067cc and up to 1333cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group R cars homologated before 31/12/2019 and conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 260.</li> </ul>
	R3 (turbo over 1620cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group R cars homologated before 31/12/2019 and conforming to the 2019 Appendix J, Art. 260.</li> </ul>
RC5	Rally5 (atmo up to 1600cc and turbo up to 1333cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group Rally5 cars homologated from 01/01/2019 and conforming to the 2022 Appendix J, Art. 260.</li> </ul>
	Rally5 (atmo up to 1600cc and turbo up to 1067cc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group R1 cars homologated before 31/12/2018 conforming to the 2018 Appendix J, Art. 260.</li> </ul>

**B** National / regional cars

Cars approved by JAF and proposed to the FIA can be entered under the provisions of Art. 12.3. These cars must, however, **fully comply with the safety requirements** as stipulated in the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix J, Art. 253, and with all other applicable provisions and procedures stipulated in the 2022 WRC Sporting Regulations (e.g. tyres, barcodes, fuel, restart regulations, etc.).

CLASSES		GROUPS
JRCar1	Over 2000cc	- Group NR4 over 2000cc (current N4) - AP4 - RJ Category (JAF regulations) - over 2000cc
JRCar2	Over 1601cc and up to 2000cc	- Group N4 over 1601cc and up to 2000cc - RJ Category (JAF regulations) - 2WD turbo / over 942cc and up to 1600cc / nominal
JRCar3	Up to 1600cc	- RJ Category (JAF regulations) - up to 1600cc

#### 4.5 List of entry fees – WRC Championship

Under agreement between WRC Promoter and SAN'S INC. entry fees for Manufacturer and WRC Team, including all WRC competitors in all WRC Championships (WRC, WRC2, WRC3 as defined in the FIA WRC Sporting Regulations) are waived for Rally Japan 2022.

#### 4.6 List of entry fees – non-priority drivers

All fees below include 10% Consumption Tax

Entry fee:	450,000 JPY
Reconnaissance only:	100,000 JPY
Auxiliary plate (each):	50,000 JPY

#### 4.7 Private Testing

Test runs will be conducted as outlined below.

Date: Sunday, November 6, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Houroku Forest Road

Eligibility: All competitors except those entered in class RC1.

Fee: 50,000 JPY (tax included) per vehicle. Priority drivers are exempted from the fee.

For more information and to register, please see Rally Guide 2.

## 4.8 Entry packages for non-priority drivers

Vehicle Plates	Service	1
	Auxiliary	1
Administration	Regulations	Available on <a href="http://rally-japan.jp">rally-japan.jp</a>
	Rally Guide 2	Available on <a href="http://rally-japan.jp">rally-japan.jp</a>
	Road Book set	2
	Route Map	2
	Programme	5
Event-issued Passes	Driver/co-driver	2
	Team guest	1 (accessible to SS spectator area)
	Team member	5 (inaccessible to SS spectator area)

## 5 Service Park

### 5.1 Service Park information

The Service Park will be located at Toyota Stadium with the following GPS coordinates: **N35 05 04.4 E137 10 15.4**

Detailed final layout of the Service Park and extensive information will be available on the website in due time.

FIA priority competitors can access the Service Park from 12:00 on Friday 4 November. Non-priority competitors can access the Service Park from 7:00 on Saturday 5 November.

Flexi Service, in accordance with the 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations Art. 59, will apply for the end of each day service.

### 5.2 Facilities at the Service Park

The following facilities and services will be provided at various points around the Service Park:

- Toilets
- Waste collection  
*For national competitors; please take your waste home with you.*
- Lightings (partially)

The following can be provided by the organiser for a fee upon prior request:

- Private toilets
- Hazardous waste collection
- Private security
- Telephone and private internet access
- Power supply (Electricity; 100V at 60Hz)
- Water supply
- Tents and any necessary office supplies

To order these facilities please use the “Service Park Facilities Order Form” from website.



- Each competitor will be provided with the following area within the Service Park:
- WRC Registered as published by FIA (WRC Sporting Regulations Appendix VI)
  - Non-priority service bays 5mx7.5m or as agreed.

### 5.3 Bringing your own fuel into the Service Park

The amount of fuel brought into the Service Park must be less than 40 liters (including for generators) per team under the Fire Service Act in Japan.

## 6 Two-way radio

The use of two-way radio is strictly regulated in Japan. Those wishing to use a two-way radio communication equipment must contact Rally Japan Administrative Office <[entry@rally-japan.jp](mailto:entry@rally-japan.jp)> by Tuesday 16 August. Specifications such as the frequency, model number and transmission output of the radio should be provided.

## 7 Fuel / Tyres

### 7.1 FIA fuel

Please note that P1 Racing Fuels is the new FIA fuel supplier for year 2022. The use of FIA fuel is obligatory for all priority drivers (FIA WRC, Art. 62.1.1). Non-priority drivers may choose to use FIA fuel or commercially available pump fuel at petrol stations, designated by the organiser.

Those competitors who have not used P1 Racing Fuel before, should make sure that their cars are compatible with this fuel (engine mapping etc.). P1 Racing Fuels also urges all competitors to carefully read the official letter concerning technical items, which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3H8tGVD> . Also, consult your car manufacturer for correct oil specification to be used.

No later than 13 weeks prior to the event (Friday 12 August 2022), the competitors must notify their fuel requirements to the sole supplier P1 Racing Fuels at the following address <https://bit.ly/3wChFTe>, where you can find all necessary information.

P1 Racing Fuels contact details: [info@p1racingfuels.com](mailto:info@p1racingfuels.com)

### 7.2 Refueling

FIA Fuel will be available only at the designated Refuel Zones (RZ) indicated in the Road Book (Service Park and three Remote Refuel Zones shown on Art. 7.3 below).

Non-priority drivers may use commercially available pump fuel. This fuel must be dispensed directly into the competing car from pumps at service stations marked in the Road Book.

### 7.3 Remote Refuel Zones

Three Remote Refuel Zones (FIA fuel only) will be established as follows:

- Friday 11 November following SS3 & SS6 in Inabu N35 13 02.2 E137 30 34.5
- Saturday 12 November following SS9 & SS12 in Tsukude N34 58 34.1 E137 25 26.8
- Sunday 13 November following SS17 in Nakatsugawa N35 29 47.4 E137 30 22.6

#### 7.4 Safety fuel tanks

All cars must be fitted with an FIA approved safety fuel tank as defined in the FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix J, Art. 253.14. See also FIA Technical List No. 1. [www.fia.com/regulation/category/761](http://www.fia.com/regulation/category/761)

Fuel tanks must be fitted with FIA-specified refuel couplings (FIA WRC, Art. 62.3.2). Non-priority drivers' cars which have the fuel tank in a separated place (trunk) with a firewall between this space and the cockpit, may have a normal cap for refueling directly from a pump pistol.

All non-priority competitors using pump fuel are reminded to pay attention to FIA WRC, Art. 62.3.7: cars equipped solely with FIA-specified refuel couplings and using commercially available pump fuel at service stations must transport the adaptor in the car and show it at pre-event scrutineering.

#### 7.5 FIA fuel sample couplings

Cars of the FIA priority drivers must be fitted with FIA fuel sample couplings. See FIA WRC, Art. 62.3.5 and FIA Technical List No. 5.

#### 7.6 Tyres (road surface: tarmac)

All competitors are reminded to comply with the 2022 WRC Sporting Regulations, Art.13 regarding tyres that may be used.

The FIA has nominated the following tyre supplier for the 2022 World Rally Championship:

**Pirelli Pneumatici S.p.A.**

Viale Piero e Aberto Pirelli n. 25 I-20126

Milano Italy Website: [www.pirelli.com](http://www.pirelli.com)

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Testoni Telephone: +39

(0)335 1227 136

Email: [terenzio.testoni@pirellif1.com](mailto:terenzio.testoni@pirellif1.com)

All competitors entered with a 4WD car must use tyres supplied by Pirelli (this applies also to those 4WD cars entered in National classes).

For 2WD cars the tyre manufacturer is free, but Articles 13.3.1 and 13.3.2 of the 2022 WRC Sporting Regulations must be complied with. For RGT cars, see Articles 13.4.1 and 13.4.2.

Tyre orders from Pirelli must be made by Monday 29 August at the latest, using the form available on the Rally Japan website.

## 8 Import of vehicles and spare parts/ driving in Japan

### 8.1 Driving of foreign-registered vehicles on domestic public roads

In order to run competition vehicles, recce-vehicles and service vehicles registered outside Japan, a temporary operation permit (temporary number plate) must be issued by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MLT) through organizer.

To apply for a temporary operation permit, the vehicle registration card and vehicle inspection certificate are required. As the application process takes time, please send a copy of the required documents to the following address by 30<sup>th</sup> September prior to entry: [rjentrant@rally-japan.jp](mailto:rjentrant@rally-japan.jp)

Please note you will be required a separate fee of getting the temporary operation permit number plate. Also, you must order via the official freight agency of Rally Japan (Please see below) regarding import/export and transportation in Japan, to ensure accurate and quick response. If you don't order through them, we cannot arrange the temporary number plate.

(1) **ATA CARNET** can be used for the following - vehicles/tools/parts/tyres (those are to be re-exported after the event), and promotional items. All of the items imported under ATA Carnet are to be re-exported after the rally. Even if it is temporary, the import of contraband goods is prohibited.

(2) **PRO FORMA INVOICE** - please check with the official freight agency of Rally Japan (CARS JAPAN Co.,Ltd.) on use of pro forma invoices.

**Important notice** Those wishing to import high pressure gas cylinders and other hazardous materials, foods, tableware and medical supplies must go through a cumbersome procedure coming with a cost and time-consuming paperwork to obtain special permission. On top of that, the procedure must be made by yourself. Therefore, we recommend procuring these items locally rather than importing them. The organisers plan to arrange for the sale of nitrogen gas and argon gas, as well as the rental of welding machine and other equipment.

Contact the official freight agency below for importing vehicles and goods for Rally Japan:

**CARS JAPAN Co.,Ltd.**

3F-B, 15-6 Honmokuhara, Nakaku, Yokohama, Kanagawa 231-0821, Japan

Telephone: +81 (0)45 306 7043 FAX: +81 (0)45 305 3630

E-mail: Mr Shin'ichi Morii <[shinichi@carsjp.net](mailto:shinichi@carsjp.net)>

### 8.2 Vehicle regulations

All vehicles taking part in Rally Japan must comply with and observe all the relevant domestic laws and regulations such as the Road Vehicles Act and the Road Traffic Law, as well as JAF National Sporting Regulations for Vehicles (lighting devices, noise level, etc) except when Appendix J of the FIA International Sporting Code defines otherwise. For vehicles that are not permanently registered in Japan, a documents (a) below are required and must be carried in the vehicles at all times. All rally cars, recce cars and



service cars that you drive on public roads are required to have (b) Rally Car Insurance.

(a) **'Jibaiseki', compulsory insurance.** All vehicles (including rally cars, all foreign registered vehicles, and domestically registered cars), that drive on public roads in Japan are required to be covered by it. Insurance premium for rally cars is included in their entry fee while it can be purchased at 7,000JPY for foreign vehicles not registered in Japan.

(b) **Rally Car Insurance** (third party insurance). This is required for rally cars and recce cars. The insurance premium is 46,000JPY.

Those wishing to apply for the above (b) are required to complete an order form available at the rally website in due time.

### 8.3 Conditions on driving in Japan

- (1) International visitors shall have a valid Japanese license or International Driving Permits (IDPs) issued by a signatory to the 1949 Geneva Convention in conformity with the Convention's provisions are recognized as valid for driving in Japan. An IDP on the other conventions or treaties, including the 1969 Vienna Convention, is invalid even if it is issued by a signatory to the 1949 Geneva Convention.

In addition, the following conditions must be satisfied: The IDP shall be valid for one year from the date of issue while you shall be allowed to drive with it for one year from the date of your entry into Japan.

List of the contracting states of the Convention at Geneva 1949:

[https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetailsV.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=XI-B-1&chapter=11&Temp=mtdsg5&clang=\\_en](https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetailsV.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XI-B-1&chapter=11&Temp=mtdsg5&clang=_en)

- (2) Those who possess a driving license issued in Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium, Monaco or Taiwan meeting the following requirements will be allowed to drive in Japan. A Japanese translation prepared by an entity specified by law must be carried along with the original license.  
Entities allowed by law to prepare the translation of the driving license are as follows:
- The issuing authority of the license, or the embassy or consulate of the issuing country in Japan
  - Taiwan-Japan Relations Association for Taiwanese license
  - Japan Automobile Federation (JAF) Details could be found on the JAF website:  
<https://english.jaf.or.jp/driving-in-japan/drive-in-japan/switch-to-japanese-license>

- (3) If your driving license is not any of the above, you will be required to take a practical test and obtain a local license with 'Gaimen Kirikae' procedure.

Detail on Gaimen Kirikae is available on the JAF website:

[Information on the Japanese Translation for Switching a Foreign Driver's License to a Japanese License \(jaf.or.jp\)](https://www.jaf.or.jp/info/foreign_driver_license_translation.html)

Note1: Now that the Republic of Estonia has joined the Geneva Convention on Road Traffic, it is possible to drive in Japan with a convention approved International Driving Permit. This means that you may no longer drive in Japan with an Estonian driver's license accompanied by a Japanese Translation. If you plan to drive in Japan, please consider other means such as obtaining an International Driving Permit under the Geneva Convention.

Note2: In 'Gaimen Kirikae', the place of residence in Japan must be specified. For FORUM8 Rally Japan 2022, please make sure to specify "your place of stay (hotel, etc.) in Aichi Prefecture". For 'Gaimen Kirikae', the procedure must be completed at the designated Driver's License Examination Center. The Gaimen Kirikae procedure will be conducted on the date designated by the Rally Japan Secretariat, so you need to arrange your schedule well in advance of your arrival in Japan. Please be sure to contact the Rally Japan office in advance.

#### **Useful links:**

Foreign Driver's Licenses and International Driving Permits

[https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic\\_safety/drivers\\_licenses/index.html](https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic_safety/drivers_licenses/index.html)

Valid Driving License in Japan

<https://english.jaf.or.jp/driving-in-japan/drive-in-japan>

Driving a Motor Vehicle in Japan

<https://english.jaf.or.jp/safe-driving/traffic-rules-in-japan>

Traffic Rules

[https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic\\_safety/traffic\\_rules/index.html](https://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/multilingual/english/traffic_safety/traffic_rules/index.html)

Rules of the Road

<https://english.jaf.or.jp/driving-in-japan/rules-of-the-road>

National Police Agency - Traffic Bureau

<https://www.npa.go.jp/english/bureau/traffic/index.html>

## 9 Helicopters

### 9.1 Registration process

All helicopters flying in support of the rally must be registered with the organiser. There will be a standard protocol to control rally airspace and only registered aircraft will be permitted to fly in this space. A helicopter registration fee will be charged. A schedule of landing sites and GPS coordinates will be available later on, which will include the Special Stages and the Service Park. Attendance at the pilot's briefing is obligatory for all pilots.

Applications for helicopter registrations close on Tuesday 17 August at 18:00.

Contact: [entry@rally-japan.jp](mailto:entry@rally-japan.jp)

### 9.2 Helicopter suppliers

The preferred helicopter suppliers to Rally Japan are:

**Aero Asahi Corporation**  
Mr Ken Suwa  
[kenichirou-suwa@aeroasahi.co.jp](mailto:kenichirou-suwa@aeroasahi.co.jp)

**Nakanihon Air Service**  
[www.nnk.co.jp/en/](http://www.nnk.co.jp/en/)

## 10 Hospitality arrangements

Those wishing to offer hospitality to your VIP clients, please contact Rally Japan Administrative Office.

## 11 Accommodation

JTB is the official travel agency of Rally Japan. They will provide a wide range of services including airport pick up and accommodation to the Rally Japan competitors and all other people involved in the event. *\*Accommodation is not included in the entry fee.*

Accommodation booking from inside Japan can be made online by clicking on the following link (available in Japanese language only): <https://amarys-jtb.jp/rj2022/>

To book accommodation from outside Japan, please contact JTB Business Network. E-mail: [rally\\_travel@jtb.com](mailto:rally_travel@jtb.com)

## 12 Media

### 12.1 Contacts before the event

**FIA WRC Media Delegate: Mrs. Vera Dussausaye**

Telephone: +41 22 544 45 48

Mobile: +41 78 978 96 99

E-mail: [vdussausaye@fia.com](mailto:vdussausaye@fia.com)

Website: [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com)

**National press officer: Akira Amiya**

Telephone: +81 (0)TBA

Mobile: +81 (0)TBA

E-mail: [media@rally-japan.jp](mailto:media@rally-japan.jp)

Website: <https://rally-japan.jp>

## 12.2 Accreditation procedure

Media accreditation and media attendance for FORUM 8 Rally Japan 2022 is subject to FIA confirmation given the particular context caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. FIA, WRC Promotor and the FORUM 8 Rally Japan 2022 organisers are working on guidelines, which will be published once details are confirmed. Until then, media accreditation for FORUM 8 Rally Japan 2022 is not open. Nevertheless, any media representative wishing to join the event should express an intention to attend by sending an email to:

- National media: National Press Officer, Akira Amiya [media@rally-japan.jp](mailto:media@rally-japan.jp)
- International media: FIA Media Delegate, Vera Dussausaye [vdussausaye@fia.com](mailto:vdussausaye@fia.com)
- National and International TV media: WRC Promoter GmbH [accreditation@wrc.com](mailto:accreditation@wrc.com)

## 12.3 Types of accreditations

There are two types of accreditations: **Event Accreditation** and **Permanent Accreditation**. Event Accreditation is issued to media organisations and individuals on a temporary, event by event basis. Permanent Accreditation is issued by the FIA to media organisations and individuals who attend the majority of events throughout the season.

## 12.4 Event accreditation process

Applications from Japanese organisations and individuals representing press, radio and websites must be received by the Rally Japan National Press Officer between Monday 5 September and Wednesday 19 October. Guidelines and an application form will be available on the event website closer to the event. The application form with supporting documentation may be submitted online to: [media@rally-japan.jp](mailto:media@rally-japan.jp)

Accreditation requests for nationally-based media must be sent until Wednesday 19 October. International media (news and photo agencies, print and web media) based outside of the event's country, as well as national news agencies, must apply through the FIA AMS platform: <http://wrc.ams.fia.com/> Applying media outlet are required to upload a formal application letter signed by the Chief editor of the publication or agency, as well as recent proofs of publication of the journalist or photographer to be accredited. No document should be sent on email.

International radio and TV media must apply through WRC Promoter:  
[accreditation@wrc.com](mailto:accreditation@wrc.com)

Media personnel of teams competing in the FORUM 8 Rally Japan 2022 must apply through WRC Promoter: [accreditation@wrc.com](mailto:accreditation@wrc.com)

**NOTE:** Website media will be given only one journalist credential and website photographer will not be accredited.

**Media accreditation and attendance on FORUM 8 Rally Japan 2022 may be subject to modified terms under COVID-19 regulations. All attendees including the media will be required to comply with the COVID protocol as defined by the event organisers whenever applicable.**

Rally Japan’s guidelines for infectious disease control will be issued separately prior to the event, reflecting government guidance and FIA regulations regarding the control of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Please check the guidelines and bulletins that will be issued during the event, and always act in accordance with them.

## 13 Medical and safety services

### 13.1 Emergency numbers

Ambulance/Fire: 119  
Police: 110

### 13.2 Medical services

#### Aichi Medical University Hospital

1-1 Yazakokarimata, Nagakute, Aichi  
N35 11 29.4 E137 02 55.8  
TEL +81 (0)561 62 3311  
[www.aichi-med-u.ac.jp/hospital/](http://www.aichi-med-u.ac.jp/hospital/)

#### Gifu University Hospital

1-1 Yanagido, Gifu, Gifu  
N35 28 06.9 E136 44 01.1  
TEL +81 (0)58 230 6000  
[www.hosp.gifu-u.ac.jp](http://www.hosp.gifu-u.ac.jp)

### 13.3 Towing

All breakdown services used in a special stage or on a road section are at the cost of the competitor, even if that service is carried out using the organisation resources.

The Rally Japan preferred towing suppliers are:

#### KUNO Rescue Service

Telephone: +81 (0)90 3224 7399

#### JAF Roadside Assistance

Telephone: +81 (0)570 00 8139 (call centre)

### 13.4 Pharmacies (drugstores near the Service Park)

	Location (GPS Coordinates)	Phone	Shop Hours
V · Drug Toyota, Koromo Store	N35 05 02.0 E137 09 46.0	0565 37 8855	9:00 - 21:00
Sugi Drug, Jin-naka Store	N35 05 40.0 E137 09 52.4	0565 85 8810	10:00 - 22:00
Drug Sugiyama, Misato Store	N35 04 58.0 E137 10 52.1	0565 87 1171	10:00 - 21:00
B&D, Toyota Matsugae Store	N35 04 38.7 E137 09 34.1	0565 41 3303	10:00 - 21:00
Sugi Drug, Motomiya Store	N35 04 20.4 E137 09 49.0	0565 36 0160	9:00 - 22:00

**14 List of useful facts****14.1 Airport - Chubu Centrair International Airport (NGO)**

Aichi has Chubu International Airport which is one of the Asian hub airports, with flying to 30 international destinations and to 19 domestic destinations. It is located 40 min drive from the centre of Nagoya, and less than 30 min by Meitetsu rapid train.

**14.2 Train**

Nagoya is a city with good access by Shinkansen bullet train approximately 100 minutes from Tokyo and 50 min from Osaka. For access from Nagoya station to the Toyota Stadium (Toyota-shi station), see [Toyota Stadium website](#). It takes approx. 70-80 minutes by train.

Shuttle bus service from the Chubu Centrair International Airport to Toyota-shi station is also available. It takes approx. 80minutes.

**14.3 Domestic Transportation**

Rally Japan's recommended domestic transportation company is TRANCOM Co., Ltd. They can meet the various needs of race-related transportation, storage, and other logistics operations for race participants and related parties.

TRANCOM Co.,Ltd.

Telephone: +81(0)52387 6766

E-mail: Mr. Tetsuyuki Hani [t\\_hani@trancom.co.jp](mailto:t_hani@trancom.co.jp)

**14.4 Time Zone**

Time zone in Japan is JST, UTC+9 hours (November)

**14.5 Sunrise / sunset**

6:22 / 16:49 in Toyota City on 11 November.

**14.6 Average temperature / rainy days**

High 19°C / Low 7°C; on average five rainy days in November (Toyota City).

**14.7 Currency**

The currency is Japanese Yen (JPY/¥). Banknotes and coins are identified easily. There are ¥1,000, ¥2,000, ¥5,000 and ¥10,000 banknotes; and ¥1, ¥5, ¥10, ¥50, ¥100 and ¥500 coins.

Exchange rate as of 8 July: €1 = approx. ¥138.

Japan is more of a cash-based society though major credit cards are now widely accepted especially in most large-scale retailers and hotels. You can buy Yen at Authorized Foreign Exchange banks, major post offices, international airports and other authorized money exchanger hotels and department stores.

**14.8 Tax**

The Consumption Tax in Japan currently is 10%. Although all price tags must display total amount with tax included, some are not actually the case.



### 14.9 Tipping

Tipping is not a common practice in Japan.

### 14.10 Electricity

The voltage commonly used in Japan is 100 volts, and frequency in Aichi is 60Hz. Plug type is as same as those used in USA and Canada

### 14.11 Mobile phone

While most of the modern mobile phones can be used in Japan, many older phones may not work due to different technologies. Most importantly, GSM-only phones do not work as there is no GSM network in Japan.

### 14.12 Embassies

Check the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Foreign Missions in Japan: [www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb\\_cons/protocol/index.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/protocol/index.html)

Embassies & Consulates: [www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb\\_cons/over/index.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/about/emb_cons/over/index.html)

### 14.13 Visas

Japan is supposed to offer visa exemption to 68 countries and territories in ordinary times, but it is now under suspension, with the exception of certain areas, in order to strengthen border enforcement to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (as announced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 26 March 2021). Please contact the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country of residence before you commence your visit to Japan. Please also check the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website for the latest information on travelling to Japan, or contact the Japanese Embassy/Consulate General in your country or region.

[www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page25e\\_000326.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page25e_000326.html)

### 14.14 Entry restrictions due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection

For information on restrictions on entering Japan regarding measures against novel coronavirus infection, please refer to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

[http://www.mofa.go.jp/p\\_pd/pds/page22e\\_000910.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/p_pd/pds/page22e_000910.html)

### 14.15 Coronavirus infection control

Rally Japan Administrative Office will issue a protocol of coronavirus infection at a later date. Please follow the guideline provided.