

ROLES IN RALLYING

It is a great idea to try volunteering in a few different areas to see what you enjoy most. Some of these may seem a bit daunting at first, but you will have people to coach you through the process. Again, if you're not sure which best suits you don't worry – you can always try more than one.

- **Secretariat** - The first people that drivers, officials and others meet when attending an event – involves admin based work.
- **Timing** – Timing teams are based out on the route at the starts and finishes or in the Service Park. In this position, you will use timing devices and communicate with drivers/co-drivers.
- **Safety** – There are a large number of safety related roles and all are critical to the safe running of a rally. Tasks are varied and you could be based at a specific spot on the rally route, managing spectators, setting up spectator points, dealing with competitors and other officials.
- **Block Marshal** - In this position, you are based at a particular corner or spectator spot on the route and are there to ensure the safety of spectators
- **Service Park** – These team members help out in the Service Park, directing competition cars
- **Rally Control** – Rally Control is all about comms – it is where the rally is directed from via radio.



NEW VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK

Welcome to Rally New Zealand! Thanks for volunteering, it is great to have you onboard. This handbook provides some initial background information to help you prepare for your first event.

QUALITIES THAT MAKE A GOOD MOTORSPORT VOLUNTEER:

- A volunteer can anticipate what is going to happen and what he/she is going to do about it.
- A volunteer understands that motorsport is dangerous and how they can contribute to safety on event.
- A volunteer is quick thinking, co-operative and a team person.
- A volunteer is focussed on their role. You are not there to get better spectator access, take photos, or hunt for autographs.
- A volunteer enjoys working with others and has a good sense of humour
- A volunteer asks questions. Be sure of your duties and the expectations of the team you are supporting.
- A volunteer is resilient. You may be on your feet for extended periods of time in any kind of weather
- A volunteer looks after the environment and makes sure we leave as little impact on the area as possible. Refill drink bottles, clean up waste, report and clean up any spills

HOW THE DAY WILL RUN

A typical day volunteering for Rally New Zealand begins early, usually around 6.30am – some volunteers go straight out to a stage, and others start at HQ or the Service Park (this does change depending on the event, so make sure your Team Leader confirms this with you!). You will be buddied up and/or given a Team Leader to advise you where to go (you are welcome to indicate which roles you might be interested in, or we will place you somewhere that needs an extra helper on the day).

The days can be long, breaks are often sporadic – so always check with your Team Leader when the best time is to take a break if you need one.

Rallies go on rain, hail or shine, and often don't finish till the sun is going down. Make sure you check out the info on what to bring to an event to ensure that you stay comfortable!

Make sure you have a phone number for your team leader so that you can get in touch in case of any emergencies on the day, or call 0800 RALLYE to get hold of Rally HQ in an emergency.

WHAT TO BRING ON EVENT

So, you've signed up, let the team know you're coming - but what do you bring? We've put together some suggestions of what you should have on any given weekend.

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| → Sun screen | → Insect Repellent |
| → Sun hat | → Jumper or sweatshirt - think layers! |
| → Waterproof Coat, trousers and gloves (gloves optional) | → Spare socks |
| → Change of clothes kept in your vehicle in case you get wet | → Ear plugs |
| → Lunch, snacks and extra Fluids and Food. It's always better to have too much than too little. You may not have time to buy food or be stationed in a remote location away from shops. | → Waterproof Footwear (sturdy boots or shoes) |
| → Whistle – great for getting attention of drivers or spectators when necessary. | → Sun glasses or protective eye wear |
| → Pen and notebook | → Small towel (can be worn around your neck during heavy rain or hot sun) |
| | → Small first aid kit |
| | → Umbrella |
| | → Phone charger |

Also note: Transport to the event and accommodation is the responsibility of the volunteer. Often the Rally NZ office will have a discounted rate available at a local Motel, but you will need to ensure you make a booking and pay for it. A small reimbursement may be provided.