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ALRC COMPETITION REGULATION CHANGES FOR CONSULTATION

Date of Meeting discussed	16 th November 2024
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Section I – Point to Point & Team Recovery Specific Technical Regulation

Seat Belts in Team Recovery

Current text:

Section I – Point to Point & Team Recovery – Specific Technical Regulations

I.5. SEAT & SEAT-BELTS

~~I.5.1 In Point to Points a minimum of a 3 point fixing safety belt with two shoulder straps and one abdominal strap to be worn by all occupants whilst the vehicle is in motion. DELETED~~

I.5.1 A minimum of a three point harness is required by all occupants. (A three point is defined as comprising of two merged shoulder and one lap strap with three anchorage points on the chassis / body shell or roll over bar of the vehicle on either In Point to Points a minimum of a 3 point fixing safety belt with two shoulder straps and one abdominal strap to be worn by all occupants whilst the vehicle is in motion. (Implemented 8th February 2024).

I.5.2. All occupants must be properly seated.”

Proposed text:

I.5. SEAT & SEAT-BELTS

I.5.1 In Point to Points a minimum of a 4 point fixing safety belt with two shoulder straps and one abdominal strap to be worn by all occupants whilst the vehicle is in motion.

I.5.2 In Team Recovery, a minimum of a lap strap (as design intended) to be worn whilst the vehicle is in motion.

I.5.3 All occupants must be properly seated whilst the vehicle is in motion.

Explanation and comment:

Reinstate and amend the previous I.5.1 (currently deleted) because there is no intention to change point-to-point apart from updating the clause to refer to minimum four-point belt (as in Timed Trial clause H.2.1 and consistent with the requirement for Competitive Safari).

Allow lap strap only in TR, due to the impracticality and risk of misuse/poor adjustment of “full harness” belts in that discipline. Note that MSUK regulations do not require any seat belts at all in TR but the proposers feel that there should be lap straps used, as they have been for most of the history of ALRC TR events up to February 2024.

Clarify in I.5.3 that being seated applies only when the vehicle is moving, to allow for drivers to get out of the vehicle to manage ropes etc.

Concern was expressed concern that this makes the regulation for lap belts a lower requirement than those for CCV. However, it was reminded that MSUK do not require a belt at all.

here have been no known claims resulting from Team Recovery events.