



# Rules for the German Vespa Rally

This event is a tourist event organized by the Vespa Club of Germany (VCVD) with the support of a local club.

## Chapter 1: General Characteristics

### 1a. Type of Event

The event is a tourist regularity competition with a prescribed average speed of approximately 30 km/h. All riders must follow a designated route described in a Road Book (RB) provided by the organizer. The race takes place in public traffic areas; therefore, participants must adhere to local traffic regulations. Along the scenic route, there may be passage controls with and without time specifications (time stamp checks, TSC, and stamp checks, SC) as well as entry checkpoints for regularity tests (entry time checks, ETC). In the special stage (SS), the rider must demonstrate their ability to maintain the course, adhere to the average speed, and showcase general riding skills.

### 1b. Route Length

The route must be at least 150 km long and should not exceed 220 km. Each organizer may extend the route by agreement. The entire event must last longer than one day. On the first day of competition, 2/3 of the route, but at least 90 km, should be covered. Changes must be submitted to VCVD.

## Chapter 2: Technical Data

### 2a. Components

All events throughout the weekend must include at least:

- Two or more passage controls (SC)
- One or more hidden passage controls (HSC) – hidden means "not noted in the Road Book" but clearly visible on the route
- Four entry time controls (ETC)
- Eight or more special stages (SS)

TSCs can be optionally included.



The number of SCs is left to the discretion of the organizing club but must be positioned to detect any possible illegal shortcuts. The distances between checkpoints are freely selectable but should be evenly distributed. All section routes and special stages must be clearly marked. Passing a checkpoint does not automatically mean it was completed correctly, but it allows checkpoint personnel to assign penalty points (e.g., violation of the no-stop rule or exceeding speed limits).

## **2b. Passage Controls (SC)**

A passage control is a mandatory checkpoint along the route to ensure participants follow the correct path. The checkpoints must be recorded in the Road Book in sequential order. The symbols used in the competition are explained in Appendix A. The SC must be documented on the stamp card by event personnel. In the case of a self-check, documentation must be done independently.

## **2c. Stamp Controls with Time Specification (TSC)**

A stamp control with a time requirement is a mandatory checkpoint to test a participant's speed compliance. Participants may only leave this point at their assigned time. A late arrival of up to 30 minutes after the given personal time is permitted. The marshal will authorize further travel.

## **2d. Entry Time Controls (ETC)**

Entry time controls are mandatory checkpoints where the average speed is tested. All entry times are recorded on each participant's time card. Participants must pass the ETC within 5 seconds of their assigned entry time. Any further discrepancies result in penalty points. "No-stop" zones are established before and after the checkpoint (stopping, stalling, or placing a foot on the ground is not allowed and results in penalty points). Timing is recorded using a light barrier, positioned no more than 30 cm above the ground (recommended height: 25 cm). Participants must wait for an individual start signal before the "no-stop" zone. Starting without a signal is penalized. Late participants must wait for a new start time, which will be scheduled so they start at the end of the group to avoid disturbing other participants. This new schedule will be given verbally and then in writing.

## **2e. Special Stage (SS)**

The special stage is a designated track in a closed-off area where each participant must complete two runs in the same direction. It may consist of multiple time



measurements. The track layout must be clearly recognizable, and the special stage must contain at least two time measurements.

Start and finish must be clearly marked. Completing the course should not take longer than 30 seconds. The time difference between the first and second runs results in penalty points (regularity!).

Structure of a Special Stage: "Non-stop" zone – Entry Time Control – one or more designated track sections between light barriers – "non-stop" zone. If the same special stage is conducted at two different locations, the track layout and surface conditions must be identical.

Examples of Penalty Calculation:

1st run: 15.0 sec, 2nd run: 15.3 sec = 6 penalty points

1st run: 16.0 sec, 2nd run: 15.9 sec = 2 penalty points

(2 penalty points per 1/10 sec deviation)

## **2f. Timing Zones/Entry Time Controls and Special Tracks**

These zones are clearly marked. Access to the timing zone is restricted to event personnel. Anyone entering these areas without permission will receive penalty points. Organizers must plan safety zones for participants and personnel.

## **2g. Road Book (RB)**

The organizer prepares a route description (Road Book), which must include:

- Individual distances and total distance in meters or kilometers from the start to each significant direction change, such as intersections along the route. If no instructions are given, the current road must be followed.
- The expected duration based on the mandatory average speed.

The Road Books must be printed in DIN A5 format and provided as a PDF document. Additionally, they should be available in English if necessary.

An emergency phone number should be listed in an appropriate place.

## **2h. Time Cards**

Each participant must have a time card. The control times for each participant must be specified.



## **Chapter 3: Insurance, Participants, and Vehicles**

### **3a. Participants**

Any participant who is a member of an official Vespa club may take part in the competition. They are encouraged to attach their club banner to the front of their vehicle. The start number issued by the organizer must be visibly attached to the front of the vehicle. Minors require written parental consent. The VCVD, together with the organizer, may accept participants who are not members of a Vespa club (so-called Wild Cards).

Participants must present a valid driver's license. Protective gear, including a helmet, gloves, closed sturdy shoes, long pants covering the knees when seated, and a long-sleeved top covering the elbows, is mandatory. Sandals, shorts, and short-sleeved tops are insufficient and will result in penalty points.

Passengers are allowed but must adhere to the same clothing regulations, with penalty points for violations.

### **3b. Teams**

Teams of three riders can be formed. Two team members must belong to the same club. The team name consists of the club name and may be supplemented with a number.

### **3c. Briefing/Instructions/Meetings**

The organizer must conduct a briefing before the start and at other important times to communicate changes. All participants must attend. The briefing is held in German and includes a Q&A session on rules and regulations. English translation is available if needed.

### **3d. Vehicles**

Any Vespa model and its licensed replicas may participate. The competition is divided into categories:

- Wide-frame
- All other manual transmission scooters (Large-frame, Small-frame)
- Automatic scooters (including PK automatic and ET2-4 series)



Vehicles must be:

- Roadworthy and have a valid technical inspection (TÜV)
- Registered with valid papers
- Insured

Vehicles will be inspected upon registration. Non-compliant vehicles may be disqualified.

### **3e. Parc Fermé**

The Parc Fermé is a restricted area located near the rally's starting point. Vehicles are inspected there as described in section 3d. After inspection, vehicles must be parked in the Parc Fermé. They must be placed there no later than 45 minutes before the first start and may not be moved from this area except for authorized exceptions. Riders must leave the Parc Fermé immediately after parking their vehicles. Participants may retrieve their vehicles from the Parc Fermé 15 minutes before the first start.

### **3f. Special Equipment**

All accessory parts are permitted. Any type of stopwatch is allowed; however, they must not emit any signals other than displaying the time.

## **Chapter 4: Points, Penalties, and Awards**

### **4a. Penalties**

The time unit (TU) applicable to all ETCs and SSs when using a light barrier system is 0.1 seconds (1/10th of a second). The deviation between the given time (as recorded on the time card or based on the first run) and the measured time determines the number of penalty points.



#### 4b. Penalty List

Number of Penalty Points	Reason
1	For each TU deviation too early or too late at the ETC (Entry Time Control)
2	For each TU deviation between the first and second run in every SS (Special Stage)
10	For knocking over or bypassing cones or other obstacles during SS rounds (no penalty if the cones/objects are touched but not
30	For each foot that touches the ground within the "non-stop" zone and the SS
30	For riding in the wrong direction or missing the designated track in the SS
100	For stalling the engine or stopping the vehicle in non-stop rounds (riders may restart the vehicle without penalty)
100	For receiving a new entry time
100	For late arrival or unauthorized departure from Parc Fermé
100	For an authorized Vespa swap within the same category
100	For inappropriate protective clothing (per clothing item)
500	For missing an ETC, SS, SC, TSC, or HSC
500	For an unauthorized vehicle swap
500	For losing the time card
500	For incorrect or improperly placed start number
500	In case of violation of rules from 2f and 3e
Disqualification	For dangerous or unsportsmanlike behavior during the event



#### **4c. Tie Breaker**

In the event of a tie in points, the better result in the 1st SS, 2nd SS, etc., will determine the ranking. If a tie still persists, the 1st ETC, 2nd ETC, etc., will be used as tie breakers.

#### **4d. Awards**

At each event, the top ten overall, as well as the top three in each category outside the top ten, receive awards. Additional prizes are at the discretion of the organizer.

### **Chapter 5: Complaints and Award Ceremony**

#### **5a. Complaints**

Complaints must be submitted within 30 minutes of ranking publication with a €100 deposit. If the complaint is justified, the deposit is refunded. After 30 minutes, results become final.

#### **5b. Award Ceremony**

The award ceremony takes place 30 minutes after the results are published.