

RALLY GLOSSARY

This glossary provides definitions for commonly used Southern Indiana Region (SIR/SCCA) Route Instruction terms. These definitions are the official definitions for SIR/SCCA rally Route Instructions when definitions are NOT included in an individual rally's General Instructions.

ACUTE	A turn of substantially more than 90 degrees at an intersection.
AT	"Even with" for speed changes, mileages, etc; "in the vicinity of" for turn instructions, etc.
BEAR	A turn of substantially less than 90 degrees at an intersection.
BEFORE	Any navigational aid identified using the word "before" shall be visible from the execution point of the instruction.
BLINKER	A warning signal, as at a highway or railway intersection, consisting of a light or lights, usually red or yellow, operating in an alternating sequence of off and on.
CAST	Change Average Speed To.
CLOSED CONTROL	See "Passage Control."
CROSS	To go straight across. To cross a divided highway is to cross both halves of it.
CROSSROAD	An intersection at which two public roads cross each other at grade level at approximately right angles.
FREE ZONE	A part of the timed rally route in which there are no timing controls.
GAIN	To make up a specified time during passage of a specified distance. The gain time is subtracted from the time required at the given average speed to traverse the specified distance. The specified distance over which a Gain is operative is a Free Zone.
INTERSECTION	Any meeting or crossing of two or more public roads.
LEFT	A turn to the left from 10 to 179 degrees.
LEG	The part of a rally route extending from one timing control to the next, of from an assigned starting time to the next timing control.
MILEAGE, APPROXIMATE	The distance from the start of a section to a point along the rally route given to within 0.1 miles.
MILEAGE, OFFICIAL	The distance from the start of a section to a point along the rally route given to within 0.01 miles.

OPPORTUNITY	The word opportunity (aka "Opp") must be used in conjunction with the direction to be followed, either right, left, or straight. When counting an opportunity, entrants will only count those in which they have been instructed to go.
OPEN CONTROL	A control where entrants are required to stop.
PASSAGE CONTROL	A control, timed or untimed, where entrants are not required to stop.
PAUSE	To delay a specified time at a named point or during passage of a specified distance. The pause time is added to the time required at the given average speed to traverse the specified distance. The specified distance over which a Pause is operative is a Free Zone.
PAVED	A road having a hard surface such as concrete, brick, macadam, etc.
PICK UP	To go essentially straight onto a new road, route, or surface.
RIGHT	A turn to the right from 10 to 179 degrees.
ROUNDAABOUT	See "Traffic Circle."
SECTION	Any part of a rally route at the beginning of which the official mileage is zero and at the end of which the official mileage ends or reverts to zero.
SR	Sign Reading (in full). Text is to be as it is on the referenced sign and enclosed in quotation marks.
SRIP	Sign Reading In Part. Text is to be a contiguous portion of the referenced sign and enclosed in quotation marks. Parts of words or parts of numbers will not be referenced.
SRIT	Sign Reading In Total. Text is to be as it is on the referenced sign and enclosed in quotation marks.
STOP	An official octagonal Stop sign at which the rally car is obliged to stop.
STRAIGHT	To proceed with 10 degrees of directly ahead at an intersection.
T	An intersection having the general shape of the letter "T" as approached from the base. It is not possible to go straight at a "T."
TRAFFIC CIRCLE	A Traffic Circle or Roundabout (Modern Roundabout) is an intersection in the general shape of a circle. The number of opportunities (entry or exit points) at any Traffic Circle shall not exceed the number of physical opportunities at the given intersection. This rule is to allow the possibility of exiting the intersection on the opportunity from which it was entered and to prohibit expecting entrants to do more than one "lap" in the intersection.

TRAFFIC LIGHT	A signal light used on highways, especially at an intersection to regulate movement of traffic. A traffic light may be set to operate as a blinker but is usually fixed, alternating red and green (and frequently including yellow as a transition between green and red) indicating stop and go (and caution).
TRANSIT ZONE	A part of a rally route in which there are no timing controls and in which no specific speed need be maintained. Either an exact time for passage, or a restart time from the end of the transit zone must be given. An approximate distance for the length of the Transit Zone is desirable.
TRIANGLE or "Y-T"	An intersection of three roads in the general shape of a triangle or inverted delta, including within the intersection a generally untraveled, grass, gravel, or other surface. It is not possible to go straight at a triangle.
TURN	To make a change of course or direction at an intersection which would not have been made in the absence of the turn instruction. A turn shall not be executed by going straight.
UNPAVED	A road having a non-hard surface such as broken stone, gravel, dirt, etc.
Y	An intersection having the general shape of the letter "Y" as approached from the base. It is not possible to go straight at a "Y."

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