



Rally Glossary – Rally Sport Region 2025

This glossary defines commonly used rally terms. These definitions are official for RSR rallies, and these terms may not be redefined in the "generals" or any supplementary regulations. Any terms, symbols, or abbreviations not included in this glossary but used in an RSR rally will be defined in the rally general instructions. Suggestions for the inclusion of additional terms will be welcomed by the RSR rallying team.

After - Unless the instruction specifies otherwise, the indicated action is to be taken at the first opportunity following the designated landmark or sign.

At - "even with" for speed changes, mileages and pauses; "in the vicinity of" for turns and other instructions

Bear - A turn of substantially less than 90 degrees at an intersection.

Before - Any navigational aid identified by the use of the word "before" will be visible from the point of the instruction execution, used to indicate this last opportunity before the referenced sign or landmark.

CAST - An acronym for Change Average Speed To, indicating that the preceding average speed is to be discontinued and replaced by the value given after "CAST."

Cross - To go straight across. To cross a divided highway is to cross both halves of it.

Early – Term used by the Richta app to indicate the team arrived at a checkpoint before the official time for the given leg.

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 specific distance. The specified distance in which a gain is operative is a free zone.

GPS – Global Positioning Satellite system used for navigation

Intersection - The point of any meeting or crossing of two or more rally roads where the rallyist will have a choice of direction in which to proceed without making a U-turn.

Late – Term used by the Richta app to indicate the team arrived at a checkpoint after the official time for the given leg.

Left - A turn to the left of from 1 to 179 degrees.

Leg - The part of the rally route extending from one timing control to the next, or from the start to the first timing control.

Mileage, Approximate - The distance from the start of a section to a point along the rally route given to within 0.1 mile.

Off Course – When received from the Richta app, indicates to the rally team that they have deviated from the designated route.

On Course – When received from the Richta app, indicates to the rally team that they are on the designated route.

Or - Execute either the instruction before the word "or" (whether or not capitalized) or the instruction after the word "or" but not both. The first opportunity encountered should be used to execute the numbered instruction.

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 a given average speed to traverse the specified distance. The specified distance in which a pause is operative is a free zone.



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Paved - A road having a continuous hard surface, such as concrete, brick, macadam, etc., obviously suited to moderate or heavy-duty traffic.

Restart – As applies to the Richta app, indicates that a section of the rally has been initiated. As a Route Instruction, instructs the team to resume the route. Note that the Richta restart checkpoint may be at a different location—don't worry if you don't get a restart notification at the same location as the RI.

Right - A turn to the right of from 1 to 179 degrees.

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.

Stop - "Stop" or "STOP" (in quotations) or **STOP** (without quotations) refers to a red octagonal sign with white letters instructing you to stop if the sign faces and is applicable to the rally route. May also refer to a flashing red light even if no red sign is present. Count only one stop per intersection.

Straight - To go straight ahead. This term shall be used to indicate the proper course through an intersection.

T - An intersection having the general shape of the letter "T" requiring a turn to the left or right, both turns being essentially equal. It is not possible to go straight at a "T".

Top of the Minute – Instruction to complete the described action (typically a restart) at the start of a new minute on the official rally time shown in the app (for instance, 3:12:00, 3:13:00, etc.). Used to ensure cars are spaced apart at restarts—only one car should proceed on any given minute! If there are multiple cars waiting to proceed, simply proceed one car per minute.

Traffic Light - A signal consisting of red, yellow and green lights designed to control traffic at an intersection on the rally route. It need not be operational or it may be operating as a blinker. Count only one traffic light per intersection.

Transit Zone - A part of a rally route in which there are no timing controls and in which no specific speed need be maintained. An approximate distance for the length of the transit zone is desirable and may be given. RSR does not utilize "Free Zone"; all untimed sections where speed is free shall be noted as Transit Zones.

Turn - To make a change of direction at an intersection

Unpaved - A road having a discontinuous, non-hard surface, such as broken stone, gravel, dirt, etc.

Y - An intersection having the general shape of the letter "Y" requiring a turn to the left or right, both turns being substantially less than 90 degrees. It is not possible to go straight at a Y.

Yield - "Yield" or "YIELD" (in quotations) or YIELD (without quotations) refers to a wedge-shaped sign instructing you to yield the right of way to traffic on a different route if the sign faces and is applicable to the rally route. Count only one yield per intersection.

() - Parentheses indicate redundant information. Words in parentheses are given for explanation only. There is no intent to trick the rallyist using information in parentheses.

" " - Quotation marks indicate a sign displaying the quoted material. Word(s) not given in quotes refer to an actual person place or thing.