

## Announcement



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### **Subject: Electronic Waivers**

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The Canadian Association of Rallysport has been notified by our insurance provider - Stoneridge Specialty Insurance that they are discontinuing the use of paper waivers immediately and requiring the use of an electronic waiver for all events that are sanctioned by CARS. Excerpts from the notification are below.

“As per the terms and conditions of your Motorsport General Liability Policy, all participants are required to read, complete, and sign the appropriate approved Waiver and Release Form. **The failure to produce a completed waiver at the time of a claim involving a participant could void your liability insurance.**”

As an industry we need to move away from the use paper Waiver & Release Forms. They are cumbersome to store for the statutory required time frames, hard to keep from getting damaged, and even more difficult to locate when a claim is made years after the incident happened. Due to these long standing issues, Paper Waiver & Release Forms will no longer be accepted. The use of a paper waiver may void your insurance policy.

Many have been asking for an alternate option. Effective for the 2022 season, we will require the use of an electronic Waiver & Release Form for your participants. StoneRidge Specialty Insurance is pleased to announce that we have made arrangements with SpeedWaiver to provide this service at **NO COST TO YOU.**

You are encouraged to visit their site: <https://speedwaiver.com/stoneridge> to register your account. Once you have registered your account, you can choose to enter all known events for the 2022 season, or event by event should you feel that a better option. You will then create a link for your participants to use. **All participants must complete the Waiver & Release Form online and provide evidence of their completion. This is a requirement of the insurance policy to ensure coverage.** SmartWaiver has many management tools available to you to understand who has preregistered for your event. We highly recommend that you take some time to familiarize yourself with their system and tools before your first scheduled event.

Stoneridge Specialty Insurance understands that this electronic waiver provider may not be optimal for all clients. Should you wish to use another online electronic waiver system or provider, please reach out to our office for acceptance and approval of their service. SmartWaiver is the only service provider approved by the insurance company this is provided at no cost. The cost of a different service provider other than SpeedWaiver you elect to use is at your expense.

**The use of a paper Waiver & Release Form is no longer accepted by the insurance company. You must use an electronic Waiver & Release. Failure to comply with this update to the new terms and conditions could void your insurance coverage.”**

Speedwaiver.com is affiliated with Motorsport Reg.com and by extension is associated with Haggerty. For those clubs that currently use Mortorsportreg as a registration system, when you sign up for SpeedWaiver, it will link your current account to the SpeedWaiver service. Events do not have to use this registration system to access speedwaiver but can share the link to speedwaiver amongst your participants and volunteers to complete the waiver process. Parental Consent and minor waivers will also be done online.

Speedwaiver does not currently have French Waivers in their system for Quebec based events. Events held in Quebec and events welcoming French competitors to their event will continue to use the paper French waiver. If your event feels that it cannot store the paper waivers safely for 7 years, please forward them to the CARS office for storage. Stoneridge are working to rectify this, but it is unlikely that the Speedwaiver system can be used for Quebec based events in the early part of the 2022 season. Please contact your Region Director or the CARS office for up-to-date information when planning events.

Thank you

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