

## 2020 RallySport Ontario VP Performance Director's Report

Like many things in life, the 2020 Ontario performance rally season was significantly impacted by the pandemic and provincial shutdowns. While many events were cancelled, there were a few highlights, along with some positive signs for 2021.

The Rallye Perce-Neige in February was the only OPRC round able to run. Marc Bourassa and Élise Racette took the win, while Jim Stevens and Brandon Pace were the top 2wd team. The remaining events were cancelled and the championships were not awarded. Similarly, the rallysprint series had to be abandoned when it became clear it could not go ahead.

Our clubs organized rallycrosses when and where local regulations permitted. Event formats were modified to comply with provincial health guidelines.

- KWRC held four successful rallycross weekends. Competitors were grouped into batches of ~20-25 cars and run separately across two or three sessions.
- MLRC hosted three events in Bancroft, averaging approximately 20 entries each.
- MCO's popular winter series had four rallycrosses in the early part of the year.
- PMSC ran two rallycrosses in the spring and will score those events in a combined 2020-2021 championship.

2021 has started off quietly with events postponed or cancelled in the early part of the year. But there are some good things in the works:

- The 2021 rallysprint championship sold out within hours of registration opening. This popular series will build upon a successful debut in 2019 with three rounds in late summer and early autumn.
- Clubs are ramping up their rallycross plans with lots of events in the works.
- The first two rounds of the 2021 OPRC (Perce-Neige and Lanark Highlands) have been cancelled. But our organizers for the later rallies in the year are moving forward with their planning, and our series sponsors are on board, so we're hoping to have three or four OPRC events in the second half of the year.

Of course, everything depends on the path taken by the virus, government restrictions and vaccine rollout. RSO will post updates as things take shape.

Finally: I will not be seeking re-election at this AGM. It's been great working with the rally community and the RSO board. And I'll make sure there is a smooth transition to my successor.

All the best in 2021  
Alan Ockwell  
VP Performance Rally