

Offroad Racing circuit racing rules and penalties in 2015

Please find an official medium of the competition at address www.auto4x4.ee and in the competition centre.

1. General

- 1.1. **Maximum number of team members in classes ET1 and ET2 is three (3).**
Team members must be older than 16. There are no gender or other age-related restrictions. The data of the team members is presented to the organiser in the registration form. Team members and their number must not be changed without justified reason and without the consent of the organiser.
- 1.2. Each competition car must bear a competition number that allows identification of the vehicle on the track. See http://eal.4x4.ee/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=41&Itemid=58
- 1.3. All possible issues with competition numbers must be solved in the technical committee. The team is responsible for ensuring that the competition number is legible for the Fact Referees during the entire race.
- 1.4. **A timekeeping transponder is issued for all competition cars from the competition office and attached to the competition cars in the technical committee. In case of loss or damaging of the timekeeping transponder, the team undertakes to compensate the damage of the device to the organizer in the amount of 350 euros. Transponder must be returned to the time keeping referee immediately after leaving the track.**
- 1.5. All competitors must adhere to the rules determined by EAL documents, year 2015 **Offroad Racing Estonian championship general rules**, this circuit race rules and race's competition rules, rules of "competitors camp", and behave respectfully towards fellow competitors and persons related to organisation of the competition. In case of ignoring that rule, a fine or a certain period disqualification can be determined for the team (see Clause Penalties").
- 1.6. Pilots of all competition teams must sign a confirmation that they will follow all competition rules and will not damage nature, and also that they have read and understood the competition rules. The pilot (the competitor having signed the confirmation about following the limitations and requirements stated in the previous clause) will be liable for any and all violations of competition rules and regulations resulting from the behaviour of any members of the team during the competition.
- 1.7. Damages caused to third parties and fellow competitors shall be compensated by the competition team having caused the damage.
- 1.8. **All team members in all competition classes are obliged to wear a car or a moto helmet respectively.**
- 1.9. All competitors are on the competition track on their own responsibility.
- 1.10. The competition organiser and the EAL are not liable for any material or moral damages caused by the competition teams to themselves or to any third parties.

2. Starting order

- 2.1. There will be a mass start for the qualification track of off-road vehicles.
- 2.2. Starting order for endurance race of off-road vehicles is determined according to the result achieved on the qualification track, the crew with the best time starts first. Teams not passing the qualifying track within time limit, not starting to or abandoning the qualifying stage start 1 minute after the general start.
- 2.3. Duration of endurance race in all competition classes is approx 3 (three) hours but can be determined with the number of laps starting from the leader. The Chief Referee will determine the minimum number of laps that the leader must pass, according to the weather conditions and track conditions after the second hour of the competition race, and the competitors on the track will be notified about this via a board on the timekeeping line showing the number of laps. After the leader has finished the last lap, the losing time counter for the next competitors is started. Finish is opened for 30 minutes after the finishing of the leader. The last passed full lap finish is

deemed as a finish for the team who does not pass the finish line within that time. Finish for all competitors is open after the end of the first full lap and all crews who have finished at least one full lap are presented in the final protocol.

3. Driving on a qualification track

- 3.1. **Each organizer can determine personal method for performing qualification with the stage rules. Standard procedure for passing qualification is presented hereby.**
- 3.2. Qualification track is mainly the track marked similar to competition track which must be passed possibly quickly. To pass this track fast, the track's structural character presumes from the competitor off road racing skills, speed and tactics in appropriate proportion.
- 3.3. Proper passing of qualification track is verified by fitting into the time limit and that all track borders remain untouched. Otherwise the track is deemed as not passed.
- 3.4. All members of a competition team must wear a helmet for the entire duration of the track and have their seatbelt fastened at all times while the car is moving. In case of violation of that rule, the Track Referee has the right to cancel the qualifying stage result of the team.
- 3.5. All teams have the right for three qualifying stages.
- 3.6. There is no special order for the competition cars to leave the *Parc Fermé*, and they must return there latest in 15 minutes after the end of qualification circuit. All movements into and outside *Parc Fermé* and starting times of qualification track are fixed on the participant's card. Teams violating that discipline are sent to repetitive paid (75 euros) technical scrutineering.
- 3.7. Nature protection requirements are stated in clause 6. In case of ignoring of these rules, the organiser has the right to impose a fine in the amount of 75 to 200 euros (depending on the extent of damage caused to the nature) and to cancel the competition team's result for the qualification track.
- 3.8. Competition cars are let to the qualification stage with an interval of 2-3 minutes; in case of accidents the organizer can change the interval. Maximum passing time (time limit) is notified in the start of the stage. Qualifying stage is deemed as failed when this time is exceeded.
- 3.9. If for some reason (extraordinary repairs, problems due to refueling, tire repair or other) the competition car does not reach the closed parking lot during foreseen time, a repetitive paid (75 euros) technical scrutineering must be performed for the car after arrival to the closed parking lot. Start of the team to the endurance race takes place according to clause 2.2.
- 3.10. If the competition car reaches to the Parc Fermé less than 1 (one) hour before the start of its competition class, the referee is not obliged to let this car to the start.

4. Driving on an endurance race track

- 4.1. During the competition race, the entire width of the track can be used freely if there are no competitors in immediate vicinity. If a faster-moving competition car catches up with a slower-moving competition car on a straight part of the track, the slower-moving competition car must immediately let the faster-moving competition car pass, by moving to the edge of the track.
- 4.2. In case of several competition cars simultaneously moving on a same track part, the foremost competition car has the right to choose the trajectory.
This choosing right is lost if the competition car following the leading competition car is side by side with the leading competition car. The position deemed to be reaching beside is achieved if the rear wheels of the leading competition car and the front wheels of the following competition car are on a single line. While moving beside each other on straights and also in curves, both competitors must ensure the fellow competitor a way to remain on the track; only parallel trajectories are allowed. Any and all driving techniques hindering other competitors are forbidden like for example changing direction too early, intentionally wedging other cars towards the interior or exterior curve side and other driving techniques endangering fellow competitors. The violating competitor will be punished for intentional violation of the competition rules. A

repeat violation (even if accidental) can bring about a removal of the competition team from the race.

- 4.3. During the race, the competition vehicles can use only the marked competition track. Any kind of driving on the track must take place only in the marked driving direction. Any deliberate or accidental damaging of the track marking (e.g. tearing the track delimiting ribbon), hiding or changing the track marking is forbidden. Only the Track Referee has the right to relocate the track markings in an emergency situation; the Track Referee also states the direction for passing any obstacles on the track, if necessary. Also, there can be places on the track where help is administered by the organiser via winching, pulling out or providing an anchor point for winching, in order to avoid congestion of the track.
- 4.4. Using of incorrect driving techniques. Incorrect driving technique is when a competitor drives in a curve with a speed which results in a danger situation. Also, an incorrect driving technique is deemed to be a passing of another competitor in such a way that the fellow competitor is forced to brake in order to avoid a collision. Collisions from back and ramming from side are also forbidden techniques.
- 4.5. It is forbidden to pass a fellow competitor if there is a dangerous situation on the track (an accident; an immovable car in a place where it is difficult or impossible to pass it).
- 4.6. It is forbidden to administer technical assistance on the track and foreign assistance for moving along the track. Repair and maintenance tasks on the track can be performed only by the members of the relevant competition team. Assistance for moving along the track can be administered only by fellow competitors. Repairs can be made on service area where also the help of a service team is allowed.
- 4.7. It is obligatory for the competitors to follow the orders and/or signals of the Referee.
- 4.8. It is forbidden to use tree / bush as an anchor point for winching without a tree protection belt. There will be more specific instructions provided about behaviour on the track and outside it 10 min before the start.
- 4.9. The competitors must wear a helmet for the entire duration of the competition race.
- 4.10. It is forbidden to remove covering body details of competition cars (bonnet, doors, hatches, etc.) in the course of the competition race.
- 4.11. Signal flags and marking boards.
- 4.11.1 Yellow flag = overtaking is forbidden – shown only if there is a specific dangerous situation or obstacle after the showing the flag. The effect of a yellow flag ends immediately after passing the obstacle or the danger area.
- 4.11.2 Marking board - Track Referees can use marking boards with a competition number of a competition team, in order to show the competition team relevant information about penalty stops, etc
- 4.12. Penalties
- 4.12.1. In case of registering a violation of clauses 4.1-4.6., the Referee will request a penalty stop with the duration of 5 minutes, and the competitor must take this stop by halting in the so-called penalty box on a relevant sign given by the Referee.
- 4.12.2. **In case of repeat violation of clauses 4.1-4.6 and violation of clauses 4.7-4.10, the Referee will remove the relevant competitor from the race.**

5. Results

- 5.1. The competition results and the final results of competition will be stated on the official information board of the competition approx. 30 min after closing the finish line of the endurance race. The data thus stated will become final and irrevocable, if no competitors have filed a written protests in the competition office within 15 min after publishing the data.
- 5.2. The results are stated separately for the competition classes: ET1, ET2, TR1, ATV, Enduro, TRUCKS. The winner shall be the team or competitor who has been able to pass the most laps of the endurance race with the best time.
- 5.3. Team/competitor having not passed any full circles is deemed as abandoned. **2015 Offroad Racing Estonian Championship** points are not awarded to competition class ET1, ET2 teams

who have been deemed as abandoned teams on the endurance race track.

- 5.4. **Offroad Racing Estonian Championship 2015** points are awarded to those competition class ET1, ET2 teams who have passed at least 30% of the laps of the winner on the endurance race track.

6. Nature protection

- 6.1 The primary prerequisite for participating in the competition is a caring attitude towards nature.
- 6.2 Winching with a tree as an anchor point is allowed only when using a tree protection belt.
- 6.3 It is forbidden to pollute the nature with any non-natural fluids (car fuel, oil, etc.).
- 6.4 While moving in nature, care must be taken to not damage any trees; it is also forbidden to fell and break growing living trees unless it is necessary for removing a direct danger to the life or health of the members of the competition team.
- 6.5 It is forbidden to use chainsaw.
- 6.6 Any and all damages caused to the nature will be requested to be compensated by the relevant competition team having caused the damages, after the damages have been assessed, the assessment act has been prepared and the environmental expert has approved this assessment act.

7. Protests

- 7.1. Protests can be submitted up to 15 minutes after declaring initial results of the competition in a written form to the competition office.
- 7.2. The protest fee is in the amount of 200€ and it must be paid upon submission of a protest.
- 7.3. The protest fee is refunded only if the protest case is solved for the benefit of the submitter of the protest.
- 7.4. A decision made by the Referees about a competitor having violated clauses 4.1-4.10 is final and shall not be disputed.

8. Notifications and other

- 8.1. Since the competition is held in a closed and restricted area, entrance to and leaving the competition area is stopped from 22:00 to 08:00 due to safety considerations. At the same time any kind of moving with vehicles and starting of engines is prohibited. During that time leaving the competition area on foot and driving out with a vehicle can take place only on a permission of the security chief or competition manager. Any kind of access to the area is hindered during that time. Parking lot area of spectators is the place for waiting and access there is open during that time.
- 8.2. Official notices and changes in the guiding materials of the competition are presented as bulletins on the information board, in instructions for additional stages, or in explanation provided in competitor briefings. **All orders and explanations presented in the competitors' briefing are deemed as official information of competition.**
- 8.3. If competitors see damaged checkpoint markings or track delimiting ribbons or nature damage while on the track, they must immediately notify the competition organiser about this (by telephoning the competition office), otherwise the relevant competitor can be deemed to have caused the damage.
- 8.4. The competition organiser will organise the removal of hopelessly stuck or technically not moving cars from the track within twenty four hours after the end of the competitions on expense of the relevant competition team.
- 8.5. The organiser shall reserve the right to make justified changes in the time and place of the competition, in the competition schedule, and in the competition procedure.

- 8.6.** The organiser shall have the right to remove from the race such competitors who are violating the competition rules, are intoxicated, or behave in an un-sportsmanlike manner or in an impolite way.
- 8.7.** Any and all matters not regulated by these rules will be settled by the jury of the competition.