



## Race regulations for the sports classes

### **1. Specification and organizer of the Estonian Autosport Union (EASU) 4x4 Off-Road Cup series race.**

- 1.1 4x4 Off-road competition Saaremaa Trophy "Saarekoll".
- 1.2 The competition will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2016.
- 1.3 The competition is organized by the MTÜ VABA according to EASU 4x4 Off-Road Cup series 2016 general regulations, present regulation, issued bulletins and given briefings.
- 1.4 Competition is registered at EASU, registration number 32/OR. In competitions registered at EASU damage to third parties is covered by insurance by AB "Lietuvos draudimas" Estonian branch, policy no. 1170314544.
- 1.5 Official information about the competition is available on facebook.com/saarekoll and www.saarekoll.com and on the information board in the Race Centre or will be explained for the competitors at the briefing.
- 1.6 Registration for the competition takes place via internet at [www.autosport.ee/4x4reg/](http://www.autosport.ee/4x4reg/).
- 1.7 Race officials:
  - 1.7.1 Organizer: Asko Berens
  - 1.7.2 Communications manager: Koit Kallas (507 6017)
  - 1.7.3 Chief referee: Jaan Villak
  - 1.7.4 Route Managers: Asko Berens, Alar Peegel, Aare Tiitma
  - 1.7.5 Timekeeper and results: Marko Mäearu
  - 1.7.6 Chief Scrutineer: Anto Raudväli
  - 1.7.7 Safety personnel: Koit Kallas, Alar Peegel, Margo Kallas
  - 1.7.8 Secretaries: Annika Treu, Piret Lember
  - 1.7.9 The jury is named in bulletin.

### **2. General**

- 2.1 Championships Series:
  - 2.1.1 Saaremaa Trophy "Saarekoll" is the II round of EASU 4x4 Off-Road Championship.

### **3. Schedule**

- 3.1 09.06.2016 23:59 registration ends for competitors via internet.
- 3.2 10.06.2016 15:00 - 19:00 Administrative check for the sports classes.
- 3.3 10.06.2016 16.00-20.00 Scrutineering for the sports classes. After 20:00 it will be 35 euros each time.
- 3.4 10.06.2016 19:00 - 20:00 Reconnaissance of SS1.
- 3.5 10.06.2016 20:00 - 20:45 information about NaviCup and navigation software. For all the classes.
- 3.6 10.06.2016 21:00 - 21:40 Starting ceremony and competitors briefing.
- 3.7 10.06.2016 22:00 - 24:00 SS1 competition (city stage).
- 3.8 11.06.2016 06:00 - Mass start for the second day.
- 3.9 12.06.2016 03:00 Finish closing time.
- 3.10 12.06.2016 09:00 Announcement of preliminary official results (via website and Facebook page).
- 3.11 12.06.2016 11.00 – Closing ceremony.

### **4. Competition and course**

- 4.1 Competition will take place in Saaremaa, at Kuressaare city and Lääne-Saare, Pihhla, Valjala and Leisi's parishes.
- 4.2 The Race Centre is located in Kuressaare at Auriga's shopping centre with coordinates 58.265915, 22.514727. The competition consists of up to 20h orienteering stages and includes special speed stages (SSS).
- 4.3 The competition area is open to public traffic, with the exception of designated areas (usually on SSS) where one must follow the signs and directions of the organizers.



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4.4 Use of vehicles by spectators is forbidden on SSS track. Basic safety requirements are to be ensured while moving on foot.

4.5 Sports class ATV racing vehicles are allowed to be transported on a trailer on public roads. Towing vehicle must be registered with the technical team. Any repair on the trailer during transport is prohibited.

### **5. Participation conditions**

5.1 Documents required from the team: according to EAL Estonian 4x4 Off-Road Cup series general regulations.

5.2 Competitors must be registered for the competition. Registering is done in internet at - <http://www.autosport.ee/4x4reg>

5.3 Copy of payment of entry fee (printout from internet bank) must be presented.

5.4 Competition vehicles must have navigation equipment, whichever preferred. The organizer will provide navigation information in Oz Explorer and universal GPX format.

5.5 Teams must be equipped with Android devices (phones, tablets). Devices should have at least Android version 4.0, 2.0 mpx camera, GPS and working mobile data service. In Saarekoll competition there will be used a new innovative mobile app for taking pictures NaviCup.

5.5.1 NaviCup guide will be on [www.saarekoll.com](http://www.saarekoll.com) webpage at least one week before the competition. Competitors must install the app before competition administrative check.

5.5.2 Competitors are required to keep their smartphones GPS, mobile data, automatic date, time and zone and NaviCup app services enabled throughout the competition. It must be possible to charge the devices in competition vehicles.

5.6 The team's responsibilities are according to the EASU Estonian 4x4 Off-Road Cup general regulations.

5.7 It is recommended that competitors wear helmet throughout the competition. All crew members in the vehicle must wear a helmet SSS.

5.8 Each team must have at least one life jacket, which is suitable in size for either first or second pilot. It is allowed to use a N50 compatible cork lifejackets which is minimum. Self-inflatable (automatic) life jackets are forbidden.

5.9 Maximum speed limit for the race vehicles throughout the race is 70 km/h. This also applies to the technical service teams.

5.10 Advertising and vehicles competition numbers must be in accordance with EASU Estonian 4x4 Off-Road Cup series 2016 general regulations section 3.

5.11 Scrutineers may attach identifying chip to vehicle. Losing or damaging this chip results in penalty fee 60 euros per the device. In addition, GSM / GPS controllers may be attached, which allow to monitor the vehicles movements and location in real-time. Losing or damaging GSM/GPS transponder results in penalty fee 250 euros.

### **6. Competition vehicles and teams**

6.1 At the competition following sports classes can participate and collect points at EASU Estonian 4x4 Off-Road Cup series according to the EASU Estonian 4x4 Off-Road Cup series general regulations: ATV, TR1, VABA, VABA + and TR3.

6.2 In addition to EAL 4x4 cup series race class's competition is open also to TURIST and MOTO classes. Moto class orienteering route partially overlaps with sports class route. Tourist class route and checkpoints will not overlap with sports classes route. Separate regulations will be published for TURIST and MOTO classes.

6.3 The organizer reserves the right to merge some sports classes in case some class has small number of competitors.

6.4 Competition teams will be accordance with EAL Estonian 4x4 Off-Road Cup general regulations.



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### **7. Registration and participation fees**

7.1 Registration for the competition will take place in internet at [www.autosport.ee/4x4reg/](http://www.autosport.ee/4x4reg/).

7.2 Entry fees according registration date:

7.2.1 21.03.2016 – 30.04.2016 sport classes TR1, VABA, VABA+ and TR3 + - 140 euros and ATV race class – 100 euros per team.

7.2.2 01.05.2016 – 31.05.2016 sport classes TR1, VABA, VABA+ and TR3 + - 160 euros and ATV race class 120 euros per team.

7.2.3 01.06.2016 – 09.06.2016 sport classes TR1, VABA, VABA+ and TR3 + - 180 euros and ATV race class 140 euros per team.

7.2.4 Registration is also possible on site at 10.06.2016, sports classes TR1, VABA, VABA+ and + TR3 – 200 euros and ATV race class 160 euros per team.

7.2.5 The entry fee is paid to organizers (MTÜ VABA) account EE812200221057534337. PS! To the explanation box mark your team's name and race class. When making the payment make sure that it is received in due time and to the correct recipient, be sure to keep a copy of the payment at least until the end of the competition.

7.2.6 In addition to entry fee one must pay a 150 euros for deposit, which is returned to competitors in the absence of complaints within one week after the end of the competition.

7.3 The team is considered registered when correctly filled registration form and entry fees and deposit (see section 11.7.1) is paid according to the registration conditions.

7.4 Fees mentioned above apply for the competitors who will agree to have an organizer's advertisements on their vehicles. If a competitor refuses to have advertisement on their vehicle with note on their registration form, then the fees mentioned above are doubled. Competitors can't refuse advertisements which are connected to the competition label and competitor's numbers.

7.5 Entry fees will not be refunded for the teams who will not turn up in the first start!

### **8. Event proceedings**

8.1 Only teams who have passed administrative check and scrutineering are allowed to start.

8.2 Delay.

8.2.1 Organizers will decide onsite whether the team who is late for the administrative check and/or scrutineering can participate on the competition.

8.2.2 The team who is late for the special stage will start at the end of the starting queue, but no later than the special stage closing time.

8.2.3 Penalties for delaying the special stage are stated at the additional stage regulations.

8.3 Orienteering checkpoints and additional stages regulations.

8.3.1 More detailed information about competitions special stages shall be given on site, but no later than prior to the stage.

8.3.2 Checkpoints will be uploaded to Saarekoll's homepage ([www.saarekoll.com](http://www.saarekoll.com)) before the competition starts. Teams are expected to download the checkpoints into their own orientation device.

8.3.3 Paper copy of special stage regulation will be issued to teams before the start.

8.4 Photo app on smartphone.

8.4.1 After administrative check and scrutineering everyone has a chance to participate at the presentation of the app and test their device and an app at the competition centre.

8.5 Additional information about the competition will be published no later than 10.06.2016 at the administrative check or at the competitors meeting.

8.6 There will be additional scrutineering for randomly selected vehicles during the event. First six of every class are subject to scrutineering at the end of the event.

### **9. Penalties**

9.1.1 See penalties table at appendix 1.



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### 10. Results

10.1 EASU Estonian 4X4 Off-Road cup series points are awarded to sports classes teams who finish the competition.

10.2 To finish the competition, team has to finish at least one special stage. In case identifying chip was installed, it must be removed by race official. Vehicle should be presented for identifying chip removal within 30 minutes from the finish of last special stage. In case of being late, penalty time of 1 hour will be added to the finishing time of last special stage.

10.2.1 Special speed stage is completed if team completes at least one full lap and finishes stage.

10.2.2 Orienteering special stage is completed if team starts and finishes stage.

10.2.3 Special stage is finished when vehicle crosses finish line or otherwise finishes stage according to special stage regulation.

10.3 Teams receive points according to their result in class' finish protocol as stated by EASU 4X4 Off-Road subcommittee points table, modified with special stage difficulty multiplier.

10.4 In overall results advantage goes to teams who complete higher number of special stages. In case of equal number of completed stages, advantage goes to team with higher points score.

### 11. Nature preservation

11.1 The main precondition for participation is awareness of nature preservation and safety.

11.2 Using trees when winching is allowed only with tree saver strap, it is strictly prohibited to pull the trees down when winching. The nature conservation deposit will be used after the first violation. In the event of a repeated offence the team will be removed from the competition.

11.3 It is prohibited to pollute the nature with non-natural fluids like fuel, oil, etc. In case of violation team will be removed from the competition.

11.4 While being in nature one must take care not to harm the nature. It is prohibited to damage and take down living trees, except in cases where it creates a direct threat to team members life or health and then one should immediately notify the organizers (by calling the head organizer or environmental referee). Directly or indirectly caused harm to the nature will be compensated by the team responsible.

11.5 After justified complaints are made about the damage and responsible team cannot be identified, then all the costs of the damage will be divided among all the competitors.

11.6 Bringing and/or using a chainsaw is prohibited.

11.7. Deposit

11.7.1 The amount of the deposit per team is 150 euros, which will be paid latest at the administrative check. In the event of non-implementation (in the absence of complaints), the deposit will be returned within one week after the end of the competition.

11.7.2 Deposit will cover loss or damage to issued identification chip and other equipment issued by organizer, as well as minor damage to nature. Major natural and personal loss of property belongs to a separate review.

### 12. Appeals

12.1 Appeals should be presented in written form to competition secretaries within 30 minutes since publishing preliminary results of competition.

12.2 Appeals against other competitors have appeal fee 100 EUR which will be paid when presenting appeal.

12.3 Appeal fee will be returned if appeal is satisfied.

12.4 Appeals concerning checkpoint photos do not have fee.



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### *13. Announcements and other*

13.1 Competitors will be informed about possible changes in route or in competition format before the start of during the competition over the phone on the number provided in registration form as 1<sup>st</sup> driver phone number.

13.2 Official announcements and changes in regulations will be published in bulletin and/or on notice board. Explanation and directions given on competitors meeting are also considered official information.

13.3 If competitors notice damaged checkpoint signs or damage to nature, they should immediately notify organizers to avoid chance of being held responsible themselves.

13.4 Vehicles being hopelessly stuck on route or broken and immovable, will be recovered by organizers within three days after competition. Expenses will be covered by team.

13.5 Teams retiring from competition must notice organizers within their competition time limit.

13.6 Organizer has right to change competition time, place and format.

13.7 Organizer has right to remove from competition teams who do not follow competition regulation, are drunk or due to unsportsmanlike or impolite behaviour.

13.8 All events and problems not regulated by current regulation will be solved by jury.

### *14. Awards*

14.1 Awards ceremony will be held 12.06.2016 at 11.00 in race centre.

14.2 Cups are awarded to three best teams in each class. Additional monetary awards are possible.

14.3 Awards will be issued for classes where at least five teams have registered to competition.