

Part I General Conditions

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1.1 Definition and Status

Off-road trials are manoeuvring competitions for four wheel driven off-road vehicles over a marked route/distance. Off-road trials are skill competitions in off-road terrain driving for both driver and vehicle requiring specific manoeuvring.

1.2 Registrations - and participation's-requirements

1.2.1 Prerequisite for the participation/registration is the possession of a valid national/international drivers license for the vehicle driven during the competition.

1.2.2 The driver has to submit a valid national license.

1.2.3 Co-drivers must be min. 12 years, but the respective organizing country can raise it. The educators have to sign the registration form of the event.

1.2.4 The subscribed vehicle must present the following registrations-requirements:

Conforming to the legal sport standards of the vehicle.

Conforming to the requirements for noise-protection.

Conforming to the requirements for safety-protection.

Conforming to the sponsoring requirement of the organization.

1.2.5 The exterior view of the vehicle may not damage the reputation of the motor-sport.

1.3 Registration, registration fee

The registration is to be made on a registration form given out by the organization, collected for every nation in time. The registration form has to be filled in completely and must be readable. All requirements must be met and stated. The registration form has to be signed by the driver and (if relevant) also by the co-driver.

1.4 Registration deadline

1.4.1 With the registration deadline (date, time) the end of the delay for the registration is determined. At that moment, the registrations must be received by the organization.

1.4.2 A change in the registered classification of the vehicle is not possible anymore after the registration deadline. The only exception being for the wrong classification of a vehicle.

1.5 Refusal of registrations

1.5.1 The organization has the right to refuse registrations without specification of reasons.

1.5.2 The registration is refused in any case, if it is not handed in before the deadline or not conformal, the registration fee has not been transferred before the deadline, the prerequisites for the participation- respectively for driver or vehicles are not fulfilled.

1.6 Confirmation of registration

A written confirmation of registration can be issued by the organization.

1.7 Acceptance of registration

With the acceptance of the registration, the contract between organization and participant is established.

1.8 Registration contract

This contract obliged the driver and possible co-driver to participate at the event under the stated conditions in the announcement.

1.9 Withdrawal

1.9.1 Participants are authorized to withdraw:

At cancellation or postponing of the competition for more than 24 hours.

At justified not guilty non-participation at the organization.

1.9.2 Only in case of cancellation or postponing the competition for more than 24 hours, the participant has the right of payback of the registration fee, if he respects the immediate time limited withdrawal-right.

1.10 Admission to start and classes

1.10.1 Starts are possible in classes O (Original), S (Standard), M (Modified), PM (Pro-Modified) and P (Prototypes).

1.10.2 Participation beyond competition is not possible.

1.11 Documents check and technical examination

1.11.1 Before the competition, documents of the participants and the vehicles are examined. Drivers which have submitted all the necessary documents, will receive a scorecard after the documents check. After the technical examination, the vehicles are being marked.

1.11.2 For document check, the participants have to submit:

Valid national or international driver license

Valid national license

Disclaimer of the vehicle owner

1.11.3 For technical examination, the participants must show up collected per nation at the fixed timewith the vehicle used in the competition and demonstrate the required safety equipment. The teamleader of every nation has to proof that the competing cars are conform to the rules. In addition to that 3 cars from every class, choosen at random, will be examined exactly. Their startnumbers will be secret until their presentation at technical control.

1.11.4 Vehicles, which do not conform to the technical requirements, will be rejected. If the weaknesses/damages may be repaired, a new technical examination can be determined.

The new technical examination has to take place without new notice and in any case, if the vehicles are damaged after the technical examination. The repaired vehicle after the damage may only be released again after examination by the technical marshals.

1.12 Technical status

1.12.1 Vehicles must conform to all points of the technical requirements during the entire event. During the whole competition random tests may be made . By offences against the rules the technical marshal can take the car out of scoring.

1.12.2 After the start of the competition vehicle, tires types and size must not be changed until the end of the competition.

1.13 Training, Start positioning and drivers briefing

1.13.1 Training in the competition sections is not permitted. Each person can start only one time as a driver.

1.13.2 After checking of the documents, the organization can determine in which stage or at what time the participant starts.

1.13.3 Before opening the sections, a briefing with teamleaders will take place. Participation is mandatory for the teamleader of every nation.

1.13.4 The organization can determine the closure of single stages at certain times. This has to be informed upon at the teamleaders briefing.

1.14 Abandonment/breaking-off of a competition

No scoring will be made in case of an abandonment/breaking-off of the competition.

1.15 Ending of the competition and technical controls

1.15.1 The competition is looked upon as finished when all participants have driven through their indicated stages or when the time limit announced by the organization is reached. All cars standing in line at the announced time limit will be allowed to drive in this section. For a correct transaction the marshals will collect the papers from the drivers in line.

1.15.2 After the competition and until the end of the protest time limit, the vehicle must not be modified (until release). A "Parc Fermé" can be ordered.

A „parc ferme“ must be organised at the end of competition for one hour after the return of the last scorecard. If an organizer orders a timely more extended “parc ferme”, also this “parc ferme “ must be watched the whole time (day and night) by a security team.

1.16 Ranking

1.16.1 Class-winner of the competition is the participant with the lowest number of penalty points.

1.16.2 Winner of the nations scoring is the team with the highest number of points. The nine best drivers from every nation are scoring.

1.17 Particular proceedings / disqualification

1.17.1 The participants of an automobile sport event are obliged to sporting and fair play behavior. They have to act loyally towards the organization as well as towards the delegates of the 4x4-Euro-Trail-Commission and to refrain from all action, which may jeopardize the interest of the automobile sport.

1.17.2 All violation of these behavioural rules and of the legal sporting rules may lead to disqualification.

1.17.3 The following proceedings are not an exhaustive listing, only the most important violations with the possible consequences are stated.

1.17.3.1 Not covering of given out checks, deception of money transfers: Suspension (jury).

1.17.3.2 Participation of drivers who are not authorized to start, tried participation:
Suspension (jury)

1.17.3.3 Participation of vehicles which are not authorized and not conforming to the rules,
tried participation: Scoring exclusion (sports marshal), suspension (arbitrator)

1.17.3.4 Heavy negligent behaviour: Suspension (sports marshal)

1.17.3.5 Not respecting of the driving rules: Warning until suspension (sports marshal, jury)

1.17.3.6 Not respecting of indications of the organization, the head committee of organization
or the sports marshals: Warning until suspension (OK/sports marshals/jury)

1.17.3.7 Refusal to a requested technical post check: Scoring exclusion (sports marshal),
suspension (arbitrator)

1.18 Results

The intermediate results and the final results have to be put up by the organization 0,5h before
price giving.

1.19 Protest procedure

1.19.1 Every participant has the possibility to make a protest against a vehicle of another
participant of his class, if he suspects that this vehicle does not conform to the technical
requirements of the Euro-Regulation. Generally, the protest-letter has to be handed at the
scoring office only.

1.19.2 Collect protests are not authorized and will be rejected by the sports marshals.
A collect protest is made, if:

1.19.2.1 Several participants sign a common protest and hand it in.

1.19.2.2 One participant hands in protest for or against several vehicles, even if it is the same
justification/reason.

1.19.3 A subject of protest must be clearly noticeable; the reason of protest is to be stated
concretely.

1.19.4 A mentioned limitation in the protest letter in a way that in case of success further
protest points are not to be treated anymore will not be considered. Generally, the sports
marshals have to carry out the protest entirely.

1.19.5 Protest time limits are regulated as follows:

Protest of technical nature against other vehicles must be handed in until 30 minutes after
the finishing of the competition of the concerned driver at the latest (within 30 minutes from
the moment, when the protest adversary has handed in his board card).

1.19.6 All protests must be handled immediately. To treat the protest there will be a jury, the jury is three persons, non of them can participate in the same class or have other jobs in the organization except being in the jury.

1.19.7 With the hand in of the protest letter at the scoring office, a protest fee of 100,-- Euro has to be paid cash.

1.19.8 If the protest is rejected as not authorized or unfounded, the protest fee goes to the organization.

1.19.9 Protest can only be handed in against a vehicle of the same vehicle class.

1.20 Appeal proceedings

1.20.1 The taken decision in the protest procedure may be pursued by appeal proceedings. If the protest author or the protest adversary object to the decision, the sports marshal has to be informed in writing within 30 minutes after the publishing of the decision.

1.20.2 If the protest author or the protest adversary hands in the appeal proceeding, an appeal sum of 150,--Euro has to be enclosed in the objection letter.

1.21 Procedural-, definitional question

1.21.1 Only the Trial-Leader or - in absence his replacement - may give binding information about the organizational part of the event.

1.21.2. The definitions of the announcements' rules underlie the sports marshals and in last instance the jury of the European Trial Championship.

1.21.3 No replacement demands may arise for measures and decisions from the sports jurisdiction of the organization as well as from their representatives, exception is made for intentional or heavy negligent damage causing.

1.22 Exclusion of recourse to legal action and limited liability

1.22.1 The recourse to legal action is excluded for decision of the jury, the sports marshals or the organization acting as scoring judges.

1.22.2 No replacement demands may arise from measures and decision from the organiser or the Euro-Trial-Commission, its arbitration tribunal as well as the representative, exception is made for intentional or heavy negligent damage causing.

1.23 Exemption of liability (danger liability, light negligence)

By registering, driver and co-driver state their renunciation on demands for any kind of damages connected to the event, namely against the organization, the sports marshals, the property owner, the authorities, the helpers and all persons which are in connection to the event, the property owner as far as damages are caused by the composition of the used underground at the event including accessories and the fulfillment- performance support of all mentioned persons and places, exception is made for intentional or heavy negligent damage causing. Against the other participants (driver, co-driver), their helpers, the owners, holder of the other vehicles, passenger (other particular wordings agreements between drivers, co-drivers will overrule!) and proper helper they renounce for any kind of demands on damages, which have been caused in connection with the trial competition, exception is made for intentional or heavy negligent damage causing. The agreement for exemption of liability is validated versus all persons involved with the handing in of the registration at the organization.

1.24 Exemption of demands of the vehicle owner

1.24.1 If the driver is not the owner of the vehicle to be used, he has to take care that the owner of the vehicle hands in the on the liability renunciation stamped on the subscription form.

1.24.2 Should the vehicle owner against this duty not sign this intention specification, the driver exempts all listed persons in 1.23 of all demands of the vehicle owner, exception is made for intentional or heavy negligent damage causing. This intention specification relies to demands against the other participants (driver, co-driver), their helpers, the owners, holder of the other vehicles, passenger (other particular wordings agreements between drivers, co-drivers will overrule!) and proper helper they renounce for any kind of demands on damages, which have been caused in connection with the trial competition, exception is made for intentional or heavy negligent damage causing.

1.25 Responsibility, change in the announcement, cancellation of the event

1.25.1 The participant (driver, co-driver, vehicle owner and -holder) participate at their own risk at the event. They alone bear the responsibility for civil- and criminal law for all caused damages by themselves or their vehicle, as far as no exemption of liability has been agreed upon following this announcement.

1.25.2 The organization has the right to modify the announcement according to acts of God or for safety reasons or ordered by the authorities or to cancel the event, should this be caused by extraordinary circumstances, without taking over any replacement claims for damages, exception is made for intentional or heavy negligence. Furthermore, the organization is responsible only as far as no exemption of liability is agreed upon in the registration procedure.