

# BLACK TRACK OFF-ROAD CHALLENGE

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Black Track Off-Road Challenge is an off-road amateur driving event demanding 4x4 vehicles with adequate equipment as well as top driving skills by every participant. The event is divided into 5 stages that will be driven for 5 days. Participants can drive as individuals or as a member of teams. Scoring will be based on the time needed to cross the entire track.**

Rules and Regulations is a document that clearly defines all topics crucial for organization of the Event. But please bear in mind that friendship and fair relationship are the cornerstone of this sport and it should be your guiding star long before the competitive spirit.

In following text, you will find all necessary information for participation on the Challenge. Website [www.alloverland.net](http://www.alloverland.net) is the official channel of communication and every announcement or notification published on it is considered as a part of The Rules and Regulations. Roadbook are made in compliance with all the topics listed in the Rules and Regulations and the notices given in Roadbook are mandatory. Additional information will be provided on every day Briefings.

Please be aware that we have just one Nature and do your best to minimize negative impact on the environment.

### Vehicles

Black Track Off-road Challenge is made for street-legal 4x4 vehicles with possible off-road modifications but inside the standard vehicle dimensions (no shorted versions with cutted chasis). The vehicle does not have to be registered for the current year but the owner must have a certificate of ownership.

Vehicles have to be lightly modified. That means no heavy self-made modifications, full tubular construction, DIY (do it yourself) short versions, etc. Also, prototypes, ATV, Side-by-Sides, motorcycles, and trucks are not allowed. Portals are allowed. Maximal weight of the vehicle is 3.5 tones. A roll cage is optional but it is strongly recommended. If you are not sure your vehicle fits the standards for Black Track Off-Road Challenge you can send us picture of your vehicle on e-mail: [info@alloverland.net](mailto:info@alloverland.net) and we will let you know.

### Tires

Tires must be from serial production with an off-road profile. They can be any type but tractor tires and tires with spikes or studs are not permitted. Maximal tire size is 35". It is permitted to cut and alter the treads of existing tires. Snow chains are not allowed.

### Vehicle equipment

Each vehicle must be equipped with 2 safety belts, 2 helmets, 2 sets of protective gloves, spare wheel and appropriate car jack (optional but strongly recommended), at least 2 linen stripes for pull-outs (short and long one), winch (front winch is obligatory, rear winch is optional), trip master or measuring device that you prefer, fire extinguisher and a first aid box.

### Categories

All vehicles are in the same class and drive the same track. The difference is that, depends on their will, participants can compete as an individual or as a part of teams.

Teams can consist of two to five vehicles. Members of teams can help each other on the track. The whole team needs to finish the track in order to get rank as a team. During the challenge, if some of the teams brake down, members can continue as individual competitors. If some of the teams break down, the representatives of each team member (driver and co-driver) must together inform the organization as soon as they return to the Base camp. If one of the team members leaves the team, the team breaks down. New team formation will not be possible after the beginning of the Challenge.

Individual competitors drive as a single-vehicle. They can help the other competitors or receive help from other competitors but they can not form teams after the beginning of Challenge.

### **Crews**

For participants in the Individual category, the crew is consisted of at least two members: driver and co-driver. They can change their roles without limitations. Both crewmembers must have a valid driving license. Additional crew members also can be in the vehicle. Teams are made of two to five vehicles. Every vehicle has to have a driver and a co-driver.

### **Track**

Track length, type and weight vary from stage to stage. The entire track must be driven as specified in the Roadbook od GPS navigation and must be accomplished in the fastest possible time, having on mind safety first. The distances (kilometers and meters) quoted in the Roadbook shall apply. The distances shown on the measuring device can vary depending on the size of the tire, the style of driving, detours or uneven terrain.

### **Timing**

Time will be measured with electronic devices. Exclusively the Marshals appointed by The Organizer will measure time. No other timing can be recognized. Explanation of the time measurement system and equipment will be given on Driver's Briefing. Every stage has its dedicated time in which competitors have to finish the stage. The cutoff time is time after every participant will consider as disqualified. Electronic devices supplied by The Organizer, must be returned to The Organizer after the end of the last stage, or by withdrawing from the Challenge for any reason. For loss or not returning electronic devices, the penalty applies.

### **Scoring**

Scoring is based on the time a crew takes to cover the prescribed route between start and finish using the „Total time“ method. Vehicles must cross starting line reach checkpoints and cross the finishing line. Each stage will feature one or more checkpoints where participants need to be registered. The time will be measured in hours, minutes and seconds. Individual participants will have their own time and teams will have an average time of each team member. Additional time can be granted as a consequence of breaking the stated rules. Penalty time will apply to every team member and it will be transferred on participants even if the team breaks down.

### **Evaluation**

The order of the stage will be based on the time needed to finish the stage and penalty time given. The fastest is best. The overall ranking is based on the overall time from previous stages. The results will be published in the Info board in the Base Camp.

### **Driving rules**

Participants must obey the instructions issued by The Organizer and the Marshals throughout the event. Further regulations might be announced at the driver's briefing or in the Roadbook. Non-observance of these instructions can lead to disqualification from the stage or the event. Registration in Base Camp Checkpoint by a return to the Base Camp is mandatory. If a participant decides to withdraw from the stage or the Challenge, they must inform The Organiser as soon as possible.

### **Safety**

When in stage, participants must wear the helmet all the time and fasten their seatbelts. Crossing deep water can make an exception. Participants must wear protective gloves when operating the cable. The use of alcohol is not allowed on the track or before the Start.

### **Roadbook**

The Roadbook is a major navigation tool and will also be considered to be an extension of The Rules. Please read carefully every notice in the Roadbook especially ones with the restrictions. Every violation of restrictions given in the Roadbook will implicate consequences. The Roadbook for the next stage will be delivered to the participants before the Start. Every team member will get their own Roadbook.

### **Stage**

A stage is a total distance driven from The Start to The Finish in one day. The specific time limit to complete the stage will be specified in the Roadbook or given on the briefing. Time will be measured for the whole stage by the „Total time“ method having on mind restrictions stated in the Roadbook and Briefings.

### **Start**

The starting point might be at The Base Camp (in front of the Hotel) or a point further away from the Base Camp. This will be specified in the Roadbook. Marshals are always present at The Start. The time difference between competitors is 2 minutes unless otherwise is stated on the briefing.

The competitors will start according to the starting schedule based on the results of the prologue or ranking in the previous day. Teams will start together at the same time. The team ranking is based on the average time of team members. If one of the vehicles from the team crosses the starting line, the time will be measured for the whole team.

### **Starting order**

The starting order for the first stage will be determined by the ranking achieved in the preliminary competition (Prologue). On the Prologue participants will start in formation of 4 vehicles (grid) and starting order will be random. The aim is to get shortest time. Starting order for first stage will be made according to the results of Prologue. Teams will be made after the Prologue and before start of Stage 1. The Prologue is not evaluated for the overall ranking. The Organizer will inform participants in good time about the procedure for this preliminary competition. On subsequent days vehicles will start in the order of the ranking they have achieved in the previous stage. The best from the previous stage starts first. The vehicle that is late to The Start according to the designated Start list will start as the last one at that stage.

### **Checkpoint**

Place where participants register their presence. They will be visibly marked so they can be easily spotted on the track. Checkpoints will not be marked in the Roadbook and their number will not be announced. In order to get ranking, participants must have proof that they have passed through each Checkpoint.

The checkpoint at Base Camp is a place where every crew that drives The Stage of the day must register at the Start and after finishing the Stage by crossing The Finish Line or withdrawing from the Stage for any reason. Vehicles that do not participate in the stage do not need to register.

### **Finish**

The Finish is the last Checkpoint of the Stage at which a score is recorded on the Timekeeping device. Marshals are always present at The Finish controlling that time is taken only when rear wheels cross the finish line.

### **Marshals**

The Marshals are only authorized to execute the tasks allotted to them by The Organizer. They are not allowed to give participants any information or tips. They are only permitted to give information about The Rules, Roadbook or the accessibility of the leaders of the Organizing Team. Not obeying information or orders given by Marshals or the leaders of the Organizing Team leads to the penalties.

### **Medical service**

Medical service will be provided in a camp and along the stages. Medical insurance (travel insurance for foreign countries) is mandatory for everybody.

### **Fuel**

There will be no fuel available in the camp. Participants can fuel up on the nearest petrol stations in Brzeće, 16 km away from the Base Camp. Some of the stages will go nearby the petrol station and participants will be informed on the Briefing when they can fuel up tanks on the track. The Organizer will provide information about additional accessible nearest petrol stations and their working hours.

### **Lunch**

On every Stage for competitors will be organized Lunch break. The exact place and time of the Lunch will be given in the Roadbook and on Briefing. Participants should stay at lunch to eat and get rest. Lunch will be treated as a mandatory Checkpoint with a 30 minutes break so missing the lunch will not help you to get a better time. Marshals will be on the Lunch Checkpoint and will measure minimal break time for every participant. Regardless of organized lunch, we strongly suggest that each crew have to have some food and water in the vehicle in a case of missing the lunch for some reason.

### **Communication**

You can use any kind of communication that will help you but without disturbing the other participants. Radio communication within teams as well as with other participants is allowed. The frequency used by the organization is 433.500 but please use it just in case of an emergency. The use of mobile phones and the Internet is also allowed. Phone numbers for help you will get on Briefing and in the Roadbook. Please use it just in case of an emergency. You will drive using the Roadbook and GPS so you have to have GPS. Our recommendation is Locus Maps Pro but you can use whatever you have.

### **Identification**

The Organizer will provide stickers for each vehicle showing the start number. The stickers must be affixed to each of the side rear windows and the windshield and must be clean before the start of every stage. Without a proper sticker, the start of the stage or the entrance on the parking in front of the Hotel will not be allowed.

### **Advertising**

When submitting their entry forms, participants undertake to affix the advertising material supplied by the Organizer and Sponsors of this event to the exact parts of the vehicles specified by The Organizer. Competitive advertising is not allowed. Vehicles will be checked at the start of the Challenge to ensure that they meet its requirements. Participation without proper stickers or with the competitive sticker will not be allowed. The Organizer reserves windscreen and both front doors for own advertising.

### **Servicing**

In a case the vehicle is damaged, the crew must make every effort to put the vehicle out of track and ensure a smooth passage to the other competitors. Service in terrain is possible but it can be done just by participants, no additional service crew can enter the track. Please note that any release of oil and fuel in the terrain, as well as the disposal of waste, will be sanctioned.

Service in Base Camp is possible but it has to be done by crew or by external support. Members of organization can help just with the advice or contact with external service but not with technical support.

### **Technical Support Team**

Technical Support Team will be at your disposal in the case of an accident happens and some of the vehicles stays in terrain. Support Team will help the crew to get the broken vehicle to the Base Camp or some easily accessible place where it can get appropriate assistance, as soon as possible. The Emergency Telephone Number will be set up at Base Camp with an English speaking operator. Only general repairs can be executed by Support Team and Organizer assumes no liability for repairs to vehicles executed by the Support Team.

### **Outside help**

Outside help is not permitted, which means that neither the members of Organization, nor the marshals, nor the crew's service/support team, nor spectators are allowed to render assistance. The only help that is permitted is that rendered by team members or other competitors still participating in the contest (except in the case of emergency). Exceptions can be made due to track condition and The Organizer will inform about it on time. The stage will be deemed not completed if a crew has been proven to receive outside help. In a case of emergency, every participant and Organization team member have to provide help for those who needed.

### **Claims and complaints**

Claims and complaints can only be lodged with the leaders of the Organizing Team. The Organizer will make every effort to post a score sheet daily on the scoring board before briefing takes place, showing the day's score, the overall score and any changes.

Protests of any kind must be lodged with the Organizer within a maximum of one hour after the publication of the results. Any protest must be lodged in written form on English language. Three responsible leaders of the event organizing team will decide on protest, after listening to the testimonials given by those involved. The decision will be announced at least before the start of the next stage or, in case of the protest on last stage results, before the announcement of total results.

### **Penalties**

- Disqualification from the stage – last stage time of the current day + 2 hours penalty time.
- Avoiding tasks and route given in the Roadbook – disqualification from the stage.
- Outside help – disqualification from the stage.
- Missing checkpoint or entering checkpoint from the wrong side – disqualification from the stage.
- Withdrawal (giving up) from the stage – last stage time of the current day + 30 minutes penalty time.
- Not starting the stage – last stage time of the current day + 3 hours penalty time.
- Not wearing helmet, protective gloves when operating the cable or not fastening the seat belt – first time, warning from organization. In repeated case disqualification from the stage, or disqualification from the Challenge for more than two warnings.
- Using winch cable around the tree without protective stripe, or using any other inappropriate object for winching – disqualification from the stage.
- Driving off the road book through the fields, causing damage to the fields, trees and plants – disqualification from the stage. In repeated case – disqualification from the Challenge.
- Unfair behavior – disqualification from the stage. In repeated case – disqualification from the Challenge. The Organizer reserves right to define and determine improper behavior, which is not in a spirit of The Challenge, as an unfair.
- Penalties for not obeying the specific regulations of the day will be announced on the driver's briefing.
- For loss or not returning electronic devices 100 € fine.

### **Disqualification**

The Organizer reserves the right to exclude vehicles and their crew from the event if this is justified by the circumstances.

### **Awards**

As a special award, the top 3 crews (driver and codriver) with the best overall time will be awarded special invitation for participation on the next Black Track Off-road Challenge free of charge. Time will be measured for every participant separately, so the possibility to win the award will have individual participants as well as team members. Other awards depend on sponsors and will be announced on the Briefing.