

ARCTIC 4x4 EXPERIENCE

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RULES & CONDITIONS FOR ARCTIC 4x4 EXPERIENCE

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1.0 The rally

ARCTIC 4x4 EXPERIENCE is a competition valuing driving skills, endurance and navigational skills. The rally is held on open public roads and the local traffic rules must be obeyed in the countries where the rally passes through. Some sections along the route are rough roads where four wheel drive capabilities are required. The competition is open to all rally team holding a valid entry. To get a valid entry, follow the instructions at the website www.arctic4x4experience.com.

1.1 Categories

Winners will be announced in the following categories:

Category 1 : Four wheel drive cars. Vehicles having four wheel drive capabilities.

Category 2 : Two wheel drive cars. Vehicles with two wheel drive capabilities.

2.0 Vehicles

The vehicle must be registered and approved for driving on open public roads and be insured according to current traffic law.

3.0 Safety and Security

Each participant is responsible for his/her own safety and security. Participants must understand the dangers associated with the rally and also understand that they participate at their own risk. Each participant is responsible for the damage they may cause to vehicles, humans, animals or property.

3.1 Equipment

The following equipment is mandatory and will be checked by the Race direction before start:

- Warning triangle
- Heavy duty recovery rope (at least 4 meters)
- Shovel
- Jumper cables
- Fire extinguisher
- Spare tyre of same size mounted on correct size rim.
- Car jack + cross rim
- Metal foil survival blanket/bag
- Clothing for very low temperatures
- Lighter/matches
- First aid kit
- At least 2 liters water for consumption per person
- At least 40 liters of fuel reserves
- Mobile phone
- Handhold GPS (see 4.1)

The following equipment is recommended:

- Vehicle tools
- Spare parts
- Snow chains
- CB Radio (27Mhz)
- Satellite phone
- Head torch

3.2 Documents

The following documents are mandatory and will be checked by the Race direction before start:

- Valid driver license
- Valid vehicle registration document
- Travel insurance

3.3 Rescue

In case of an accident with injured persons, contact emergency service:

- Sweden 112
- Finland 112
- Norway Ambulance 113, Police 112

There are no rescue and recovery services provided by the organization but you have to inform the Race direction about the accident.

If the vehicle are impossible to drive after an accident or due to engine breakdown the participants are fully responsible for towing and repairing.

3.4 Assistance

Teams are required to provide support to others in case of an accident or in case of mechanical problems along the route. Not providing help in case of an accident will result in disqualification. If a team provides help to another in case of an accident they will be able to collect the maximum points for that day's stage even if they don't complete the stage. To collect maximum points, the Race direction must be informed about the accident.

4.0 Roadbook and Race sheets

The Roadbook with daily start and end points will be published several weeks prior to the rally. It will also contain additional information about the stages and the competition in general.

4.1 Navigation will be done with GPS equipment (arrow, with coordinate input abilities ex Garmin eTrex H or Magellan eXplorist 100) and paper maps. GPS equipment with maps, preinstalled or downloaded, is NOT allowed. Team using prohibited equipment will be disqualified.

4.2 Race sheets with geo challenges for the daily stage are distributed each day at the start line at 07.00 AM unless otherwise indicated.

4.3 Teams have to complete 5-20 geo challenges each day. The geo challenges may consist of a number, a letter or a word. Other challenges can also occur. Answers have to be written on the race sheets clearly and legibly.

4.4 Collaborating with other teams are not allowed. If it happens, it will result in disqualification for involved teams.

4.5 Teams must use digital cameras or cellphones to photograph themselves at geo challenges. Pictures must be saved for the entire duration of the rally. They may be verified by the Race direction.

4.6 If it's impossible to reach a geo challenge with your vehicle (e.g. due to snow barriers) the team are, due to safety reasons, not allowed to walk (or skiing) more than 100 meters from the vehicle to reach a geo challenge. If the distance is more than 100 meters, the team can choose to winch their vehicle, dig a road etc and get the vehicle to the geo challenge. If you succeed, you will be given bonus points. It must be proved by a photo of the geo challenge and the vehicle and be presented to the Race direction at the finish line the actual day.

4.7 Race sheets have to be submitted each day at the official finish line to the Race direction. Race sheets can be submitted to the Race direction at the finish line until 07.00 AM in the morning unless otherwise indicated. Race sheets submitted after 07.00 AM will not be accepted and the team will not be able to collect points. Only stamped official race sheets are accepted. Photocopies are inadmissible.

4.8 On the last day, race sheets can be submitted to the Race direction at the finish line until 12.00 AM. Race sheets submitted after 12.00 AM will not be accepted and the team will not be able to collect points.

5.0 Scoring system

The following points can be collected:

Geo challenges	1 – 10 p
Bonus geo challenges	15 p
Completing a daily stage before time limit	5 - 10 p
No photo documentation penalty	100 p
Littering penalty	100 p
Sponsor sticker penalty	100 p

5.1 Final race result

The scoring of the competition will be done by the Race direction. Winning teams in both categories will be announced the last day at 13.00 unless otherwise indicated.

5.2 Protests

Protests must be submitted to the Race direction in writing within 24 hours after the questionable incident. On the last day, protests must be submitted by 12.00 AM. Regarding protests a 3 referee sports court will rule. The decision of the sports court is final and cannot be appealed.

6.0 Inappropriate behavior

Drunk and reckless driving will not be tolerated. Violators will be disqualified and reported to the authorities.

6.1 Violent or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. Violators will be disqualified and reported to the authorities.

6.2 Littering are forbidden. Garbage must be collected and removed. Littering may result in penalty points.

7.0 Sponsorship

Teams may have their own sponsors and place their own sponsor stickers. Participants are required to place rally sponsor stickers on both sides front and rear wing. Start number have to be placed on the front passenger and driver side door. (40x45cm). If participant refuses to place rally sponsor sticker in assigned location, penalty points will be issued.

8.0 Change of rules

Rules, conditions, roadbook and race sheets are all subject to change. Changes during the competition will always be announced at morning orientations by 07.00 AM each morning at the start line. Changes before the rally will be announced by e-mail to participants.

