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I - GENERAL PROGRAM OF THE EVENT

PROGRAM:

Entries Open
 Entries Close
 Publication of the Entry List on the Official Notice Board.
 Publication of convocations to Administrative & Technical Checks
 - A.T.C.L.
 Publication of the Start List on the Official Notice Board
 Cars entry to the Start Parc Fermé
 Compulsory Briefing
Race 1st heat
Race 2nd heat
 Publication of the Final Official Results
 Prize-Giving

The dates of the above mentioned program will be determined in a bulletin issued prior to each 4x4 event.

II - ORGANISATION

1. General

- 1.1 The Sporting Authority of the Automobile and Touring Club of Lebanon organises the Lebanese 4x4 Championship - 2021.
- 1.2 These Supplementary Regulations have been approved by the National Sporting Authority with Visa No T1/2021 dated February 26th 2021.

2. Organising Committee, Secretariat, Officials

2.1 Organising Committee

Chairman

Gaby KREIKER

Members

Marc EL HAYEK

Jean WANNES

Roy MOUKARZEL

Said ZACCA

1. The address of the secretariat of the event is as follows:

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2. Officials of the 4X4 events:

Stewards of the meeting (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

ASN Observer: Gaby KREIKER

Clerk of the Course: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Assistant Clerk of the Course: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Safety Officer: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Scrutineers: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Time Controllers: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Itinerary Officers: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Competitor's Relations Officers: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Results Officer: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Press Relations Officer: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Stewards' Panel Secretaries: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Secretary: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Chief Medical Officer: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

First Aid services: Lebanese Red Cross

Administration: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

Equipments person in charge: (will be announced in a bulletin preceding each race)

3. Official Notice Board(s)

All communications, decisions, amendments, numbered information bulletins, additional conditions as well as the results, shall be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located at:

- The ATCL CSN OFFICE before the Start of the Event
- The vicinity of racing track during the Event till the Publication of the Official Final Results

III – GENERAL CONDITIONS

4. General

1. The event shall be organised in conformity with the provisions of the FIA International Sporting Code (and its appendices), the National Sporting Code which comply with the F.I.A. Regulations and the provisions of these Supplementary Regulations.

5. By entering the competition, the participants agree to abide by the above provisions and abandon all recourse to arbitrators or courts not provided for in the International Sporting Code.

1. This 4x4 race counts for the following national titles:

- The Lebanese 4x4 Championship for Drivers (Coefficient 1).
- The Lebanese 4x4 Championship Cup for Drivers (T2) (Coefficient 1).
- The UTV Championship for Drivers (Coefficient 1)

5. Course

This 4x4 will be run according to the following:

- a. Minimal distance: **2 x 1 lap distance**

6. Eligible vehicles

- I. **T1 Group** – Modified Cross-Country Cars (prototype)
II. **T2 Group** – Series Cross-Country Cars

Cubic Capacity Classes:

The vehicles, according to their cubic capacity, will be divided into the following classes:

- a. Class 1: Up to and including 1400cc.
b. Class 2: Over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc.
c. Class 3: Over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc.
d. Class 4: Over 2000cc up to and including 2500cc.
e. Class 5: Over 2500cc up to and including 3500cc.
f. Class 6: Over 3500cc up to and including 4500cc.
g. Class 7: Over 4500cc up to and including 5500cc.
h. Class 8: Over 5500 cc.

- III. **UTV Group** – Up to and including 1000 cc

7. Vehicle equipment

- 7.1 The safety equipment of all vehicles must comply with the FIA Appendix J as well as Appendix C of the National Sporting Code for the year 201:
- Roll cage, according to the FIA Appendix J Article 283-8.
 - Seats: Homologation number FIA 8855/1999 or FIA 8862/2009 & fitted according to FIA app. J Article 283-20.
 - Safety harnesses: Homologation number FIA 8853/98 & according to FIA app. J Article 283-6.
 - Extinguishers: a minimum of two 2 Kg. hand held extinguishers filled with an FIA approved extinguisher, easily accessible by the driver and fixed with a quick release metal fastener. (FIA approved).
 - Fuel system lines & tank: All FIA approved. According to FIA app. J Article 283-3 & 283-14.
 - Fuel pump(s) should operate only when engine is running.
 - Additional fasteners: Front hood & rear boot. According to FIA app. J Article 283-5
 - Towing eyes: Front & Rear clearly visible painted in yellow orange or red. According to FIA app. J Article 283-10.
 - Circuit breakers: Two one internal & one external, switching off all the electrical components of the car. According to FIA app. J Article 283-13

- Mud flaps should be fitted behind each wheel covering the complete width of the tire.
- Windscreen: Should be made of laminated glass.
- If the original side & rear windows are used they should be covered by a transparent or tinted safety film. Opening in the tinted films should be made to allow see inside the car.
- Side & rear windows can be replaced by transparent polycarbonate elements of at least 3mm thick.
- The front two doors cannot be replaced & should be kept in their original form without any modification.
- The chassis / body structure can be reinforced, provided the material takes the original shape. However it is prohibited to modify the structure by cutting trimming grinding under any circumstance.
- An efficient protective screen must be placed between the engine and all the mechanical parts on the one hand, and the occupant's seats on the other hand, in order to prevent the direct passage of flames in case of fire.
- The rear view must be efficiently obtained by means of two outside mirrors (one on each side of vehicle)

7.2 Any vehicle with insufficient safety features or not complying with the regulations in force shall not be admitted to or shall be excluded from the event.

7.3 Fuel:

a. **Only UNLEADED fuel is admitted in Lebanon.**

b. Fuel which complies with articles 252.9.1, 252.9.2 and 252.9.3 of Appendix J are permitted.

8. Drivers' safety equipment

8.1 The wearing of a safety belt, a crash helmet complying with the standards approved by the FIA is **MANDATORY** for all drivers, be it during the race heats.

8.2 Drivers' overalls as well as gloves, balaclava, socks and shoes must be in conformity with the FIA 8856-2000 standard.

8.3 The control of the drivers' equipments will take place at the scrutineering.

9. Eligible competitors and drivers

9.1 Any person or legal entity holding a competitor's licence valid for the current year by the ATCL is accepted and eligibly recognised.

9.2 Drivers must also be in possession of a current Lebanese driving licence and a competition licence valid for the current year.

- 9.3 According to the Art.2.3.8 of the International Sporting Code, foreign competitors and drivers must be in possession of written authorisation to take part in the event from the ASN, which issued them with their licence(s).

10. Entries

- 10.1 Any person who wishes to participate in the 4x4 Championship - 2021 has to hand his (her) participation for the event to the secretariat of the CSN as per the dates issued in a bulletin.

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If the entry form is sent by fax or e-mail, the original entry form must reach the Organiser no later than one week after the closing date for entries.

- 10.2 The maximum number of entrants is limited to 25 cars.
- 10.3 There may be a change of vehicle after the close of entries and up to the completion of the administrative checks of the competitor concerned, provided that the new vehicle belongs to the same Group and the same cylinder capacity class (Article 6.2) as the vehicle being replaced. Any special abrogation for late scrutineer cannot be considered as an extension time for the Admin & Tech Checks.
- 10.4 No change of competitor may take place after the close of entries. Changes of driver are authorised in accordance with Article 9.14.2 of the ISC. The replacement driver, who must hold a valid licence or licences as well as authorisation from his ASN, must be named before the administrative checks are carried out for the vehicle concerned. However, an additional fee of 100.- U.S. \$ will be imposed in case of changing the driver.
- 10.5 Should it turn out, at the time of pre-race scrutineering, that a vehicle does not correspond in its presentation to the group in which it was entered, this vehicle may, upon the proposal of the scrutineers, be transferred by the panel of the stewards of the meeting to a different group or be refused definitively.
- 10.6 Double starts (1 driver for 2 vehicles or 1 vehicle for 2 drivers) are not authorised.
- 10.7 The organising committee reserves the right:
- a. To refuse an entry, without having to give the reasons for its decision
 - b. To cancel the event if the number of the competitors is less than 8 (eight) cars.

- c. To cancel the trophy concerning a given group if the number of cars in the group is less than 3 (three).

11. Entry fees

- 11.1 The entry fees are fixed thus to:
 - a. Two hundred U.S. dollars (200 U.S. \$) for competitors, persons and/or legal entity, that accept the optional advertising proposed by the organisers (Article 16.3).
 - b. Three hundred U.S. dollars (300 U.S. \$) for competitors, persons and/or legal entity, that do not accept the optional advertising proposed by the organisers (Article 16.3).
 - c. For teams, the entry fees are fixed to One hundred fifty U.S. dollars (150 U.S. \$) for each registered vehicle.
- 11.2 An entry shall only be accepted if it is accompanied by the entry fees and received by the deadline set in Article 10.1.
- 11.3 In all cases, the entry fees include the competitor's and driver's Civil Liability insurance premium, as well as the necessary start numbers.
 - 11.4 Entry fees will be refunded in full:
 - a. To candidates whose entry has not been accepted,
 - b. In the case of the event would not take place.

No reimbursements will be made except for the above mentioned.

12. Liability and insurance

1. It is mandatory that all foreign crew members have Motor Sport Personal Accident Insurance valid for Lebanon. The Organiser will provide such insurance for a premium of 30. - U.S. This guarantees, according to insurance policy, the competitor cover for:
 1. medical expenses of up to 15.000 US \$
 2. death and disability 30.000 US \$
2. The entry fees include the insurance premium, which guarantees the competitor cover for Civil Liability towards third parties up to 25.000 US \$ for each case.
- 12.3 The Civil Liability insurance taken out by the organiser applies for the entire duration of the race.
- 12.4 The insurance cover will come into effect at the start of the event and will cease at the finish of it or at the moment of retirement, disqualification and/or exclusion.
- 12.5 If a driver taking part in the event is involved in an accident he/she must report this as soon as possible to the competitors' relations' officers.

12.6 In case of car breakdown the competitors bear the transportation and/or towing fees.

13. Reservations, official text

- 13.1 The organiser reserves the right to add to his supplementary regulations or to issue additional conditions or instructions, which will form an integral part of them. The organiser also reserves the right to cancel or stop the event in the case of insufficient participation (Art. 10.7.b) force majeure or unforeseeable events, without being under any obligation whatsoever to provide compensation.
- 13.2 Participants shall be informed of any amendments or additional conditions as soon as possible via dated and numbered information bulletins, which shall be posted on the official notice board (Article 3).
- 13.3 Any cases not provided for in the supplementary regulations shall be decided by the stewards of the meeting.
- 13.4 In case of dispute concerning the interpretation of these regulations, only the English text will be binding.

IV – PARTICIPANTS’ DUTIES

14. Start numbers

- 14.1 The organiser shall provide each participant with 2 sets of start numbers, which shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the vehicle all duration of the event. Vehicles without correct start numbers will not be allowed to start the event.
- 14.2 The participants can on no account make any modification(s) to the shape, the dimension or the contents of these sets of numbers under pain of exclusion
- 14.3 The names of the drivers with their national flags must appear on the front wings of the car. The letters must be in an antithesis colour than that of the vehicle, having a height of 50mm in upper and lower case Helvetica bold face. The national flag must appear adjacent to the name having the height of 50mm.
- 14.4 The organiser shall be responsible for allocating the start numbers.
- 14.5 At the end of the event, before leaving the Parc Fermé or the paddock, the numbers of vehicles driving on public roads must be removed.

15. Starting arrangements

- 15.1 Drivers must place themselves at the disposal of the clerk of the course at least one hour before the start. The drivers shall accept the consequences should they be unaware of any conditions or modifications to the timetable which might be decided prior to the start.
- 15.2 The participants shall take their place on the starting Line at least 10 minutes prior to their starting time. Any driver who fails to report to the start at his scheduled starting time may be excluded from the event.

16. Advertising

- 16.1 The used places for advertising purposes are free with the exception of those reserved for the competition numbers, the logo of the Championship as well as that of the organisers
- 16.2 Competitors are allowed to affix any kind of advertising to their vehicles, provided that:
- It is authorised by the FIA regulations and the local legislations.
 - It is not likely to give offence,
 - It does not encroach upon the spaces defined below reserved for plates, race numbers and windscreen strips,
 - It does not interfere with the crew's vision through the windows.
 - The advertising of political, religious and/or social material is strictly forbidden.

However, No advertising whatsoever may be affixed to the side windows.

- 16.3 Optional Advertising: by the organisers (reduced fees, Article 11.1)
- On the upper part of the windscreen.
 - One space on each rear wing of the vehicle (**25cm x 25cm**). A further bulletin will determine the brands.

17. Flag signals, track behaviour,

- 17.1 The following flag signals may be used during practice and the race, and must be strictly observed:
- Red flag** Stop immediately and definitively.
 - Black and white** End of the race heat (finish line).
The Chequered flag will be shown at the finish line for the two race heats.
- 17.2 It is strictly forbidden to drive a vehicle across or in the opposite direction to the direction of the race, unless instructed to do so by the marshals or the clerk of the course. Any breach of this regulation shall result in exclusion, with the possible addition of other sanctions and the transmission of the case to the ASN concerned.
- 17.3 If a driver is obliged to stop his heat due to mechanical failure or other problems, he must immediately park his vehicle away from the track and leave it, and obey any instructions given by the marshals.

V – ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS AND SCRUTINEERING

18. Administrative checks

- 18.1 The administrative checks will take place according to a separate timetable given later in a bulletin and posted on the official notice board at the Automobile Touring Club of Lebanon – Jounieh, Lebanon.
- 18.2 All competitors and drivers taking part in the 4x4 **must report for administrative checks in person** with their cars **in their precise scheduled time** as shown on the list displayed on notice board, failing to do so, a penalty will be imposed as per article 31.4.
- 18.3 The administrative checks will consist of checking the following documents:
- a. Control of the registration and the characteristic data of the car (brand, model, category, group, engine capacity, etc...).
 - b. Control of the competitors' and drivers' competition and road licences and its validity for the current year.
 - c. Foreign participants must also present written authorisation from their ASN, if this was not enclosed with their entry.

Participants are obliged to be present for the administrative checks so that identification and administrative checks can be carried out.

Those who have passed the administrative checks and having received the approval signed by the officials can present their car to scrutineering in accordance with the published timetable as shown on the official notice board.

19. Scrutineering

- 19.1 The scrutineering will take place according to a separate timetable given later in a bulletin and posted on the official notice board at the Automobile Touring Club of Lebanon – Jounieh, Lebanon.
- 19.2 Participants are obliged to accompany their vehicle at scrutineering, so that identification and safety checks can be carried out
- 19.3 The homologation form for Group T2 vehicles must be presented in addition to the authentic roll cage certificate otherwise, scrutineering may be refused. Group T1 needs no homologation forms.
- 19.4 Participants reporting for scrutineering after their scheduled time shall be liable to a penalty as described hereafter in article 31.4.

- 19.5 Scrutineering does not constitute confirmation that the vehicle complies with the regulations in force.
- 19.6 After scrutineering has been completed, the list of participants authorised to take the Start shall be published and posted by the organiser on the official notice board at The Automobile and Touring Club of Lebanon - Jounieh; Lebanon

VI – RUNNING OF THE EVENT

20. Start, finish, timekeeping

- 20.1 The start will take place individually for each driver with the vehicle stationary and the engine running. The minimal interval between the starts will depend on the length the course.
The stewards of the meeting and the clerk of the course are free to modify the starting order according to the circumstances.
- 20.2 No vehicle may take the start outside its own Group unless expressly authorised to do so by the stewards of the meeting
- 20.3 Any vehicle which has triggered the timing apparatus shall be considered as having started, and shall not be granted a second start.
- 20.4 Any refusal or delay in starting shall result in exclusion.
- 20.5 The finish shall be a flying finish. The race heat ends when the vehicle crosses the finish line; as soon as this is done, the driver must reduce the vehicle speed drastically- At the end of each race heat, **the competitor has to present his/her vehicle into the Parc Fermé within the time allowed given by the marshals and previously agreed upon in the compulsory briefing before the start of the event.** The Competitor will follow the organiser's instructions in order to start another race heat.
Competitors reporting late to the Parc Fermé will be penalized 10. - U.S. \$ per minute to maximum of 15 minutes. Thereafter, they will be reported to the Stewards who may apply penalties at their discretion which may go as far as exclusion.
- 20.6 Timing shall be carried out using photocells accurate to at least 1/100 of a second.

21. Practice

Practices is free till the start of the event.

1. **Using the entered vehicle.**
2. **Drivers' equipments shall be in compliance with articles 8.1 and 8.2 of these General Regulations.**

22. The race

1. The race heats shall take place in accordance with the detailed timetable drawn up by the organiser (Chapter I – General Programme of the Event).
- 22.2 The 2021 Lebanese 4x4 Championship shall be run over two (2) race heats.
- 22.3 **The Starting Order of the practice heat will be determined according to a draw.**
- 22.4 The starting order will be kept the same for the 2nd heat
- 22.5 The clerk of the course based on the decision of the stewards of the meeting may authorise the drivers whom are stopped on the course due to unknown problems to take another start. No complaint will be admitted on this subject. All drivers during the race heats should abide by these regulations and the decisions taken by the clerk of the course.
Any breach of the rules reported to the clerk of the course and upon the decision of the stewards of the meeting could result in the competitor being excluded from the event.
- 22.6 A general briefing will be held as previously scheduled in bulletins. The presence of all drivers is compulsory. During the briefing the competitors will receive the latest instructions concerning the event.
- 22.7 **Each competitor should finish his race heat within 20 minutes otherwise he is disqualified from the intended heat.**

23. Outside assistance

- 23.1 Any outside assistance shall result in exclusion.
- 23.2 Vehicles which have broken down along the track may only be towed away by order of the clerk of the course.

VII – PARC FERME, FINAL CHECKS

24. Parc Fermé

- 24.1 At the end of the event, Parc Fermé rules shall apply between the finish line and the entrance to the Parc Fermé.
- 24.2 At the end of the event, all classified vehicles shall remain in the Parc Fermé until indication to the contrary is given by the clerk of the course with the approval of the stewards. Parc Fermé rules shall not be lifted until the period of time allowed for the lodging of protests has expired.
- 24.3 The Final Parc Fermé will be located at the vicinity of the track race.

25. Additional checks

- 25.1 All vehicles may be subject to checking by the scrutineers before each race heat however, the scrutineers have the right to check any vehicle that was involved in an accident. Vehicles recognized in a deficient state will be prohibited to start.
- 25.2 Any vehicle may be subjected to additional checking by the scrutineers, both while the event is taking place and especially after the finish.
- 25.3 At the request of the stewards, whether spontaneously or following a protest, a vehicle may be impounded after the finish and subjected to complete and detailed scrutineering entailing the dismantling of the vehicle

VIII – CLASSIFICATIONS, PROTESTS, APPEALS

26. Classifications

- 26.1 The provisional results will be published after the last competing car finishes its race heat.
- 26.2 The final official results will become definitive within half an hour following the posting of the provisional results if no protest was received.
- 26.3 The driver **with the least time achieved in one of the two race heats** will be declared winner. Nevertheless, the second will be the one that will have a time superior to the first but less than that of the 3rd, etc.
- 26.4 In case of a tie, the best time set during the race 1st heat between the two competitors will determine the winner

27. Protests

- 27.1 The lodging of protests and the deadlines to be observed shall be in accordance with the provisions of the International Sporting Code (Article 13 and subsequent articles of the International Sporting Code).

- 27.2 The deadline for the lodging of protests against the results or the classification (Article 13.4.4 of the International Sporting Code) shall be 30 minutes after the posting of the provisional final classification on the official notice board.
- 27.3 Protest should be in writing, addressed either to the clerk of the course or the competitors' relations officers', and accompanied by a fee. The fee for protests is set to 500 € (five hundred Euros). The fee shall be refunded only if the protest is upheld.
- 27.4 For a protest involving a clearly defined part of the car (engine, transmission, steering, braking system, electrical installation, bodywork, etc.); the claimant shall pay a deposit fee specified in Article 12.b of the National Sporting Code for the year 2021. This deposit must be paid within the period specified by the stewards in order for this check to be carried out.
- 27.5 The expenses incurred by the work and by the transport of the car shall be borne by the claimant if the protest is unfounded, or by the competitor against whom the protest is lodged if it is upheld.
- 27.6 If the protest is unfounded, and if the expenses incurred by the protest (scrutineering, transport, etc.) are higher than the amount of the deposit, the difference shall be borne by the claimant. Conversely, if the expenses are less, the difference shall be returned to them.
- 27.7 Mass protests and protests regarding timekeeping or the decisions taken by the stewards are not accepted.
- 27.8 Protests against the entries of competitors and/or drivers must comply with the National Sporting Code for the year 2021.

28. Appeals

- 28.1 The lodging of an appeal and the related costs shall be in accordance with the provisions of the International Sporting Code.
- 28.2 The deposit for national appeals is set to 6'000'000.- L.P. (Six million Lebanese pounds) in accordance with the stipulations specified in the National Sporting Code for the year 2021.

IX – PRIZES AND CUPS PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

29. Prizes and cups

- 29.1 The following prizes, cups and trophies shall be awarded:

- a. General Classification
- | | |
|---------|----------|
| First: | 1 Trophy |
| Second: | 1 Trophy |

Third: 1 Trophy

b. UTV Classification Turbo
First: 1 Trophy
Second: 1 Trophy
Third: 1 Trophy

c. UTV Classification None Turbo
First: 1 Trophy
Second: 1 Trophy
Third: 1 Trophy

d. Veteran Cup 1 Trophy

30. Prize giving ceremony

30.1 The prize giving shall take place on the vicinity of the track.

30.2 Competitors that are not personally present at the prize giving ceremony **along with their vehicles** will lose their right to the prizes that are theirs. Nevertheless, the classification and attribution of the other prizes won't be modified.

X – SPECIAL PROVISIONS

31. Penalties

1. False Start
5 seconds

31.2 Exclusion:

a. Absence of the safety belt, the crash helmet or safety harnesses and clothing as mentioned here above in articles 8.1 and 8.2.

b. False information in the entry form.

c. Vehicles not entering the Parc Fermé at the end of the event.

31.3 Start refused:

No vehicle will be allowed to start unless it complies with the FIA safety regulations.

31.4 All competitors/drivers taking part in the 2021 4x4 Championship must arrive at administrative checks and/or scrutineering in at their precise time as shown on the list displayed on the official notice board. Failure to do so will incur in a cash penalty of U.S. \$ 25.00 for each 15 minutes and/or a fraction of 15 minutes.

5. All competitors/drivers taking part in the 2021 4x4 Championship must present their vehicles into the Parc Fermé in their due time. Any delay to do so will incur in a cash penalty of 10. - U.S. \$ per minute to maximum of 15 minutes. Thereafter, they will be reported to the Stewards who may impose penalties at their discretion which may go as far as exclusion.