

## BORDC Orienteering Event at Potarch - Supplementary Regulations

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### (i) Pre-Event Information:

- The Buchan Off Road Drivers Club will promote an Off-Road Orienteering Event on **Sunday 24/09/2023** at **Potarch**. Set-up will take place on **Saturday 23/09/23**
- The event will be held entirely on private land.
- The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the MSUK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations.
- An MSUK "Clubmans" permit has been applied for. Permit No.: **TBA**
- All vehicles will all be in a single class. This event does not count towards any club championship.
- All vehicles must comply with MSUK technical regulations however vehicles do not require an MOT or Road Tax as all driving will be held on private land. Only forward facing seats can be used.
- The maximum entry for the meeting, including reserves is 40 vehicles and the minimum is 6. Should the minimum figure not be reached, the organisers have the right to cancel the event. Details on club website and email to all members.
- The secretary of the meeting is: Alistair Tong  
Other officials are : Clerk of the Course: TBA (Committee)  
Scrutineer: TBA (Committee)  
Steward: TBA (Committee)
- Target arrival time is 09:00 to enable scrutineering to be completed, teams to be allocated and everyone ready to start briefing by 10:00. Anyone not signed on by 09:50 may be excluded or have a delayed start time.
- Parking for all trailers and non competing vehicles should be at Craiglash Quarry on the north side of the site. A marked up map will be sent by e-mail to all club members. This road is relatively narrow with passing places so drive carefully. Car park adjacent to the Potarch bridge is NOT suitable for trailers.
- Due to limited space, please follow the parking plan which must be complied with at the Control.
- The entrance gate will be locked during the event to prevent unauthorized access. Contact a Steward or CoC if you need to leave before the end of the event. A list of mobile phone numbers for the CoC & Marshalls will be given to competitors.
- Competitors should take a compass and watch. A GPS is not mandatory however highly recommended. Note that GPS signal may be poor due to tree cover. The punch co-ordinates may be available online the night before the event.
- This is not a speed event. The speed limit is 10mph. Any competitors caught exceeding the speed limit will be penalised at the
- Minimum passenger age is 14 when the driver has a full driving licence. The minimum age for road legal mass produced vehicles with MOT is reduced to 12 when the driver has a full driving licence. The maximum number of passengers in any vehicle is 1. Competition licences are not required.
- Minimum driver age is 17 with a valid RTA licence. Drivers without a RTA licence may drive provided they can suitably drive a vehicle off road and are accompanied at all times by a front seat passenger with a current RTA licence and is at least 18 years of age. Drivers of age 16 or over may compete provided the passenger holds a RTA licence and is experienced in Cross Country Driving Trials/Orienteering events. Drivers aged 15 and over may also compete provided they have completed 4 TYRO Trials in a road legal vehicle.
- All competitors must be self sufficient for the day i.e. arrive with sufficient fuel, drinks and food. No facilities are provided on site.

- Any protest must be initially lodged with the CoC and if not resolved raised at the next committee meeting. Protests will be resolved in accordance with the MSUK regulation (Blue Book), copies available from Committee.

### (ii) Sign on + Pav:

- All competitors must sign on electronically for the event. Fee is £30 for driver + vehicle and £10 for each passenger. A discount may be applied to those who assist with set-up. Entry fees will be refunded if event is cancelled.
- Anyone under the age of 18 must be signed on by a parent or guardian.
- All Officials, Stewards and Marshalls etc sign on using the appropriate form.
- All drivers must be paid up members of the Buchan Off Road Drivers, Tay 4x4 or Edzell Offroad Clubs and present club membership cards. Non-members must join BORDC on the day. Entry opens one week before online.
- Your mobile phone details will only be used in emergencies and not kept or used for any other purpose.

### (iii) Scrutineering:

- Please stand by your vehicle so that you can assist the Scrutineer opening bonnets/battery covers etc.
- A winch blanket/sail and tree strop (if winch fitted), fire extinguisher & first aid kit are required and must be shown to the Scrutineer.
- Scrutineering will be as per standard club inspection and testing guidelines covering, battery, brakes, seatbelts etc...

### (iv) Team Selection:

- Team Selection will be at the discretion of the organisers. Every effort will be made to keep personal preferences however target is to have at least one winch per team for safe recovery in remote areas of the forest.
- A passenger is recommended to assist with spotting punches and checking that ground in front of vehicle is clear of obstacles (tree stumps / rocks etc).
- In the event of an odd number of competition vehicles, a team may be made up of three vehicles. In this case the score applied will be for the two best vehicle punch number totals collected (excluding Jokers). Minimum 2 vehicles per team.

### (v) Each Team will be given:

- Two punch cards per vehicle.
  - Punch cards will be located on opposite sides of each team vehicle. Unless any special requests are made, the CoC appointed person will select a suitable point to attach the punch cards, e.g. roll cage, door frames etc.
  - One A3 size large scale map per vehicle and a listing of the objective co-ordinates. This will enable the objectives to be marked on the map to show the punch locations. One A4 size map (based upon Ordnance Survey 1:10,000 Scale Map) per vehicle covering the same area. The punch co-ordinates may be available online the day before the event takes place.
  - Three Recovery Jokers per team.
  - One list of CoC, Stewards and Committee with their mobile phone numbers per team.
  - Single entry vehicles may be permitted at the discretion of the CoC provided said vehicles have a co-driver and are suitably equipped.
- ### (vi) Rules for the Event:
- The punch cards have been divided in 4 groups marked A, B, C and D.
  - Competitors are expected to drive and navigate to specified objectives on the map. You are permitted to collect punches from all four groups in any order.
  - There are 8 punches in each sector i.e. 32 punches total with each punch scoring 1 point, i.e. your maximum score of punches per vehicle is 32 plus any unused or collected recovery jokers which are worth 1 point.
  - The dark line on the map around the site indicates the site boundaries. These must not be crossed under any circumstances.
  - You may be told which area to start in at the briefing. This is to ensure that everyone is spread around the forest.
  - Each punch has a marker (A6 size) and red/white barrier tape has been wrapped around the tree to make it obvious. The punch must be marked into the corresponding box on the punch card. Punches in the wrong box will be discarded from the final score so check before punching the card.
  - Punch cards must remain on the vehicle and can only be removed by a Steward or CoC. If a card is removed even accidentally then you may lose all points on that card. You can return to control and have a replacement card attached by a Steward/CoC (if they are available) however any existing punches will have to be re-done.
  - Major tracks and forest breaks are shown on the map. There are also many others however they may contain deep ruts. If in doubt get out and look.
  - When driving off track beware of tree stumps and rocks. Use the passenger as a spotter. This is quicker than driving and getting stuck or damaging steering components!
  - Objectives must be attempted without the use of winches or other means of assistance. Punches have been positioned such that they should be driveable by a vehicle on Mud Terrain tyres. If it looks more difficult, or you are on a steep side slope then STOP and go another route, this is Not a Winch Challenge Event.
  - The terrain contains trees, therefore the driver should expect the risk of scratched paintwork. There are also rocks and tree stumps - these can be avoided however it is the responsibility of the driver to plan their route to minimise the risk of damage to their motor.
  - Roaming Steward(s) and CoC will check driving standards and general conduct. Any safety infringements, such as speeding, not using seatbelts or not using gloves when handling steel winch cable will initially result in a warning and possible score reduction. Second violations will result in exclusion. CoC's decision is FINAL.
  - A Recovery Joker must be given to any other team or Steward that assists you with each recovery event. One stuck vehicle is one recovery event. Each Recovery Joker is worth 1 punch.
  - Winch blankets/sails must be used with steel winch cables. They are also recommended for use with synthetic type ropes. Gloves must be used when handling steel winch cables.
  - Winch blankets/sails must be used if the cable or rope crosses any tracks.
  - During vehicle recovery operations all passengers must disembark and if not directly involved, stand well clear and ideally behind some trees.
  - No 'snatching' is permitted during winching.
  - Wide soft fabric strops/slings must be used on any trees to minimise damage. Absolutely no winching off fences or electricity/tenograph
  - It should be possible for the first arrivals at any punch to drive to the punch. Depending upon weather conditions and how the ground cuts up, winches may become necessary however this is NOT a Challenge Event. See also rule (vi)10.
  - Seat belts must be worn at all times.
  - To prevent upsetting landlord do not damage any trees. The trees will damage your vehicle so it is in your own interest!
  - To prevent upsetting landlord do not damage edge of track especially on main access track which is seen by walkers and the like.
  - No smoking on site unless inside an enclosed vehicle (i.e. windows up).
  - Take all litter home with you.
  - You must inform the organisers immediately of any incident involving an injury.
  - You must inform the organisers if you withdraw from the event. You must not leave the site until a Marshall has been informed.
  - Finish is back at control at 15:30 LATEST to enable clear up to be done before it becomes too dark. In the event of any disputes, the CoC's watch will be considered as the reference timepiece for this event.
  - After 15:30 and until 15:45 you will lose 50% of your points (per vehicle late).
  - After 15:45 you will lose all points (per vehicle late).
  - Some competitors will be expected to assist with dismantling punches whilst the scores are being calculated.
  - Results will be announced at the end of the event and published on the club website.