

REGULATIONS

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EVENT

1. Definition of the event.

The "XI Trofeo de Orientación Sáhara Aventura " is **not a race, Rally or Raid**. It is a sports event - touristic amateur of Adventure, Orientation and Photography, organised by Sahara Aventura, S.L., of voluntary participation, which will last five days or stages of orientation that will determine a final result. In no case will there be special tests or time trials.

Sahara Aventura, S.L. will negotiate the services described in point 5, as well as a series of "waypoints" or coordinates for the execution of some random routes throughout Morocco.

2. Admitted Teams.

- a) The teams should be formed exclusively of two cars and four people, being able to inscribe optionally a vehicle of assistance. It is not permitted the presence of more than 2 people in each participating vehicle, under penalty of exclusion of the stage, except in the vehicles whose maximum authorized weight is more than 3500 Kg, that will be able to carry 2 or 3 occupants in each vehicle.
- b) The vehicles must be off-road, with four-wheel drive.
- c) It is permitted any modification in the structure, motor, suspensions, etc. of the participating vehicles, each conductor being responsible for the compliance of the rules of lighting, signposting, endorsements, etc.
- d) 2 categories are established: "**Series**", those teams whose 2 vehicles have not carried out any structural change in the suspension system, carry a single shock absorber in each wheel and not of separated bottle, and have not increase external diameter of its tyres more than 5% over sizes **HOMOLOGATED BY THE MANUFACTURER** in origin in the technical data; and "**Improved**", all those, that at least one of their vehicles do not comply with this requirement.
- e) It is not permitted the use of electronic navigation systems, with the exception and obligation of a receiver GPS "Garmin E-Trex", basic model, for each vehicle, in which the organization will upload the waypoints before the beginning of each stage. Optionally, those teams that desire to carry a second GPS, only whenever it is not capable to support any type of cartography. This GPS will not be

uploaded by the organization. Computers of any type, as well as PDA, IPAQ, and any another type of receiver GPS, or wiring for any of these systems, in vehicles of participants as in their assistances are completely prohibited. Phones that support cartography can be checked by the stewards in any moment, and sealed if it has forbidden maps or programs.

- f) The participants should meet the following requirements:
- Be 18 years old the day of the commencement, and hold a valid driver's license to the end of the event, (Both Drivers).
 - International vehicle insurance certificate (Green card).
 - Signed the contract to the services offered by Sahara Adventure, S.L.
 - Valid Passport of the four members of the team, with its corresponding visa if the nationality of the participants requires it.
 - Have the "registration form" completed and handed in.
 - Have valid repatriation and health care, mechanical and rescue insurance during the course of the event. In case of omission, Sahara Aventura, S.L. will not provide them.
- g) In certain cases, the organization will be able to authorise the start to teams that do not comply the previous requirements. Such teams will not score points in the Final General classification, and they will be notified to the other participants by means of message board.

PROCEDURE

3. Procedure.

- a) The registration form will be supplied by Sahara Adventure, being the responsibility of the participants to fill out, as well as the verification of the data.
- b) Each team will have a name (elected by them at the moment of inscription, and that will not exceed 23 characters, spaces included) and a number that will be assigned by the organization.
- c) The inscriptions will be handed in to Sahara Aventura by means of fax or e-mail.
- d) An inscription can be rejected or revoked by Sahara Aventura without any given explanation, with a full refund.
- e) The maximum amount of vacancies is determined by the hotel capacity in the competition area

- f) Reservations will be possible beforehand, by means of payment of 300 € per team and 150 € per assistance. The remainder of the entry fees will be paid according to articles 4 and 5, and the cancellation of the booking will not give right to a refund after August 31, 2010.
- g) The teams should deliver the following documentation to the organization, participants as well as assistance members:
- Photocopies of valid passports.
 - Registration form completely filled out.
 - Photocopy of international vehicle insurance certificate.

The maximum time limit for the delivery of this documentation is October 31, 2010. Non delivery of all documentation within this time limit will give rise to the following penalties:

- From 11/01/10 to the 11/05/10: 100 daily points in the general classification of the event.
- From the 11/06/10, complete exclusion of the event, there not being right to any refund.

These time limits and penalties will be examined under scrutiny by the organization.

4. Time limit.

The time limit will close 20'00 hours on October 31, 2.010

5. Entry fees.

The remuneration by the services described subsequently, as well as those of management, direction and control of the activity, will be governed by the contract subscribed between Sahara Aventura, S.L. and each team participant.

The entry fees per person is 990 € + VAT. This will not be considered until the full amount is paid. In turn, Sahara Aventura, S.L. will facilitate:

- Roundtrip ferry for vehicles and people (Europe-Africa).
- Five nights in hotel (or similar) half pension, in double rooms. If some teams consist of uneven numbers in their assistance, it is possible that they can lodge with people from other teams.
- One night in a luxury Vivac (half pension).
- Organization, souvenirs, gifts and prizes.
- 2 sets of topographical maps per team, scale 1:200.000 of the zone in which will develop the event.
- 1 Video of the event per person once edited.

- 1 CD with the photographs of the team during the development of the event (per team).

The entry fees due for the assistance vehicle is 850 € + VAT per person, having the right to hotels, ferries, souvenirs, gifts and videos in the same conditions as that of the participants.

6. Cancellation.

The cancellation should be communicated to Sahara Aventura, S.L. by means of registered letter or delivered by hand with acknowledgement of receipt. Cancellations must be carried out before September 7, 2010 of which there will be a reimbursement of 80%. Cancellations after September 8 and before October 31, 2010 will have a reimbursement of 40%. With posterity to this date, no refunds will be made.

CHECKS

7. Administrative checks

a) The administrative checks will take place upon the arrival of the participants, as shown in the program.

It will be verified:

- Data of the vehicles + Insurance and green card + Insurance of Repatriation.
- Identity of the participants.
- Number of the satellite phone and serial (IMEI) number of the terminal.

b) From this moment on team members cannot be replaced, except for special cases that will be authorized by the medical team and will be communicated to the participants by means of publication in a message board.

c) Obligatory publicity stickers will be delivered and the placement position of these stickers on the vehicles will be made no later than administrative checks.

d) Technical checks will not be carried out without having previously carried out the administrative checks correctly.

8. Technical checks.

It will be verified:

- a) Obligatory advertising/publicity, properly placed on the vehicles.
- b) 1 digital camera and 2 memory cards.

- c) Rescue Material (Plates, spade, slings, fetters. ..)
- d) Fire Extinguisher (minimum 1 per car).
- e) 20 litres of drinking water per car.
- f) Sueral: (10 litres per person).
- g) 2 sleeping bags per vehicle.
- h) 1 GPS Garmin E-Trex Basic per vehicle
- i) The existence of non permitted GPS or connectors.
- j) 1 complete First-aid Kit per vehicle.
- k) 1 satellite phone per team, and its operation.
- l) The correct fitting of the load.
- m) The category to which the team belongs.
- n) When the vehicle is equipped with Roll bars, it will be checked that correctly cushioned (2cm/high density) or the use of helmets for both occupants of the vehicle.

In the case of not passing the checks, the start will not be authorised until the materials are replaced. The obligatory materials can be checked at any moment.

9. Recommended material.

Each team is free to equip its vehicles with the material that it considers opportune. Nevertheless, the organization recommends:

- Sufficient fuel for 600 Kms.
- 2 spare Wheels/tyres .
- Basic tools and spares.

NOTIFICATIONS

10. Dossier of Participants.

1 copy of the dossier will be delivered to each participating team. This is comprised of various documents relating to the course of the event (Regulation, timetable, coordinates,...) and its content will be understood and accepted by the participants.

11. Briefings.

- a) The Briefings will contain additional information supplied in the Dossier of participants.
- b) Any information in a briefing will be understood and known by all the participants.
- c) The information of the briefings that conflicts with that offered in the dossier of participant or message board prevails on the others.

12. Message board

- a) In the hostel, hotels, etc. a message board will exist, in which additional information will be communicated.
- b) Any information published in the board will be understood and accepted by the participants.
- c) All the information will have a time of publication. In case of contradicting information, the second notice will be accepted as the valid one.
- d) Any information published after the Briefing will have complete preference.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHASES

13. Start Order.

The start order of the first stage will be determined by draw, or a simultaneous start will proceed.

The remainder of the stages, and provided that not a simultaneous start has began, the start will be carried out according to the order of classification of the previous stage, first being "Improved" vehicles and subsequently those of "Series".

14. Roadbook

- a) Before the start, the participants will receive in each stage a Roadbook, that will contain the photographs of the Wpts, their coordinates, their scoring and, eventually, some explanation or peculiarity of the waypoints.
- b) Any special indication of the roadbook prevails over the regulations.

15. Time Card.

- a) At the start, the time card will be delivered to the participants. It will contain the points of arrival and, in its case, the checkpoints. Likewise, it will indicate the schedule in transit for each one of them. Also it will contain a tickbox for the signature of the steward, without which no data will be valid.
- b) Any team that arrives without the valid time card will be disqualified
- c) The time card will have a tickbox where it will indicate the number of photos delivered at the arrival, that will be signed by the steward subject to verification. Likewise, in another tickbox, the participants should indicate the sum of the value of the wpt' s obtained, whose

validity will be checked by the stewards. An error or omission in the sum of the value of the wpts will impose a penalty of 15 points. Both tickboxes are found shaded for its better identification.

16. Checkpoints.

- a) One or more checkpoints will exist in every stage. Those are indicated in the time card, with the possible schedule in transit.
- b) The route through them will be controlled by the presence of a steward, that will sign the time card, or verified by means of photography
- c) The teams that do not pass the checkpoints within the hours stipulated will be penalized with the loss of 50% of the points obtained in the stage if there was an unique control, 33% by each one if there were two controls, and 25% by each one if there were 3.

17. Start.

- a) The Start Control will remain open for 15 minutes after the departure time of the last team.
- b) If a team arrives after its theoretical hour at the start, it will have to wait until the last team leaves, with a penalty of 50 points, and maintaining its hour of arrival according to its theoretical departure time.
- c) If a team does not make the start before the closing of the control, it should communicate to the organization before this moment. The organization will authorize then the start at any time, scoring only 75% of the points obtained in the stage.
- d) Only teams that arrive with two vehicles and the four people will be considered.
- e) The teams will continue participating in the event although they have not carried out one or more stages, provided that they have notified this before the start of the stage to the organization. Otherwise, and without justified reasons to examination of the organization, this will lead to the exclusion of the event.
- f) Under no circumstances the departure of only one car will be authorized. Those teams that present themselves at the start incomplete and they start later, they should accredit that both vehicles have carried out the stage by means of photographs.

18. Arrival

- a) The arrival control for each team will remain open 30 minutes following the theoretical arrival
- b) Actual arrival time will be considered when the two cars and the 4 people present themselves in the control and they hand in the time card, properly filled in, along with the memory card of the digital camera and the waypoints card correctly filled in (art. 19.c). Arrival, without the number of photographs indicated in the time card, or without the waypoints card correctly filled in will determine an invalid arrival, obliging the team to leave the control, to rectify the error and to present itself again, penalizing 50 points.
- c) If only one car arrives at the control, it will communicate to the steward that the second vehicle will not arrive in time, and it will hand in the corresponding documents filled in, scoring the team 60% of the points obtained in the stage.
- d) Each minute behind schedule on the theoretical hour of arrival will be penalized with 15 points of discount on the scoring of the stage.
- e) The team that arrives with the control closed, will not score in that stage.
- f) All the teams that arrive on time to the control of arrival, will obtain a bonus of 100 points in the general classification.

19. Development of the stages

- a) Besides the checkpoints, there will be in each stage various wpts with different scorings.
- b) The verification of the Wpts will be carried out exclusively by means of the presentation of digital photography, in which the two cars must appear with all the members of the team, less one, in the same position that appears in the roadbook. The photography will not be valid, if not perfectly identifiable, and clearly complete, with its setting and background according to criteria of the organization. The people should out of the vehicles, except for those authorized by the medical team of the organization and it will be communicated to the remainder of the participants by means of their publication in message Board
- c) The digital photographs should be in format jpg, and with resolution not over 750 Kb. Accepted cards formats are: SM, SD, MMC, CF (I and II), Microcomputer Drive, MS, MS For, MS Duo, XD, Mini SD and RS-MMC. The photographs that do not entail some of these characteristics will not be considered valid.

Each team will be responsible for the deletion of the memory card before the beginning of each stage, as well as assuring that only the photos of the waypoints are carried out.

Each team should have at least two memory cards (identified with the number of the team), because the card with the photos of each stage will remain with the organization to the end of the time of claims of the stage (art. 24.a). Likewise, they should fill and hand in to the organization a sheet, facilitated by them, where the order of execution of the waypoints will be indicated. The memory cards will be returned to the participants during the following half an hour after the end of the Briefing of the next stage. If any team does not pick up the card in time, without properly justified cause according to criteria of the organization, will suppose a penalty of 100 points in the general classification.

- d) If there were some comment (no wpt exist, variations, no access, etc.) some nearby characteristic object and the GPS indicating the position will be photographed, and explain will be written in the back of the time card.
- e) It is prohibited to stop within a radius of 200 meters around the waypoint for another duty that is not related to the photography (Review or repair of vehicles, food, beverage, etc.). The penalty will be 100 points.
- f) Photographs which contain more than one team will be valid, whenever this complies with the requirements of the point b.

20. Circulation.

- a) Participating teams always should respect the circulation rules in the Country of the event.
- b) It is obligatory to fasten the seat belt during the course of the stages, controls, starts, arrivals and roads, even with the vehicle stopped. The noncompliance of this norm will have a penalty of 75 points each time.
- c) The participants should permit in every moment the overtaking of other vehicles faster than them. Penalty: 75 points.
- d) It's not permitted to circulate with the car in cultivated fields, under penalty of 200 points.
- e) Driving in villages and through palm tree fields, off road tracks, over 30 km/h will be penalized according to the following:
 - 31 to 40 Km/h, 50 points.
 - 41 to 50 Km/h, 100 points.
 - 51 to 60 Km/h, 200 points.

- 61 to 70 Km/h, 300 points.
- 71 to 80 Km/h, 400 points.
- 81 to 100 Km/h, exclusion of the stage.
- Over 101 Km/h, exclusion of the event.

On road, the speed limit will be applied, with a penalty of 10 points by each Km/h over the limit. These penalties will be applied from the checks to the awards ceremony, for participants and assistances.

- f) Unsporting behavior (obstruction, sabotage, denial of aid, bad manners toward other participants, stewards or members of the staff, etc.) will be penalized by the criteria of the staff from 100 points up to the exclusion of the event.
- g) Throwing any waste in camps, waypoints, etc. will be penalized with the exclusion of the stage.
- h) The organization medical team will be able to control the alcohol in blood, for any driver. Any excess over the limit (0.25 g/l in air), will suppose the exclusion in the stage, and exclusion of the event in case of repetition.
- i) It is obligatory to turn on the lights, in all circulating vehicles, included the anti-fog, non compliance will incur a penalty of 50 points for each time.
- j) The speed limit is 10 Km/h within a radius of 100 meters around starts, arrivals and checkpoints, non compliance will incur a penalty of 100 points. This radius will be indicated by means of two cones, that will indicate likewise the direction of entrance.

21. Assistance

- a) It is permitted the inscription of one assistance vehicle, that will only be able to assist to the participants after the end of the stages.
- b) The team that have been detected in any relationship with others vehicles or people alien to the event, will be penalized with the exclusion of the event.
- c) During any course of any stage, aid between teams is permitted.
- d) Service from workshops and local mechanics is permitted at all times.
- e) Assistance vehicles must take alternative routes, that will be indicated during the previous Briefing.
- f) Those teams that receive assistance during the stages, or whose assistance vehicles don't drive through the obligatory route, will be penalized with the exclusion of the stage.

- g) Those teams that use electric generators during bivouacs, camps, etc, should place them at a minimum distance of 50 meters to avoid inconveniences, non compliance will incur a penalty of 200 points.

ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY

22. Obligatory advertising

- a) The organization will send the participants the obligatory stickers for the event and their position on the vehicle as soon as possible. This publicity is obligatory, the teams that do not accept these conditions, will not be able to participate in the event.
- b) The rest of the available space can be occupied freely by the publicity of the participants.
- c) A team will be able to use its own advertising, even though in competition with the organization as long as the obligatory advertising is on the vehicle.
- d) The stickers will be delivered in the administrative checks, and no later, and their position can be verified at any moment. The teams that are detected without some of the stickers properly positioned will not be able to start.

STAGE CLASSIFICATIONS AND CLAIMS

23. Stage Classification.

The provisional classification of each stage will be published no later than sunrise, one hour before the start of the first team, except for the last day, that will be published as soon as possible.

24. Claims.

- a) The reviews or claims on the scoring can be presented from the publication on the board, up to the end of the following stage, one hour after the time of theoretical arrival of the last team. If after one hour, there is a claim, the final classification will be published, and no more claims will be possible.

- b) The claims should be presented in writing, explaining clearly the motives, and referring to the violated article or that protects it, and will be signed by whole the team.
- c) On the briefing in the first night, two representative participants will be selected, that along with the organization will discern any possible review, claim or incident occurred, not contemplated in the regulation. They will be qualified to verify the photos of any team at the request of one or more participants. If the participants don't select any representatives, they will be named by a draw, being this an unavoidable duty.

FINAL CLASSIFICATION AND AWARDS

25. Final Classification.

- a) The final classification of the event will be the sum of the points obtained in the stages by the waypoints, after discounting the penalties, and an added a bonus of 100 points for arriving to the open control.
- b) Those teams that do not make the arrival checkpoint, will not score, having the obligation of notifying the organization their waypoint position and status, by any possible method, the maximum time limit being one hour from the closing of their arrival checkpoint (remember the satellite phone). Those teams that do not comply with this premise will have a penalty of 100 points in the general classification, unless properly justified cause under the criteria of the organization.
- c) After the final general classification publication, there will be fifteen minutes for claims/reviews, after this time elapses the classification will be considered definitely. In case of some claim/review, a new list will be published, and a new time limit of fifteen minutes for new possible claims/reviews will be given.
- d) In case of tie, the team that have more first positions in stages will win the event, later second places, thirds, etc. until the breakthrough be produced. If the tie persists, the winner will be the team that accumulate more waypoints with greater scoring.

26. Awards.

Single category Awards:

1st Classified:

- 4 Trophies.
- 50 % discount in the "12º Trofeo Sáhara Aventura".
- One Bull Face Winch.

2nd Classified:

- 4 Trophies.
- 30 % discount in the "12º Trofeo Sáhara Aventura".
- One set of shock absorbers "OME Nitrocharged".

3rd Classified:

- 4 Trophies.
- 20 % discount in the "12º Trofeo Sáhara Aventura".
- 4 Tyres "Fedima Fronteira".

"ARB/Old Man Emu" Sand Driving Special award:

- 4 Trophies for the team with highest score in dune waypoints.

General Awards (Both categories):

"Sáhara Aventura" Special Award (Accumulative)

- 4 Trophies, for 1st. Scratch classified.
- Three nights in half pension, for eight peoples, in Xaluca Group's hotels.
- 1 Set of "KING" Shocks Absorbers-

"Roadhouse" Special Award (Fair Play):

- 4 Trophies.

"Revista 4x4" Special Award (Help):

- 4 Trophies.

"Memorial Juan García de Aguinaga" Special Award (Accumulative)

- 2 Trophies for the co-drivers of the team which score more waypoints.

Souvenirs.

All of the participants will receive a special trophy, certifying their event assistance.

All these awards can be changed or modified by the organization, depending on agreements with the sponsors.

No trophy (Award), except explicitly indicated, is accumulative.

The discounts mentioned for the "XII Trofeo Sahara Aventura" are not accumulative for other possible discounts.

ANNEXS

28. Points not contemplated.

For any point not contemplated in the present regulation, the participants are submitted to the organization's decisions.

28. Regulation Validity.

This regulation is provisional, being definitive, by means publication in the message board at the beginning of the event, and signed by the participants.