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DRIVERS BRIEFING

Dear competitors:

My name is Jordi Parro and I'm the Clerk of the Course of the Baja Northern Forest.

I hope you are well and safe.

As usual, Baja Russia Northern Forest will be the opening event of the FIA World Cup for Cross Country Bajas.

This year the event will be concentrated during 4 days, the first one entirely dedicated to the scrutineering of the cars. On Friday and Sunday we will have the longest Selective Sections along the forests of the Leningrad Region. On Saturday the competitors will perform a few short Selective Sections near Igora Drive, which will allow spectators enjoying the event safely and also to follow some parallel activities which will be organized in the circuit.

Please keep in mind the [COVID-19 Mitigation Plan](#), especially everything concerning social distance, and the use of face masks.

Some petrol stations will be available in the district where the competition is held:

- LUKOIL petrol station situated in Ivanovo village, about 3 km north from Service park (IGORA Drive). Available fuels are Diesel, A92, A95 and A100. All are EURO-5. Bankcards are accepted. Crews are responsible for their own fuel supply and must adhere to the refuelling regulations in the refuelling zone according to Art. 55.2 of the 2021 FIA CCR SR.

Art. 11.9 Electronic start procedure at the start of a Selective Section

The start procedure of the starts of selective sections is as follows:

- The crew is invited to the start of the SS by a marshal;
- The marshal directs the crew to the proper starting position on the start line.

At the start line, the co-driver shows the appropriate marshal the time card through the side window. The marshal then either confirms this provisional start time or shows a different start time on his check-sheet.

Or new time, if any, shall then be recorded as actual start time on the time card by the co-driver (Art. 42.4 FIA CCR SR). This actual start time will also be shown on the electronic start count-down display.

- After positioning the car with the engine running on the start line, the car should not be moved until the start;
- The crew monitors the time before the start on the electronic start clock,
- The last 5 seconds are counted down on the LED in the top right corner of the start clock,
- When the central second hand of the start clock reaches "0", LED switches off and an indicator next to the LED switches from red to green. The change of colour and/or switching OFF of the LED is the starting signal after which the crew must start immediately.
- According Art. 42.3.2 of the FIA CCRSR a manual start is allowed in case of a faulty electronic device.

Art. 11.10.1 Service Area (Boxes)

For those teams that are using the circuit boxes, please remember that the door must be never locked, as any official of the event must be allowed to enter the box at any time.

Art. 11.16 Time cards

All Time Cards will be delivered to every crew at the Administrative Checks.

According COVID Mitigation Plan for Baja Russia Northern Forest 2021, Time Cards will be collected to special boxes without the contact with marshals at the followings TC:

05 Feb Friday: 1C Regrouping entrance, 1G Service entrance, 1H PF entrance.

06 Feb Saturday: 2D Regrouping entrance, 2I Service entrance, 2J PF entrance.

07 Feb Sunday: 3C Regrouping entrance, 3H Holding Area IN.

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Push notifications show any new document that is posted to the Digital Notice Board.

In case of electronically published bulletins a crew member must confirm the receipt by showing "thumb-up" when ask to do so at any control by the control official Competitors Relation Officer.

Art.11.18 Leg / Section Penalties

According art 49.1 of the CCR SR, instead of Leg Penalties, Section Penalties will be used for each Selective Section missed.

- *Any competitor who, having started a Selective Section of a Baja, fails to complete it as required by the regulations, will be given a penalty of the maximum time for the Selective Section concerned in addition to 50% of this maximum time.*
- *Any competitor not having started a selective section will be given a penalty of twice the maximum time for the Selective Section concerned, with a minimum of 4 hour penalty.*

Competitors who can't complete a Section for any reason (getting lost, technical problems, etc.) but are capable of arriving with their vehicle on their own with a running engine, without any help in the Regrouping at the beginning of the next section by the scheduled starting time of the 1st competitor (according official Itinerary) + 30 minutes may rejoin the rally with the following penalties:

- SS not finished in the Maximum Time and having taken the Start SS:
 - Maximum Time + 50% of the Maximum Time
 - TC, PC and WP Penalties
- SS not started:
 - 2 x Maximum Time with a minimum of **4 hours**.
 - TC, PC and WP Penalties.

For the 3rd leg, article 59.2.4 CCR SR will apply.

For further questions you can ask to the Competitor Relations Officer. Alexander Bolshakov Tel +7 911 135 8221

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