

General Regulations 2024

Baja Morocco by Carta Rallye

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Baja Morocco is an event open to AUTO, SSV, MOTO, and QUAD vehicles.

Under the aegis of the FRMSA and regularly registered on the national FRMSA calendar for autos and SSVs, the event is open to FRMSA and FIA ICCR Inter license holders, both Moroccan and foreign.

Under the aegis of the FRMM and regularly registered on the national FRMM calendar for motos and quads, the event is open to FRMM and FIM International license holders, both Moroccan and foreign.

The stages take place exclusively in Morocco on tracks and off-road. Participants must strictly follow the route through all waypoints (WPT) and control points (CP). There will be a time limit that may vary each day depending on the terrain and categories for increased safety.

These passage controls will be carried out using the Stella system, which will also indicate major dangers 200m ahead.

An electronic roadbook will be given to the competitors and must be downloaded via the Terrapirata app on the competitor's tablet. [Digital Roadbook - TerraPirata](#)

The competitor must bring their own tablet.

Strict adherence to the roadbook is highly recommended. The organiser does not guarantee the presence of unmarked dangers outside this trace and declines all responsibility in such cases.

Non-compliance with the route does not result in penalties, but the waypoints have been placed in such a way that following the route is the best option to ensure total sportsmanship.

Only in the dunes is the route drawn as the crow flies; in this case, it is up to the competitor to find the best possible route between two GPS points to be validated using the Stella system.

The Stella system is also equipped with a vehicle-to-vehicle communication system to facilitate safe overtaking, as well as a tracking and emergency communication system with the race PC in case of an accident.

Road sections to reach the start and return points will be minimized and will not be counted in the ranking. The highway code must be strictly adhered to with no concept of speed. The indicated departure time will always correspond to the start of the timed sector. It is the competitor's responsibility to calculate their liaison time.

The spirit of the event is a week of pleasure and sport, as well as the opportunity to get away from the roads. Understanding and fair play are important elements for this event. During the event, not only is it important to have a good vehicle, but the harmony between the driver and co-driver also matters a lot. A good understanding of the GPS is as important as luck for a good result.

Each participant must help other participants during or outside the event. Assistance in resolving technical problems is not a duty but demonstrates fair play and cannot be compensated by sports penalties unless medically proven.

Modifications to the regulations for the smooth running of the event and its organisation are allowed at any time. The organiser will notify any changes and additions deemed necessary through special notifications. Cases not covered by the regulations will be decided by the organiser.

ROUTE AND TERRAIN

Route:

The route crosses all types of terrain such as ergs, dunes, tracks, and asphalt roads. The route is marked by a trace given by the organiser and identical for all competitors, as well as waypoints to be validated by the Stella system. Road sections are carried out by participants privately and in compliance with the highway code.

Event Schedule:

Total event distance: 1350 km

Total stage distance: 1300 km

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Hotel Nomad Palace Merzouga, Morocco.

10:00 - 16:00: Administrative and technical checks

19:00: Driver / Co-driver briefing

Day 1:

Monday, September 23

MERZOUGA-MERZOUGA

Day 2:

Tuesday, September 24

MERZOUGA-MERZOUGA

Day 3:

Wednesday, September 25

MERZOUGA-MERZOUGA

Day 4:

Thursday, September 26

MERZOUGA-MERZOUGA

Day 5:
Friday, September 27
MERZOUGA-MERZOUGA

TERMINOLOGY

FRMSA: Fédération Royale Marocaine du Sport Automobile
FRMM: Fédération Royale Marocaine de Motocyclisme

STAGE: Daily stage during which you will be timed.

LIAISON: Section between the bivouac (or hotel) and the start, between arrivals and intermediate arrivals in a stage, and between the end of the stage and the bivouac (or hotel).

WPT: "Waypoint" - a point indicated in the roadbook and Stella system; you must pass through all WPTs in chronological order.

Maximum Allowed Time: The maximum time allowed by the organisation to complete a stage (this time varies depending on the type of terrain encountered and the category). If this time is exceeded, the competitor will be penalized with a fixed penalty.

Refueling Zone: Fueling zone with a mandatory stop for all. Time is neutralized for a period defined in the roadbook. During the neutralization period, assistance is allowed in this zone.

Participation Conditions

Authorised Vehicles:

The Baja Morocco is an event open to autos and SSVs for off-road drivers and co-drivers with a license from the Fédération Royale Marocaine des Sports Automobiles (FRMSA) or an FIA ICCR Inter license. The Baja Morocco is open to quads and motos for off-road riders with a license from the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Motocyclisme (FRMM) or a FIM Inter license. All vehicles and support vehicles of the competitors must be road-legal, registered, and have a valid green card for Morocco.

*Categories:

- Motos \leq 450
- Motos $>$ 450
- Quads
- Autos 2WD / 4WD /UNLIMITED Pro and Serie
- SSV Series Atmo and Turbo
- SSV Open Atmo and Turbo

Participant Profile:

All Baja Morocco drivers must be over 18 years old and hold a valid driver's license for the respective classes. Drivers must comply with the highway code rules. Good physical condition is required to participate in the event. Participants must inform the organiser of any potential health problems.

Persons with pacemakers, cardiovascular problems, spinal problems, or nervous system issues cannot participate in the event. Moreover, participation in stages under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or psychotropic medication is not allowed. The organisation reserves the right to refuse a participant's registration without giving reasons.

Participants' Responsibility:

The organisation and its representatives cannot be held criminally or civilly liable for damages, injuries, or theft of property, luggage, equipment, or vehicles. The same applies to law violations. Each participant is solely responsible for their equipment and any damage incurred in case of loss, theft, or deterioration. They must take care of the provided equipment and, if it needs replacement due to theft or damage, the replacement product must be of at least equal quality. Each participant acknowledges the inherent risks of this type of event. They assume these risks and agree not to hold the organisation liable for any incidents, accidents, injuries, or illnesses they may suffer or cause during the event, regardless of their nature, causes, and consequences.

ENGAGEMENT

Registration:

You can register online for Baja Morocco at www.bajamorocco.com. The deposit transfer validates the registration in the category, as does the receipt of the duly completed and signed registration form. The balance is due within one month after the deposit payment. The registration deadline is August 23, 2024. Payments are due to CARTA RALLYE Ltd and are not subject to VAT. CARTA RALLYE Ltd will issue invoices upon request. The race number is assigned only upon receipt of full payment and assigned based on the final payment date. The crew will be informed of their starting number during administrative and technical checks.

Registration Fees:

The registration fees indicated on the registration form include:

For all:

- Civil liability insurance organisation

For drivers and co-drivers:

- Accommodation for 6 nights in a shared room, half-board, during the 5 days of the race.
- Participation in the event
- Event preparation
- Emergency medical assistance throughout the race
- Roadbook provision
- T-shirt
- Civil liability insurance organisation

For assistance:

- Half-board during the 5 days of the race, access to toilets and showers
- Participation in the event
- Emergency medical assistance throughout the race
- Civil liability insurance organisation

Every assistance person or accompanying person must be declared to the organisation or must declare themselves to the organisation under penalty of disqualification of the team they are attached to. The organisation thanks you in advance for your understanding and compliance.

Participants are responsible for all expenses not mentioned above, including:

- Beverages
- FRMSA license fees payable on-site to the Moroccan federation representative for drivers and co-drivers without an FIA ICCR Inter license
- FRMM license fees payable on-site to the Moroccan federation representative for drivers without a FIM Inter license
- Rental of the Stella system for each crew

Customs Regulations and Passports:

For a stay of up to three months, a valid passport is required. It must be valid for at least three months after the return date and have enough blank pages, especially if several vehicles are registered on one person's passport, particularly for transportation.

Ensure that the passport has been stamped by the border police authorities (mention of a number during the first visit and an entry stamp under penalty of being unintentionally illegal residents). It is the competitors' responsibility to check the entry conditions to Moroccan territory and comply with them.

Customs:

Each participant is required to observe the customs of each country. Entries and exits of vehicles are recorded on a computer. Upon leaving the territory, ensure that the vehicle's departure is correctly entered. If the owner is not correctly registered, they may be accused of selling it fraudulently.

If the vehicle you are driving is not in your name:

You must provide a power of attorney on the company's letterhead, signed by the manager if it is a company vehicle. If you are not the owner, their consent will be necessary. If you rent the vehicle, the rental invoice will be required upon entry and exit of the territory (or 2 copies, one to keep).

Regulations:

The organisation cannot be held criminally or civilly liable for infractions committed by a participant regarding traffic, customs regulations, and general law. All participants must unconditionally submit to the decisions of the local authorities, whatever decisions are deemed necessary. They agree to respect the laws and customs of the countries traversed, the people, the environment, and other participants and their tranquility.

Health:

No vaccination is mandatory, but it is recommended to protect against hepatitis A and B and typhoid. It is essential to take out race repatriation insurance for drivers and co-drivers in case of accident or death: proof of purchase will be required at registration. Verify the extent and validity of your medical coverage in Morocco. Hospitals, in particular, may require full payment of medical fees before

releasing patients.

EQUIPMENT

Mandatory Equipment for Auto and SSV (see also technical regulations):

Equipment for all vehicles:

- Roll cage (see technical regulations for details)
- Competition seat
- Harness (minimum 4 points)
- Helmets and Hans system (ECE standard) for driver and co-driver
- FIA fireproof suit for driver and co-driver. Gloves for the driver
- Nets on the front doors for the driver and co-driver if the windows have been removed or do not exist
- Android or Apple tablet with the TerraPirata app downloaded and updated to the latest version (see dedicated documentation)
- Mobile phone
- 2 sand plates / mats
- 1 shovel
- 1 strap (6 tons / 9m) with shackles
- 2 towing hooks (1 front and 1 rear painted in red)
- 10 liters of drinking water
- Fuel tank with 120 km autonomy
- 1 spare wheel
- Warning triangle
- Fluorescent vest
- First aid kit with survival blanket (x2)
- Fire extinguisher (minimum 2 kg) easily accessible by the driver and co-driver

For all vehicles, refueling the fuel tank should not require opening the hood, and the filling opening should not be located in the cabin. All vehicle parts must be securely fastened to avoid endangering passengers or passersby. The use of helmets and all safety equipment is mandatory. Any competitor unable to present all their equipment at the start of a stage will be denied departure until conformity is met.

Mandatory Equipment for MOTO and QUADS (see also technical regulations):

Safety/Survival Equipment:

- Camelback with a minimum of 3L
- Survival blanket 2Mx1M
- Small first aid kit

Minimum rider equipment without Airbag Vest:

- Approved helmet with sticker bearing the pilot's name and blood group
- Knee pads
- Cross-type boots
- Gloves
- Vest with chest protection (EN14021, EN1621-3 standards) elbow and back protector (EN1621-2 standard) type "Dainese" with CE approval

With Airbag Vest:

It must have one of the three vests approved for rally-raid with at least one recharge cartridge corresponding to the vest. Some brands offer the same model in road or Rallye versions. The Rallye model, which has mandatory chest protection in racing, is required. Alpinestars Helite In&Motion (Furygan Klim RST Held) note that similar Ixon brand models are not valid.

Recommended Equipment:

- Satellite phone
- Additional lighting for the night stage
- Flashlight
- Pocket mirror

Prohibited Equipment:

- It is forbidden to transport fuel cans.

INSURANCE

Vehicle Insurance:

The participant is responsible for insuring the vehicle and its contents, such as against theft and damage. It is also strongly recommended to take out vehicle repatriation insurance. It must be presented.

Race Medical Repatriation Insurance:

Each participant is aware of the risks of such a sporting event and must ensure they have insurance. Their race medical repatriation insurance must be presented to the organisation during administrative checks. This insurance is mandatory for all competitors, even those with an FIA international ICCR or FIM Inter license.

Cancellation:

The scale of deductions for cancellations is as follows:

Deduction - Time:

- €500 - More than 30 days before departure
- 25% - 30 to 21 days before departure
- 50% - 20 to 15 days before departure
- 75% - 14 to 8 days before departure
- 100% - Less than 8 days before departure

Organisation Insurance:

The organisation's coverage includes:

- Civil liability organisation

ORGANISATION SERVICES

Administrative and technical checks will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2022, at the Nomade Palace Hotel Merzouga from 10:00 to 16:00. After presentation and validation by the organisation, you

will receive your t-shirt, Stella system, event sponsor stickers, and your sticker plan.

Administrative Checks:

All participants must present the following valid original documents:

- Driver's license
- FRMSA license (drivers and co-drivers only) or an FIA ICCR Inter license
- FRMM license for motorcycle riders or an FIM international license
- Passport
- Medical repatriation insurance
- Approved helmet, Hans system, and suit

For all vehicles:

- Vehicle registration certificate
- Valid insurance for Morocco

Technical Checks:

Crews that have passed the administrative checks must present themselves for technical checks.

Technical checks are general: compliance with safety devices, class safety equipment. Any vehicle that appears not to meet the criteria of a specific category may be changed to another category or declined from the event before reaching conformity. Competitors' names and blood groups will be placed on each side of the vehicle on the front wings or doors. Numbers will be stuck on the front doors of the vehicle.

Participants agree to stick event sponsor stickers on their vehicle according to the official plan. Stickers must remain on vehicles throughout the event. After applying the stickers according to the plan, participants will go to technical checks. Mandatory equipment will be checked.

Technical checks of the vehicle are as important as fair play for the safety of drivers and all participants. Technical checks are used only to control mandatory equipment. A verification of the vehicle's driving capacity is not carried out. The vehicle must be in good technical condition for road driving. Each participant is responsible for the operation and safety of the vehicle.

Organisation Role ("Orga"):

Organisation staff will be available for participants for any questions. The CARTA RALLYE orga will be recognizable. The orga team will always be present at the start and end of the stages, as well as at control points (CP) and on the course. Participants must follow the orga instructions. The orga staff will not provide any information unless necessary (in case of an accident, etc.). The orga does not take a position and will not provide information on instructions, stages, or legal or scoring questions. Only the organiser or their authorised representative is authorised to communicate such information. The orga staff is only there to record time and passage controls. The staff does not have specific knowledge in motorsport and, due to their ignorance of using certain tools (winch, jack, ax, etc.), no information or assistance can be provided.

Compliance with these rules is necessary to ensure safety. In case of non-compliance with these rules, the organiser is authorised to exclude participants from the event. A refund of the event registration fees is impossible in these cases.

Throughout this event, you will be accompanied by doctors and paramedics. In case of serious illness or injury, a visit to the hospital is required. In all cases, do not forget your health insurance card.

Participants who need specific long-term medications are responsible for their supply. It is also advisable to bring your pharmacy in addition to the first aid kit.

Warning:

Long-term illnesses (allergies, diabetes, etc.) must be announced in advance to the rally's accompanying doctor. Each participant must know if they are physically capable and their vehicle is capable of starting a stage. Think about the risks! Health comes before ranking!

In case of a serious physical accident, the event doctor may ask the participant to stop racing. The organiser and the competitor must accept it.

Technical Supervision:

The sweep truck is there to repatriate broken-down vehicles on an accessible track/road to the competitor's assistance team or to repatriate them to the camp. Private technical services are only allowed for bivouacs, hotels, and on the rally course after the end of the stage or at refueling points duly listed in the roadbook.

Toilets and Showers:

There are toilets and showers at the event bivouacs.

Press:

The press will accompany you throughout the event. They will film and photograph in the most interesting places and interview participants at the bivouacs and hotels. It is in the spirit of the event that the press and participants cooperate and do not interfere in any way during the race. By accepting the rally's terms and conditions, each participant agrees that certain photos or films of them may be published.

Sponsors:

Participants agree to stick the advertising sponsors who support the rally on their

vehicles in the required areas designated by the organisers. It is possible to disable this advertising by paying double the registration fees. Private advertising is allowed only after prior agreement from the organiser.

START ORDER

Registration requests are processed in order of receipt by the organiser. The registration deadline is August 23, 2024. Starting numbers are assigned in order of registration and according to the race director's considerations and issued upon receipt of the total registration fees. If these are not paid on time, the following participants will replace the previous number. The starting order of the first special stage will be based on the starting numbers.

Stage Starting Order:

The previous day's ranking determines the starting order for the next stage. To ensure maximum safety and fairness, the organiser may manually insert (change the starting order) teams whose driving speed is estimated to be higher.

RANKING

Route:

It will be presented every evening during the briefing for the next day's stage. The presence of at least one crew member is mandatory. The scoring of each stage is announced during the briefings. The maximum time each participant vehicle has to cover the set route will be noted. The stage lengths will be announced during the briefings. Despite a route reconnaissance, unmarked dangers may exist, particularly if you are outside the recommended trace by the organiser. Rally-raid should always prioritize visual driving.

Scoring Card:

Before the start of each stage, a scoring card is given to competitors. It must be handed over at the start, control points, and finish to be validated by the marshals. The loss or deterioration of the card (illegible) will result in penalties, and the competitor will lose the right to any claim.

PENALTIES:

Late arrival at the start of a stage or day: 1 minute per minute beyond the departure time indicated by the organisation on the starting lists or on the scoring card. All competitors arriving late for a start must comply with the starter's orders to take their new start. The starter will close the start 20 minutes after the last competitor has taken the start in each class separately. Once the class start is over, the competitor will not be allowed to start and will be considered DNS for that stage.

DNF:

If a vehicle does not reach the finish: unfinished stage / DID NOT FINISH (DNF). A stage is not considered finished if the finish is not reached, and the scoring card is not submitted before the maximum time for the special stage is over. The participant has been overtaken by the sweep truck.

DNS:

If a vehicle does not start a stage / DID NOT START (DNS): A vehicle did not present itself for the start.

Penalty for External Assistance:

Any competitor receiving assistance or having their vehicle repaired during the stage outside the designated service areas announced at the previous day's driver briefing by anyone other than another competitor in the day's stage and the same category will be considered DNF.

Time Consideration:

If all CPs are validated: The time considered for penalty calculation is that taken by the competitor between their scheduled departure time and actual arrival time.

If one or more CPs are missed:

If the competitor follows the general silhouette of the route, the time considered for penalty calculation is that taken by the competitor between their scheduled departure time and actual arrival time.

Important:

If the competitor's recorded track shows a deliberate shortcut of the ideal roadbook trace, the time considered will be the longest time, either that of the competitor or the shortest of the competitors who have validated all control points. All penalties for missed CPs will also be added.

Non-compliance with the sports regulations:

For example: No overtaking, speed limitation, leaving the indicated route, or others. Depending on the

level of infraction: Penalty 15-120 minutes.

Traffic Rule Violations:

All competitors must strictly comply with the highway code on public roads. Throughout the event, participants must follow the instructions of the organisation staff on the ground and all those involved in the event. In case of non-compliance with instructions, the organisers may impose time penalties and, in extreme cases, disqualify or exclude participants from the event.

Disqualification:

In case of deliberate and premeditated endangerment of others. In case of non-assistance to someone in danger. When driving without respecting the prescribed safety measures and without the mandatory equipment. Non-wearing of a helmet or harness during the stage. Participants are responsible for their vehicles and the support service and may be disqualified if their service personnel or support team drives unauthorised on the course during the race.

Exclusion:

If participants' negative and inappropriate behavior towards the event, local population, local authorities, or orga, the organisation can, at any time, use its right to expel that person from the event. Exclusion leads to a ban on continuing the event, complete withdrawal of the organisation's responsibilities, and withdrawal of any assistance from the organisation. In case of exclusion, no refund or compensation will be claimed.

Protests and Claims:

Claims will not oppose the management decisions of the event. Claims regarding timing errors must be filed the night of the stage no later than one hour after the results are published. It is possible to protest against a competitor in case of suspected behavior towards the rules or suspicion of cheating. These claims must also be filed in the evening, no later than one hour after the results are published. The claim fees are €200 and payable in cash at the time of submitting the written protest. If the claim is justified, the fees will be refunded. The decision regarding the claim will be made by the event managers after hearing all concerned parties. An objection to the management's decision is impossible.

Abandonment:

Participants who abandon a stage without reporting it to the race organisers will be disqualified from the event. In case of abandonment, you must contact the phone number listed on the emergency numbers sheet provided to each participant during administrative checks. The scoring card must be handed over to the marshal at the end of the stage or, at the latest, before the end of the stage at the organisation office.

In addition, all costs resulting from unnecessary search activities will be borne by the concerned teams.

Penalties:

Arriving Late at the Start of a Stage or Day:

Penalty of one minute per minute of delay from the theoretical departure time.

Missed WPT:

15-minute penalty per missed WPT

DNF (Did Not Finish):

The maximum allowed time plus a 120-minute penalty for exceeding the maximum allowed time.

DNS (Did Not Start):

The maximum allowed time plus a 240-minute penalty for exceeding the maximum allowed time.

Penalty for External Assistance:

DNF

Driving Without a Helmet During the Stage (1st Infraction):

120 minutes

Driving Without a Harness During the Stage (1st Infraction):

120 minutes

Loss of Time Card:

120 minutes

Driving Against Oncoming Traffic:

240 minutes up to exclusion

Speeding in Liaison Stages or in the Camp:

10 seconds to 120 minutes and up to exclusion

Infraction by Service Personnel or Support Team Accompanying the Vehicle Without Authorization on the Course During the Race (1st Infraction): 120 minutes

Changing Co-driver Without the Organiser's Approval:

Disqualification

Vehicle Modification Preventing Rally Participation:

Disqualification

Deliberate and Premeditated Endangerment of Others:

Disqualification

Deliberate Non-assistance to Someone in Danger:

Disqualification

Driving Without Respecting Prescribed Safety Measures and Without Mandatory Equipment:

Disqualification

Infraction of Non-wearing Helmet and/or Harness During the Stage (Second Infraction):

Disqualification

Infraction by Service Personnel or Support Team Driving Unauthorised on the Course During the Stage (Second Infraction):

Disqualification

Participants Abandoning a Stage Without Reporting to the Race Organisers:
Disqualification

If Participants' Negative and Inappropriate Behavior Towards the Event, Local Population, Local Authorities, or Orga:

The organisation can, at any time, use its right to expel that person from the event.

Exclusion from the event

Leaving the Mandatory Refueling Zone Too Early:

5-minute penalty per minute

Leaving the Mandatory Refueling Zone Late:

No penalty but the clock will run from the given time

CODE OF CONDUCT

General Safety:

Throughout the event, the organisers are authorised to give orders to participants. The organiser explicitly states that the participant must behave in an extremely disciplined manner during the event and must execute the organiser's orders and directives.

Each participant is aware that this is a rally on difficult terrain with unpredictable weather conditions. For passenger safety, speed must be adapted to the type of vehicle and its condition.

It is the drivers' responsibility to remain attentive to the maintenance and use of the vehicle.

A daily vehicle check for road safety before starting each stage is highly recommended. Each participant must know if they are physically capable and their vehicle is capable of starting a stage. Underestimating one's own driving experience, vehicle problems caused by an accident, abnormal wear, unfair behavior, and non-compliance with instructions given in advance by the organisation can cause injuries or be fatal.

Due to the length of the rally and its long daily stages, concentration difficulties are inevitable. It is highly discouraged to continue the race despite physical difficulties and a damaged vehicle.

It is recommended to pay very close attention to spectators, people, and children who may be on the course, as well as animals! Do not rule out that other vehicles or local residents may use the road in the opposite direction.

It is imperative to be vigilant in bivouac areas due to the large number of people moving around. You must drive at walking speed.

The event takes place on tracks. Leaving the indicated route in the roadbook may lead you to prohibited areas used

by the military. Each participant is invited to follow the course and not take any shortcuts.

Environmental Respect:

Participants must avoid polluting the environment. All waste, packaging, old car parts, tires, oil cans, paint cans, batteries, etc., must be taken away by the participants or disposed of by them. Used oils

must be disposed of responsibly.

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