



# RACE BRIEFING

## 2017 SCORE Baja 500

May 31 - June 4, 2017



5.23.17 Update

● **Effective May 1, 2017** ●

**Head and Neck Restraints will be required for drivers and all co-drivers of four-wheel vehicles competing in all SCORE events. Devices must be presented along with helmets and driving suits at technical inspection for each event. All head and neck restraints must meet SFI Specification 38.1 standard or FIA 8858-2010 standard.**

### **1. General Information** - All times Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

**1-1) HYDRATION INFORMATION** - Possible high temperatures on some sections of this Baja 500 course can create the extreme need for adequate and continuous hydration for all competitors. SCORE is establishing two (2) hydration stations on the race course, and all competitors can stop for water replenishment. Refer to **Section 4, Race Day Course Information**, on page 4, for additional hydration rules.

**1-2) COMPETITORS MEETING** - Will be held at **7:00 pm Friday, June 2**, at the Riviera Convention Center in Ensenada. All teams must have at least one banded competitor in attendance.

**1-3) AIRCRAFT PILOT SAFETY MEETING** – **6:00pm Friday, June 2**, at Riviera Convention Center. **Pilot attendance is MANDATORY.**

**1-4) CAUTION** - All competitors are reminded that off road racing is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injury or even death. **YOU MUST BEAR THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY.**

**1-5) CAUTION - SPECTATORS** - It is important to remember that SCORE cannot regulate the conduct of spectators. Be advised that spectators may engage in malicious activity by building ramps, digging ditches and placing objects on the course. Course marking signs may be altered or removed. **BE ALERT!!** Use extreme caution in crowded areas or when spectators are putting themselves in danger by standing too close to the course.

**1-6) CAUTION - ROADS** – Many of the roads used for this race course are used by the public. You must expect at all times to encounter traffic on the race course, especially oncoming traffic. **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED AT ALL TIMES!!**

**1-7) ENVIRONMENT** - All competitors must do their part to protect and preserve the Baja ecological environment. Please instruct your team that it is mandatory and extremely important to properly dispose of all solid and liquid waste. **CAUTION – Do not leave flat tires along the racecourse or anywhere in the desert!** This is un-sportsman like and disrespectful of Baja and its gracious people. **TAKE YOUR FLAT TIRES AND LIQUID AND SOLID WASTE WITH YOU TO AVOID MAJOR PENALTIES IN THE FUTURE.**

**1-8) INSURANCE COVERAGE** – You **MUST** be listed on the official race entry and your entry **PAID IN FULL** before coverage will be in effect. Insurance is also available at a nominal fee for chase crews and team members. **Please review Section 10-2 on page 10** for ACE Accident Medical Insurance, and for information regarding how to purchase insurance for your team members.

**1-9) WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT WHILE PRE-RUNNING OR RACING IN MEXICO** - In case you or a crew member are involved in an accident while pre-running or during a race in Baja, Mexico, there are certain steps that must be followed. Please review these important steps that are outlined in **Section 11 on Page 12 of this brief.**

**1-10) VERY IMPORTANT** – It is the responsibility of each competitor to read and thoroughly understand this Racer Brief, Penalty Document and SCORE Rule Book. These documents outline all information governing conduct of this event!

### **2. Pre-Race Information** - All times Pacific Daylight (PDT)

**2-1) PRE-RUNNING** - Course will be open for pre-running from **Rm 38 to Rm 476** beginning on **Saturday, May 20**. Pre-running outbound from start to **Rm 38** will only be allowed **beginning Wednesday, May 31**. No inbound pre-running from Rm 476. Use caution at all times as many roads and trails are used for local traffic. Refer to Course Notes for detailed course information. Please observe all speed limits during pre-running and be courteous to everyone you have contact with. **Remember... you are a guest in their country!**



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**2-2) QUALIFYING** – Trophy Trucks, Trophy Truck Legends, Class 1 and TT Spec classes will qualify Thursday morning, June 1. **All drivers/co-drivers qualifying must register on Wednesday, May 31, from 5:00 to 9:00pm at Riviera Convention Center. No registration Thursday morning at qualification site. IMPORTANT:** Qualifying driver must start the Baja 500 race in the qualified vehicle. A special wristband will identify the driver qualifying the vehicle.

**2-3) CHASSIS INSPECTIONS** - SCORE Chassis Inspection/Tagging will take place Wednesday, May 31, from 9am to 6pm and Thursday, June 1 from 9am to 6pm. **Location:** Playa Hermosa Beach, one mile south of start line. Contact Tech Director Art Savedra at (702) 210-7785 if you have questions.

**2-4) STELLA III DEVICE ASSISTANCE** - Representatives from the Stella III organization will be at the Chassis Inspection location at Playa Hermosa Beach on Wednesday, May 31 from noon to 6pm and Thursday, June 1 from 9am to 6pm. They will provide technical assistance and verification of mounting plate and wiring for your Stella installations. See Section 6-1 for more information on Stella III Devices. If you have not pre-paid for these Stella III bracket kits, **on-site payment must be cash only.**

**2-5) PRE-TECH / STELLA BRACKET CHECKS/TRANSPONDER CHECKS**– To speed the tech inspection on Friday, June 2, SCORE will conduct **pre-tech inspections and Stella bracket checks** in conjunction with chassis inspections Wednesday, May 31, from noon to 6pm and pre-tech and bracket checks Thursday, June 1, from 9am to 6pm. Vehicles that are pre-tech inspected will use the “fast lane” on Tech Day (Friday). **All qualifying teams MUST PRE-TECH on Wednesday! Transponder checks are only Wednesday Noon to 6pm.**

### **YOU MUST GO TO REGISTRATION PRIOR TO ENTERING TECH/CONTINGENCY LINE!**

**2-6) RACER REGISTRATION** - Wed. May 31 from 5pm to 9pm and Thursday, June 1 from Noon to 8pm. Friday June 2 registration hours are 9am to 4pm. Registration will be at the Riviera Convention Center. **All Drivers/Co/Drivers and Riders/Co-Riders are required to register and sign waiver forms.**

► Be sure to bring your driver’s license or photo ID with you to registration. You will be required to show ID prior to signing your waiver forms. If you already have a timing transponder, you will be asked to enter the transponder number during the online registration process. Take a photo of the serial number so you will have the number available to verify in registration. Registration **cannot be completed** until your transponder number is verified. **No walk-ins after 4pm Friday, June 2!** **IMPORTANT - You MUST register before entering the Contingency/Tech line!**

**2-7) ADDING CO-DRIVERS/RIDERS** - Registered DRIVER or RIDER of RECORD MUST BE PRESENT to ADD Co-Drivers/Riders to Their Entry. DOR and ROR are the only individuals who can add additional persons to their official entry.

**2-8) NO LATE REGISTRATION OR LATE TECH ON RACE DAY** – Any exception must be pre-arranged with SCORE Registration - (775) 852-8907 no later than Thursday, May 25, 2017.

**2-9) CONTINGENCY AND TECHNICAL INSPECTION** – Begins at 9:00 am on Friday, June 2. **You must Have top section of Contingency and Tech forms filled out BEFORE entering this line!**

**2-10) CONTINGENCY DECLARATION** – To be eligible for potential awards from SCORE contingency sponsors, you must complete the top portion of the Contingency Declaration Form (in your driver/rider packet) before entering the contingency/tech line. For a list of sponsors and awards, go to <http://score-international.com/contingency>

. Contingency sponsor stickers **must be on vehicle** before entering the tech inspection area!

**2-11) TECH INSPECTION FORM – IMPORTANT**...To save time you must complete information in the top portion of the Tech Inspection Form (in your driver/rider packet) before entering the contingency/tech line.

**2-12) AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION REQUIRED** – If your team is utilizing a helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft, you must pre-register the aircraft with SCORE. Contact SCORE Registration to register aircraft. Pilot attendance at aircraft safety meeting is **MANDATORY**. Ivor Shier and Jim McCoy will conduct this meeting. If aircraft is to be used for commercial filming or photography, it must be registered with SCORE as a media aircraft.

**2-13) TRANSPORTING RACE FUEL** – Drums and dump cans containing fuel cannot legally be transported across the border into Mexico. Only fuel in the vehicle tanks is allowed. You can use any fuel supplier or brand, and you can arrange for your fuel to be delivered in Ensenada or to multiple pit locations.

### **3. Race Day Staging and Start** - All times Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

**3-1) RACE DISTANCE AND TIME LIMIT** - Total distance is 513.67 miles (826.65 km) Time limit is 20 hours from your scheduled start time in Ensenada. Minimum average speed to finish is 25.68 mph (41.33 kph).



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**3-2) START LINE** - Located in front of Riviera Convention Center. All competitors will roll up on starting ramp for a possible interview on the podium prior to start. Post-race interviews will be conducted at same location after finishing.

**3-3) STAGING & START for Motos & Quads – First bike out at 5:30am. Staging will start at 5:00 am.** Starting interval for Pro Moto Unlimited - **One rider every minute. All other classes one rider every 30 seconds. STAGING will be at START/FINISH AREA on the Malecon.** The starting order is shown below. All riders will start within their class based on draw results for entries received by 10:00 pm on Wednesday, May 17th. Entries received after this draw deadline will start in the order the entry is received.

**ABSOLUTELY NO FUELING IS ALLOWED IN THE STAGING AREA!**

### Moto and Quad Staging Times:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Stage</u>
1 Pro Moto Unltd	5:00a	5 Pro Moto 50	5:10a	9 Sportsman Moto	5:20a
2 Pro Moto Limited	5:00a	6 Pro Moto Ironman	5:10a	10 Sportsman Quads	5:20a
3 Pro Moto 30	5:00a	7 Pro Moto 60	5:10a		
4 Pro Moto 40	5:00a	8 Pro Quads	5:10a		

**3-4) STARTING GAP** - There will be an approximate 3-1/2 hour time gap between the last Sportsman M/C or Quad starter and the first SCORE Trophy Truck starter.

**3-5) STAGING & START for FOUR WHEELERS – First truck out at approximately 10:00am. Staging will start on West of Start Line.** Vehicles will begin staging Saturday morning starting at 8:30 am for a 10:00 am start (time approximate). **One TT, Class 1 and TT Spec every minute - One vehicle every 30 seconds for all other classes.** Vehicles start within their class based on draw results for entries received by 10:00 pm on Wednesday, May 17th. Entries received after this draw deadline will start in the order the entry is received. **NOTE:** TT, Class 1 and TT Spec will start based on their qualifying results.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Stage</u>
1 Trophy Truck	8:45a	13 Class 3000	10:15a	25 Class 3700	11:15a
2 Class 1	9:15a	14 Trophy Lite	10:15a	26 Class 1700	11:15a
3 TT Spec	9:45a	15 Class 7	10:15a	27 Stock Mini	11:15a
4 Class 2	10:00a	16 Pro UTV Forc Ind.	10:30a	28 Class 9	11:15a
5 Hammer Ltd	10:00a	17 Pro UTV	10:30a	29 Class 11	11:15a
6 Hammer Unltd	10:00a	18 Pro UTV Untd	10:30a	30 Sptsmn Unltd Trk	11:15a
7 Class 10	10:00a	19 Pro Truck	11:00a	31 Sptsmn Buggy	11:15a
8 Class 8	10:15a	20 Class 5-1600	11:00a	32 Sptsmn Ltd Trk	11:15a
9 Class 1/2-1600	10:15a	21 Class 3	11:00a	33 Sptsmn UTV	11:15a
10 SCORE Lites	10:15a	22 Baja Challenge	11:00a		
11 Class 5	10:15a	23 Stock Full	11:00a		
12 Heavy Metal	10:15a	24 Class 7sx	11:00a		

\*\* Staging times may be revised based on class entry counts

**IMPORTANT... It is critical that you stage at the times shown above!!!**

**3-6) LATE STARTERS** - A competitor who is late for his assigned start time will start at the back of the class that is currently starting. The elapsed time of a late starter begins at their **DESIGNATED START TIME**, not their actual late start time. Late starters must follow SCORE official's directions for late start procedure to avoid penalty. If SCORE officials determine it is their procedures that caused start delays or last minute adjustments to the start order, your time will be adjusted to when you are actually given the green flag. **Start Line will close 10 minutes after last competitor scheduled to start leaves start line.**



## 4. Race Day Course Information & Regulations - All times Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

### EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

Start and finish of this Baja 500 course is in Ensenada. Although streets will be cordoned off, all racers must be extremely alert for possible crowds near the race course and possibly ignoring the barricades.

#### ► RACERS - YOU MUST READ THIS ◀

**HYDRATION STATIONS** - Possible high temperatures on some sections of this Baja 500 course can create the increased need for adequate and continuous hydration for all competitors. SCORE is establishing two (2) hydration stations on the race course, and all competitors can stop for water replenishment. **Minimum stop time is two (2) minutes and maximum time allowed for stop is 12 minutes.** This stop is for **WATER ONLY!** No work allowed on vehicle, or any other non-hydration activity including cell phone or radio communications, may be performed during time stopped. You will receive time credit for time stopped after the first two (2) minutes. No pits are allowed 300 ft. before or 100 ft. after these hydration stations. This hydration benefit will be covered in detail at the 7:00 pm Driver Meeting on Friday, June 2nd.

**SCORE Hydration Stations are located at Rm 314.9 and Rm 341.8.**

**Special Rule - Motos and Quads:** These competitors are required to utilize a hydration pack (CamelBak or equivalent), and an external catheter (pee tube) if planning on riding in high heat sections of course. This will allow for constant hydration without having to stop for relief.

#### 4-1) DRIVER OR RIDER OF RECORD

Driver or Rider of Record must either start or finish this Baja 500 event to be eligible to receive points.

**4-2) RADIO FREQUENCY** - SCORE will use **151.625** (Weatherman Relay) for the main race operations radio frequency. Please use this frequency to report an emergency, request assistance, report out of race status. Refer to Section 4-3 for guidelines on monitoring this frequency.

**4-3) WEATHERMAN CHANNEL ETIQUETTE** - If you are listening to Weatherman on **151.625**, please unplug your mic. If you feel it must be plugged in, be sure it is in a proper microphone hanger. There is nothing worse than a stuck mic during an emergency; someone's life or race can be at stake. Radio checks should be done before the race. When you turn on Weatherman channel, wait and listen before you speak...there may be an emergency going on that you would be interrupting. The Weatherman can hear what you cannot hear. Just because you do not hear anything does not mean there is not a life and death situation going on 200 miles from where you are. **Monitor this channel a sufficient amount of time to know you are not 'walking' on someone else's emergency.**

**4-4) COURSE MARKINGS** - The race course is marked with orange/white ribbon, orange signs/black arrows, green wrong way markers, and mile markers every **Five (5) miles**. Markings are not guaranteed to remain in place. All race teams are strongly advised to use the official GPS course file. Less than 1% of dangers are marked, and markings are there only to assist with controlled speed pre-running. Make your own course notes for race day.

**4-5) HIGHWAYS ARE RESTRICTED AREAS** - Pitting or performing any service of any kind is **not permitted** on any portion of any paved highway surface. **You will receive a minimum penalty of 1 hour.** The paved highway is considered a restricted area because use of the highways is subject to permission by the Mexican Federal Highway Police. Chase vehicle travel on the highway sections **must be done** in a safe and prudent manner. Passing on the highway section **must** be made on the left-hand side only and within the 60 MPH speed limit. All competitors **must** possess a valid driver license and passport or at least have a copy of it while racing or pre-running. This is in case you need an emergency international transport. All chase crews and team members should carry their passports as well.

**4-6) SPEED ZONES/CHECKPOINTS** - There are twelve (12) 37 mph and two (2) 60 mph Speed Zones. **On-course there are five (5) full-stop physical checkpoints with 15 mph speed limit from 150 feet before to 100 feet after each checkpoint.** All locations are marked on GPS file and there will be physical markings on course. Markings are not guaranteed to remain in place. All race teams are strongly advised to use the official GPS course file. Refer to the Penalty Bulletin for detailed information on all race and checkpoint speed zones for this event.

**4-7) COURSE COMPLIANCE** - Mandatory Stella III devices will be used to identify course deviations. Washes are open only to the banks on either side and major silt beds are open. Short coursing is not allowed. Do not deviate from the main course even a little bit when you are near ranches, spectators or farm fields. The GPS course is the official course. It is essential to race using the official GPS course file and check for updates on the SCORE website.



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**4-8) RETURNING STELLA 3 DEVICES** - Participants *finishing the race in the allotted time must make sure that the tracking devices are turned into Stella personnel immediately after crossing the finish line.* Failure to turn in the equipment will result in your entry being assigned a DNF and you will not receive placement or finish points. All competitors that DNF must return the tracking recorders to Stella Tracking located at the finish line. If you are not returning through Ensenada, you must ship devices directly to Anube.

**4-9) HIGHWAY CROSSINGS** – Some **Full Stop Checkpoints** may be located at highway crossings. There is a **15 mph speed limit** 300' before the stop and 100' past the stop at all checkpoints. Clearly mark all road crossings on your GPS files for reference. You must be aware of all approaching road crossings. **IMPORTANT: Be extremely cautious of cross traffic when crossing the highway.**

**4-10) PASSING** – **Motorcycles and Quads** – If you are barely averaging the minimum speed of **25.68 mph**, you must be prepared to be passed by the lead truck or buggy ***as early as race mile 196 at approximately 1:45 pm, and possibly even sooner!*** Four-Wheel Vehicles that are in a position to pass a Motorcycle or Quad must **NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS UNTIL THE RIDER HAS MOVED TO THE SIDE OF THE COURSE. RIDERS MUST REMAIN AWARE OF APPROACHING TRAFFIC AND MOVE OVER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.**

Riders, if you are caught by the first 4-wheel vehicle you must remain super vigilant and get off the course BEFORE you are caught by the next vehicle. Riders must pull off the course to a safe distance and wait for dust to clear before re-entering the race. Riders, if you try to outrun to avoid being passed by a driver you will receive a DQ.

Riders, get off the course early, if you wait for the four-wheel vehicle to pull right up on you at night before pulling off the course you will be a DQ. Drivers, if you should have trouble passing, be sure you get the correct number of the rider. Riders, never race in the dust of a four-wheel vehicle, you are putting yourself in “extreme” danger.

If you are passed by a vehicle and you are still on course you are riding in the dust. Riders, if you are riding slow and you have been caught by the four-wheel vehicles you are in “extreme” danger and must bear full responsibility for your own safety.

►► **Drivers: If you are tapped by a competitor move over... blocking traffic is un-sportsmanlike and you may be penalized.**

**4-11) VIRTUAL CHECKPOINTS** - The race course has approximately **95 Virtual Checkpoints (VCPs)**. The VCPs are strategically placed to discourage short coursing. The entire course will be reviewed for compliance. The standard penalty for **failure to clear a VCP within 120 feet is 10 minutes**. In order to avoid confusion regarding the locations of the VCPs, it is essential to race using the official GPS course file and check for updates on the SCORE website.

**4-12) CHASING** – Always drive safely. Unsafe passing or dropping a tire off the road is the cause of most fatalities on Mexican Highways. You should be 100% prepared the day before the race. Expect the unexpected. Leave early and expect to be late to your destination. Make sure each chase vehicle has copies of insurance for all of your other chase vehicles. Carry the largest fire extinguishers you can and have a good medic bag in each chase. Keep your passport and driver license with you. Have a list of cell phone numbers, SAT phone numbers and radio frequencies for your team and other teams. **Turn off your off-road lights when on highways!**

**ABSOLUTELY NO CHASING OR LEADING RACE VEHICLES ON COURSE.** Going backwards on course will get your team a DQ. If you are speeding on the highway in a chase vehicle, you are endangering yourself and those with you. If you are in a chase vehicle that is being driven in a dangerous manner, tell the driver you are uncomfortable, and if that does not work, report it to your team manager. If dangerous chase team actions are reported to SCORE, the competitor that team is associated with may be penalized or disqualified from event.

**CAUTION: Highways are patrolled by the Mexican Federal Highway Police. Speed limit on paved highways is 60 mph (100 kph). There are lower speed limits in many towns and villages. Speed Zones and speed limits are listed in Penalty Bulletin. You MUST observe all speed limits!**

**4-13) TEAM PITS** - All pits must be located on **right side of pavement ONLY... NO EXCEPTIONS!** Never pit within 50 feet of the course; give yourself extra room for safety. Do not pit on the outside of a turn or within 250 feet of the exit of a turn. Pitting is not permitted within 300 feet before and 100 feet after a checkpoint. Use common sense and keep your team members safe!



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**4-14) PIT REFUELING** - Fire is always a danger during refueling. All fueling personnel should wear adequate protective clothing gear, and persons should be assigned to the specific function of manning multiple fire extinguishers in the immediate refueling area during each stop. A minimum of three (3) 20 lb. ABC rated fire extinguishers should be in each pit and ready for use at all times. Grounding the race vehicle during the refueling stop is a must. **All personnel using pressure and elevated tank fueling systems are required to wear helmets, shields and flame resistant clothing.**

**4-15) PIT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS** – Several professional pit support organizations will offer expert pit services to race teams for the Baja 500. Refer to PIT SUPPORT listing under the Race Info/Baja 500 race logo for information on each of these experienced pit support groups.

**4-16) SPECIAL RULES** - No race vehicle shall be towed, pushed, pulled or transported by another vehicle further than 1% of the total distance of the race course 5.16 miles or within 1 mile of the Finish Line. However, banded race vehicle occupants are permitted to push a disabled race vehicle across the finish Line. At **NO TIME** may any participant or chase team go backwards on the course. This will result in a DQ! All competitors are responsible to read and understand the 2017 SCORE rule book and this entire Racer Brief.

**4-17) TIME ON COURSE – DRIVERS and RIDERS** will have **20 Hours** from their designated start time to complete this **515.77 mile (830.03 km)** Baja 500 racecourse.

**4-18) OFFICIAL TIMING FINISH and FINISH LINE STOP** – The official finish timing loop is located before the ramp in front of the Convention Center. Be prepared to make a complete stop immediately after the timing arch and before reaching ramp. This stop must be made in a safe and controlled manner. There are cones leading into the timing loop; if you hit one you will be penalized one (1) minute for each cone. You also will be fined if you hit the timing loop.

**4-19) REPORTING STATUS IF YOU DROP OUT OF RACE** – If your vehicle becomes disabled anywhere on the course, and you cannot proceed further in the race; it is **IMPERATIVE** that you report your situation and position to the Weatherman at Race Control. We don't want to spend hours looking for you on the course when you have packed up and are on the way home. Please be considerate for all the personnel that are working very long hours to stage this event!

### **5. Checkpoints - All times Pacific Daylight (PDT)**

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**5-1) NUMBER OF CHECKPOINTS** - There are **five (5) full stop** checkpoints for the SCORE Baja 500. Mileage locations are in Section 5-5 on next page..

**5-2) FULL-STOP PHYSICAL CHECKPOINT RULES** – Checkpoints may be located at paved road crossings. You are required to enter the coned area at each Physical Full-Stop Checkpoint at 15 mph in single file manner and come to a **COMPLETE STOP** at the stop sign. The checkpoint corridor is not considered part of the race course. Entering and exiting all checkpoints must be done in a safe and prudent manner in order to guarantee the safety of all checkpoint workers. Passing is not permitted 300 feet before a checkpoint. **Not coming to a full stop or exceeding the 15 mph speed limit for 150' before and 100' after the checkpoint will result in a sever time penalty! Refer to Baja 500 Penalty Bulletin for additional information.**

▶ **Missing a full-stop physical checkpoint will result in a one (1) hour penalty for each checkpoint missed!** ◀

**5-3) SAFETY HARNESS AND WINDOW NETS** - All seat belts and safety nets must remain **SECURELY FASTENED** until vehicle comes to a complete stop at any time during the race. (*Rule Book GPT 9-A, Effective May 15, 2017*)

**5-4) OFF-ROAD LIGHT OPERATION** - At no time must off-road lights be illuminated when there is oncoming traffic. All front facing off-road lights and light bars must be turned off when vehicle is being operated on any section of race course that is on a paved highway or public road. Only two (2) small lights suitable for normal highway driving can be in operation on these highways and roads. Motos and quads require only one (1) light. These highway lights must be connected and operated by a separate auxiliary switch. All front facing off-road lights and light bars must also be turned off when in the 15 mph checkpoint zones. This regulation applies to all trucks, cars, UTVs, motos and quads, and also includes all team and chase vehicles. Violations by any of the above vehicle categories are subject to penalties or possible disqualification from event. (*Rule Book CR 18-A, Effective May 15, 2017*)

**5-5) CHECKPOINT CLOSING TIMES** - Times shown are **APPROXIMATE** based on projected number of entries. – **Any revised closing times** will be announced at 7:00 pm Driver/Rider Meeting on Friday if there are significant changes.



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## 5-5) CHECKPOINT CLOSING TIMES - continued

Checkpoint Number & Mileage	CP to CP Miles	CP to CP Km	Total GPS Miles	Total GPS Km	Bike/Quad Projected CP Close Time	Truck/Car Projected CP Close Time
Start in Ensenada	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Start 6:10	Start 12:50
Check 1	141.00	226.91	141.00	226.91	11:38a	6:18p
Check 2	139.00	223.69	280.00	450.60	5:02p	11:42p
Check 3	67.35	108.39	347.35	558.99	7:39p	2:18a Su
Check 4	76.20	122.63	423.55	681.62	10:36p	5:22a Su
Check 5	52.96	85.23	476.51	766.85	12:39a Su	7:19a Su
Finish in Ensenada	39.26	63.18	515.77	830.03	2:10a Su	8:50a Su

DRIVERS and RIDERS must average a minimum of **25.79 mph** (41.5 kph) and will have 20 hours to finish.

**CHECKPOINT CLOSING TIMES - IMPORTANT** – If you experience a race stoppage such as a log jam on the course that is beyond your control, or have problems and are running late, and the checkpoints in front of you have closed, you can continue on using extreme caution, as if you were pre-running. Watch for local traffic that may think all race vehicles have passed and do not expect competitors running late! Report any race stoppage to Race Director immediately via the Weatherman at **151.625**. If you have no communications, report it at your next pit or next checkpoint and have them relay the information.

## 6. Stella Device and Transponders

**6-1) STELLA III SYSTEM FEATURES** - SCORE will again be using our Stella III system at the Baja 500. This is a very impressive unit and software is designed specifically for off-road desert racing. It has a number of features for both racers and SCORE Race Operations to make races safer, especially in events where you have both motos and four-wheel vehicles. This unit is proven technology and approved by the FIA and FIM. **Stella III features include:**

- o Vehicle to vehicle alarm and built-in siren for audio alerts
- o Iridium based coverage with ability to also use cellular coverage
- o LED screen for clear signal alerts (SOS, Danger, speed zone, VCP/waypoint, car approaching)
- o Hard wired with backup 72-hour battery life
- o Internal GPS and internal memory
- o Impact/rollover sensor
- o Short cut control
- o Logging of tracks travelled and Logging of all penalties in real time (VCP, speeding and course cutting)
- o Speed and odometer, Navigation arrow and Speed control
- o Two-way communication between organizer and racers through simple keypad
- o Compact and very light weight
- o Live online tracking
- o This Stella III system has the ability to help with many of the issues racers often complain about. For example:
  - o Clear and instant application of penalties
  - o Alert bikes of approaching vehicle and vehicle to vehicle notifications
  - o Alert competitors of stopped vehicle/bike ahead and condition of crew
  - o SOS signal requires other competitors to stop to assist and counts time stopped instantly
  - o All speed zones are preprogrammed into unit and will alert racers as they approach
  - o Unit can be reprogrammed wirelessly for last minute changes by organizers
  - o Navigation arrow as you approach VCP and visual signal to show you cleared waypoint

**To learn more about the Stella III system and its operation, SCORE has provided informational videos and assembly information in both English and Spanish. These videos and documents can be found on the SCORE website Race Info page and the SCORE APP.**

**SCORE highly recommends that in addition to DORs/Co-Drivers and Riders/Co-riders, all team members and friends attending the Baja 500 view the video and learn how to operate the device in the event you are at the scene of an emergency.**

**6-2) Stella III Device** – This device is mandatory and leased from Anube on a per race agreement. The Stella III will require a race team representative to sign the terms and conditions lease contract for the Stella III recording device at registration or during tech inspection. You must be certain the Stella device is returned at the end of the event at the finish line. See additional information in section 7-1. **Tampering with or covering these devices in any manner will result in an automatic disqualification (DQ).**

**6-3) Stella III BRACKET KIT** – Bracket Installation Kit is a one-time purchase direct from Anube. Kit includes mounting bracket and hardware to permanently mount in your vehicle. Detailed instructions are included with each kit. We suggest leaving brackets installed on your vehicle to be ready for your next SCORE race.

**6-3) SCORE SPORT TAG TIMING TRANSPONDER** - Transponders are **REQUIRED**, and are for precise timing of all vehicles in the event. Your transponder number will be verified at race registration and you must bring the number with you or take a photo of the serial numbers on the side of the transponder so you can confirm it quickly at registration. Your race **entry will not be considered complete** until the transponder number is verified. Transponders are purchased by the team, not leased. You do not return the Sport Tag transponder at the end of the race.

**IMPORTANT: THE NUMBER ON THE TRANSPONDER MOUNTED ON YOUR VEHICLE MUST MATCH THE NUMBER THAT IS VERIFIED IN REGISTRATION** if you want to be scored accurately! **THIS IS A MUST!**

The Sport Tag transponder is either blue, black or brown in color as shown at right. They can be purchased through Registration while completing your online registration, or on-site at race registration. If you purchase through Registration, you will pick up your transponder in registration at the race. The transponders are good for approximately 3 years of racing. These timing transponders are used in several other race series so you may already have one. If you already own one, be sure to include the serial number (transponder number) when completing your on-line race registration. You **MUST** enter your transponder number in your online or on-site registration so race timing records can be ready before race start.



**NOTE:** You **MUST** have the correct transponder mounted on your vehicle prior to entering the contingency/tech line. Stop at the timing loop located on tech/contingency row for your transponder verification check. You will then proceed on after your transponder reading is verified by SCORE timing personnel.

**6-4) PERSONAL TRACKING DEVICES** - It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that all riders and drivers have a personal SPOT 3 with 2.5 MINUTE tracking that is in the vehicle or worn on their person and within reach **AT ALL TIMES**. This will benefit your pit and chase personnel tracking your location during the race. **Your personal tracker should also be used during pre-running.** Set your tracker to your personal emergency contact during your pre-running period.

### ***7. Post-Race Requirements***

**7-1) EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** - Participants finishing the race within the allotted time must make sure that the Stella tracking devices are turned into Stella tracking personnel immediately after crossing the finish line. ***If you do not return the devices at the finish line or at Awards Ceremony, you will be scored as a DNF.*** If you are not returning through Ensenada, you must ship devices directly to Anube. Deadline to return devices is **Friday, June 9, 2017**. ***If units are not received at Anube by the Friday deadline, you will be charged for full price of the unit!***

***Shipping instructions are on the Anube Lease Agreement Form you signed to lease the Stella III device for the Baja 500.***

**NOTE:** All competitors that DNF should return tracking recorders to STELLA Tracking personnel who will be **located at the finish line at the Baja 500**. Another option is to return the devices by shipping direct to Anube. If you fail to meet this **June 9, 2017 deadline**, you will be charged full retail. If shipping device, email proof of shipping to registration@score-international.com. **Shipping information is on your lease agreement form**

**7-2) SCORING** – A competitor who is designated in the official results as a finisher will receive the combined total of starting points, placement points, and finish points. A competitor who is designated in the official results as a non-finisher (DNF) will receive starting points only, and a competitor who is disqualified will receive zero points.

**7-3) PROTESTS** – To protest another competitor, you must submit a detailed written protest to SCORE. The written protest ***must be filed within 30 minutes*** after the last scheduled finish of the final competitor in your class. The written protest must be delivered to Race Director Abelardo Grijalva. SCORE will consult with the Competition Review Board, and the matter will be heard as soon as practical. Contact the Cruz Roja Command Center, SCORE Timing trailer or Abelardo (Jose) Grijalva to request protest forms.

**To file a technical protest**, you must present a written protest within 30 minutes after the last scheduled finish of the final competitor in your class and submit a \$500 cash fee to SCORE Technical Director Art Savedra. Contact the Cruz Roja Command Center, SCORE Timing trailer or Abelardo (Jose) Grijalva to request protest forms.





7-4) **REQUEST FOR "GOOD SAMARITAN" TIME CREDIT** - If you stop to assist another racer who is in need of *immediate medical assistance*, or possibly a life or death situation, you may be eligible for a time credit for the time you are stopped. The **written request** for time credit must be delivered by you, or a member of your team, to either Race Director Jose A. Grijalva or the SCORE Timing trailer **within 30 minutes** after the finish of your class. Forms are available from Cruz Roja Command Center, SCORE Timing Trailer or Race Director Jose A. Grijalva. Request must include vehicle number of competitor you assisted, race mile, time stopped and description of assistance given.

7-5) **UNOFFICIAL & OFFICIAL RESULTS** – Unofficial finishers will be posted at the media room periodically during the race. Official finishers will be posted at 11:00am Sunday at the awards ceremony location.

7-6) **AWARDS CEREMONY** - Will be held in the Riviera Convention Center on **Sunday, June 4 at 12:00 noon**. You must arrange to have your trophy accepted by someone else if you are not going to attend. No trophies can be brought back across the border by SCORE International.

**8. Media Coverage of the Baja 500**

8-1) **LIVE VEHICLE TRACKING** – Available at [www.score-international.com](http://www.score-international.com) during the race.

8-2) **NATIONAL TV SHOW** – Be sure to have in-car cameras and if possible one with intercom audio. Optimal location is to have one facing forward from behind the driver with intercom audio, a second camera also facing forward and a third camera facing back. Put your team name, # and sponsors stickers within view of the camera shots. Put the in-car cameras within reach of co-driver for cleaning. At the finish line, there will be SCORE techs downloading camera cards. It takes about 60 minutes to download. Your cards will be returned with footage intact on them. Helicopters will also be shooting the race for broadcasts on El Rey Network, and the broadcasts will play worldwide.

**9. SCORE Contacts:**

Jose A. Grijalva	Race Director	(646) 162-7336 (Baja)	race-director@score-international.com
Marco Arturo Durazo	Asst. Race Director	(646) 121-8256 (Baja)	madurazo@hotmail.com
Roger Norman	President	(775) 690-2305	roger@score-international.com
Art Savedra	Tech Director	(702) 210-7785	wattarush@aol.com
		(646) 203-5774 (Baja)	
Audi Cuarez	Registration	(775) 223-1010	registration@score-international.com
Hector L. Ponce	Course Personnel	(646) 203-2470	hlpr92@hotmail.com
Jim Ryan	Contingency	(714) 330-3521	jim@score-international.com
Christine Wait	Policy & Points	(702) 407-3059	christine@score-international.com
Kim Carpenter	SCORE Operations	(760) 475-0409	kim764@yahoo.com
CRUZ ROJA	EMERGENCY	(664) 266-8889 (Baja)	rlozoya@cruzrojaestatalbc.org
Scott Steinberger	"Weatherman Relay"	(714) 673-7277	scott@pciraceradios.com

**If calling (Baja) phone numbers from U.S. you must first dial 011-52-1 before Baja numbers listed above**

**10. IMPORTANT - SCORE Insurance Coverage:**

10-1) **QUALITAS CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE** – Following are Terms and Conditions of Civil Liability for participants in the 2017 SCORE Baja 500 off-road race.

**Notice to all SCORE participants**

**Basic terms & conditions of Civil Liability - 2017 SCORE Baja 500**

Civil Liability: \$ 900,000 Dlls US maximum for the event.      Bail Bonding Service

Coverage starts the opening day of pre-running for the event. Your entry fee **MUST** Be "Paid In Full" to activate the insurance coverage.

Coverage stops when the insured vehicle either finishes the event, is disqualified, is "declared out of the event" for any reason, or when the event vehicle time has been stopped, or when the time limit on the event has expired.

Coverage is only in force while the event vehicle is on the official course of the event, and only while participating or pre-running the event, and at no other time.



### 10-1) **QUALITAS CIVIL LIABILITY INSURANCE** - *continued*

The Insured is covered only when driving or riding in their assigned event vehicle or their pre-running vehicle.

The Insured must be a registered driver or a registered co-driver for the event that is being insured, with all drivers having paid their entry fee in full.

Any accident, damages, or injuries must be reported to the promoter of the event, or the insurance representative during the timeframe of the event.

The bonding service coverage is provided during the day and timeframe of the race only, and at no other time.

Bonding service is provided as a result of a covered bodily injury accident only.

The Bonding Coverage provides for a professional legal bonding service that would be required in the event of judicial proceedings filed in the Mexican Republic against a participant as the result of a covered bodily injury accident.

The bonded participant is required to cooperate and keep the bond in effect by attending any and all legal or court proceedings in Mexico, in connection with the accident that took place during the race in Mexico. Failure by the bonded participant to cooperate and keep the bond in effect would result in legal actions against the bonded participant. The legal actions would include, but not be limited to, cost of the bond, cost of the issuance of the bond, court cost and the issuance of a warrant for their arrest.

Coverage excludes:

- Any injuries when drivers or co-drivers are not in/on their event vehicle.
- Any damages that occur in a pit area or while pitting.
- Any damages or injuries incurred when the event vehicle is outside of the official course of the event, or in violation of any traffic laws while on any highway section of the event.
- Any pre-existing medical conditions of the insured.
- Conditions that are not caused by a covered accident.
- Damages to the insured event vehicle, and any other event vehicles.
- Any participant found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Any participant "under" the age of 16 at the time of the event.
- Any bonding service as a result of property damage.
- Any bonding service during pre-running or practicing.
- Any bonding service for a participant without a valid driver's license.

Insurance Policy issued by Qualitas Compania de Seguros

When calling regarding an accident mention that you are a participant of the SCORE Baja 500.

10-2) **ACE ACCIDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE** – Outline of Accident Medical Benefit Insurance for 2017 SCORE Baja 500 participants. Coverage starts the opening day of pre-running for the event. Your entry fee **MUST** Be "Paid In Full" to activate the insurance coverage and all co-drivers/co-riders must be listed on your entry to be covered during pre-running. Additional co-driver and co-riders can be added at registration but will only be covered by the insurance after your entry is updated in registration:

### **ACE ACCIDENT MEDICAL BENEFIT INSURANCE**

#### **Eligible Participant:**

Registered & Banded Drivers, Co-driver & Riders.

Accident coverage for up to six (6) eligible participants is provided as part of the entry fee. This coverage is activated when entry is paid in full. Coverage for additional participants (seven (7) or more persons) is available for purchase. Contact SCORE registration for additional information.



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## ACE ACCIDENT MEDICAL BENEFIT INSURANCE - continued

### Chase and Team Member Coverage:

Coverage for team members can be purchased for an additional \$50.00 per person. This insurance can be purchased by going to [Score.mycustomevent.com](http://Score.mycustomevent.com) This team coverage is activated when your entry is paid in full and the additional coverage purchased is paid in full.

### Covered Activity:

While participating in course reconnaissance activities of policy holder for up to three weeks prior to covered race event(s).

While engaging in off-road race vehicle racing. Racing must be done on an approved and/or sanctioned course and applies only to the event(s).

### Benefits:

\$ 25,000 Maximum Accident Medical Benefits

\$ 250 Deductible (Payable at time of service)

### Benefits Include:

Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Rehabilitation Benefit

Coma Benefit

Special Adaptation Benefit

Emergency Medical Benefits up to \$10,000

### Additional Benefits 100% Covered:

Emergency Medical Evacuation for major trauma events

Repatriation of Remains Benefit

### Exclusions:

Intentional self-inflicted injury

Suicide or attempted suicide

War or act of war, whether declared or not

Sickness or disease

Aircraft

Injury or loss while being legally intoxicated

Injury or loss attributed to the use of drug/narcotics

Injury covered by occupational benefits

Participation in activity not specifically covered by policy

Conditions that are not caused by covered accident

Any treatment, service or supply not covered by policy

Commission of, or attempt to, commit a felony

### Notice of Claim:

Claimant must give insurance company or authorized representative notice of claim within 90 days after covered loss occurs.

### Servicing Hospitals:

UCSD Medical Center – Hillcrest, San Diego, CA 619-543-6222

Hospital Velmar, Ensenada, Mexico 646-173-4500

Hospital Angeles, Tijuana, Mexico 664-635-1900

Baja Medical Center, San Felipe, Mexico 686-576-0200

Hospital Almater, Nueva Mexicali, Mexico 686-523-8000



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### ACE ACCIDENT MEDICAL BENEFIT INSURANCE - continued

#### Claims Assistance:

Representatives of Qualitas Compania de Segros will be on site to assist in expediting the claim process.

#### Insuring Company:

ACE American Insurance Company, Philadelphia, PA

The insurance coverage information outlined above is a brief description of the accident insurance eligibility and benefits offered but it does not list all of the policy terms, conditions, coverage's, exclusions, limitations and definitions that apply to the policy contract. The actual policy governs all situations.

### **11. What to do in Case of an Accident While Pre-Running or Racing in Mexico**

When calling regarding an accident specify that you are a participant of the SCORE Baja 500 race. In case you or a crew member are involved in an accident while pre-running or during a race in Baja, Mexico, you must know and follow these steps.

1). Always carry your valid Driver's License, Passport, Vehicle Registration and Proof of Current Insurance Policy valid for Mexico with you at all times.

2). If the accident occurs **DURING PRE-RUNNING**, and you are covered by the SCORE insurance, contact the insurance company immediately at one of the phone numbers below. Have clear information of where the accident happened including Race Mile, Kilometer marker, date and time, full details of what happened, if there are injuries or fatalities, and if you should require an ambulance or rescue to be dispatched to the scene of the accident.

- Calling from US cell in MEX to dispatch, 01-55-5258-2880
- Calling from MEX Cell or Landline to dispatch, 01-800-800-2880
- Calling from US cell or landline to MEX dispatch 011-52-1-664-634-1447

#### Alternate Contacts:

Enrique Caracosa	011-52-1-664-674-6851 (Mexico)
Illiana S. Marin	619-642-9307 (U.S. Cell)
Miguel Rico	011-52-1-664-120-9742 (Mexico)

3). If the accident occurs **DURING RACE WEEKEND**, contact the Weatherman using channel 151.625 and report the accident immediately as soon as it happened. Always have clear information of where the accident happened, including Race Mile, Kilometer marker, date and time, full details of what happened, if there are injuries or fatalities, and if you should require an ambulance or rescue to be dispatched to the scene of the accident.

If you are not able to contact the Weatherman and there are injuries or fatalities, contact the insurance company at one of the above numbers.

4). Do not leave the scene of the accident and especially if there are injuries or fatalities; it is against Mexican laws. Leaving the scene of the accident will only make things worse.

5). Get the support of the Insurance Company adjustor as they will assist you with Legal advice and proper representation. It is imperative that this is done immediately after the accident. Complete accident report must be filled out as soon as you finish the event but it should be reported immediately!

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