



# **RAINFOREST CHALLENGE OF MALAYSIA**

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## 1. Event Format and Regulating Body

- 1.1 The Rainforest Challenge of Malaysia is an event, designed to bring four wheel drive enthusiasts together from around the world, with the ultimate aim of successfully completing an off-road adventure, competition and expedition event over 10 days in Malaysia. Special Stages are included to test drivers and riders to their limits in extreme off-road conditions.

**Event Stages are set out as below:-**

- A – Prologue, these are situated in areas with “Spectator Access”**
- B – Predator Stages, has camping on the jungle fringe**
- C – Terminator Stages, jungle campsite**
- D – Twilight Zone is an “Expedition” Special Stage.**

- 1.2 This event is open to all 4-wheel drives, providing the vehicle currently or previously has been sold to the general public by the manufacturer. The event is also open to off-road motorbikes, UTV's, ATV's and other off-road vehicles (like 6x6), for competition aspects provided there are enough numbers to make up that particular class. Otherwise, they are allowed to participate as touring adventurers only.

*No prototype, 4x4 commercial vehicles, vans or agricultural vehicles are allowed.*

- 1.3 Governed by RFC Global Series and Ranking #9 in the World's 10 Toughest Motor Races in the world by <http://jalopnik.com/5974508/the-ten-toughest-motor-races-in-the-world>

- 1.4 The Special Stages (SS)

SS results will determine the overall champions, 1st Runners up and 2nd Runners up in each class. Scoring will be a combination of elapsed time, less any penalties incurred by Teams, as specified, in the Competition Rules.

- 1.5** SS will be varied, with a major emphasis on safety. The competition sections will be designed to test 4 wheel driving and recovery skills first and foremost. Special SS for Team Events comprising of two or more vehicles will also be included as and when it is decided by the Competition Committee. A separate Team Event trophy will be awarded to the group with the highest points after completing all Team SS.
- 1.6** "Team Spirit Award" will be judged by the Competition Committee, with individual competitors earning points on a daily basis for exceptional motivation, leadership skills and the ability to act on ideas to assist others, during times other than the SS.
- 1.7** The "Jungleman Award", is a prestigious individual award of the Rainforest Challenge of Malaysia. This award is given any participant who shows outstanding combination of teamwork, survival, mechanical, 4 wheel driving, and recovery and outdoors skills during all aspects of the adventure.
- 1.8** The "Environment Award" is given to any participant or group of participants who show the most care and attention to the preservation of the environment, to promote the 4 wheel drive and off-road movement as a responsible user of public land.
- 1.9** Other awards are Most Unique 4x4, Ladies Team, Charlie Chandran Camaraderie Award and Special Awards.
- 1.10** The authority on running the event will be the RFC Event Director and Competition Committee.

## **2. Vehicle Class and Scrutineering**

- 2.1** There will be Seven Classes and One (1) Overall Ranking as below:-
- Below 3050cc Diesel
  - Below 3050cc Petrol
  - Above 3051cc Diesel
  - Above 3051cc Petrol
  - Straight Axle

- Portal Axle
- Mixed Team
- Ladies Team
- UTV, ATV, Tubular Frame
- Pick-up Truck
- Overall

***Note: The organizer reserves the right to amalgamate classes when there is less than 3 Teams entered. Prior notice will be given. All classes will qualify for the Overall Ranking (winners). Points will be accumulated in all the SS for the Overall Ranking irrespective of the classes and the type of winch used.***

- 2.2** Vehicles and all equipment are required to be available for Scrutineering at designated time and place. A team representative must be present during these checks.
- 2.3** Vehicle must be presented in a ready to start condition including all compulsory equipment, Drivers License's, Insurance Papers and Registration Papers.
- 2.4** The Organizer's emphasis is on the safety aspects of the vehicle and its condition to successfully complete the event. It is the competitor's responsibility that the compulsory equipment is in good working order and that they are self-sufficient to complete the event. Scrutinizing will again take place before the Twilight Zone. Any vehicle or equipment that is deemed not to be in good condition will be excluded from entering the Twilight Zone.

### **3. Compulsory Equipment- Vehicle**

- 3 (a)** A 3 tonne (rated) recovery point is required on the front and rear of the vehicle and must be securely mounted to the chassis by a minimum of two 12mm, or four 10mm, grade 8 (or equivalent) high tensile bolts. Recovery points must be painted red or yellow. Recovery points can be mounted to the bulbar, if it is sufficiently strong enough to cope with a 3 tonne load
- (b)** Factory windscreen is to be fitted which is to remain upright at all times.

The windscreen cannot have any holes of any shape cut or located anywhere on the screen.

**3 (c)** Vehicles must be fitted with an air intake snorkel.

### **3.1 Compulsory Equipment- Recovery**

- Ground anchor
- 8000kg tree trunk protector & winch extension strap
- Snatch block
- 4 shackles rated at 3.25t or better
- Air compressor - (Optional but recommended)

### **3.2 Compulsory Equipment - Safety**

**3.2(a)** Malaysian Standard crash helmet (SIRIM Approved) or Specialized Helmet approved by Chief Scrutineer.

**3.2 (b)** 2 pairs finger enclosed leather or material gloves.

**3.2 (c)** Vehicles shall carry one 1.8kg or two 0.9kg operable dry powder fire extinguishers, mounted securely, within easy reach of the driver and co-driver.

**3.2 (d)** A comprehensive 'First Aid Kit'.

### **4.1 Compulsory Equipment – Operational**

**4.2** Shovel/hoe with fixed handle.

**4.3** Waffle boards/sand ladders.

**4.4** Comprehensive tool kit to effect running repairs for the duration of the event.

**4.5** Vehicle jack and wheel brace.

**4.6** Spare parts etc: fan belts, radiator hoses, oil, wheel bearings and filters.

- 4.7** RFC Event Cable Dampener (Minimum size 500 x 900mm, 1kg dry).
- 4.8** Camp equipment: stretcher, food, water, cooking equipment and tarp/tent.
- 4.9** Spare winch cable/synthetic rope, winch motor, winch solenoids.
- 4.10** 10 x Garbage bags
- 4.11** It is recommended that competition vehicles be fitted with a UHF FRS (477 MHz) radio.

## **5. Vehicle Specifications**

### **5A. Body / Chassis**

- 5A(a)** Chassis of a production type 4x4 vehicle and a bulkhead of a production type 4x4 vehicle is compulsory.
- 5A(b)** All vehicles must have a fire wall between passenger compartment and the engine bay.
- 5A(c)** Any equipment that is relocated from the engine bay to other parts of the vehicle such as radiator/wet batteries which are installed behind driver or co-driver a Steel, Poly Carbonate or Perspex wall must be fitted to the entire opening and sealed from the cabin.
- 5A(d)** Vehicles must have a bonnet covering the engine and rotating pulleys.
- 5A(e)** Chassis can be strengthened and modified to allow fitting of non-standard engines and suspension systems. Front & rear overhang can be modified.
- 5A(f)** Doors must be fitted to all vehicles. Half doors are to be at least 150mm above the highest part of seat swab. Door safety window must be fitted to cover up the entire opening of the door window frame.

**5A (g)** Wagons, dual cabs and open backed vehicles will have a metal cargo barrier fitted immediately behind driver and co-driver seats. Cargo barrier to be made of steel/alloy with a maximum opening of 50 x 50mm of a least:- steel 2mm – alloy 3mm in thickness. Cargo barrier is to be secured in at least 4 places by clamps or bolt on brackets.

**5A(h)** Items carried in the vehicle must be secured adequately while the vehicle is in motion.

**ALL MODIFICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY CHIEF SCRUTINEER, AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED.**

A Competition Vehicle should be able to be identified as a declared model and the following original sections or parts of the declared model will be considered as qualifying criteria:

- Front Grill with light assembly
- Engine compartment and bonnet
- Driver and passenger cabin with A-Pillar, B-Pillar, bulkhead, doors, roof, floor and windscreen.
- When seated in the cabin, no part of the engine, bell housing, gearbox, transfer case, drive shafts, propeller shafts, winch/winchers or winch cable/cables will be visible.

## **5A2 Seat Belts**

Full harnesses (4 point) must be fitted for all occupants, the minimum being a Four (4) Point Seat Belt Harness, and must comply with recognized European, American, Australian or FIA Standards. The full harness must not be frayed, torn or damaged in any way.

Examples of Harnesses as below:-





The lap part of the harness must be secured to the floor pan behind the line of the seat back. The shoulder harness must be secured no lower than 100mm below the top of the seat back. Mounting bolts must be 10mm high tensile. Backing plates are to be fitted under floor pan for seat belt bolts.

### 5A3 Roll Cage

Vehicles shall be fitted with a 6 point internal rollcage starting at the "A" pillar.

Tubing used in the manufacture of the rollcage must be a minimum of:-

- a) 45mm OD seamless steel pipe with 2.5mm wall thickness (Not allowed in Pickup Class)
- b) 45mm OD Aluminium Alloy pipe with 5mm wall thickness (Not allowed in Pickup Class)
- c) Internal rollcage will be mounted to the floor pan of the cabin in six places by 100mm square plates of 5mm thick, either welded or bolted to the floor pan with at least 2x10mm high tensile bolts per mounting plate. Backing plates of the same size and thickness shall be used on the underside of the floor pan.
- d) Rollcage structure must not obstruct front seat access nor encroach upon the area occupied by driver and co-driver.
- e) Upper section of the roll cage or bracing must be fully protected with high-density foam or equivalent, of at least 15mm thickness. Hollow cylindrical pipe insulation may be utilized for this purpose.
- f) Rollcage must be built to acceptable engineering practices. All joints are to be full penetration butt-welded.

Examples of Internal Roll Cage as below:-



## 5B. Fuel – Air Systems/Engines

- 5B1** Vehicles must carry supplementary fuel storage of 20 litres over and above normal capacity either in jerry cans or additional vehicle mounted fuel tanks. Jerry cans or fuel storage containers are not allowed to be stored on roof of vehicle. All fuel storage must be metal or an approved plastic container for cartage of fuel. The Chief Scrutineer reserves the right to reject any fuel tank or fuel storage container that is deemed to be unsafe.
- 5B2** Fuel Petrol, Gasoline, Diesel that are available from regular Petrol Station to be used. F-Gas, Nitrous or Performance Gases are not allowed.

## 5C. Wheels and Tires

- 5C(a)** Tire and wheel combinations are restricted to a maximum 40" diameter.
- 5C(b)** Agricultural tyres of any type are not allowed.
- 5C(c)** Wheel chains of any type are not allowed during competition.
- 5C(d)** Tires must be of a mud type tread pattern and also be classified for road use.
- 5C(e)** Tires must have at least 60% tread depth at the start of the event.

- 5C (f)** Wheel and tire combinations can protrude past the vehicle body, but must be covered by flare material, extending the whole length of the wheel arch.
- 5C(g)** One spare wheel is to be carried at all times and securely mounted on or inside the vehicle.
- 5C(h)** Competitors must complete the event and all SS, using the original tyres, as fitted to the vehicle at the time of scrutineering. Replacement tyre/tyres must have the approval of the Event Director or Competition Manager.

## **5D. Electrical System**

- 5D(a)** A mechanical battery isolation switch is to be fitted to the battery or batteries providing power to the competing vehicles electrics. This is to be placed within reach of the driver and co-driver whilst secured in vehicle. (Winch circuit is exempted).
- 5D(b)** External power sources are not allowed.
- 5D(c)** A dual battery system is to be fitted to vehicles with an electric winch.
- 5D(d)** Vehicle to have working lights, indicators, wipers and horn.

## **5E. Winch**

- 5E(a)** Vehicle shall be fitted with a minimum 8000lb front recovery winch. A rear winch is highly recommended.
- 5E(b)** Winches shall be fitted with an operational brake.
- 5E(c)** Winch cables shall be of high tensile steel compatible to the winch rating. Mild steel cables with a hemp centre are not allowed.
- 5E(d).** Synthetic rope must be compatible to the winch rating.
- 5E(e)** Winch cable or synthetic rope must be in a serviceable condition and fully spooled at start of each SS.

- 5E(f)** Winch cable/rope hooks, including double hooks must have a working safety catch, no open hooks at any time.
- 5E(g)** Winch cables must have professionally swaged loops. Synthetic Ropes must be spliced to manufactures guidelines.
- 5E(h)** Winch cable or synthetic rope is allowed to be wrapped or spooled onto horns on the winch bar at the finish of an SS. The protruding “horns” must not be pointy and be made of material and have a radius of 30mm.
- 5E(i)** The Event Cable Dampener must be used on both steel cable and synthetic rope, it will be positioned in the centre third at the start of winching. It is not to be rolled up or attached to the cable/rope.
- 5E(j)** If steel winch cables have to be repaired after the Prologue they may be joined using the following methods:
- 1)** An overlap of the cables of minimum 100mm with the use of at least 4 cable clamps spaced equally. The ends of the cables must be securely taped down so as not to have any of the cable strands exposed.
  - 2)** Parallel line splicing of minimum 100mm of cable. The ends of the cables must be securely taped down so as not to have any of the cable strands exposed.
- 5E(k)** Cable repairs must be approved by the Chief Scrutineer or Competition Manager. Competitors will not be allowed to start an SS without approval.

## **6. Pickup Truck Class Supplementary Rules**

- 6.1** This Class must abide by the previous Rules & Guidelines but Rules below override any conflicting similar Rules:-
- Body and Tray to be original
  - Interior dash & trim to remain
  - Original Chassis to be retained
  - Original drive line and motor

- Suspension to use standard mounts and configuration
- All lights OE and be operational
- Electric winch only
- 4 Point Internal Roll Cage in Single Cab or 6 Point Internal Roll Cage in Dual Cab. Roll Cage is to be constructed to a recognized International Standards using both design & material for construction.

### **Changes allowed:-**

- Extra alternator and batteries
- Winch bars & side rails
- Engine Management System
- Exhaust with muffler fitted
- Rear overhang of tray can be shortened up to rear most suspension point, tray to retain original shape and tailgate
- Larger wheel arches
- Any motor or drive line in manufactures range (Modified Class only)
- Suspension & chassis modifications open (Modified Class only)
- Modified interior trim (Modified Class only)

The event is open to all road registered Pickup Trucks with 4WD, providing the vehicle currently or previously has been sold to the general public by the manufacturer. Prototype vehicles are not allowed.

**6.2** Unusual or extraordinary 4WD Pickup Trucks can be considered for entry. Any vehicle failing to comply with any of the rules and regulations contained in this event guide is required to apply for an exemption in writing to the Event Director, stating the regulations that the vehicle fails to comply with. Each request will be considered on its merit.

**6.3** An exemption will only be granted when the Event Director is satisfied that the vehicle has no unfair advantage over other competing vehicles and no safety aspects have been ignored. Failure to apply for an exemption may exclude the participant from starting the event.

## 7. Environment

These rules have been included to ensure we all participate in a world class event that is at the forefront of environment conservation, by abiding with globally accepted environmental practices when travelling through and camping on public land.

Penalty points will be imposed on entrants for breach of any environment rules stated herein.

Penalty points will be imposed on Teams whose support crew breach any environmental rules stated herein.

***Penalty points will be at the discretion of the Competition Committee.***

- 7a** Campsites, assembly, holding and work areas, are to be left clean. Take all of your own rubbish, and maybe that of other peoples. Do not bury any rubbish.
- 7b** Toilets are not available, ensure you dig a hole and bury "night soil" at least 100 meters away from camp sites and watercourses. Failure to comply with this requirement will be immediate disqualification from the event.
- 7c** Failure to use a tree trunk protector during winching operations will result in a DNS being recorded for the SS.
- 7d** When driving on a beach, ensure that you keep to the marked tracks and don't drive over or damage vegetated sand dunes. When in the jungle do not cut down or damage standing trees or plants. Ensure you drive on the marked tracks and if you encounter fallen trees or obstacles that block the track, rather than trying to drive around them, remove them off the track.

## 8. Advertising

- 8.1** Doors must have a reserved space of 600 x 450, Organiser's Logo Event,

- 8.2** Competitors are allowed to fix any kind of advertising to their vehicles provided that:-
- 8.2a** Prior written permission is addressed to the organizer.
  - 8.2b** It is not offensive.
  - 8.2c** It does not encroach into areas reserved for event sponsors, competition numbers and event labels.
- 8.3** Failure to put on main event sponsors and putting other sponsors stickers will result in a 100 points penalty imposed by the Competition Committee.

## **9. Regulations for Special Stages (SS)**

- 9 (a)** Starting order for the first group of SS will be by ballot, thereafter by the accumulation of points obtained.

Competitors must start in their respective ballot or designated order, unless the Competition Committee grants prior permission for a change in the running order. Any vehicle not ready to start at the time the previous vehicle leaves the start may be deemed a non-starter and a DNS recorded.

Driver and co-driver combination will remain the same for the entire event, alternating between driver and co-driver during any particular SS is allowed.

- 9 (b)** Driver and co-driver are the only persons allowed in the competing vehicle during an SS. The driver must have a current Driver's License issued by any motoring authority that is recognized under the Motor Traffic Act in country of origin. Driver and co-driver will wear fully enclosed footwear, sleeved shirt, long pants, RFC Event Bib, Malaysian Standard crash helmet (SIRIM approved), or Specialized Helmet as approved by Chief Scrutineer whilst in a moving vehicle during an SS.
- 9 (c)** Timing of the SS will cease when the vehicle **(to the rear of front door)** has come to a complete stop in the finish box with all equipment stored and driver and co-driver secured in the vehicle. NOTE: Entry into finish is to be forward unless directed

otherwise. Competitors shall not move from the finish box until directed by an official.

- 9 (d)** Twilight Zone Expedition SS will see Teams will be awarded 100 points on successful completion of the Twilight Zone in the allocated time. Teams that fail to complete in time and reach the SS marker will receive 30 points. Those that complete or reach the SS marker will be eligible to compete in any further SS that are conducted after the Twilight Zone.
- 9.1** Special Stages can be marked by pegs, bunting or stated as a formed track.
- 9.2** Competitors when directed by a SS Marshal or Official must immediately remove themselves and their vehicle from the course.
- 9.3** The Competition Committee with the approval from the Event Director, reserves the right to modify or add Supplementary Rules and Regulations, and decide on matters not specifically covered in the RFC Rules and Regulations and allocate the penalty points at his discretion provided however that no penalties shall be imposed or rules changed retrospectively and no rules shall be amended without prior notice to all competitors.
- 9.4** Stage awards will be calculated on highest points scored after penalties are deducted.
- 9.5** Team SS: The Competition Committee will choose how and who the Teams will be made up of. Team SS points will not go to individual Team Scores.

## **10A. Special Stage (SS) Penalties (10 points)**

- a)** Failure to use a tree protector trunk protector
- b)** Handling cable/rope without gloves
- c)** No RFC Event Cable Dampener or improper placement of RFC Event Cable Dampener
- d)** Handling/stepping over/under a live cable



- e) Carrying cable inside the vehicle
- f) Lost or unsecured recovery equipment
- g) Failure to wear seat belt correctly
- h) Failure to wear helmet correctly
- i) Riding on outside of vehicle
- j) Breaking bunting or peg
- k) Failure to follow course/event directions or Rules
- l) Failure to wear proper clothing

**Below infringements will have a 10 point penalty imposed after one warning is given:-**

- m) Excessive wheel spin and failing to recover on direction
- n) Failure to stop when signalled to stop by a Marshal
- o) Continuing to stand in front of vehicle whilst winching
- p) Continuing any unsafe practice
- q) Holding bunting to improve line of vehicle

When 4 wheels of the vehicle cross the course boundary the competitor may receive a DNF.

Failure to start will result in a DNS being recorded.

**Note:-** Some SS may have added penalties, if this is the case Teams will be advised prior to the start of the SS. SS will close 30 minutes after the last car has run or at nominated time.

**10B. General Rules – After an Official warning a minimum 40 point penalty up to Event Disqualification will apply.**

- a) Verbal abuse of Marshals, Spectators or Competitors.
- b) Seek favor, influence or interfere with Marshal's duties.
- c) Tampering with other competitor's vehicle.
- d) Using alcohol or narcotic drugs during the SS.
- e) Littering the camp site or trail.

## **10C. Recovery Operations**

SS Manager will be in charge of any recovery operations during special stages by either controlling the recovery personally or by nominating an official as the Recovery Leader. In the interest of safety all competitors must abide by the Recovery Leader's instructions. Only one Recovery Leader will be nominated for any situation.

## **10D. Briefings**

Appropriate clothing is to be worn to all briefings.

At least one Team member will be at "Roll Call" unless approval has been obtained from Competition Committee.

Roll Call will commence after Briefing "Welcome Message".

A 10 point penalty for noncompliance of these conditions will apply after warning is given.

## **11. Scoring**

**11A.** Teams that do not start an SS will receive a DNS – 0 Points.

**11B.** Teams that do not reach the designated SS marker will receive 10 points (DNF)

**11C.** Teams that pass (any part of vehicle) the SS marker but do not complete the SS will receive 20 points (DNF + 10 points).

**11D.** Teams that complete the SS will be allocated points in order of merit from fastest to slowest as follows: -

1st	100	11th	66	21st	45	31st	35
2nd	95	12th	63	22nd	44	32nd	34
3rd	90	13th	60	23rd	43	33rd	33
4th	87	14th	58	24th	42	34th	32
5th	84	15th	56	25th	41	35th	31
6th	81	16th	54	26th	40	36th	30
7th	78	17th	52	27th	39	37th	29
8th	75	18th	50	28th	38	38th	28
9th	72	19th	48	29th	37	39th	27
10th	69	20th	46	30th	36	40th	26

**11E.** Timing will be scored to the 10th of a second.

**11F.1** If 2 or more competitors finish an SS with the same elapsed time, they shall be awarded equal points and placing in the SS. The competitor with the next fastest time shall be placed according to their own finishing positioning in that SS. The placing left vacant due to the tie will not be allocated.

**11G.** In case of a tied score in Major Awards, the winner will be decided by a count back. The winner being the one with the least amount of penalties incurred. If this fails to break the tie, then both will be tied as winners in their placing.

## **12. Protest**

**12.1.** Written Protests will only be accepted from a competitor handed directly to the Event Director or a Competition Committee Member within 2 hours of receiving the scores for the particular SS. All protests must be submitted with RM500.00 which shall be forfeited if the protest is dismissed.

**12.2.** Vehicle related protests must be received by the end of the first day of Competition.

**12.3.** The Event Director and Competition Committee including a representative from MAM shall be required to judge on any formal protest and must have a 2/3rd majority for the protest to be upheld. However, in the interest of the overall good of the

event, the final say rests with the Event Director after hearing all the views.

- 12.3** A pre-selected representative from the event competitors will be allowed to sit in on any protest proceedings, but will have no voting rights.

### **13. Prohibited Behaviour/Breakdown Assistance**

- 13.1** In the event of a vehicle breakdown or disability, the event organizer will assist in getting the vehicle to the nearest accessible track whereupon it's the competitors' responsibility to arrange the necessary repairs and to re-join the event. If the repairs are not possible, they shall be deemed as non-finisher.
- 13.2** No other assistance shall be expected from the organizer. Participants are to be self-reliance during the event.

### **14. Sportsmanship**

The goal of Rainforest Challenge is to promote a respectable Adventure Sport and Sponsoring Companies in a professional light.

If a competitor or team member (including support crew) promotes unsportsmanlike conduct, is rude or abusive to officials, landowners, fellow competitors, local authorities, sponsors, destroys property, displays drunken or disrespectful behavior they and, or the entire team may be disqualified from the current event or future events.

### **15. Media Crisis Management**

#### **Preface:**

The media has a right to report news that they see fit. It is important that anything we do reflects positively on our chosen recreation of off road activities and ensures we are viewed as a responsible organisation.

Potential adverse media or public interest generated by an incident at the event, which could threaten the reputation of the event or organisation in the future.

### **An incident is defined:**

- A situation caused by a direct result of event activities.
- Affects the safety of any person engaged in event activities.
- A situation, which exposes any deficiency in safety or environment protection procedures.

### **General Procedures:**

It is the Event Directors aim to ensure a safe and incident free event. However with any type of motor sport there is an element of danger and unplanned incidents are not unusual. Any incident has the potential to become a media crisis e.g.:- Personal injury, vehicle accident or environmental concerns. Competitors are advised to leave all media questions to the Event Director. After he has been briefed on all aspects of the crisis the Event Director will issue a statement on the incident and focus attention on the positive steps being taken to resolve the incident.

## **16. Rights of Organiser**

- 16.1** The Organiser can refuse any entry, without giving any reason whatsoever.
- 16.2** The Organiser can abandon, cancel, postpone or shorten the event without due notice in the event of any unforeseen circumstances. No claims whatsoever of any kind shall be entertained due to the abandoning, cancelling, postponement or shortening of the event.
- 16.3** Exclude any person or vehicle, which fails to meet the event guidelines as set out in the Event Guide.
- 16.4** The Organiser can cancel any SS at any time including when some competitors have already completed the section for any reason whatsoever.
- 16.5** In the event of a breakdown or disabled vehicle, the event organizers will assist in getting the vehicle, where possible to a

main road or track whereupon it is the competitor's responsibility to arrange the necessary repairs and to re-join the event. If repairs are not possible, they shall be deemed a non-finisher. No other assistance shall be expected from the organizers, remembering that participants are expected to be self-sufficient during the event.

**16.6** The Organiser can disqualify any competitor who fails to abide by any rules set out in this event guide and any supplementary amendments or any instructions from the event officials. If this occurs there will be no refund of entry fee.

## **17. Indemnity**

**17.1** The Organizer (RFC International Sdn Bhd), its Founder/Event Director, Officials, Event Sponsors, Land Owners and anyone appointed by the organizer will not be held liable in any accident, causing injury or damage to the participants or their vehicles during the course of the event, including loss of personal belongings.

**17.2** The Organizer (RFC International Sdn Bhd), its Founder/Event Director, Officials, Event Sponsors, Land Owners and anyone appointed by the organizer will not be held liable for any breach of any laws or regulations. The participants will be entirely responsible for any accidents or breach of laws in which liability may arise and shall indemnify the Organizer (Future Oracle Sdn Bhd), its Founder/Event Director, Officials, Event Sponsors, Land Owners and anyone appointed by the Organizer by signing the indemnity form.

**17.3** Participants will have no claim whatsoever against the organizers or sponsors of the event. It is the participants own responsibility to have in force, a valid insurance coverage against third party liability.

- All event officials are covered by personal accident insurance for the duration of the event. This policy covers death and permanent disability, medical expenses up to RM50, 000 (subject to terms and conditions).
- All participants are advised to take own additional insurance coverage for mishaps or illness for pre and post event days.

**17.4** Participants must agree to and sign an indemnity form before the start of the event. Failure to do so renders the participant ineligible to start with no refund of the entry fee.

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