

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR PARTICIPATION**



**No 81 Beaufort Street, Loxton - South Africa**

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## **1. General Information**

Project X is a navigational off-road team challenge, open to multi-cylinder motorcycles with an engine cubic capacity ranging between and limited to 700cc to 1300cc.

The stages take place exclusively in South Africa and Namibia, on and off-piste. Participants must absolutely respect the terrain through all waypoints and trail connections. To this end, there will be a time limit, which may vary each day according to terrain for greater safety.

The spirit of the event is 8 days of fun and sport. Good spirit and fair play are important elements of this competition.

A good reliable vehicle as well as good cooperation between team members is very important.

A good understanding of off-road-riding, maps and GPS is important for a good result. Every participant is expected to help other participants, both during and outside the event. Helping others to solve technical problems is not a duty but demonstrates fair play.

Changes to the regulations for the smooth running of the event and its organization are permitted at any time. The organizer will notify, by special daily notices, all modifications and additions he considers necessary. Cases not covered by the regulations will be decided by the organizer. In the event of a dispute, the English version of the rules shall prevail.

## **2. The terrain**

The course crosses all types of terrain, including mountains, passes, riverbeds, single tracks, two-spoor tracks, sand dunes and existing recognized trails. The route for each day is announced exclusively during the briefing sessions for each day, when each team's individual waypoints will be handed to them, together with a detailed topographic map characterized by large-scale detail and quantitative representation of relief features, contour lines and relevant detail.

## **3. Competition distance**

Total competition distance: No less than 1500 kms and no more than 2000kms

## **4. Competition date**

### **4.1 Duration:**

21 September 2024 to 28 September 2024

### **4.2 Arrival:**

Teams arrive in Vioolsdrift – South Africa on 21 September 2024.

### **4.3 Departure:**

Teams depart from Vioolsdrift – South Africa on 29 September 2024.

#### 4.4 Areas covered during the event.

Namaqua Eco Trail and surrounds – West of the N7 towards Port Nolloth
Namaqua Eco Trail – East of the N7 towards Pella
Richtersveld – Central (South Africa)
Richtersveld – West (South Africa)
Richtersveld – North (Namibia)
Aussenkehr – Namibia
Namaqualand – North

#### 5. Terminology

Stage	Daily stage during which you will compete
CP	Checkpoint
MAT	Maximum time allowed between waypoints
MATS	Maximum time allowed per stage
Refueling zone	Refueling zone – compulsory stop
Media zone	Earmarked zones for filming - Caution
Weather - Ping	Daily updates by organizer regarding the weather forecast.
Hot zone	Dangerous riding conditions
Illegal zone	No entry – Riders entering these zones will be disqualified
Liaison	Section between camp and next stage start.
Moon ride	Stage that starts and ends between the hours of 15h00pm and 06h00am

#### 6. Conditions of participation

##### 6.1 Vehicles

Multi-cylinder motorcycles with engine cubic capacity between 700cc and 1300cc will be permitted.

For the purposes of the competition all vehicles as specified above will be referred to as the "Big Adventure class"

## **6.2 Category**

Team Navigation - Big Adventure Class

## **6.3 Competitor profile**

All Project X participants must be over 18 years of age and must hold a valid driver's license for the respective class. Good physical condition is required to take part in the event. Participants undertake to inform the organizer of any health problems they may have. People with pacemakers, cardiovascular problems, spinal problems or nervous system problems cannot take part in the event. Furthermore, participation in stages under the influence of drugs, alcohol or psychotropic medication is not permitted. The organization also reserves the right to refuse a competitor's entry without giving reasons.

## **6.4 Responsibility of participants**

The organisation and its representatives cannot be held criminally or civilly liable for damage, injury or theft of property, luggage, equipment or vehicles. The same applies to violations of the law. Each participant is solely responsible for their equipment and for any damage caused by loss, theft or deterioration. Participants must take good care of the equipment supplied, and if a participant must replace it because of theft or damage, the replacement product must be of at least equal quality. Each participant acknowledges the risks inherent in the special nature of this type of event. Every participant assumes these risks and agrees not to hold the organization liable for any incidents, accidents, injuries or illnesses he may suffer or cause during the event, whatever their nature, causes or consequences. Participants will supply the organizer with proof of medical insurance on request.

## **7. Entries**

### **7.1 Registration**

You can register & apply online for PROJECT X at [www.specialisedadventures.com](http://www.specialisedadventures.com) by completing the application document. You will also have to pay a R1000,00 application fee. In the event where your application is not successful, this fee will be refunded within 72 hours after the final selection and announcement of the successful applicants. All fees must be paid into the same account. Details to be provided in this document.

Applicants may enter individually or as a team. Applicants who enter individually do so with the full understanding that the organizers will at their own discretion select the successful individual entries into teams.

In the event where applicants apply as a team, it should be mentioned and stipulated as such on both the individual applications.

Once an application has been approved and accepted, applicants will be notified after which 50% of the balance of the entry fee will have to be paid to the following account:

## **Specialised Adventures**

### **Standard bank – Cheque Account**

**Acc Nr: 042185017**

### **Reference PX plus Initials and surname**

The balance of the entry fee will have to be paid before 30 May 2024. Please note that the entry fee for Project X is not subject to VAT. The organizer will issue invoices on request.

Team numbers will only be issued once confirmation of the full entry fee has been established.

## **7.2 Entry fees**

The entry fee is R30,000 (Thirty thousand rand) per rider and includes the following:

### **a. Transport of riders**

- Transport of riders and vehicles during liaisons or breakdowns

### **b. Accommodation**

- Eight nights lodge accommodation.

### **c. Meals**

- All meals will be provided for by the organizer from the evening of 21 September to the evening of 28 September.

### **d. Emergency evacuation**

- The organizer is contracted with a medical evacuation organization based in Springbok for the entire event.

### **e. Fuel**

- Designated re-fueling zones will be available for the duration of the event at the camps and during stages. Event-related fuel costs is included in the fees and freely available at re-fueling zones. All safety measures as prescribed by the organizer need to be adhered to at re-fueling zones. Public re-fueling will be for the cost of the participants.

### **f. Maps and waypoints**

- The organizer will supply teams with all topographic maps and waypoints for every stage on the evening before each stage.

### **g. Bivouac**

All the competing teams will have an allocated area in the event bivouac for vehicle maintenance. Tools, cleaning equipment, the scoreboard, wi-fi, beverages, etc. will always be available in the bivouac.

## **10. FORMALITIES, CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, PASSPORTS**

### **10.1 Passports**

#### **10.2**

- a Valid passport is required to enter South Africa or Namibia. It must be valid for at least 6 months, after date of entry into South Africa and have at least two blank pages available.
- Make sure the border police authorities have stamped your passport.
- Please make yourself aware of the regulations imposed by the airline regarding luggage and illegal items carried on your person during flights.

### **10.2 Bike Transport**

Please make sure vehicles are securely fastened when traveling to Vioolsdrift.

### **10.3 Regulations**

Under no circumstances can the organization be held responsible, either civilly or criminally, for any infringement by a participant of traffic, customs regulations, or general law. All participants must submit without restriction to the decisions of local authorities, whatever decisions may be necessary. He/she undertakes to respect the laws and customs of the countries, and the bylaws of the local authorities we host the event in.

### **10.4 Health**

No vaccinations are compulsory, but it is advisable to protect yourself against tetanus, hepatitis A, hepatitis B and typhoid. You should check the extent and validity of any medical cover you have in South Africa. Hospitals may require full payment of medical expenses before patients are released.

Additional communication in this regard will be communicated from the organizer's office to participants, at least 45 days prior to the event.

## **11. Equipment packing list**

### **11.1 Compulsory equipment.**

Safety equipment that the participant must have on the track in a backpack or on their vehicle:

- Camelback 3L minimum
- Re-hydrates
- Flashlight.
- Survival blanket 2Mx1M
- Small first-aid medical kit (at least one per team)
- Smoke flare. (at least two per team)
- Any vehicle specific parts or spares deemed necessary (Riders need to ensure that these spares and parts are packed neatly in a container that is marked, sealed and dust proof.

### **11. 2 Minimum participant equipment required for riding during the day.**

- Approved helmet with decal bearing rider's name, team and blood type. (Organizer supplies)
- Knee pads
- Boots
- Gloves
- GPS with Tracks 4 Africa maps for South Africa and Namibia installed. GPS must be able to load tracks.
- Pencil or pen for track on map alterations
- Pocket mirror

### **11. 3 Minimum additional equipment required for night riding**

- Fully functional vehicle headlamp (Very important)
- Additional lighting system connected to a reliable electrical current.
- Cold weather protection (buff, scarf, cold resistant clothing)

## **12. Cancellation**

The scale of deductions for cancellations is as follows:

- R5000 per rider if cancelled before 01/06/2024.
- 50% of the total amount if cancelled between 01/06/2024 and 30/06/2024.
- 100% of total amount if cancelled after 30/06/2024.

\*The organizer will endeavor to find a suitable substitute where one team member must cancel for reasons beyond their control. The organizer cannot be held responsible for finding a replacement team member. The above should be viewed as kind assistance and nothing more.

## **13. Role of the Project X marshals and Project X crew.**

Project X marshals will be on hand to answer participants' questions. The Project X marshals team will always be recognizable and will always be present at the start and finish of stages, as well as at checkpoints (CPs) and along the route. Participants must follow the marshals' instructions. The marshals and support staff will not give any information, unless necessary (in case of accident, etc.). The support staff takes no position and will give no information on instructions, stages, nor on questions of law or scoring. Only the organizer or his authorized representative is authorized to give such information. The organization's staff is there to monitor behavior, ensure all rules and regulations are adhered to, record and passage checks. Compliance with their instructions is necessary to guarantee safety. In the event of non-compliance with their instructions, the organizer is entitled to exclude participants from the event. In such cases, it will not be possible to refund registration fees for the event. A medical officer will be on hand during the event.

## **14. Technical supervision**

- The event recovery team is there to repatriate broken-down vehicles to the camp, and to assist with technical issues.
- The event recovery team cannot be held responsible for technical issues that cannot be repaired during the event.

## **15. Sponsors**

Participants agree to affix advertising sponsors supporting the team to their vehicles in the areas required by the organizers. All sponsors will contribute / donate R2000 to the event filming costs.

## **16. Refueling Zones**

- During some competition days, there will be compulsory fuel stops. In general, every +/-150kms. All competitors must stop for 20 minutes, whether they need to refuel or not.
- Refueling zones will be clearly marked on your GPS tracks as supplied by the organizer.
- Refueling zones will be marked with a white flag on a 3meter pole.
- No rider is allowed to stop within 20 meters of the fuel containers unless instructed by a Project X crew member.
- A 30kph speed limit is required within a 100-meter radius of the refuel zones.
- Some stages will require participants to re-fuel at public fuel stations. Participants will need to carry sufficient cash with them to pay for this fuel.

## **17. Starting order**

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The closing date for entries is 26 April 2024. Starting numbers are allocated in order of registration and issued on receipt of the full registration fee. If the registration fee is not paid on time, subsequent participants will replace the previous number. The starting order of the first stage will be determined by the starting numbers.

Starting order of stages: The previous day's ranking determines the starting order for the next stage. To ensure maximum safety and fairness, the organizer may carry out manual insertions (change of starting order) for teams whose average driving speed is estimated to be faster.

## **18. Ranking and Score board**

Project X 2024 daily point scoring allocations will be derived from three different criteria origins.

- Navigational tasks completed (80%)
- Special tasks and challenges (10%)
- Off the bike criteria (10%)

The Project X 2024 scoreboard will be updated daily, after the scoring /judging committee meeting.

The organizer will brief participants on the structure of the scoring system during the final briefing session at the starting point.



## **19. Penalties and disqualifications**

**Late arrival at the start of a stage or of the day:** 1 minute per minute beyond the start time indicated by the organization on the starters list. All competitors arriving late for a start must comply with the starter's orders to take their new starting time. The starter will close the start 20 minutes after the last competitor has started. Once the start has been completed, the competitor will not be able to start and will be considered as DNS for that leg.

### **Missed Waypoints**

The validation of completed waypoints will be verified by the scoring committee during the track log inspection after each stage.

## **20. Code of Conduct**

Throughout the event, the organizers are authorized to give orders to the participants. The organizer expressly states that the participant must behave in an extremely disciplined manner during the event and must obey the organizer's orders and directives. Each participant is aware that this is a competition on difficult terrain, with unpredictable weather conditions. For the safety of participants, speed must be adapted to the type of terrain and its condition. It is the participants' responsibility to pay close attention to vehicle maintenance and use. A daily check of the vehicle for road safety before each stage is highly recommended. It is the responsibility of each participant to determine if he or she is physically capable of competing and that his or her vehicle is in a serviceable condition prior to attempting a stage.

Due to the length of the competition and its long daily stages, concentration difficulties are inevitable. Please be mindful of the fact that the Project X competition is hosted in areas where wild animals roam freely. Participants should also take cognizance of the fact that locals spectators and civilian traffic might frequent the areas in which the competition stages are hosted.

### **Respect for the environment:**

Participants must avoid polluting the environment. All waste, packaging, used parts, tires, oil cans, batteries, etc. must be taken away or disposed of by the participants. Used oil must be disposed of responsibly. The organizer will brief teams on the waste disposal plan during the final briefing at the starting point.

## **21. Organiser details**

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