

## **General Information**

Project X is a 7-day navigational off-road team challenge hosted in South Africa, open to motorcycles ranging from 300cc to 1300cc (multi- or single-cylinder). Participants must respect the terrain and adhere to all waypoints and trail connections, with time limits adjusted daily for safety.

The event emphasizes skill, fun, fair play, and teamwork. Reliable motorcycles, strong team collaboration, and skills in off-road riding, map reading, Basecamp, and GPS navigation are essential. Helping fellow participants, though not mandatory, is encouraged as a gesture of sportsmanship.

The organizer may amend rules as needed for smooth operations, with changes communicated via daily notices. Decisions on unaddressed cases rest with the organizer, and the English version of the rules takes precedence in disputes.

## **2. The Terrain**

The course spans diverse terrains, including mountains, passes, riverbeds, single tracks, two-spoor tracks, sand dunes, and established trails. Routes are disclosed daily during briefings, where teams receive individual waypoints and detailed topographic maps (digital or paper) featuring large-scale detail, contour lines, and relevant features.

## **3. Competition Distance**

The total competition distance ranges from 1,500 km to 2,200 km.

## **4. Competition Date**

- 4.1 Duration: 25 September 2025 to 03 October 2025.
- 4.2 Teams must arrive and register at Oewerbos River Camp, Vioolsdrift, South Africa, on 25 September 2025 by 11:00.
- 4.3 Departure: Teams will depart from Vioolsdrift, South Africa, on 03 October 2025.

### **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 Upington)
- Richtersveld – Central (South Africa)
- Richtersveld – West (South Africa)
- Richtersveld – North (Namibia)
- Areas north of Springbok and east of the Atlantic coastline

## 5. Terminology

- **Stage:** Daily competition stage.
- **Checkpoint:** Mandatory stop location.
- **Waypoint:** Marker indicating course direction and distance.
- **Liaison:** Route section between base and stage start, or from stage end back to base.
- **Refuelling Zone:** Compulsory refuelling stop.
- **Media Zone:** Designated filming areas—proceed with caution.
- **Weather - Ping:** Daily weather updates from the organizer.
- **Hot Zone:** Terrain with technical challenges.
- **Illegal Zone:** No-entry areas—entry leads to disqualification.
- **Chrono Stage:** 48-hour competition stage.
- **Timed Trial:** Time-capped trial with speed limits enforced at checkpoint intervals.

## 6. Conditions of Participation

**6.1 Vehicles:** Multi or single cylinder four-stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity between 300cc and 1300cc are permitted in both categories.

### 6.2 Categories

- Pioneer Class:** Technical and semi-technical riding with off-road multi- or single-cylinder 4-stroke motorcycles (300cc to 1300cc).
- Adventure Class:** Semi-technical and typical adventure riding with off-road multi- or single-cylinder 4-stroke motorcycles (300cc to 1300cc).

### 6.3 Competitor Profile Participants must:

- Be over 18 years of age.
- Hold a valid driver's license for their class.
- Be in good physical condition. Participants with pacemakers, cardiovascular issues, spinal problems, or nervous system conditions are not eligible.
- Participation under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or psychotropic medication is strictly prohibited. The organizer reserves the right to refuse any entry without providing a reason.

### 6.4 Responsibility of Participants: Participants are solely responsible for their equipment and any damage, loss, or theft. They agree:

- Not to hold the organization liable for damages, injuries, or legal violations.
- To provide proof of medical insurance upon request.
- To acknowledge the inherent risks of the event and accept full liability for incidents or injuries during participation.

## **7. Entries**

### **7.1 Registration:**

- a. Applications can be submitted online at [www.specialisedadventures.com](http://www.specialisedadventures.com), along with a R1,000.00 application fee. If the application is unsuccessful, the fee will be refunded within 72 hours of the final selection announcement.
- b. Applicants can apply individually or as a team. Individual applicants understand that organizers may assign them to teams at their discretion. For team applications, this must be clearly stated on all individual application forms.
- c. Upon approval, applicants will be notified and must immediately pay 50% of the remaining entry fee to the specified account:

### **Payment Details**

Bank: Standard Bank

Account Type: Cheque Account

Account Number: 042185017

Reference: PX + initials and surname

- d. The remaining balance of the entry fee must be paid by 30 May 2024.
- e. The entry fee is subject to VAT.
- f. Invoices can be issued by the organizer upon request.
- g. Team numbers will only be allocated once the full entry fee has been received and confirmed.

### **7.2 Entry Fees**

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

- a. Transport of Riders: Transport for riders and vehicles during liaisons or in the event of breakdowns.
- b. Accommodation: Eight nights' lodge and camp accommodation.
- c. Meals: All meals provided by the organizer from the evening of 25 September to the evening of 02 October.
- d. Emergency Evacuation: Medical evacuation services contracted with an organization based in Springbok for the duration of the event.
- e. Fuel: Event-related fuel costs covered, with designated re-fuelling zones at camps and during stages. Participants must adhere to safety measures at re-fuelling zones.

f. Maps, laptops and waypoints: Maps, laptops and waypoints provided each evening before the respective stage (digital or paper).

g. Bivouac: Allocated area in the bivouac for vehicle maintenance: Facilities include tools, cleaning equipment, the scoreboard, wi-fi, and beverages, all available throughout the event.

## **10. Formalities**

10.1 There are several sections of the N7 under construction. Please drive safely.

10.2 Bike Transport: Securely fasten all vehicles when traveling to Vioolsdrift.

## **10.3 Regulations**

- a. The organization bears no civil or criminal liability for participant violations of traffic, customs, or general laws.
- b. Participants must comply fully with decisions from local authorities.
- c. All participants are required to respect the laws, customs, and bylaws of the hosting countries and local authorities.

## **10.4 Health**

- a. While no vaccinations are mandatory, it is recommended to vaccinate against tetanus.
- b. Confirm the extent and validity of your medical coverage in South Africa, as hospitals may require upfront payment for medical expenses.
- c. Additional health-related information will be provided by the organizer at least 30 days prior to the event.

## **11. Equipment Packing List**

11.1 Compulsory Equipment Safety equipment required to be carried in a backpack or on the vehicle:

- a. Camelback (minimum capacity: 3L).
- b. Rehydration solutions.
- c. Flashlight.
- d. Survival blanket (minimum size: 2m x 1m).
- e. Small first-aid kit (minimum one per team).
- f. Vehicle-specific parts/spares, securely packed in a marked, sealed, and dustproof container.

## 11.2 Daytime Riding Equipment

Minimum equipment required for riding during the day:

- a. Approved helmet with decals (name, team, blood type).
- b. Knee and elbow pads.
- c. Boots.
- d. Gloves.
- e. GPS capable of loading tracks
- f. Pencil or pen for map alterations.
- g. Fully functional vehicle headlamp.

## 11.3 Night Riding Equipment- In addition to daytime minimum equipment - required for night riding:

- a. Additional lighting system powered by a reliable electrical source.
- b. Cold weather gear (e.g., buff, scarf, cold-resistant clothing).

## 12. Cancellation Policy

Cancellation deductions are applied as follows:

- a. R5,000 per rider for cancellations before 01 June 2025.
- b. 50% of the total entry fee for cancellations between 01 June 2025 and 30 June 2025.
- c. 100% of the total entry fee for cancellations after 30 June 2025.
- d. The organizer may assist in finding a substitute team member for cancellations beyond the participant's control but cannot guarantee a replacement or assume responsibility.

## 13. Role of Project X Crew

- a. Project X officials will assist participants and ensure compliance with event rules. They will be recognizable and present at stage starts/finishes, checkpoints, and along the route.
- b. Participants must follow all official instructions for safety and event integrity.
- c. Support staff will only provide necessary information, such as in cases of accidents.
- d. Support staff will not offer advice on stages, scoring, laws, or instructions—only the organizer or authorized representatives can do so.

The organization's staff will monitor participant behaviour, enforce rules, and record passage checks. Non-compliance may result in exclusion from the event without refund.

A medical officer will be available and on stand-by duty throughout the event.

#### **14. Technical assistance**

- a. The event recovery team will repatriate broken-down vehicles to the camp and assist with technical issues.
- b. The recovery team is not responsible for issues that cannot be resolved during the event.

#### **15. Sponsors**

- a. Participants must affix team sponsor advertising to their vehicles in organizer-designated areas.
- b. Sponsors are required to contribute R2,000 toward event filming costs. In the case of the sponsor being a charity organisation, the organiser can at its own discretion waive the required sponsor fee as stated above.

#### **16. Refuelling Zones**

- a. Some competition days include compulsory fuel stops.
- b. All competitors must stop for 20 minutes, regardless of refuelling needs.
- c. Refuelling zones are marked on GPS tracks provided by the organizer and identified by a 3-meter pole with a white flag.
- d. No rider may stop within 20 meters of fuel containers without instructions from a Project X crew member.
- e. A 20 kph speed limit is enforced within a 100-meter radius of refuelling zones.
- f. Certain stages require participants to refuel at public fuel stations, for which participants must carry sufficient cash, which will be refunded in exchange for the transaction receipt.

#### **17. Starting Order**

- a. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, with entries closing on 26 April 2024.
- b. Starting numbers are assigned upon full payment of the registration fee
- c. The first stage's starting order is based on starting numbers.
- d. The organizer may adjust starting orders for teams with higher average driving speeds for safety and fairness.

#### **18. Penalties and Disqualifications**

- a. Late Arrival: A one-minute penalty per minute late applies, based on the starters list. The start closes 20 minutes after the last competitor begins. Missing the start results in a "Did Not Start" (DNS) status for that stage.
- b. Missed Waypoints: Waypoint validation is reviewed by the scoring committee during track log inspections after each stage.

## **19. Code of Conduct**

Participants must:

- a. Follow all organizer instructions and directives.
- b. Adapt speed to terrain and weather conditions.
- c. Ensure vehicles are mechanically adequate and perform daily checks.
- d. Assess personal physical capability and vehicle condition before each stage.
- e. Be mindful of wild animals, local spectators, and civilian traffic in the competition areas.

## **20. Environmental Respect:**

Participants must not pollute the environment. All waste (e.g., packaging, used parts, oil) must be removed or disposed of responsibly. Teams will be briefed on the waste disposal plan during the final briefing.

## **21. Organizer Details:**

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