

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

General Tire “Vegas To Reno” presented by 

“The Longest Off-Road Race In The United States”

Final Information for all Race Participants

Dear General Tire “Vegas To Reno” Entry,

Welcome to the **best** and **most prestigious** off-road race in the world, General Tire “Vegas To Reno”. You are about to **embark on** a true **American Off-Road Adventure**. This **information packet** is **very important** to you, your team, your support crew, and all others who will be joining you. **Please read it all the way through**. Only **Driver/Rider #1** on the entry blank will receive a **Pit Support Book, Racecourse Map**, race vehicle number, and balance of your fees. Sorry, but only one support book per entry form. The Pit Book is available to download on our web site www.bitd.com.

For those of you who will be staying at the **TEXAS STATION GAMBLING HALL & HOTEL in Las Vegas** and **NUGGET CASINO RESORT in Reno**, I remind you to be on your best behavior. **We are privileged to be invited guests** of both the **Texas Station** and **Nugget Casino Resort**, and we want to **be invited back next year**. This is our first year at both properties and we want to be on our **BEST** behavior! Please treat the facilities and your rooms with the utmost respect. **Please don’t throw trash, paper, or set bottles and cans down in the parking lots. Please!!!** Also, keep in mind that **you must be 21 years old to drink alcohol or gamble in Nevada**. Please think about what you are doing at all times! Please don’t ruin it for everyone by doing something dumb!

Time Trial Information for Trick Truck & Class 1500 only

The **TIME TRIAL** registration will be on Wednesday, August 16, from 8:30am-10:30am, at the Texas Station. This will be your only opportunity to register for the Time Trials. All Time Trial participants must be at staging by 11:15 am and line up in the order of the draw for start positions, know your position! A detailed Time Trial instruction sheet is enclosed in this packet for the Trick Truck/1500 entries.

PLEASE READ • PLEASE READ • PLEASE READ

Please read every word!!! Don’t say “I did not know!!!” Don’t say “Nobody told me!!!”

#1

The **FIRST** thing you do on **Thursday, August 17, 2017** is **check in at final Drivers/Riders registration** at the **TEXAS STATION**, in the **Dallas Ballroom**, (see Schedule of Events and **The TEXAS STATION Vicinity Map**). At least one (1) arm-banded person listed on your official General Tire “Vegas to Reno” entry form must go through Driver/Rider Registration to be able to take your race vehicle through technical inspection. However, please try to have everyone there at the same time as it makes things much easier for registration. If you have 2-3-4 driver/rider changes **PLEASE** try to email them to the office by Friday, August 11, it saves so much time. The remaining balance of your fees must be paid on **Thursday, August 17, 2017** by the **first person** through registration. As soon as your team members arrive they must go through registration to receive their armbands. **Please bring CASH ONLY!!! No checks or credit cards will be accepted, please don’t ask! Cash only!!!** The **Drivers/Riders** final registration will be open from **8:00 AM to 4:30 PM** only on **Thursday, August 17, 2017**. There will be **NO LATE REGISTRATION**. Be sure to be on time to the Drivers/Riders registration at **The TEXAS STATION on Thursday, August 17, 2017**.

#2

The **SECOND** thing you do on **Thursday, August 17, 2017** is **Contingency**, from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at the **TEXAS STATION** Parking Lot (See **TEXAS STATION Vicinity Map**). **SPECIAL NOTE: MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR CONTINGENCY SHEET FILLED OUT BEFORE YOU GO OUTSIDE!** The **BEST IN THE DESERT** contingency inspectors will be checking very closely to make sure the contingency sponsor’s products are being used by your race vehicle!! Please don’t say you are using a product if you are not! **PLEASE PRINT!**

#3

The **THIRD** thing you do on **Thursday, August 17, 2017** is **Technical Inspection**, from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at the **TEXAS STATION** Parking Lot (See **TEXAS STATION Vicinity Map**.) At least one participant listed on the official **General Tire “Vegas To Reno”** entry form, **with their armbands on**, must be with their race vehicle through technical inspection. You must off-load in the **BACK** of the **Texas Station** and stage on the side of the building on the access road that parallels Lake Mead Blvd (See **TEXAS STATION Vicinity Map**). Do **NOT** Stage on Lake Mead Blvd or Road in front of Casino. Please stick to the access road behind Casino **DO NOT** Drive Your Race vehicles in Front of the Casino! **DO NOT BLOCK** any of the driveways. Refer to your vicinity map, **this is VERY IMPORTANT!!! Please Pay Attention to Security Guards and refer to your MAP!!!**

NOTE: ALL RACE VEHICLES MUST GO THROUGH TECHNICAL INSPECTION & THERE WILL BE NO RACE VEHICLE IMPOUND!!!!!!

#4

The **FOURTH** thing you do on **Thursday, August 17, 2017** is attend the **MANDATORY Drivers/Riders meeting**. This **MANDATORY MEETING** will be in the **Dallas Ballroom, Texas Station** at **5:30 PM**. Be sure and bring your Pit Closing Time Sheet, enclosed in this packet. **There will be a RANDOM DRAW of 25 race vehicle numbers at the end of the meeting. You must come up and have your team member checked off the list. There will be a 1-hour TIME PENALTY for your team if you do not have an arm banded team member stay for this meeting.** We will announce the winner of the **Team Ford Pole Award** and Steve Olliges will present the winner with \$1000 cash prize! Winner must be present! **“THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING” ~ “NO EXCEPTIONS”**

~OVER~

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

Special Rules for the General Tire “Vegas To Reno” Race

1. **Do not drive or ride your race vehicle around the parking lots of the TEXAS STATION or the NUGGET CASINO RESORT. However, at the TEXAS STATION you may drive your Car/Truck/UTV from off-load to Tech Inspection and Contingency and back, Use the Back access Road ONLY, do not drive in front of the Casino. Please drive slow through the parking lots, extreme danger. MC/Quad entries must push their race vehicle, Car/Truck/UTV, please drive slow through the parking lots!!!**
2. **The General Tire “Vegas to Reno” race is a No Pre-Run course. If you are caught on the General Tire “Vegas to Reno” course by any BEST IN THE DESERT official or BLM staff you will be disqualified from the General Tire “Vegas to Reno”. Please!! Everyone stay away from the General Tire “Vegas to Reno” course!! No Pre-Running!!!**
3. **Starting order will be announced to everyone at the mandatory Drivers/Riders meeting at the TEXAS STATION on Thursday at 5:30 PM!!!**
4. **All Pit Support Vehicles as well as Race Vehicles must STAY OFF the BEST IN THE DESERT radio frequency of 151.490 MHz, unless you are reporting an emergency. Please!!**
5. **BEST IN THE DESERT is using RUGGED RELAY for SUPPORT CREW communications! If you need race information, go to any of the Fourteen (14) Pit Stops and look for the BEST IN THE DESERT Pit Captain, they are at the start of each pit. (See the Pit Support book for location.) Also, there will be Mountain Top radio communications locations at the Start Area and the Finish Line. Use frequency 152.960 to contact the great guys at RUGGED RELAY!**
6. **There will be Eight (8) paved road crossings for All entries in the General Tire “Vegas to Reno” Race. It will be MANDATORY for EVERY RACE VEHICLE to come to a COMPLETE STOP! You must WAIT FOR THE GREEN LIGHT before you cross the paved road! Because of the new NDOT regulations, it is imperative that you stop and do not accelerate until you pass the green signs that say “Resume Race Speed”.**
7. **At each of the Eight (8) paved road crossings there will be a 25 MPH controlled section, WATCH FOR SIGNS!!!**
8. **There will be an additional Three (3) County Paved Rd Xings, WATCH FOR FLAGMAN! The flagman WILL let you roll the Xing.**
9. **Your pit crews DO NOT need a 4WD vehicle to get in or out of any of the Fourteen (14) Pit Stops.**
10. **Baja Pits is offering Pit Service for ALL race vehicles, Motorcycles, Quads, UTV’s, Cars and Trucks. Call (619) 921-8978 or email Carlos@Bajapits.com !!!**
11. **Tell your crews not to speed on the highways or in any towns. Please be safe! Obey the SPEED LIMITS!!!**
12. **There are COURSE MAPS in this packet and the maps will be handed out at the Driver/Rider Final Registration, one (1) per team. The course map is for the Driver/Rider to carry, in or on the race vehicle, so you will have a map to refer to in case you get lost or have a problem.**
13. **For the General Tire “Vegas to Reno” race BEST IN THE DESERT will supply each MC/Q rider with a bright yellow Stuck Stub to carry with you during the race. Please use the card if you are broken down or out of the race. Tech inspection will check for your Stuck Stub and pencil/pen, be sure to bring them with you.**
14. **You must park at the Pit Stops like the diagram shows for each Pit Stop. Please read your support book!**
15. **Absolutely no pitting anywhere else on the course except at the Fourteen (14) Pit Stops in the pit support book. No outside assistance is allowed on the race course.**
16. **Please clean your pit area before you leave each Pit Stop. Also, tell you Support Crew to clean their Pit Areas PLEASE!!!**
17. **The rule for General Tire “Vegas to Reno” is STAY on the marked racecourse. All Check Points are Hidden Check Points!**
18. **Do not short course!! Please stay on the course except to pass another vehicle! Please do not take short cuts!!**
19. **Support Crews!! If you hear your race vehicle is broken down! DO NOT JUMP in your truck – motorcycle – ATV and try to go out on the course to help them. Go to the BEST IN THE DESERT radio location at each of the Fourteen (14) Pit Stops and they will tell you what to do. Look for the Pit Captain!**
20. **NO SUPPORT TRUCKS OR CHASE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE.**
21. **If your race vehicle is broken down and you cannot fix it yourself, Best In The Desert will try to help you. DON’T GIVE UP, we have retrievable vehicles out there to help you, getting you to the finish line is both our goals!**
22. **NO AIR SUPPORT allowed during the General Tire “Vegas to Reno” presented by FOX race. HELICOPTERS must pre-register with Best In The Desert. Send a letter stating the purpose of using a helicopter (i.e. observation only, ER medical service only) and your radio frequency. Please refer to the CT Rule Book, page 7, Rule SEC8. You may request the helicopter registration form on bitd@bitd.com. There will be a MANDATORY Helicopter Meeting at 3 pm on Thur, Aug 17, in the registration room at TEXAS STATION. It is MANDATORY that the HELICOPTER PILOT be a COMMERCIAL PILOT and the pilot must attend the meeting, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
23. **Special Note: All MC/Q Entries - You may switch riders at any of the Fourteen (14) Pit Stops! Only at the Pit Stops!!**
24. **MANDATORY STOP before each of the Fourteen (14) Pit Stops – 25 MPH – NO PASSING ZONE!**

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

25. There will be radar guns in (3) random pits with a race official checking your speed. All (14) Pits have a mandatory stop, then a 25 mph speed limit in each pit. If you are clocked going over the 25 mph speed limit you will receive a 1-minute time penalty for every mile over the speed limit, i.e. 27 mph = 2 minute time penalty. Only the race official can call in the speed penalties. Don't speed in the pits ~ Go Slow!!!
26. Tell your Support Vehicle **NOT TO STOP** at any racecourse Paved Road Crossing to spectate.
27. **ALL Motorcycle / Quad riders MUST carry water on your person! Bring water container to Tech! This is mandatory!!!**
28. All Sportsman Motorcycles/Quads must have **BLACK SIX (6) INCH numbers only!** "No Exceptions" will be made!!! The background color for your number plates will be as follows: All Professional Motorcycle/Quad classes: **Blue**. All Expert Motorcycle/Quad Classes: **White**. All Amateur Motorcycle/Quad Classes: **Yellow**. All Car/Truck Classes may have the color schemes of their choices, as long as the numbers are easy to read.
29. All professional class Motorcycles/Quads must have a white six (6) inch number and letter on a blue background. The class designation letter must appear before your race vehicle number. **EXAMPLE: P1 Q12 X3 O15 415**
30. **Special Note: All Quads must display their race number in two (2) places on their vehicle.** Please make them as clear and easy to read as possible. **ALL QUADS MUST HAVE A FRONT & BACK NUMBER PLATE, THIS IS MANDATORY!!!**
31. **ALL MOTORCYCLES & QUADS MUST HAVE A REAR FACING, HIGH INTENSITY RED LIGHT!** A detailed letter describing all of the details regarding this light is posted on www.bitd.com and is being sent to every MC/Q entry once we receive the entry form. You may purchase this light from Baja Designs, call 800-422-5292 and it costs \$25. **You must have the red reflector to pass tech and you MUST HAVE a 3" square piece of REFLECTIVE TAPE on the back of your helmet. No Exceptions!!!** These both will make it MUCH safer for you if you are caught by a Car/Truck/UTV. **BE SMART, BE SAFE!!**
32. **Special Note for Motorcycles & Quads: NEW for 2017!** The *Racing Trax system* is mandatory! The order form is on their site RacingTrax.com. You will not be allowed to leave the start line if you do not have your Racing Trax mounted on your vehicle. Racing Trax is for tracking and safety. Please order before you get to Tech on Thursday, August 17th to save you and the other racers time.
33. **Special Note: All support vehicles must have the number of the race vehicle they are supporting on the right side of the windshield, as well as on the rear window. Please use SIX (6) INCH numbers.** Thank you!!!
34. **Pit Passes WILL NOT be required for this race.**
35. **Ride and Drive Safe!!** Do not go backwards on the course!! No matter what happens!! Think at all times!!
36. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1, and ending at Mile 545. The mile markers are white/black.
37. The course will be marked with **Pink Ribbon - Pink Arrows - Yellow Turn Ahead Arrows - Orange Danger Marks - Bright Orange Dangers Ahead Signs - Black & White Wrong Way Signs.** The Danger Marks will be on the danger area.
38. The **PIT Closing Times and fastest average estimated speed** at each of the (14) Pit Stops is enclosed in this packet - **PLEASE READ IT!!! You MUST bring the Closing Time sheet to the mandatory Driver/Rider meeting to receive updates.**
39. **Special Note: All Motorcycles and Quads, I suggest that you be prepared to mount a headlight on your race vehicle.** The "Vegas to Reno" is a long race and the sun sets at 7:45 PM in Fallon, NV, Pit # 13 Top Gun, on August 18, 2017.
40. **The approximate racecourse mileages between Pit Stops is as follows - MOST CURRENT:**


Start to Pit #1 - 32.0 miles	Pit #7 to Pit #8 - 31.6 miles	Pit #14 to Finish - 45.8 miles
Pit #1 to Pit #2 - 25.0 miles	Pit #8 to Pit #9 - 26.4 miles	Total 539.0 miles
Pit #2 to Pit #3 - 36.6 miles	Pit #9 to Pit #10 - 45.8 miles	
Pit #3 to Pit #4 - 56.6 miles	Pit #10 to Pit #11 - 52.0 miles	Sunrise - 6:06 am
Pit #4 to Pit #5 - 33.3 miles	Pit #11 to Pit #12 - 28.0 miles	Sunset - 7:51 pm
Pit #5 to Pit #6 - 28.0 miles	Pit #12 to Pit #13 - 36.0 miles	
Pit #6 to Pit #7 - 30.7 miles	Pit #13 to Pit #14 - 31.2 miles	

42. **Special Note: MC / Q - If your race vehicle will not go 60 miles without gas, then you must carry extra gas with you.**
43. The *Racing Trax system* is mandatory for all Car, Truck, UTV, Motorcycle and Quad race vehicles. The order form is on their site RacingTrax.com. You will not be allowed to leave the start line if you do not have your Racing Trax mounted in your vehicle. Racing Trax is for tracking and safety. Please order before you get to Tech on Thursday, August 17th to save you and the other racers time. **Transponders are different and are mandatory; they are for scoring.**
44. **MC's & Quads mount your transponder on your FRONT FENDER.**
45. Race elevation: Starts at 3000 feet, and will go as high as 8000 feet. Average race course elevation is 5000 feet.
46. Be prepared for hot weather in Las Vegas, and warm to cool weather at night in Reno. Remember to drink lots of Water!

I know this seems like a lot to remember, but it is very important that we all try very hard to follow the rules. I have said this before, but I think it needs to be repeated. The Best In The Desert does not care what your name is - Who your sponsor is - How much money you have, we treat everyone the same way!!! Fair and sincere the same rules apply to everyone. I know I can count on all of you, after all, the *General Tire "Vegas to Reno" presented by FOX* race is for you. I want everyone to have fun and enjoy the off-road adventure of a lifetime, *General Tire "Vegas to Reno" presented by FOX*. **Please be on time to all scheduled events.**

See you at The **TEXAS STATION GAMBLING HALL & HOTEL** in North Las Vegas!

Sincerely Yours,


Donald Jackson, Operations Manager
Best In The Desert Racing Association

~OVER~

