

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

Final Information Packet

VT Construction Tonopah "250"

Presented by Polaris RZR

"An Epic Off-Road Race"



Dear Tonopah "250" Entry,

Welcome to the **MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE IN OFF-ROAD RACING** in Central Nevada, the **VT Construction Tonopah "250"** presented by **Polaris RZR**. You are about to **EMBARK ON AN EPIC OFF-ROAD RACE**. 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. Enclosed you will find a **schedule of events, your course map, where to park for Tech & Contingency, and the balance of your fees**. Only the Driver/Rider of Record will receive the information enclosed in this packet, please make copies and share with your team mates and support crews. All documents can be downloaded at BITD.com.

We are **privileged to be invited guests** of the **Town of Tonopah** and we want to **be invited back**. 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! **Think! Think! Think!**

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Please read every word!!! Don't say, "I didn't know!!!" Don't say, "Nobody told me!!!"

If you are going to participate in the **TIME TRIAL** event the **FIRST** thing you do on **Thursday, October 19, 2017**, is check in at **Drivers registration** at the Tonopah Station in the Belmont Room. You will fill out the insurance release forms and be given an arm-band that permits you to participate in the Time Trial.

Registration is open from 10 AM – 11:30 AM, everyone that participates in the Time Trials must come to this registration and must be paid in full; the Time Trials is considered a part of the event. Time Trials is for Trick Truck and Class 1500 only!

The **FIRST** thing you do on **Friday, October 20, 2017**, is check in at **the Drivers/Riders registration** at the Tonopah Station, Belmont Room. We appreciate it if all names listed on your official **Tonopah "250"** entry form go through **Drivers/Riders registration** at the **same time**, but if they are not able to, we will make exceptions. If you have changes to your entry form **PLEASE** make them before you get to registration (adding people, any changes) this makes it easier on you and our staff. The balance of your fees must be paid on **Friday, October 20, 2017** by the first person picking up the packet, you will not receive your packet without making final payment (NO exceptions, please don't ask!) Please bring **CASH ONLY!!! NO checks or Credit cards will be accepted!!! CASH ONLY!!** The **Drivers/Riders final registration** will be open from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM ONLY** on **Friday, October 20, 2017**. At least one of your team's names listed on your official entry form must be in Tonopah on **Friday, October 20, 2017**.

The **SECOND** thing you do on **Friday, October 20, 2017** is **Contingency**, from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM** behind Tonopah Station. 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! **Write very clearly or they may not pay you if they cannot read your form. Please follow enclosed maps for Off-Loading and On-loading!!**

The **THIRD** thing you do on **Friday, October 20, 2017** is **Race Vehicle Technical Inspection**, from **9:00 AM to 5:30 PM** behind Tonopah Station (See Tech Map). At least one (1) of the entries listed on the official **Tonopah "250"** entry form that has their armband on must be with the race vehicle through technical inspection. NOTE: All race vehicles must go through Technical Inspection!!!

The **FOURTH** thing you must do on **Friday, October 20, 2017** is to **attend the MANDATORY Drivers/Riders Meeting!** This **MANDATORY** meeting will be at **Joel Friel Sports Complex Baseball Fields, at 6:00 PM**, immediately following Tech & Contingency (see Vicinity Map). Steve Olliges, President of Team Ford, will make a presentation of the **Team Ford Pole Award** for the Overall Fastest Qualifier, and a **\$1000 CASH PRIZE** for the winner of Time Trials!! You must be present to win this very prestigious award! Thank you Steve for your generosity and commitment to the sport we all love!

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 (1) one arm banded team member that is racing stay for this meeting.

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Special Rules for the Tonopah “250”

1. There will be a **Time Trial event for Start Positions for Trick Truck & Class 1500**, see enclosed notice. The **TIME TRIALS IS NOT MANDATORY**. There will be a **Welcome Party Thursday night at the Tonopah Brewing Co. at 5:30pm**.
2. **Camping WILL BE allowed at the Camp Adventure Site behind the Joel Friel Sports Complex, the same area as the 2016 Vegas to Reno. Camp Adventure will be open Thursday am, October 19, 2017.**
3. There **will not** be a **testing or jetting area**. **Come prepared to race!**
4. There is **NO Pre-Fun Run** for the Tonopah “250” this year due to the desert tortoise habitat.
5. The **Tonopah “250” race is a No Pre-Run course**. The Tonopah area is closed from October 14th to race day.
6. **Starting order for Cars/Trucks/UTVs will be announced** to everyone at the mandatory **Drivers/Riders meeting on Friday, October 20, 2017**. Motorcycles & Quads will be a mass start by **Class, just like Silver State “150”**
7. 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!! This frequency IS NOT OPEN for questions**. Use frequency **152.960 to contact the great guys at RUGGED RELAY** and they can help answer questions.
8. If you **need race information**, go to any of the **Four (4) 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.) You can also come to the Box van at the Finish Line.
9. Your pit crews **do not need a 4-WD** vehicle to **get in or out of the Four (4) Pits**. **Absolutely no pitting** anywhere else on the marked course **except at the designated Pit Areas**.
10. **You WILL NOT be able to re-fuel at the start line, NO FUEL WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE START LINE. Do not bring quick fills to the start line.**
11. **TELL YOUR PIT CREWS NOT TO SPEED ON THE ROAD DRIVING TO ANY OF THE PIT AREAS!** The Nye County Sheriff’s Department will be out looking to give out tickets. **Please Use Daytime Headlights on Highway 95**, it is mandatory in this section of Nevada!
12. You will receive **one (1) racecourse map** in this Final Information Packet, if you need additional maps please make copies. An electronic version will be posted seven (7) days before the race along with GPS.
13. For the **Tonopah “250” race**, **BEST IN THE DESERT** will supply each **MC/Q rider/driver** 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, carry a pen, fill out your name the night before!
14. Your Support Vehicle must **park in an orderly manner at the Pit Stop**. Please pay attention to the Pit Captain!
15. **The rule for Tonopah “250” race course will be passing in UNVEGATATIVE AREAS only. Do not short course!! Stay on the marked course except to pass another vehicle in UNVEGATATIVE AREAS only!**
16. Please tell your Support Crews to please **CLEAN THEIR PIT AREA** before they leave the Four (4) Pit Stops and their camp areas!
17. **All check points in the Tonopah “250” race are hidden checks.**
18. **Support Crews!** If you hear your **race vehicle is broken down!** **DO NOT JUMP** in your Truck – MC – ATV - UTV and try to **go out on the course** to help them. Go to the **BEST IN THE DESERT** radio location at the any of the **Four (4) Pit stops or the Finish Line** and we will tell you **what to do**. We have **official Best In The Desert retrievable vehicles that will help you if they can**.
19. If your **race vehicle is broken down** and you **cannot fix it yourself**, or a Best In The Desert official vehicle is unable to help you, then you will have to **WAIT UNTIL THE RACE COURSE CLOSES** and Best In The Desert will assist you, **we will help you if we can!**
20. **NO CHASE TRUCKS OR CHASE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE. No outside assistance permitted on the course during the event with the exception of the designated pit areas ONLY.**
21. **Special Note: All MC/Q Entries - You may switch riders at any of the Four (4) Pit Stops! Only at the Pit Stops!!**
22. **HELICOPTERS** during the **Tonopah “250” race MUST** be registered with Best In The Desert (see rule book page 7, Rule SEC8) Email us at bitd@bitd.com and request our form letter to fill out to register your helicopter. There will be a Helicopter meeting on Friday, October 20, at 3pm, in the Belmont room of the Tonopah Station. **It is MANDATORY that the HELICOPTER PILOT be a COMMERCIAL PILOT and the pilot must attend the meeting, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
23. There will be **Three (3) paved road crossings** for cars & truck entries, and **Two (2) paved road crossings** for motorcycles and quads in the Tonopah “250” 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”**.
24. **Only the official entries** entered on the **Tonopah “250” entry blank** for that race vehicle **may be either on or in** the race vehicle!! **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
25. **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 or [Mary Hunt](mailto:MaryHunt@bajamary46@aol.com) at bajamary46@aol.com (619) 647-8256!!!
26. **Ride and Drive Safe!! DO NOT GO BACKWARDS ON THE COURSE!!** No matter what happens!! Think at all times!!

27. There will be radar guns in random pits with a race official checking your speed. All (4) 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!!!
28. ALL Motorcycle / Quad riders MUST carry water on your person! Bring water container to Tech! This is mandatory!!!
29. 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.
30. 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**
31. **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!!!**
32. **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!!**
33. The course will be marked with **Pink Ribbon - Pink Arrows - Orange Danger Marks - Bright Yellow Turn Ahead Signs & Arrows - Bright Orange Dangers Ahead Signs - Black & White Wrong Way Signs**. The **Orange Danger Marks** will be on the danger area. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1. The mile markers are **WHITE**.
34. 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 only, we do not use it for Scoring. 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.**
35. **TRANSPONDERS are for SCORING and they ARE MANDATORY** for all race vehicles, including motorcycles, quads, cars, trucks and utv's. Transponders are \$100 and if you send in your \$100 to the Best In The Desert office we will send you your transponder early so you can have it mounted on your race vehicle prior to tech inspection!
36. **The DRIVERS MEETING IS MANDATORY.** There will be a **RANDOM DRAW** of 25 race vehicle numbers at the end of the meeting and if your number is called out, one arm banded racer from your team must come up to the front and check off that they are present. There will be a 1-hour **TIME PENALTY** for your team if you do not have an arm banded team member that is racing stay for this meeting.
37. **NO PLAY ATV's, MC's, UTV's or bicycles are allowed in the any of the Four (4) Pits. Please do not bring them.**
38. **DO NOT leave any WHEELS and FLAT TIRES out in the desert.** If you leave any wheels and tires out on the racecourse you will receive a **MANDATORY ONE-HOUR TIME PENALTY** (see flyer for details.)
39. **The approximate racecourse mileages between Pit Stops is as follows - MOST CURRENT:**
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| Start to Pit #1 - 48.0 miles | Pit #2 to Pit #3 - 53.0 miles | Pit #4 to Finish - 50.0 miles |
| Pit #1 to Pit #2 - 50.0 miles | Pit #3 to Pit #4 - 43.0 miles | Total 244.0 miles |
| Sunrise - 7:03 am | Sunset - 6:04 pm | |
40. **Be prepared for cool to cold weather in Tonopah, check weather before you leave your home.**
41. **PLEASE FOLLOW YOUR MAP TO TECH & CONTINGENCY, OFF-LOAD AND ON-LOAD INSTRUCTION SHEET! PLEASE PARK IN THE DESIGNATED RACE SUPPORT PARKING AREAS! THE TOWN OF TONOPAH IS A VALUABLE SUPPORTER OF OFF-ROAD RACING AND WE MUST RESPECT THEIR WISHES! THANK YOU!**
42. If you are camping in your RV at Camp Adventure M&K will be available to bring you water. \$25 for Fresh water and \$40 for Grey water. Please call 775-482-6841 to schedule a time.

We are looking forward to a very fun and exciting Tonopah event and the last race of the 2017 racing season for Motorcycles & Quads. Good luck to all of our Class Champion contenders, **there are a lot of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place battles going on**, but you are all Class Champions as far as we are concerned!

Sincerely,



Donald Jackson, Operations Manager



*Life is an Adventure ~
Come Live your Adventure with
Best In The Desert !!!*

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