

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

Method Race Wheels Laughlin Desert Classic presented by Polaris RZR *“Duel In The Desert”*



Dear Laughlin Desert Classic Entry,

Welcome to the exciting Method Race Wheels Laughlin Desert Classic presented by Polaris RZR, you are about to embark on another Best In The Desert 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. Enclosed you will find a schedule of events, a vicinity map of the Main Parking Area, your vehicle race number, and the balance of your fees. Only Driver of Record, on the entry blank will receive this Final Information Packet, please make copies of the documents for your team members.

For those of you who will be staying in the Laughlin Hotels, I remind you to be on your best behavior. We are privileged to be invited guests of the Laughlin Tourism Commission and the Laughlin Hotels, and the Town of Laughlin, and we want to be invited back next year. 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! You are allowed to camp at the Main Parking Area, please observe the same rules for the Main Parking Area. Think! Think! Think!

PLEASE READ • PLEASE READ • PLEASE READ • PLEASE READ

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

TIME TRIALS - Thursday, October 11, 2018

TIME TRIALS FOR START POSITIONS IS NOT A MANDATORY EVENT!!!

The TIME TRIALS is for Trick Trucks, Class 1500, & 6100. All entries in the Time Trials will start in the order in which they qualify. Registration will be Wednesday, October 10, 2018 6pm to 8pm River Lodge Riverview Room. If you are unable to register Wednesday night please call our office to make other arrangements! There will be only one (1) escorted practice lap for all classes followed by Time Trials. Steve Olliges will present the TEAM FORD POLE AWARD and \$1000 to the Winner of the Trick Truck OR Class 1500, whichever has the fastest overall time. The Time Trials for start positions is not a mandatory event, look for special instructions in your Final Information Packet regarding Time Trials. The results will be announced at the end of the Time Trials. Don't miss the METHOD RACE WHEELS WELCOME PARTY, in the Main Pit, at the Method Race Wheels Pit Row Hospitality Tent beginning at 6:00 pm on Thursday!

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The FIRST thing you do on Friday, October 12, 2018 is check in at final Drivers registration in the River Lodge Riverview Room. (See Schedule of Events and the Laughlin vicinity map.) At least one arm-banded person listed on your official Laughlin Desert Classic entry form must go through Driver registration to be able to tech your vehicle, however, ALL people listed on the entry form must check-in at registration as soon as they arrive to receive their armband. The balance of your fees must be paid on Friday, October 12, 2018, by the first person taking the packet, you will not receive your packet without making final payment (No Exceptions, don't ask!) Please bring CASH or Credit Card!!! GOOD NEWS! WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS - VISA, MASTERCARD & DISCOVER!!! NO CHECKS!! The Drivers final registration will be open from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM on Friday, October 12, 2018.

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The SECOND thing you do on Friday, October 12, 2018 is go thru Contingency Row from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino parking lot (See Vicinity Map).

SPECIAL NOTE: The BEST IN THE DESERT contingency inspectors will be checking very closely to make sure the contingency sponsor's products are being used. Please don't say you are using a product if you are not!

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The THIRD thing you do on Friday, October 12, 2018 is Technical Inspection, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino parking lot (See Vicinity Map). At least one (1) of the entries listed on the official Laughlin Desert Classic entry form that has their armband on must be with the race vehicle through Technical Inspection. NOTE: All race vehicles, including Sportsman must go through Technical Inspection!!!

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The FOURTH thing you must do on Friday, October 12, 2018 is to attend the MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING! This MANDATORY MEETING will be at the River Lodge Pool, at 6:30 PM. ***"THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING" - "NO EXCEPTIONS"*** At the end of the meeting we call 25 random vehicle numbers, there must be at least one arm-banded racer from your team at this meeting. There will be a one-hour (1-hour) time penalty issued to your team if one person is not present at this meeting!

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Special Rules For The Laughlin Desert Classic

1. You may drive your race vehicle around the parking lot of the Tropicana Hotel & Casino to get to Tech Inspection/Contingency, but please **DO NOT** speed in the parking lots. **GO SLOW!!! GO SLOW!!! GO SLOW!!!**
2. There will not be a testing or jetting area. Come prepared to race! Stay out of the Laughlin infield area!
3. You will be allowed to drive your race vehicle from the Main Pit the Tropicana Parking Lot but only On Thomas Edison. You must obey the 35 MPH speed limit. To get from your hotel to the Main Parking Area/Main Pit you must **TOW** your race vehicle on the Paved Streets through town. **DO NOT TRY TO TAKE THE SHORT CUTS** through any Laughlin streets, if you or your support vehicles are caught, there will be a penalty or Metro Police will issue you a ticket. **DO NOT** drive your race vehicles or UTVs on the streets other than for Tech Inspection on Thomas Edison between the Main Pit and Tropicana.
4. The Method Race Wheels Laughlin Desert Classic presented by Polaris RZR race is a **No Pre-Run** course. If you are caught on the Laughlin course by any **BEST IN THE DESERT** official you will receive a severe penalty. Please, everyone stay away from the Laughlin Desert Classic course!! **The Laughlin Area is CLOSED from Friday, October 5, until Monday, October 15, 2018. Stay out of the race course area beginning on 10/5/18.**
5. Fabtech is sponsoring the Laughlin Leap on Saturday, October 13, 2018, registration will be from 5pm to 6pm at the finish line. Staging at 6:30pm, Leap at 7pm. You must be pre-entered and go thru registration at the **Best In the Desert Box Van at finish line**, Saturday Afternoon. Open to all Car, Trucks & UTVs. Max 32 Entries, first come first serve.
6. There will be a Time Trials for **TRICK TRUCKS, CLASS 1500 & CLASS 6100**, for start positions on Thursday, October 11, 2018, see enclosed instruction sheet. The instruction sheet will be sent to these three classes only.
7. There is a 15 MPH Speed Limit on the Main Parking Area access roads. Go slow, watch for children.
8. The Race Schedule is **SUBJECT TO CHANGE** depending on how many vehicles we get in each race. We will make that decision after registration ends on Friday October 12. We know many of you are racing in more than one race and we will do our best to stay with the published schedule. If your race is “next up” be at the staging area early and ready to race, we may go early. All race times are **SUBJECT TO CHANGE** after the first race of the day. **BE ALERT!**
9. All Pit Support Vehicles as well as Race Vehicles must stay off the **BEST IN THE DESERT** radio frequency unless you are reporting an emergency. We are using **RUGGED RADIO RELAY** for Race Support Communications, use 152.960 for all your race related communications.
10. **THE HOT PIT – This is the area where you will PIT! There is NO OTHER AREA TO PIT other than the HOT PIT AREA!!! You will move your pit truck and your pit supplies to the HOT PIT AREA before your race begins. If you need to pit, drive into the HOT PIT AREA and pit there. See the diagram of the hot pit area and follow the directions, there is a MANDATORY STOP then this is a No-Passing 25 mph speed zone. YOU MUST LEAVE THE HOT PIT AREA AFTER YOUR RACE, subject to penalty if your support crew stays in the Hot Pit Area after your race. NO MINORS 14 years or younger are allowed in the Hot Pit by order of the BLM, unless they are racers. You must have a support crew arm band on and Hot Pit Pass to enter the Hot Pit.**
11. Pit Support Trucks can park in the Main Parking Area (see diagram.) You will move to the Hot Pit Area when your race vehicle is racing and pit **ONLY** from the **HOT PIT AREA**. Your (1) support vehicle must have a Hot Pit Pass, (1) per entry.
12. **Absolutely no pitting** anywhere else on the course **except at the Hot Pit Area!!!** Please clean your pit area before you leave the Main Parking Area and the Hot Pit Area.
13. There will be a **Mandatory Stop, No Passing 25 mph SPEED LIMIT in the HOT PIT AREA**. This will be tightly enforced and we have two radar guns. **DO NOT JUMP the berm to get into the Hot Pit**. You must come to the Stop Sign and enter there. If you jump the berm you will get a **TIME PENALTY**. As you exit the Hot Pit you will see a large yellow **YIELD TO RACE TRAFFIC SIGN, you must YIELD!** You may resume race speed and pass when you have left the Hot Pit Area after the Green Sign.
14. **NO CAMPING ALLOWED IN THE HOT PIT AREA. Do not bring alcohol to the Hot Pit or the Ford Mesa Finish Line! there is NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED during any of the races in the Main Parking Area, put your alcohol away in your pit.**
15. If your team is pitting for more than one class you may set up your pit and we won't ask you to leave after each race (i.e. Checkers, BFG, Baja Pits.)
16. Your pit crews **do not need a 4WD** vehicle to get in or out of the **Hot Pit Area**.
17. Tell your support crews **not to speed** in or around the Town of Laughlin area (**35 mph speed limit!**) **Please be safe! The Las Vegas Metro Police and NV Highway Patrol will be out in force.**
18. Spectating is allowed at the **DESIGNATED SPECTATOR AREAS ONLY**, see Main Parking Area Diagram.
19. **Do not short course!!** Please stay on the course except to pass another vehicle! **Please do not take short cuts!! All check points in the Laughlin Desert Classic race are hidden checks. Please do not take short cuts!!**
20. The Best In The Desert officials will be on the course watching for short cutting. If we catch you short cutting you may be disqualified from the race. You must stay on the course! Please! The only time you should leave the exact marked course is to pass someone. Please stay on the course!
21. **Support Crews!!** If you hear your race vehicle is broken down **DO NOT JUMP** in your truck and try to go out on the course to help them. Go to the **BEST IN THE DESERT** radio location at the **Main Parking Area, BITD Box Van, by the Ford Mesa** or the **Pit Captain in the Hot Pit** area and they will tell you what you can do.
22. If your race vehicle is broken down and you are out of the race, then you will have to wait until the racecourse closes **UNLESS** a Best In The Desert Official **RETRIEVABLE TRUCK** can help you. Contact a Best In The Desert Official at the Ford Mesa or Hot Pit Captain.
23. **NO CHASE TRUCKS / SUPPORT VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE.**

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24. **SPECIAL NOTE – TIRE RULE:** If you leave any wheels and tires out on the racecourse you will receive a mandatory one-hour time penalty. Wheels must be stamped with your race vehicle number on them at Tech Inspection; you are not allowed to remove these markings. We do not have the man power or the means to remove all of the bad tires & wheels from the race course. Pick up your bad tires & wheels!
25. If your team plans on having a helicopter to view from or to follow the race **YOU MUST REGISTER WITH A LETTER TO BEST IN THE DESERT**, see Rule SEC 8 - page 7 in the Car/Truck rule book. To request a form letter, email bitd@bitd.com list the reason for the helicopter, radio frequency for both your team and your helicopter and send it back. There will be a meeting to discuss the procedures for your helicopter, at 3 pm, on Friday, October 12, in the River Lodge Riverview Room. The commercial **licensed helicopter pilot and Driver of Record must attend**, this is mandatory!
26. **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!!!
27. You **DO** need a Special Pit Pass for the Main Parking Area and the Hot Pit Area.
28. **Drive Safe!!** Do not go backwards on the course!! No matter what happens!! Think at all times!!
29. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1. The Mile Markers are white.
30. The course will be marked with **Pink Ribbon - Pink Arrows - Orange Danger Marks - Bright Orange Danger Ahead Signs- Black & White Wrong Way Signs.** The Danger Marks will be on the danger area.
31. **The racecourse mileage is as follows: The loop is 16.0 miles, 4 times around, 3 times for 1st race.**

Race Format, same for Saturday & Sunday:

All Times Approximate after the 1st Race Starts – Be Alert, Early and Ready, Listen to your radio!

- 1st Race - 5:30 AM – Staging 1st Race – 3 Laps
6:00 AM – **1st Race Starts** – 1700-2700-3700-4700-7100-8100-Vintage
- 2nd Race - 7:15 AM – Staging 2nd Race – 4 Laps
8:00 AM – **2nd Race Starts** - Class 1100-2000-3000-5000-6000-7200
- 3rd Race - 9:15 AM – Staging 3rd Race – 4 Laps
10:00 AM – **3rd Race Starts** - Class 1000-1500-6200
- 4th Race - 11:15 AM – Staging 4th Race – 4 Laps
12:00 PM – **4th Race Starts** - Class 6100-8000
- 5th Race - 1:15 PM – Staging 5th Race – 4 Laps
2:00 PM – **5th Race Starts** – Trick Truck Race



32. **An entry must complete required number of laps to be considered a finisher each day.** (i.e. Day 1, 4-lap race must complete all 4-laps and get a checkered to be considered a finisher in the amount of time allotted for that day.) If you DNF on Saturday you can still race Sunday to get the position points. You will get 30 points for just starting Saturday and need to complete all 8 laps to receive the 30 finisher points. We are no longer doing 15 per day like previous years.

33. **Race elevation: Start/Finish at 400-500 feet in Laughlin. Average elevation** for the race is **500 feet.**

34. **Be prepared for hot weather in Laughlin**, we've put in an order for sunshine!

35. GPS plot trail will be on the Best In The Desert website (www.bitd.com) on Friday, October 5, 2018.

36. Please be on time to all scheduled events. *Remember, Nevada is on PACIFIC STANDARD TIME!!! (No time change!)*

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 **Method Race Wheels Laughlin Desert Classic presented by Canidae Tap It** race is for you. **I want everyone to have fun, and enjoy your Nevada off-road adventure with Best In The Desert**

See you in Laughlin!

Donald Jackson, Operations Manager

Best In The Desert
Racing Association



THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER – PLEASE!!!

- 1) NO UTV's, Motorcycles, Quads or bicycles allowed in the Main Parking Area, leave them at home.**
- 2) You must drive your Race Vehicle from the Main Pit to the Tropicana Parking Lot for Tech and Contingency. DO NOT Drive race vehicles on any other Road, You are only allowed on Thomas Edison. Please see enclosed diagram. You WILL get a ticket or a Time Penalty from Best In The Desert! The Highway Patrol is watching our behavior. Nevada DOES NOT recognize AZ license plates, do not drive your UTV's on the streets of Laughlin.**
- 3) NO OPEN FIRES at the Main Parking Area, fires MUST BE in a container. You are NOT allowed to dig a hole in the dirt. No wood with nails are allowed (i.e. pallets.) Bring your own wood.**
- 4) There are 30 total starting points for the Laughlin Desert Classic. You will receive 30 starting points for starting Saturday. You must finish all 8 laps to receive the 30 finishing points. You can still compete on Sunday for position points if you DNF on Saturday.**
- 5) PICK UP YOUR TRASH AND TEACH YOUR KIDS TO RESPECT THE PROPERTY! PLEASE!**



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