

# BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

## 2019 ~ GMZ UTV WINTER NATIONALS

### PARKER "250" Presented by Polaris

#### Final Information



#### Best In The Desert Racers:

Welcome to the **GMZ WINTER NATIONALS PARKER "250" PRESENTED BY POLARIS**. This information packet is **very important** to you the **rider/driver**, your **pit crew**, and your **friends**. **Please read it all the way through**. Enclosed you will find a **map of the pit location**, a map of **pit layout**, and a **schedule of events**. For those of you who will be staying at the **Blue Water Resort**, we remind you to be on your **very best behavior**. We are **privileged** to be invited guests of the **Blue Water Resort & Casino**. Please treat the **facility** and your **room** with **respect**. Also **please remember** you must be **21 years old** to **drink alcohol** or to **gamble** at the Blue Water Casino. Due to the new environmental changes Best In The Desert is committed to promoting environmentally sound events! Please follow the rules! If you want to keep racing in the desert you must follow the rules!

### *Special Notes and Rules!*

#### **PLEASE READ EVERY WORD!! DO NOT SAY I DID NOT KNOW!!!**

1. There will be **NO** test area. **Come** with your Motorcycle, Quad and UTV **prepared to race**.
2. **Do not ride** any Motorcycle, Quad and UTV in the area of the race course.
3. **NO** riding ATV's or Pit Motorcycles in the area of the pits.
4. **NO** riding of bicycles in the pit area.
5. **STAY OFF THE PARKER PYTHON!!!** It is not a playground or test area, there is a time penalty or possible DQ if you get caught on the Parker Python!
6. **Clean up** your pit area before you leave. We provide Trash Dumpsters, **PLEASE USE THEM!**
7. Absolutely **NO alternate pitting** on course, **EXCEPT** for the two (2) designated Pit Areas.
8. There will be three (3) Paved Road Xings, but we will **NOT STOP** the **RACE VEHICLES**, cross traffic **WILL BE STOPPED**.
9. **GMZ WINTER NATIONALS PARKER "250" PRESENTED BY POLARIS** IS a **NO** pre-run race. Stay away from race course area!
10. Any entry **caught riding** in the **GMZ WINTER NATIONALS PARKER "250" PRESENTED BY POLARIS** course area between **Jan 5-12** will be **disqualified** from the race.
11. **Midway Pit** area has **limited parking**. Please try to bring one (1) pit support vehicle to the Midway Pit.
12. You **MUST** have a **GRAY PIT PASS** to get in to the Midway Pit. Limit 2 Pit Passes per entry. I have done a lot of work to get a BLM permit for the **PARKER "250"**, please follow the rules!

### *More Special Rules:*

1. **NO** starting or riding of your race Motorcycle, Quad in the **Blue Water Resort & Casino** parking lot. Please push.
2. **NO** riding of your race Motorcycle, Quad or UTV around anywhere except the racecourse on race day.
3. You **must park** in the pit area **as shown** on the map, at **Midway Pit** **Do Not** park outside the Green Steel Post Area. Overnight Camping is allowed at the **Alternate Pit Midway**, **DO NOT CUT ANY WOOD, BRING YOUR OWN! PLEASE – NO WOOD WITH NAILS (i.e. No Pallets!) It may be YOU that drives over a nail and gets a flat! THINK!!**
4. The **GMZ WINTER NATIONALS PARKER "250" PRESENTED BY POLARIS** course is tight in areas, some rocky areas, and some high speed areas.
5. The starting order will be announced at the **MANDATORY RIDERS/DRIVERS MEETING** on Friday, January 11, 2019.
6. **NO** outside assistance on the racecourse allowed.
7. The **BLM/Arizona Fish and Game, CRIT Police Officers** and **BEST IN THE DESERT** officials will be on the course **watching** for **short cutting**. If we catch you **short cutting** you **will 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. Stay on the course.
8. **Pit Crews!!!** If you hear that your rider/driver has broken down on the course **DO NOT** jump in your truck or on your Pit Motorcycle and **go out on the course** to find them. **We are using Rugged Relay for ALL Support Crew communications. Please go to 152.960 for racer information.** Find the Best In The Desert Pit Captain, at Stop Sign, entering Main Pit, Midway Pit or the Finish Area and we will tell you what to do. **Pit Crews!!** We will help you if we can, come to us first!
9. **The rule for this race is 20 feet from the middle of the marked course for passing only!!**
10. **Stay on the marked course! Do not short cut corners!!!**
11. **Ride safe!!! Do not go backwards on the course!!! Think at all times! No matter what happens think! Don't ruin it for others by doing something dumb**

12. *We will use White Mile Markers every mile. Portions of the course run very close together. Please pay attention to the Mile Markers !!!*
13. *The race course will be marked with fluorescent pink ribbon, fluorescent pink arrows, and bright orange danger signs. The danger signs are located right at the danger area.*
14. *We will use fluorescent Orange Danger Ahead signs, and Bright Orange Danger Rocks signs. Watch for them!!*
15. *The course mileage is approximately a 79-mile Loop, plus 4 miles for the Python (1 time) and 2 miles at the start (1 time only).*
16. ***Race Format:** All Pro, Exp, Am, MC/Q/UTV including Ironman Expert Classes race 3-Laps with a Gran-Prix Finish, and all Ironman Amateur MC/Q Sportsman UTV & Rally UTV Classes race 2-Laps with a Gran-Prix Finish. So once the leader completes the mandatory laps, all racers behind the leader follow to the finish line.*
17. *There is an Alternate Pit "Midway" at Mile Marker 27, overnight camping is allowed.*
18. *Don't run out of gas!*
19. *Teams may switch riders at either one of the two pit areas only. If you have a two-man team and you want to divide the mileage up evenly, we recommend that the 2nd rider go directly to the Alt Midway Pit and switch riders there.*
20. *The DRIVERS/RIDERS meeting is mandatory. At least (1) one arm-banded racer from your team must be at the meeting. We will call out 25 random race vehicle numbers at the end of the meeting, if one of the racers from your team is not present you will receive an automatic 1-hour time penalty!*
21. *Shea Road WILL BE OPEN FOR SPECTATING and for OVERNIGHT CAMPING, BRING YOUR OWN WOOD, WOOD WITH NO NAILS PLEASE, NO PALLETS!*
22. *Main Pit & Midway Pit – MANDATORY STOP 25 MPH NO PASSING!!! No passing in the pits!*

### **Special Notes:**

**ALL TIMES ON ARIZONA TIME!!!**

1. I strongly recommend you **use hand guards!**
2. Race area elevation, 450 feet to 1000 feet.
3. Gear for a faster racecourse.
4. Please **register as early** as possible. Please **don't wait** until the **last minute!** Registration closes promptly at **5:30 PM, on Friday, January 11, 2018.**
5. Bring **lock and chain** to **LOCK UP** your Motorcycle, Quad or UTV. **LOCK UP your gear!**
6. **MANDATORY – You must have a fire extinguisher in both the Main Pit and Alt Pit Areas.**
7. You must have a Gas Mat or piece of carpet under your race vehicle when you fuel (the black rubber back carpets from Home Depot/Costco work well.)
8. UTV's **DO NEED** the RacingTrax.com tracking devices for the Parker "250".
9. **NO DRINKING** – Absolutely no drinking in the PITS by Pit Crews & Racers during the race.
10. **DQ ZONE – Mile 6 to Mile 9. STAY ON THE COURSE !!!**

### **What to bring to rider registration and technical inspection.**

**Rider registration is the first thing you do! Read the schedule of events.**

1. Be sure to take your helmet to Technical Inspection!
2. Classes 30, 40, and 50 must have proof of age.
3. Have correct numbers and background color on number plates.
4. Again for 2019 – ALL MC & Quad Class Champions who won the # 1 Plate in their class, can run a **RED BACKGROUND, WHITE NUMBERS**, designating that they are the **Class Champion!** (i.e. N1 - #301 – #501 - #601.) **Congratulations Class Champs!!!**
5. All **Pros** must have **blue** number plates with **white** numbers and letters; all **Experts** must have **white** number plates with **black** numbers; and all **Amateurs** must have **yellow** number plates with **black #'s**.
6. Motorcycles must have **three (3) sets** of numbers and plates, Quads **two (2)**, front & back.
7. **SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL QUADS** - This **WILL BE** enforced for the 2019 racing year - **YOU MUST HAVE FRONT & BACK NUMBER PLATES** that our check point people can read easily at high speeds. We **suggest** "fish tail" style plates" if your quad can accommodate them, they **ARE NOT** mandatory.
8. You must have a Transponder for scoring; they are \$100 and yours to keep, good for 2-years!
9. All walk-in (new) entries at Registration will be charged a \$50 fee.
10. Credit Card transactions will have a 3% processing fee.

Please try to follow the above rules, it is **very important** that we all try very hard. After all, this **race is for you**, and you are the **"BEST IN THE DESERT"**. I know I can count on all of you. I want you to have a **good safe ride** and have a **lot of fun!** **Note: All times are Arizona times – don't be late!!!**

See you in **Parker, Arizona** at the **Blue Water Resort & Casino!**



**Donald Jackson, Operations Manager**  
Best In The Desert

