

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

2026 Silver State 300 Final Information Packet

AORC Racers:

Welcome to the third round of the 2026 American Off-Road Racing Championship series and the first of the Best In The Desert season, the **2026 Silver State 300!** 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. **Your vehicle number and class Entry can be verified online on our posted entry sheet.**

Final Information Packets will be posted online for all to see as we transition to a paperless entry process. This will allow all members of the race team to get a copy. You may print as many copies of this letter as you please. If you would like to request a paper packet, please reach out to our office; we would be glad to send you one at (702) 457-5775 or bitd@bitd.com.

We are privileged to be welcomed guests of the *Town of Tonopah, Esmeralda County, Nye County, and the BLM, and we want to be welcomed back next year. So think about what you are doing at all times, and don't ruin it for everyone by doing something dumb!*

Quick Reference Racer Guide

GENERAL INFO

Always refer to the Final Schedule of Events at:

<https://bitd.com/ss300/schedule/>

Pre-Run Information – April 22nd, 2026 – Start at the Main Pit

Pre-running is a privilege, not a right.

It exists because it remains controlled, low-speed, and low-impact. If that standard changes, pre-running goes away. It's that simple.

Please read all information on the [Pre-Run Guidelines and Registration](#) page prior to arrival to review all requirements and details.

Race Registration

Tonopah Station 1137 Erie Street, Tonopah, NV – Banquet Room

- Before Arriving –
 - Complete online registration prior to arrival
 - i. Ensure all fees are paid in full
 - Confirm all waivers are signed (Racer + Pit Crew)
 - i. [Silver State 300 Racer and Pit Crew Liability Waiver](#)
 - Finalize all co-drivers / team additions
 - i. There are a lot of you that do not currently have co-drivers or additional drivers registered. **PLEASE take care of all of your additions and changes ahead of time, so onsite registration is a breeze!** This can be done at any point from within the Driver of Record's UNLTD Account dashboard under "Race Entries" and "Update Teammates".
 - If all the above is complete, you can pick up the full packet, racer wristbands, pit crew wristbands, pit crew vehicle passes, and hot Pit passes all at once. **Don't forget your shirts!**

Event Expo and Technical Inspection

Joe Friel Sports Park – April 23rd, 2026

Once registered, teams will move to the Event Expo and Technical Inspection area in the Joe Friel parking lot. At least one team member listed on your official entry form, wearing the BITD armband, must remain with the vehicle throughout the inspection. There is a designated , and all race vehicles must be driven from there through the Tech Inspection. This will be where you will pick up your Racing Trax Unit & Transponder.

Mandatory Drivers / Riders Meeting

Tonopah Convention Center- 6:00 PM April 23rd, 2026, -

The mandatory meeting will be held in person only; no online option will be available. During the meeting, **25 names and vehicle numbers will be randomly drawn.** If your entry is called and no representative from your team is present, a **penalty** will be issued. At least one racer from each team must attend to avoid penalty.

PRE-EVENT PREPARATION & REGISTRATION

Pit Crew Waivers

Any person, including kids, entering a pit must sign the event waiver on this page and wear a "Waiver Wristband". Each individual, including kids, needs to sign the event waiver in order for the DOR to pick up all Pit Wristbands, each person will need to have signed the form prior to arrival. Please see the Silver State 300 Liability Waivers page for all additional information.

[Silver State 300 Racer and Pit Crew Liability Waiver](#)

Tech Inspection- Joe Friel Sports Park

Each Vehicle will need to go through the full Tech Inspection.

1. See [AORC Rule Book](#) for rules and regulations to ensure you will be able to pass your BITD Tech Inspection swiftly.
2. **Safety Equipment Inspection:** Helmets, suits, head/neck restraints, belts, and nets will be checked.
3. **RacingTrax Install:** RacingTrax units will be installed on all vehicles.
4. **Transponder Rentals:** LiveTime will be onsite to reserve your Timing & Scoring transponder.

Transponders vs. Tracking Units

RacingTrax Tracking Units:

- **What are they?** Tracking units are used to track your location on the race course.
- **Who is required to have one?** RacingTrax tracking units are mandatory for all two-wheel, four-wheel and Youth 1000 entries.
- **How do I rent one?** You must rent your tracking unit directly with RacingTrax prior to the event on this page ahead of the event.
- **How much is a rental?** [Click here.](#)
- **How do I get it on my vehicle?** RacingTrax will install your tracking unit at the Off-Road Festival / Technical Inspection.

RacingTrax will manage ALL things tracking units including rental fees, security deposits, returns, etc..

LiveTime Transponders:

- **What are they?** Transponders are used for recording lap times and timing/scoring your race.
- **Who is required to have one?** LiveTime transponders are mandatory for all vehicles.
- **How do I rent one?** You will rent these transponders directly with LiveTime onsite at Tech Inspection.
- **How much is a rental?** \$50/event. The Driver/Rider of Record will need to present a credit card at onsite race registration to reserve their transponder directly with LiveTime.
- **How do I get it on my vehicle?** Transponders will come with two heavy duty zip ties and details on how to properly mount your transponders will be provided to you at onsite registration. LiveTime will be at Technical Inspection; to verify you have mounted your transponder in the correct location.

LiveTime will manage ALL things transponders, including rental fees, security deposits, returns, etc.

If you purchased a RaceReady transponder with Best in the Desert in 2025: LiveTime will buy your transponder back in exchange for four (4) free rentals for the 2026 race season. All you need to do is bring your existing RaceReady transponder to race registration, along with the pouch and other accessories, and they will take it and credit you onsite.

Number Plates

Ensure your number plates display the **correct numbers and background color**. Proper scoring requires readable numbers. If your plates are unreadable, you must correct them before continuing. **THE NUMBER ON YOUR VEHICLE NEEDS TO MATCH THE NUMBER ATTACHED TO YOUR ENTRY. IF IT IS NOT, WE WILL REQUIRE YOU TO PURCHASE NEW NUMBERS.**

On-Site Number Purchase

Numbers are available for purchase at registration. You must purchase new numbers if your current plates are incorrect. This ensures proper scoring—**it's for your benefit!**

Class Champion Plates

MC and Quad Class Champions who won the **#1 plate in their class** may run **red backgrounds with white numbers** to designate champion status (e.g., N1, #301, #501, #601).

PIT INFORMATION

All pits at The Silver State 300 are designated for race teams who are actively racing, and should be used for pitting operations only. Space is limited; please only use the space you need and make efficient use of the space. We're all in this together!

- How many pits are there? How do I get there? What's the distance between them? What do I need to access the pits? How many vehicle pit passes and Pit Access Wristbands do I get?

A complete breakdown of how the pits will work can be found here: [Silver State 300 Pit Information Guide](#)
Alternate pitting on the course is **strictly prohibited**.

Approved Pitting Locations (3 Pits):

There are three approved pitting locations at The Silver State 300. You are not approved to pit anywhere else along the race course.

- **Main Pit (RM 0.9) - Full Access Pit**
- **Remote Pit (RM 17) - This is a BITD Run Fuel Pit Only**
 - **Motorcycle Race Teams will not be allowed to be at this Pit Location.**
 - If you plan to use this pit, you must bring your fuel can to the **BITD tent at Tech** with your **race number clearly marked** on the can. We recommend a separate 1-gallon can for each lap. BITD will provide fueling assistance at this location.
 - You must provide your own **fuel cans**.
 - We will have **fuel mats** available, and our team will be equipped with the proper **fuel suits** if you would like assistance with fueling.
 - Your fuel cans can be retrieved at the main pit after the race is finished.
 - **UTV race teams will be allowed to fuel at this pit under the following conditions:**
 - One pit vehicle only
 - No more than two crew members
 - Only one fuel or dump can be allowed
 - Race cars can only receive fuel assistance
 - Race teams will receive the pit map and directions at the driver's meeting
- **Millers Alternate Pit (RM 76) - Full Access Pit**

RACE RULES

Course Marking Guide

Best in the Desert's existing course marking procedures will be used at all 5 events in the American Off-Road Racing Championship. Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with our course markings. These are all the course markings you will see on race day. A description of each type of signs and explanation of meaning for each sign can be found here: [AORC Course Marking Guide](#)

Support Crews

If your race vehicle breaks down, **DO NOT drive onto the course** to assist. Contact a **Pit Captain** or use **BITD Ops (151.490)** for official information and direction.

Course Enforcement

BLM and BITD officials will be watching for shortcuts. **If you are caught short-cutting, you will be disqualified.** Racers must always remain on the marked course. The only exception is safely passing another vehicle or moving off the course due to a mechanical issue.

Starting Order

Please always reference the Schedule of Events for up-to-date staging times. <https://bitd.com/ss300/schedule/>
Please be on time! Please be on time! Please be on time! Please be on time!

Protesting

If you wish to file a competition protest due to incidents related to your race, you may do so via the electronic form linked below. **Please DO NOT stop race officials during the event to discuss your protest. The officials at the finish line or stage do NOT score your race.** Note that protests can only be filed by either the Driver of Record or Team Captain and must be **filed no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the race/heat you competed in.**

No deposit is required to file a safety-related protest (unsafe speed, course cutting, excessive nerfing, etc.), but technical protests will require a \$500 deposit. Please provide any pertinent evidence to support your claim, either via file upload on the form or via email, as noted in the form instructions. Race officials will review all available evidence prior to making penalty decisions.

[LINK TO PROTEST FORM](#)

Please note - Unsportsmanlike conduct at our start/finish line is grounds for time penalties, disqualification and/or permanent ban from future events. This conduct includes but is not limited to profanity, crossing the ped fence into the finishing corral, physical intimidation and/or aggressive driving into or out of the finishing corral. You may appeal any decision by race officials using the official protest form. However, you may not verbally accost our timing, scoring, staging, or officials. Racers are responsible for the actions of their teams.

Finish Line Etiquette

When you leave the course after completing your final lap, our staff will be there to guide you to the podium. We will be greeting you with cold water or a cold Belching Beaver Parker 400 beer (21+). Trash cans and bathrooms will be in the area. Please follow directions by our staff as we work hard to get you all across the finish line stage. Important notes:

- If you wish to skip the finish line stage, you may do so by taking the bypass on the right of the coral. Please let our staff know you are bypassing and we will guide you through.
- Deposit any trash or catheters into the trash cans. Do NOT remove your catheters and drop them on the ground! Anyone caught doing so will be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- **The finish line staff do not score your race.** Please do not stop them and ask to file a protest. They are volunteers, not referees and they deserve to be treated professionally.
- Please bear with us as we work hard to get Class winners on the livestream. We will get everyone across the stage as quickly as possible. Thank you!

Tracking and Live Scoring

Our live scoring and tracking will be live on bitd.com/ss300/live/

What is unique about AORC Timing & Scoring? Timing & Scoring gives overall corrected time updates each time a vehicle passes over a timing gate.

Start/Finish Timing Gate: Each time you pass through the start finish line, your lap time will be recorded and your overall time will be corrected and updated on the public leaderboard.

Remote Timing Gates: Each time you pass through a remote timing gate, your overall time will be corrected and updated on the public leaderboard. Remote gates will be placed at the entrance to the **Gonzo Pit** and **Gene Hirst Pit**. This gives you overall corrected time-scoring updates as you pass each gate.

You can follow our live stream, live scoring, and tracking on both Friday and Saturday at bitd.com/ss300/live/

Please share this link with your friends and family so they can follow you as you battle it out on race day!

Every item in this Final Information Packet is **critical**. Yes, it may feel like a lot, but **EVERYTHING MATTERS**. If you're not 100% sure about a rule or procedure, **read it again**—your preparation keeps you and everyone else safe.

The **BLM, the Town of Tonopah, Nye County, Esmeralda and the State of Nevada** will be watching us closely. **Follow the rules. Respect the course. Respect your fellow racers.** Don't be the person who makes it harder for everyone else to race.

BITD doesn't care about your name, your sponsor, or your budget. Our mission is clear:

- **BE FAIR TO ALL ENTRANTS**
- **RUN A SAFE RACE**
- **DELIVER AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND OF RACING FUN**

You've trained, prepped, and come ready to race. Now it's time to put it all together. **Stay sharp, race smart, and give it everything you've got!** This is your weekend—make it one for the books.

See you in Tonopah, NV!

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