



Media Safety Regulations and Guidelines Agreement

Best In The Desert is committed to safety of the entire venue, racers, spectators and media personnel. Safety is of the utmost concern; therefore, Best In The Desert asks you to respect the media credential regulations and process to help ensure the longevity of desert off-road racing.

Allowing media access to Best In The Desert races is a privilege, not a right, and your access can be revoked at any time.

RACECOURSE ACCESS & COURSE MARKINGS – ALL MEDIA is required to always stay back **AT LEAST 100 FEET** from the racecourse. **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STAND IN THE RACECOURSE FOR ANY REASON.** If you are found on the course or within 100 feet of it by a Best in the Desert Official, your media privileges will be immediately revoked, and you will be required to leave the event. You are also not permitted to drive on any part of the racecourse at any time. **No Exceptions.**

Tampering with any Best In The Desert race course markings, for any reason **WILL NOT** be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the event, and you will be banned from any future Best In The Desert events.

Your course access for coverage of the race is governed by Best in the Desert and the BLM. **You MUST ADHERE** to these rules, or your credentials will be confiscated, and you will be required to leave the course immediately.

MANDATORY MEDIA SAFETY MEETING

There will be a **MANDATORY MEDIA SAFETY MEETING** prior to each race. The time and location will be provided when credentials confirmation notices are emailed out. **IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE** is mandatory by anyone receiving media credentials. Everyone receiving media credentials must sign in at the meeting. Failure to attend will result in the revocation of your credentials. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

MANDATORY REQUIRED MEDIA SAFETY VESTS, MEDIA CREDENTIALS, WRIST BANDS, VEHICLE MEDIA PASS AND VEHICLE MEDIA FLAGS

All Media Personnel must wear an Official Best In The Desert numbered safety vest during the race at all times. **No media will be allowed to wear personal or other association vests.** Failure to do so will result in revocation of your media credentials and you will be required to leave the course. This is a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Directive AND IS NOT AN OPTION. There is a NON-REFUNDABLE charge for each mandatory media safety vest and media vehicle flag, and they are good for all races. All Media Personnel must register, wear the Safety Vest along with the issued Press Badge and applicable color Wrist Band, and display a Vehicle Media Pass and Vehicle Media Flag in order to be allowed any course access. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Any and all media may be asked to move from a specific location by Best In The Desert officials for any reason. Failure to cooperate may result in your credentials being confiscated along with being denied credentials for all future events.

Media credentials may be revoked at ANY time for reasons including but not limited to:

- Not complying with any media regulations
- Unprofessional behavior

- Unsafe behavior
- Ignoring requests of BLM rangers, Best In The Desert officials and course safety workers

On Course Safety Guidelines

Desert off-road racing is one of the most exciting forms of racing. With that excitement comes danger for anyone who has access to the racecourse. **It is imperative for you to BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AT ALL TIMES.** Following are guidelines to follow and help keep you from disrupting the race. You are there to document the race, not interfere with it.

Best In The Desert race officials, course workers and safety personnel have precedence over all media members while working. Do not ask them to move out of your shot or impede them in any way. Always follow their instructions without debate. They are in radio communication with the race director and have information you may not be aware of.

Never cross the course unless you have clear vision for several hundred yards in all directions. Vehicles are traveling at high speed. Not all vehicles will be loud enough to give you fair warning of their approach. They can come upon you with little notice. They may be in groups or in close pursuit of the vehicle in front. Vehicles can pull out to pass at any time. Bushes or contours in the terrain are not protection from race vehicles.

NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON THE RACECOURSE. Never stand or sit where you cannot see approaching traffic. If the course is obscured by dust quickly move back until it settles, and you have clear vision. If you can't see the race vehicles, they can't see you. **It is imperative that you always STAY ALERT.**

Stay away from the outside of corners. That is where a race vehicle can possibly leave the course. Race vehicles throw a lot of dirt and rocks behind them and in the corners. Those rocks and dirt can hit you with great force, enough to cause possible injuries.

Use the buddy system with your fellow photographers and videographers. You can miss a lot of what is happening around you while looking through a viewfinder. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you are unsure of anything. Work with each other and share information about safe practices or potential hazards. If you see a potential hazard don't hesitate to inform a course worker or fellow media member.

Don't leave un-used tripods, gear bags or other items lying around where someone might trip on them in case of avoidance. Take the time to survey your surroundings before shooting to make sure there are no loose rocks or debris that might cause a hazard, **your first step is the most important one. Never place your gear behind someone who is shooting.** Never shoot where you don't have clear vision around you. Avoid fences or any other obstacle that can possibly trap you or impede your movement.

Off-road racing, the racecourse and its surrounding area can present dangers. Stay within your limits, stay safe, follow the rules and STAY AWARE AT ALL TIMES.

You must abide by Best In The Desert rules and regulations, including any printed materials or announcements made on site.

I have read this agreement. I fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have signed it freely and voluntarily without inducement.

Print Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email signed and dated document to: russt@fallads.com