



# EVENT RULES



Event: **NATIONAL ALL TERRAIN EVENT**  
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## **EVENT OFFICIALS**

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| Clerk of the Course King of the Hill:  | Winston Medford      |
| Clerk of the Course Mud Hog:           | Bisram Ramlagan      |
| Clerk of the Course Mud Sprint:        | Gopaul Carlton       |
| King of the Hill Recovery Team Leader: | Trailblazer Official |
| Mud Hog Recovery Team Leader:          | Trailblazer Official |
| Mud Sprint Recovery Team Leader:       | Trailblazer Official |
| Chief Marshal:                         | Harry Ramroop        |
| Competition Control Personnel:         | Robert Cadiz         |
| Results Official:                      | Jaqueline Alexis     |
| Assistant Results Official :           | Nirmala Surjan       |
| Scrutineer #1:                         | Gabriel Bharath      |
| Scrutineer #2:                         | Kenny Chickooree     |
| Protest Committee:                     |                      |
| - Bisram Ramlagan                      |                      |
| - Gopaul Carlton                       |                      |
| - Winston Medford                      |                      |
| - Jaqueline Alexis                     |                      |

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## **EVENT REGULATIONS**

### **1. Surfaces**

- i. **Special Stage 1** – King of the Hill – Moderate off-road terrain with moderate inclines
- ii. **Special Stage 2** – Mud Hog – Heavy off-road terrain with purpose built mud pits
- iii. **Special Stage 3** – Mud Sprint – Moderate off-road terrain

### **2. Stage Start Times:**

- i. **Scrutineering** – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- ii. **Special Stage 1** – Car 1 due at Stage 1 Start Line at 10:45 AM (competing cars due at ONE MINUTE INTERVALS in order of their competition numbers)
- iii. **Special Stage 2** – 2:00 PM – 5:45 PM
- iv. **Special Stage 3** – 2:00 PM – 5:45 PM

### **3. Eligible Vehicles**

For the purpose of this event, the following classes will be eligible for entry.

- 4-wheel drive vehicles.
- ATV (All Terrain Vehicles)
- Purpose Built 4 wheel drive offroad Vehicles

The Classification of vehicles is done at the sole discretion of the scrutineering committee. Should you have any concerns with the classification of your vehicle, consult with the protest committee before beginning any stage of the event.

### **4WD**

#### **Stock:**

- 4 wheel drive vehicles who's suspension and drive train have not been modified
- All Terrain Tires, Radial Tires

#### **Modified:**

- 4 wheel drive vehicles who's suspension and / or drive train have been modified
- All tires not labeled "All Terrain" or "Radial" including but not limited to Mud Terrain, Tractor, Super Swampers, Mud Boggers, Mud Grapplers, Krawlers, Trepadors, Bighorns, Creepy Crawlers.

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#### **4. Eligible Competitors**

1. This event is open to all members of the public in possession of a valid driver's permit
2. All entry fees must be paid prior to scrutineering
3. All competitors must carry a valid driver's permit (local or foreign) on their person at all times
4. Persons suffering from any condition or disability, whether permanent or temporary, which is likely to impair their ability to control a vehicle will not be considered at the discretion of the scrutineering committee. The scrutineering committee reserves all rights in accepting any entry form and will consider these cases on the basis of safety to Spectators, Marshals, or to themselves and others.
5. All Trailblazers Members and their immediate family **ARE** allowed to take part in the **SPECIAL STAGES ONLY** i.e. (King of The Hill, Mud Hog and Mud Sprint).
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### **ENTRY TO NATIONAL ALL TERRAIN EVENT**

#### **1. Entry Forms**

1. The maximum number of competitors will be 100
2. Competitors will be placed on a waiting list should more than 100 enter
3. Entry forms are available online at [www.totaltrailblazers.com](http://www.totaltrailblazers.com); or at the event briefing (Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 at Mosport Frederick Settlement)

#### **2. Entry Fees**

1. Entry Fees are TT\$200 for all competitors entering the Special Stages
2. Entry Forms will NOT be accepted without payment
3. Competitors will NOT be allowed to compete without the completed entry form and proof of payment
4. Competitors entry fee is NON-REFUNDABLE

#### **3. Seeding of Competitors**

Competitors will be seeded in the order that they are scrutineered.

In the interest of safety, competitors may be seeded higher or lower at the discretion of the National All Terrain Event Committee.

**COMPETITOR OBLIGATIONS**

1. All laws regarding the number of persons legally allowed in a vehicle must be adhered to. All vehicles must have at least 2 persons, a driver & co-driver. Only 2 persons above the age of 17 shall travel in each car entered – a driver and a co-driver. Only the driver shall be deemed to be a competitor.
2. Except in accordance with official approval or instructions the persons carried at the start shall not be varied during the event, but the driver and co-driver may change positions provided that the co-driver holds a valid Driver's Permit, and that the permit has been scrutineered.
3. Competitors will be responsible for ensuring that they are supplied with all fuel, oil, and water. There is to be no assistance expected from the Event Organizers.
4. It is the responsibility of every competitor to see that ALL laws are complied with and the Organizing Committee accepts no responsibility for any infringement by any competitor or official.
5. Any competitor driving at excessive speed, or in a negligent manner, or convicted of any driving offense during the event on any non-competitive road section may be expelled from the event.
6. Unreasonably disrupting another competitor is NOT allowed and disciplinary action will be taken at the discretion of the organizers, which may include exclusion from the event.
7. Competitors are required to obey all warning flags shown by marshals during the course of a live stage. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the event. The flags that will be used in the event of an incident, or to otherwise warn competitors to adjust their speed are as follows:
  - i. **RED FLAG** – Waving                      Stage is impassable – Come to a complete STOP
  - ii. **YELLOW FLAG** – Stationary              Danger – Proceed with caution

In the event that a stage is flagged, the competitor that is on the stage at the time of the flagging is to report to the Clerk of the Course in order to be permitted to re-attempt the stage.

8. Competitors are NOT permitted to consume any alcoholic drinks for a period of 12 hours before the Competition. The organizers may exclude before or during the competition any driver considered to be possibly unfit by reason of health or consumption of alcohol or drugs. A 'Breathalyzer' test may be performed randomly, and any competitors with readings exceeding 0.01% will be disqualified from the event.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANIZERS**

The Organizers of the National All Terrain SUV & 4x4 Event will provide the following:

- Competition Number
- Special Stage Directory

### **The Organizers reserve the following rights:**

1. To refuse entry without reason / Refund an entry fee
2. Abandon or cancel the competition due to unforeseen circumstances
3. Delete or amend any part of the route, competition or time requirements in the case of unforeseen circumstances
4. Distribute the awards at their own discretion should the competition be stopped prior to the scheduled finish due to unforeseen circumstances
5. To offer additional awards not mentioned in the ASR's
6. Exclude any person or vehicle, appearing on examination to be ineligible for the competition (or class) to which the signed entry form refers to.
7. Offer any excluded competitor mentioned in (6) above the opportunity to transfer their entry to the appropriate class if applicable.
8. Re-check provisional results between posting at the Finish and the distribution of awards in order to apply any OTL penalties that were overlooked prior to posting provisional results.
9. Appoint 'Judges of Fact' during the course of the event whose responsibilities will include verifying that all competitors comply with these regulations. In particular, these judges will be empowered to determine whether or not a competitor has followed the correct route during a stage, travelled at excessive speed and/or created excessive noise and/or driven in a manner considered to be dangerous to the general public at any road section, service park or while on reconnaissance of the stages for the purpose of making pace notes.
10. The Organizers decline Liability in any accident caused by or to a competitor(s). The organizers also decline Liability for any breach of Laws or other regulations in force by competitors, the consequences of which shall be the said competitor(s) responsibility entirely.
11. The Organizers may at their discretion request a random inspection by the Chief Scrutineer or their representatives for any vehicle to ensure it meets the regulations specified by the group/class. Should the vehicle not conform to the regulations of the specific group/class, they may be excluded from the event immediately. This serves to include before, during, or immediately after the event.
12. By submission of a signed entry form, competitors grant permission for the organizers, sponsors, promoters, and other parties associated with the event, to use the names of competitors, their photos and photos of their competition vehicles in advertising and promotional material associated with the sport.

## **ADVERTISING**

1. Competitors are allowed to affix any type of advertising to their cars provided that:
  - i. It is authorized by the national laws of Trinidad and Tobago
  - ii. It is not likely to give offense
  - iii. That it does not encroach upon the spaces reserved for license plates and competition numbers
  - iv. That it does not interfere with the crew's vision in any direction
2. Competitors are asked to reserve space for sponsors on the front, side, roof, and rear view. This is mandatory and competitors will be obligated to comply with the requests of the organizers in this regard.
3. Should a competitor withdraw from the event, he/she is asked to remove the competition number immediately and return them to the Chief Marshal.

## **SCRUTINEERING**

1. All competitors will have their vehicles scrutineered on the morning of the event. No competitor vehicle will be allowed to start the event without successfully passing scrutineering, and having the OK Sticker affixed to their front windshield
2. Teams must have both members (Driver & Co-Driver) present during scrutineering
3. Competitors are required to leave their vehicles on display after being scrutineered.
4. Scrutineers will be looking for the following (but not limited to):
  - i. Driver's permits / insurances
  - ii. Conformity to entered group / class
  - iii. Safety items (Seat Belts, Horn, Lights etc)
  - iv. Road Worthiness of the vehicle
5. Any attempt to knowingly de-fraud the scrutineers with safety and/or the group/class of the competitor, will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the organizing committee.



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## **SPECIAL STAGE 1 START / RULES (Total King of the Hill)**

Upon arrival at Special Stage 1, competitors must check in with the control point clearly marked, line up in the order of their competition numbers, and await starter's orders for the beginning of Special Stage 1.

Failure to run in the order of competition number may result in disqualification.

Should a competitor miss their scheduled run time due to unforeseen circumstances, they may submit a petition to the Clerk of the Course for consideration to run after the last competitive run. Compliance with this request is at the 100% discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

The organizers, sponsors, promoters and other parties associated with this event have no control over the weather, and therefore the competitor agrees to run the Stage as is, regardless of the course conditions due to weather, without protest.

The organizers reserve the right to wet the course at any time should it be deemed necessary by the Clerk of the Course.

Competitors will be allowed one competition run that will be timed. The winner of this Stage will be determined by the lowest elapsed time. Competitors will be allowed two attempts to climb the hill in any one competition run. Failure to successfully climb the hill will result in the competitor being black flagged and the run time being null and void.

If however the competitor was successful in the entire vehicle crossing the threshold clearly identified on the course by the 2 Total Flags, but failed to complete the entire course, a bogey time of 125% of the slowest competitor's time to complete the stage will be issued to this competitor.

All vehicles must have their competition numbers adhered to the body of the vehicle in order to score points.

These rules apply for both Stock and Modified classes.

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## **SPECIAL STAGE 2 START / RULES (Total Mud Hog)**

Upon arrival at Special Stage 2, competitors must check in with the control point clearly marked, line up in the order of their competition numbers, and await starter's orders for the beginning of Special Stage 2.

Failure to run in the order of competition number may result in disqualification.

Should a competitor miss their scheduled run time due to unforeseen circumstances, they may submit a petition to the Clerk of the Course for consideration to run after the last competitive run. Compliance with this request is at the 100% discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

The organizers, sponsors, promoters and other parties associated with this event have no control over the weather, and therefore the competitor agrees to run the Stage as is, regardless of the course conditions due to weather, without protest.

The organizers reserve the right to wet the course at any time should it be deemed necessary by the Clerk of the Course.

Competitors will be allowed one competition run that will be timed. The winner of this Stage will be determined by the lowest elapsed time. Failure to successfully complete the run will result in the competitor being black flagged and the run time being null and void.

If however the competitor was successful in the entire vehicle crossing the threshold clearly identified on the course by the 2 Total Flags, but failed to complete the entire course, a bogey time of 125% of the slowest competitor's time to complete the stage will be issued to this competitor.

All vehicles must have their competition numbers adhered to the body of the vehicle in order to score points.

These rules apply for both Stock and Modified classes.

## **SPECIAL STAGE 3 START / RULES (Total Mud Sprint)**

Upon completion of Special Stage 2, competitors are to proceed to the entrance of Special Stage 3, the Total Mud Sprint. Here competitors line up side by side in the order they arrive. This Stage is strictly for bragging rights. Grudge Matches will be held at the end of competition runs, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, should time permit.

All vehicles must have their competition numbers adhered to the body of the vehicle in order to score points.

These rules apply for both Stock and Modified classes.

## **TIMING**

1. **Timing Procedure** – Special Stages 1 & 2 will be timed using the Digital Scoreboard timing system, and times will be recorded to the 100<sup>th</sup> of a second. The competitor's start time will be the time recorded by the start marshal. Finish time will be the time recorded automatically when the competitor crosses the electronic 'Finish Beam'.
2. **Failure of the Timing System** – In the event of a failure of the Digital Scoreboard timing system while a competitor is on the stage, a manual time will be given according to when the competitor visibly breaks the 'finish beam'. Should the timing system not be operational prior to the start of a stage all competitors will be informed and the manual timing system will take effect. Times will be given to the nearest 10<sup>th</sup> of a second.

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## **STAGE SIGNAGE**

All entrances and exits for Special Stages 1, 2 & 3 are clearly marked with special signage indicating the Stage Name, Entrance or Exit, and the Class.

## **PENALTIES**

1. **Not Starting and Completing Special Stages 1 & 2 (DNS)** - Competitors will not be eligible for the Grand Prize should they have a DNS in either special stage 1 or 2
2. **Starting but not Finishing Special Stages 1 & 2 (DNF)** - Competitors will not be eligible for the Grand Prize should they have a DNF in either special stage 1 or 2
3. **Wrong Direction Special Stages 1 & 2** - Failure for a Competitor to complete the stage as per the Outlined Route will result in a 30-second penalty. A WD will also be applied to any competitor who in the opinion of the course officials has unfairly cut the course to his/her advantage.
4. **False Start** - Starting the stage before your scheduled start time will result in a 10 second penalty.
5. **Failure to Obey the Marshal's Instruction** - Failure to obey the Marshal's instruction as per the flags may result in expulsion from the event and other disciplinary action at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

## **FINISHING THE NATIONAL ALL TERRAIN SUV & 4X4 EVENT**

To be considered a finisher of Special Stages 1 & 2, a competitor must finish the entire stage under his own power, without assistance from the recovery team, other competitors or any other form of assistance.

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## **IN THE EVENT OF A TIE**

**Special Stage 1** – In the event of a tie, the winning competitors with identical times will be separated by a best in 3 run of the Total Mud Sprint. Competitors will line up side by side in a no holds barred, all out mud sprint. After each run the competitors will change lanes in order to ensure equality. The first to cross the finish line wins the run. 2 Run wins = Tiebreaker Winner.

**Special Stage 2** – In the event of a tie, the winning competitors with identical times will be separated by a best in 3 run of the Total Mud Sprint. Competitors will line up side by side in a no holds barred, all out mud sprint. After each run the competitors will change lanes in order to ensure equality. The first to cross the finish line wins the run. 2 Run wins = Tiebreaker Winner.

**Overall Winner** – In the event of a tie, the winning competitors with identical times will be separated by a best in 3 run of the Total Mud Sprint. Competitors will line up side by side in a no holds barred, all out mud sprint. After each run the competitors will change lanes in order to ensure equality. The first to cross the finish line wins the run. 2 Run wins = Overall Winner.

## **PROTESTS**

All protests can be submitted up to 30 minutes after announcement of the results of the event to any member of the protest committee at race control.

### **Protest Committee**

- As advised in the official's section – page 3

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## **AWARDS**

The prize giving ceremony will take place at the end of Stage 3 at the Caroni Bird Sanctuary Car Park. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

### **Special Stage 1 – Total King of the Hill**

#### **- Stock Class**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Place
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Place
5. 5<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **- Modified Class**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Place
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Place
5. 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Winners will be determined by the **lowest elapsed time** for completing the course. Should no competitor complete the course, no awards will be distributed.

### **Special Stage 2 – Total Mud Hog**

#### **- Stock Class**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Place
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Place
5. 5<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **- Modified Class**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Place
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Place
5. 5<sup>th</sup> Place

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### **Special Stage 3 – Toyota Mud Sprint**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Place
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### **Special Prizes**

**Monster on the rocks** (Judged as the crowd pleaser) – A Monster Energy Hamper

**One Tough Mudda** (Toughest Female Competitor) – A Car Care Hamper

**Best Dressed All Female Team** – Zanzibar Voucher

**The Pig** (Dirtiest Vehicle) – Meguiar's Car Care Cleaning Hamper

**2 Foot Drive Sprint** (Human Mud Sprint) – Zanzibar Voucher