

## PENALTIES AND TIME LIMITS

Delay limits and penalties for Liaisons and Special stages will be as follows:

**ABANDONMENT OF A STAGE**

Each rider / each crew has the right to not finish a liaison or special stage as many times as he wants, but on the condition that he starts the race day!

Competitors, who complete ALL the special stages, and ALL of the liaisons without abandonment, will be classified above the others! Their classification will be above someone who was not able to finish a stage; this includes classification for race day and for the final classification.

**DNS**

If a competitor does not start a day of competition, he will receive an additional penalty of 2h00' but has the right to do so only once in the race, so he can be legible for classification and not considered out of the race (i.e. abandon the race, not just the stage).

Whoever does not start 2 or more race days, is considered to have abandoned the race, but reserves the right to participate in all stages of the race for his personal pleasure.

**TIME LIMITS**

The time limit on liaisons is +50% of the ideal time. From then on, it is considered that the competitor has abandoned the liaisons stage.

The time limits for the special stages, depends on each particular stage, and is announced before the race, but in any case, it cannot be longer than if the stage was travelled with an average speed of 25km/h.

Meaning, if a competitor is traveling repeatedly slow (and not due to a temporary misfortune, like a flat tire, damage that can be repaired and he continues) will be warned by the race stewards, beyond a certain limit which will leave him behind the flow of the race and of course because of night fall, he is obliged to leave the stage and return via the local roads, in which case he will be classified as abandoning the stage.

**LIAISON**

If one rider or one crew does not complete or does not try to run liaison, the penalty which will be imposed for classification of the day, is the perfect time for the Liaison. (\*)

That is, if he's time is 6h45' and the last liaison has a average time of 30 minutes, and he returns with assistance, or bypass the liaison, etc., he will receive a penalty 30' having a total of 7h15'.

**SPECIAL STAGES**

If one rider or one crew does not try to run the stage, the penalty which will be imposed for classification of the day, is the maximum time for the corresponding category (Bikes & Quad or 4x4) + minute penalty for the length of the specific stage in kilometers. (i.e. 1-minute penalty for each km of the special stage).\*

If one rider or one crew does not complete the special stage, the penalty which will be imposed for classification of the day, is the maximum time for the corresponding category (Bikes & Quad or 4x4) + minute penalty for the length of the rest of the Special Stage, according his track from the GPS Tracking, or the Intermediate timings. For security reasons Intermediate timings will be enforced for both the big 4th liaison dirt stage of the 4th day, and on the large marathon special stages of the 2nd, 3th and 5th days. If the competitor abandons the stage after a check point, the penalty will not calculated in minutes corresponding to a total length of the stage, but will be calculated after the check point that the competitor has past, or EXACTLY for the rest part of the stage according his GPS track.

In case of lost or lack of fuel, asking for help by telephone or marshals is 15 minutes penalty.

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(\*) i.e.: If for example a competitor in the 280km special stage, passes the fourth intermediate time check point at 210km and abandons after (e.g. 250km), he will be given the last competitor's time of the stage, +30' minutes corresponding to the time from 250km to 280km. This so a rider will not be penalized harshly, if he abandons near the end of a long special stage.