

# MIDLAND OFFROAD CLUB

## 2009 Challenge

### Supplementary Regulations.

1. Midland Offroad Club Ltd (MOC.) will organize a CHALLENGE, to be held on \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 at \_\_\_\_\_. Public roads will not be used to link sections, and the event will take place on private land. The object of the event is to locate various pin punches, (usually 40), located around a sight venue, the location of which may be indicated on the day, within a set time of around 6 and a half hours. Each punch will be identified by a number to verify it is the desired objective. The punch will be securely attached to a fixed point on the objective by a cable. The control card (attached to a consistent point on all vehicles) must be marked with the pin punch in the correct box as proof that the objective has been visited. The vehicle must negotiate close enough to the point to collect the punch mark without detaching either the pin punch and or the control card. There may also be a special section or task. Start and finish may be against the clock.

2. This event will be held under the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A.), the MOC Technical Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations.

3. The status of the event will be Clubsport and the permit number will be available at the meeting.

4. The event will be open to all members of the organising club, plus members of the invited clubs, upon production of a current club membership card.

5. Invited Clubs for this event are: Mid-West Offroad Club, Viking 4x4 club, The Association of Rover clubs, All Wheel Drive Club, East Midlands Offroad Club, Shropshire Offroad club

6. Pre- booking is available for this event. To be considered pre-booked, a completed competition entry form with an appropriate valued cheque is required. All applications should be by post and must be received by the club seven days before the event, or paid at a previous event. Pre-booked event fees are equivalent to the fees payable on the day of the event less £5.00 (see Section 17). All event pre- booking must arrive with the challenge rep Dave Middleton 16 Muskoka, Bark Hill, Bewdley, DY12 2BJ, one week before event. If a pre-booked entrant is unable to attend, they will be credited for another event. The same would happen if the booked event were cancelled. Entries to the event will be accepted on the day of the event. A new competitor joining the club will be eligible for one free challenge. The maximum number of entries that will be accepted for this event is 30. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If less than 10 entries are received, the Organisers will have the right to cancel the meeting.

7. *Scrutineering* will start at 8:00am and close 9:45am on the day of the event, (Subject to weather and numbers of competitors). It is the responsibility of the competitor to present a vehicle in a clean and appropriate condition, with appropriate equipment, and in good time. Any competitor not signed on by 9:45am may be excluded. Prior to the event start, there will be a **mandatory** drivers briefing, which must be attended by all competitors, explaining scoring, penalties and all other proceedings of the day.

8. All vehicles must be presented at Scrutineering in the condition that they will compete, and **must comply with the relevant MSA Regulations and MOC Technical Regulations**. In all cases and at all times it will be the responsibility of the entrant to prove that the vehicle complies with the safety and technical regulations. *For all vehicles* tyres *must be* road legal and capable of passing a VOSA test. **No chains or duplicate wheels are allowed.**

9. Prizes, on the day, will only be presented after the course has been cleared away. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and if sufficient numbers 2<sup>nd</sup> in class "minimum 3 in class" Competition will start at 10:00am and will usually close at 4.30 pm (unless stated otherwise) on the day of the event. The Clerk of Course and/or Safety Officer will decide the event closing time, and reserve the right to close the event at any time during the day for safety reasons. No score cards will be accepted after the close of the event. A blanket speed limit of 15mph (5 mph in pits) covers all sites and any vehicle exceeding this may be disqualified. Competitors are reminded to exercise utmost care at junctions and on narrow tracks, where competing vehicles may appear without warning. The use of winch sails and gloves is compulsory when winching. There must be no willful damage or removal of any object within the competition area (i.e. trees, fences, gates, walls etc.) and tree strops must be used where necessary. Tree strops must not be used at a height above 1mtr.

10. Horns will be used to *signal* an emergency. On hearing horns competitors should attempt to *promptly* assist those in difficulty if it is *safe* to do so.

11. Smoking is prohibited during observed sections. Alcohol is prohibited during the event.

12. Drivers must hold a full valid Road Traffic Act (RTA) licence to be produced on the day.

13. Only 2 people per team may be carried in the vehicle, all occupants are to be seated and wear seatbelts at all times. Unless the vehicle is class one where passenger(s) will be allowed if appropriate seating and seatbelts are available.

#### VEHICLE SPECIFICATION

14. Maximum vehicle width 2000mm (78 ¾ ") Four wheeled with four wheel drive vehicles  
Maximum tyre size 915mm/ 36"(DIAMETER) Eg.900X16. Portal axels are not allowed.  
Four wheel steering is not allowed Pure hydraulic steering is not allowed (*the system* must have a mechanical link)

15. All vehicles in classes 2, 3, 4 must have MSA approved full rollover protection fire extinguisher and basic first aid kit. *Drivers of soft top* vehicles and/or all *other* vehicle occupants may be required to wear certified crash helmets.

#### VEHICLE CLASSES all *mot exempt*

**Class one:** No winch, but good recovery point's front and rear, appropriate tow rope/strop. Vehicles may be teamed up and scores are to be appropriate for the conditions on the day. *This class is more for fun days or introduction day etc, teams of two or three vehicles etc.* **(150%)** of score if competing against classes 2 – 3 – 4

**Class two:** one front winch and one rear winch, no traction aids (diff lock (s)) = 100% of score.

**Class three:** (multiple) winches + diff locks = 84% of score.

A winch is classed as any form of mechanically powered pulling device (recommended 6000lb rating minimum, or twice vehicle weight).

## SCORING AND PENALTIES

1500 points deducted/forfeit of score and or disqualification if yellow tape is crossed or broken

1000 points deducted every time stakes with yellow tape are TOUCHED

1000 points deducted for wilful damage to a tree (bad winching practice or bad driving *ETC*)

100 points deducted every time red white tape is broken

100 points deducted every time stakes with red white tape are touched

Punches 1 to 10 = 200 points punches 11 to 40 = 100 points

There may be some extra punches which will be worth 150 points indicated on the day.

Special stages these will normally be short timed sections with or without tasks. At the Start of the section you will be awarded 1200 points; if you chose not to enter the section you lose those points. Every second taken will be deducted from the awarded 1200 points. If your time is 1200 seconds then your final score will be zero points, If you take more than (20 minutes) 1200 seconds then you DNF. DNF penalties (if applicable) and special stage points may be variable and will be made available on the day.

General:

The following regulations and definitions apply to all vehicles.

16. The total points scored by each competitor for all sections and punches will be added together to give an overall points score for the event. The competitor with the highest total score will be the winner. Scores will be entered towards annual championship.

17. The entry fee, on the day of the event, will be £40.00. All drivers, winch persons and passengers must be signed on.

18. All officials must "sign on" and are judges of fact.

19. Provisional results will be published in accordance with M.S.A. yearbook, A61(b) where practical. Failing that A61(c) will apply. Any protests or appeals must be lodged in accordance with C45-50 and C60-63.

20. Events may be cancelled at short notice due to weather conditions or any other unforeseen circumstances. It is the responsibility of the competitors to check with the MOC hotline, or challenge representative before starting out to any event.

## OFFICIALS:

Steward:	Ray Beardmore
Clerk of Course:	Steven Potts
Secretary of the Meeting:	Dave Middleton
Chief Scrutineer:	Garry Lewis