PENALTY BULLETIN
K&N 4th SCORE Baja 400

Presented by VP Racing Fuels

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Controlled Access Areas – Actions and Compliance

Driver or Rider of Record is responsible for the conduct of all persons registered for their team including all essential team personnel and air support crews. All persons must have signed waivers and wear a SCORE issued wristband while in any controlled access area. If any team member is found in any areas who is not following directions from any SCORE official, the team will be penalized 15 minutes for the first occurrence, and team will be disqualified (DQ'd) if a second infraction of protocols is observed.

TIME PENALTIES – Following sections outline different types of infractions that will result in time penalties. Time penalties are added to your actual recorded on-course time to determine overall finish position.

A Driver or Rider finishing within the **16 Hour Time Limit**, but who exceeds this time limit when penalties are added will be assigned a DNF and will receive only start points and no placement or finishing points.

Speed Zones – Speed Limits

SPEED ZONE PENALTIES are assessed for exceeding the speed limit in any zone indicated on the GPS files and included in Course Notes. Speed Zones, speed limits and data points are listed below. If you are speeding in controlled speed zones you are being tracked and recorded and will receive time penalties*!*

SCORE Stella III EVO devices collect approximately **20 data points per mile or one every 3 seconds** to determine speed violations in controlled speed zones. A penalty will be assessed for each data point that exceeds designated MPH speed limit for each speed zone.

➔ **Time Penalty is 9 seconds for each mile per hour over Speed Zone Limit at each data point.**

For example: Maintaining the maximum speed of **60 mph** you will travel 1 mile in 1 minute.

- If you travel **61 mph** for one mile with 20 Data Points x 9 seconds per DP, you will receive a 180 second penalty and your average speed for that mile will be **20 mph.**
- If you travel **62 mph** for one mile, your average speed with a 360 second penalty will be **10 mph.**

There are TEN (10) Speed Zones

SZ	Reference / Location	Speed	Mi. From - To	Miles	Data Pts x 9 = Sec.
1	Libramiento - Granjas El Paraiso	37	9.47 – 11.70	2.23	44 DP = 396 sec.
2	Ojos Negros	37	29.86 – 35.26	5.40	108 DP = 972 sec.
3	Km77 - Km78	37	67.92 – 69.18	1.26	25 DP = 225 sec.
4	Valle de la Trinidad - Mike's Rd	60	116.98 – 131.38	14.40	288 DP = 2592 sec.
5	Check 1-Llano Colorado - Colonet	60	222.00 – 235.24	13.24	264 DP = 2376 sec.
6	Erendira	37	271.22 – 274.50	3.28	65 DP = 585 sec.
7	Santo Tomas	37	301.77 – 302.06	0.29	5 DP = 45 sec.
8	Santo Tomas - Uruapan	60	302.06 – 308.62	6.56	131 DP = 1179 sec.
9	Ojos Negros	37	352.67 – 353.67	1.00	20 DP = 180 sec.
10	Granjas El Paraiso - Timing	37	372.96 – 379.77	6.81	136 DP = 1224 sec.
			Totals	54.47	1086 DP = 9774 sec.

54.47 Speed Control Miles = 9774 sec. = 2 hr. 42 min. 54 sec.

Virtual Checkpoints (VCP's)

The VCPs are strategically placed to discourage short coursing. Penalty for failure to clear a Standard VCP within 120 FEET (36.57m) radius is 10 MINUTES. Special VCPs must be cleared within 40 feet (12.19m) and penalty is also 10 MINUTES.

All VCP Data is FINAL – No VCP Protests Will be Considered or Allowed

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Number of VCPs – STANDARD AND SPECIAL – All Classes – Total 185 VCPs

170 Standard VCPs numbered 1 to 170 – Must clear within 120 ft. (36.57m)

15 Special VCPs lettered "A" thru letter "O" – Must clear within 40 ft. (12.19m)

SHORTCUTTING - **Not allowed at any time under any circumstances.** Any data or verified reports of shortcutting will be subject to either time penalties or DQ depending on severity, and at the discretion of the Race Director. In order to avoid confusion regarding the locations of the VCPs, it is essential to race using official GPS course files, and check frequently for possible course updates under RACE INFO on our SCORE website

CHECKPOINT CLOSING TIMES - MOTOS AND QUADS - You **MUST ARRIVE** at each checkpoint before closing time. If you are late **AT ANY CHECKPOINT**, **you will be stopped and your race is over!** Failure to stop as directed by SCORE official will result in disqualification and no points. Refer to **Racer Brief on page 9** for projected checkpoint close times. Also check Racer Info on website for any possible last-minute changes.

CHECKPOINT LOCATIONS – ***Refer to Racer Brief for Additional Information***

The data generated from SCORE tracking devices will verify course and checkpoint compliance providing detailed information for review of all course deviations and speed zone compliance. There is one (1) staffed on-course checkpoints plus the Baja 400 finish. Checkpoint mileage is:

Check # 1 **222.00 Mi 357.27 km** **Llano Colorado**	**End of Timed Course** **374.87 mi 603.29 km** **Timing Loop**	**Ceremonial Finish** **384.66 mi 619.05 km** **In Front of Riviera del Pacifico**

MANNED CHECKPOINTS AND PENALTIES

The penalty for missing a manned checkpoint is **one (1) hour** for each checkpoint missed. You are required to enter the coned area at Manned Checkpoints at **15 mph** in a single file manner and follow directions of checkpoint personnel. ***You must be prepared to stop if signaled to do so.*** Failure to follow checkpoint personnel directions may result in an additional penalty.

The checkpoint corridor is not considered part of the racecourse. Checkpoint speed zone is **150 feet before** checkpoint and **100 feet after** checkpoint. Entering and exiting all checkpoint zones must be done in a safe and prudent manner in order to guarantee the safety of all checkpoint workers. ***Passing is not permitted 300 feet before a checkpoint. Pitting is not permitted within 300 feet before and 100 feet after a checkpoint. Penalty for speeding in a checkpoint zone is a minimum of 15 minutes!***

If you are signaled to **STOP** at a checkpoint and it is determined the unit failed to transmit tracking data as a result of physical damage or tampering, and you failed to stop on your own, a 15-minute penalty for each checkpoint you have passed without stopping will be assessed.

If you do not stop when signaled to do so, you will be assessed a 15-minute penalty for each checkpoint where you fail to STOP and no time credit will be given for the stop.

➔ **Missing a physical checkpoint is a one (1) hour penalty for each checkpoint missed!**

RETURNING YOUR STELLA III EVO and SPICA Devices

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT - ***Participants finishing the race in the allotted time must make sure that the Stella III EVO and SPICA tracking devices are turned into ANUBE representatives immediately after crossing the finish line.*** Failure to turn in the Stella III EVO and/or SPICA device will result in your entry being assigned a DNF and you will not receive placement or finish points. All competitors that DNF must also return the Stella III devices to ***ANUBE*** personnel who will be located at the finish line. If not returning through **Ensenada**, you must ship devices direct to Anube. ***Shipping instructions are on the ANUBE Lease Agreement you signed to lease the Stella III device for the Baja 400. Devices must be received at ANUBE by*** **Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023**. Any racer who finishes this event without a Stella III device for whatever reason will be declared a DNF, and will not receive placement or finisher points.

➔ ***IMPORTANT NOTE:*** **Tampering with or covering these Stella devices in any manner will result in an automatic disqualification (DQ) !!!**

Damaged Stella Device - If your Stella or SPICA tracking device is physically damaged during the event, it must be replaced at the next checkpoint. Failure to stop for a replacement unit will result in a 15-minute penalty for each checkpoint where you fail to stop.

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Stella III EVO Tracker Not Transmitting - If your Stella or SPICA tracking device is reported to no longer be transmitting a tracking signal, and is not physically damaged, you will be signaled to **STOP** at the next checkpoint. Your device will be replaced. A **time credit** will be given for time required to replace the Stella device.

IMPORTANT: You are responsible for damage and return of Stella III EVO and SPICA units up to the retail value of $1300. ANUBE does offer race day insurance to protect from damage while racing. Insurance **DOES NOT** cover lost or stolen units. You will purchase this insurance when signing Anube lease agreement. Insurance cost is approximately $40 payable directly to Aube.

SPICA TRACKER for MOTOS and QUADS – Failure to transfer SPICA device between riders at each rider change will result in a penalty of **10 minutes** for each checkpoint where SPICA is not carried by rider.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OFFICIAL'S REQUEST - All race participants and pit support crew members are subject to the various jurisdictional duties of all SCORE race officials, and may not subject any race official to improper language, abusive conduct, or other demeaning actions. This also includes actions placing SCORE personnel including staff, checkpoint and course workers safety in jeopardy. Refer to General Regulations **G10**.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS - If two or more teams are using the same frequency, team requesting emergency access to shared frequency has top priority. Failure to observe this policy will result in penalty or disqualification to the team failing to relinquish the frequency for the emergency request,

SPECTATOR INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE - Race competitors engaging in intentional and/or direct physical contact with a spectator or spectator's property may incur penalties at the discretion of the Race Director. If the Race Director determines contact was accidental, he may elect to not issue penalties. No penalty is assessed if spectator property is placed or thrown in front of race vehicle or is the property of the offending race team.

All allegations of wrong doing must be submitted within **one (1) hour** after the last scheduled finisher in class the offending vehicle is entered in and must be supported by video evidence. Penalties based on each specific situation.

PIT LOCATION PENALTIES - **All pits must be located on RIGHT SIDE of pavement ONLY... NO EXCEPTIONS!** Never pit less than 30 feet and no more than 50 feet off the course. Do not pit on the outside of a turn or within 250 feet of the exit of a turn. Pitting is not permitted within 300 feet before and 100 feet after a checkpoint. Pitting in any areas other than specified will result in a **30-minute penalty** if protested, or if SCORE is provided with evidence of violation.

RUNNING BACKWARDS ON COURSE IS FORBIDDEN - **At no time can any vehicle, racer, chase or other team vehicle, go backwards anywhere on the course.** If observed going backwards on the course in a race, team chase or any other vehicle, the penalty for this infraction is immediate **DISQUALIFICATION!**

REFUELING IN STAGING AREAS – Strictly forbidden at any time. All refueling must be completed before entering start of the staging line at **BOTH** Ceremonial and Timing Loop start areas..

BEING TOWED – No race vehicle in any class shall be towed, pushed, pulled or transported by another vehicle further than 1% of the total distance of the racecourse, through a Physical Checkpoint, or within 1/4 mile of the Finish Line. *(See General Rule **G 13**).* Total allowable tow distance for this event is approximately 3.84 miles.

DECLINING ASSISTANCE - Any participant whose race or chase vehicle is blocking the racecourse must allow any outside assistance to move the vehicle. Failure to allow assistance to move vehicle will result in disqualification. *(See General Rule **GD 5**).*

OTHER PENALTIES

In addition to the data logger generated penalties, and special speed limit zones outlined above, other penalties may be assessed for violations such as pitting on highway surface, pitting on left side of highway, failure to obey checkpoint directions, unsafe entry or exit from checkpoint or endangering checkpoint workers. Penalties are at the discretion of SCORE Race Director. Refer to Racer Brief for additional details.

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