



Race Rules and Regulations

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS

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- 1.0 "Rally Albania", is an Multi-Day International Cross Country Rally Raid Race.
- 1.1 Albanian Motorcycle Federation is the legal entity Organizator of "Rally Albania".
- 1.2 MotorSport Club Albania is the technical organizer and advisor of the race.
- 1.3 Race dates: 08-15 June 2024.
- 1.4 Race website: www.rallyalbania.org
- 1.5 Participants:
"Rally Albania" is open to amateurs that are at least 18 years old before 1 May 2024 and have the standard driving licence in the category they want to participate.
- 1.6 "Rally Albania 2024" is Licence Free Offroad Rally.
- 1.7 Starting Bivouac will be in the city of Tirana, situated in "Mother Teresa" square.
Location: (41.320733° 19.820841°)
Technical and administrative controls will be held in the courtyard of the main hotel, (Mak Albania Hotel).
- 1.8 Supplementary Regulation (SR) will be published 60 days before the event.
On the SR will be specified all details regarding Timing, Sportive Penalties and Bivouac details.

1.9 The SR will overrule the General Rules, where in conflict.

1.9 Extraordinary Rules.

If any Extraordinary rule is needed it will be applied by the Clerk of the Course decision on spot.

2. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

2.1 "Rally Albania" is an International Cross Country Rally Raid Race type and open to four Categories:

- . MOTO
- . QUAD
- . CAR (all terrain vehicles below 3.5 ton)
- . SIDE BY SIDE VEHICLES.

2.2 **MOTO are divided in seven classes**

M-1 (Under 450cc)

M-2 (450cc – 600cc)

M-3 (over 600cc and single cylinder)

M-4 (over 600cc and bicylinder)

M-5 (Veteran. Under 450cc. Born before 1 January 1975)

M-6 (Veteran. Over 450cc. Born before 1 January 1975)

M-7 (Female driver)

2.3 **QUADS are divided in three classes**

Q-1 (All type of Quads with any engine volume and configuration but with only two wheel drive.)

Q-2 (All type of Quads with any engine volume and configuration but with four wheel drive.)

Q-3 (All types of Quads driven by a female pilot.)

2.4 **CARS are divided in four classes**

C-1: (All type of Offroad Cars with any engine volume, fuel type and traction, heavily modified from production model.

C-2 (All type of Offroad Cars any engine volume, fuel type and traction, lightly modified from production model).

C-A (Standard Passenger Automobiles,with any type of modification).

C-3 (All type of Offroad Cars driven by an all female team, pilot and copilot)

2.5. **SSV are divided in three classes.**

S-1 (Sport UTV vehicle, purpose build four wheel vehicle, single post.)

S-2 (Sport UTV vehicles with two drivers team.)

S-3 (Sport UTV vehicles with all female team.)

2.6 There will be a different classification for each category.

There will be a different classification for each class in the respective category.

2.7 At the end of the race there will be also three general standings for the four categories.

2.8 General Standing 1 (MOTO/QUAD together all classes)

General Standing 2 (CAR all classes)

General Standing 3 (SSV all classes)

2.9 All vehicles need to be road legal in the country whose registration plates they carry, with all papers valid at least until June 19, 2024.

2.10 All vehicles and participants are obliged to have minimum safety equipment.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 "Rally Albania" is open to amateurs that are at least 18 years old and have the standard driving license in the category they want to participate.

3.2 Anybody wishing to participate in Rally Albania 2024 must send to the organization an application file, along with the entry fees.

3.3 Up to the moment of the technical scrutinizing, the pilot may freely replace the entered machine with another.

3.4 At the time of race scrutinizing, if a machine does not correspond in its presentation to the group in which it was entered, this machine may be transferred by the Stewards to the correct class.

4. IDENTIFICATION

4.1 MOTO/QUAD

The Organizers will supply each pilot with a set of identification plates comprising one front and two side adhesive plates.

Throughout the duration of the Event, the plates must be affixed on each side and on the front of the machine.

The front and rear rally plates must be positioned legibly and the front plate must be the first inscription legible from the front.

4.2 No other old residue numbers must be on the machine.

4.3 CAR/SSV

The Organizers will supply each team with a set of identification plates comprising two side door plates, one back door adhesive plate and one front windshield small plate.

Throughout the duration of the Event, the plates must be affixed on each side of the machine.

4.4 At any time during the Event all vehicles must have all these stickers.

5. RACE NUMBERS AND STARTING ORDER

5.1 Assigning race number will be by the inscription time order.

5.1.1 If a participant asks for a number other than the assigned one, can make a request by email and if that number is free, it will be given to him/her.

5.2 Winners of the last race in the category will have 1, 200, 300, 400 numbers.

5.3 Reserved numbers are the three first numbers of each category.

5.4 Moto Numbers (White Background), 1 - 199

Quad Numbers (White Background), 2xx

Car (White Background), 3xx

SSV (White Background), 4xx

Assistance vehicles (Yellow Background), 6xx

Media (Green Background), 7xx

Organization (Red Background), 9xx

- 5.5 The Starting Order of the Prologue will be defined arbitrarily by the organization according to history results in respective categories and starting ceremony show.
- 5.6 The First Stage starting order for bikes and quads will be:
from 1-st to 20-th result of the prologue in the inverse order;
from 21-st to the last, in prologue result.
- 5.7 The first stage starting order for Cars and SSV will be defined by
the result of the prologue.
- 5.8 Second stage up to the last stage will be defined by the result of the previous
stage and NOT the overall standings.
(possible penalties will not count on the starting order but will be added
on overall time).
- 5.9 Epilogue Stage of the race; the Start Order will be the opposite order of the
general standings after the last stage.
- 5.10 First stage until the end, bikes and quads will start together;
Cars and SSV all together.
(time between starts will be decided the day before every stage)

6. ROAD BOOK, NAVIGATION AND CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 Organization takes all the responsibility that the route will remain secret until
the Road Book is distributed to pilots.
- 6.2 The route is described in a Road Book and for each stage it will be distributed at
20:00 on the day before the stage.
- 6.3 The road book of Rally Albania is in standard A5 format for cars, and in 135 mm
wide roll for bikes and quads.
PDF Roadbooks will be sent to participants who use it.
- 6.4 Minimum unit distance is 10 meters and every participant should calibrate their
rally computer the day before the race based on exact 1 km
from satellite measurement.
- 6.5 The Road Book will describe every Passage Control, Time Control, Waypoint,
and eventual Speed Limit Zones.

- 6.6 Those zones and points are compulsory and must be respected on pain of penalties up to Maximum Time Allowed.
- 6.7 It is absolutely forbidden to go in the opposite direction of the route and is not allowed to go deliberately off the track.
- 6.8 The route is divided in connection section "Liaison" and timed section "Special".
- 6.9 In the Liaison Section the competitors have to follow the route with a defined average speed and an exact Target Time.
- 6.10 The special section is to be covered in the fastest time possible and the sum of all special sections of all stages will define the winner.
- 6.11 Eventual penalties will be added to this time.
- 6.12 Specific Time Penalties will be published in Supplementary Regulations, before the event.
- 6.13 The clerk of the course is the only one responsible for timekeeping. Possible penalties will be given in time terms, (up to disqualification).
- 6.14 For every category and class there will be an individual classification.
- 6.15 The time of the stage will be the sum of all times of special sections, plus possible penalties.
- 6.16 There will be winners and trophies in all categories in all classes.
- 6.17 The winner of the rally will be decided from the sum of time of all stages, plus possible penalties.
- 6.18 The smallest time the winner, and so on.
- 6.19 In case of a draw the winner will be the team that has the best time in the last stage and if not enough, this rule will continue in reverse calendaric order.
- 6.20 All the results will be published on the bulletin board.
Official publication bulletin will be by WhatsApp Broadcast System.
All participants must install on their smartphones the WhatsApp App and with broadcast option activated.

7 TRACKING SYSTEM

- 7.1 Every team will be equipped by the organization with a GPS/GPRS tracker.
- 7.2 In Rally Albania 2024, there will be used double device Tracking System. The use by the competitors is prohibited and only will be used for data recorder or SOS purposes.
- 7.3 The functioning of the tracker is the responsibility of the participant. Competitors that have malfunctions on the tracker before the start, will not be allowed to start before repairing it.
- 7.4 The data in the GPS will be transmitted instantly in a Rally Tracking Software and will show the eventual route that was followed, passage controls, hidden waypoints passage and speed in speed limit zones.
- 7.4 During the whole event all the teams have to obey the traffic speed rules of the Republic of Albania.
All these limits will be specified on the road book.
During the special sections there are speed limit sections that will be described accurately on the Road Book.
- 7.5 The Tracking System will be rented to the Partner Company and will be paid by the participant.
No competitor is allowed to start without the tracking system mounted and all the time funcional.

8. ASSISTANCE AND REFUELLING

- 8.1 Assistance can be given to designated Assistance Points on the route.
- 8.2 Assistance Teams will be provided with these points before every stage.
- 8.3 On-track assistance vehicles will start 10 min after the last race vehicle and will travel only in the direction of the route.
- 8.4 They will be declared, registered and with race number.
- 8.5 Assistance trucks provided by the organization consist only in transporting the damaged vehicle from that point of the route till the nearest asphalt road.

- 8.6 For broken bikes and quads, the transport to the next bivouac.
For Cars and SSV, to the nearest asphalt.
From that point up to the bivouac they have to be transported by their assistance vehicles or by our road transport partner company,
(by additional charge)
- 8.7 If a broken vehicle can start tomorrow's stage again, the stage time will be given the Maximum Time Allowed.
- 8.8 One race vehicle can be pulled to the next bivouac (without penalty), only by another race vehicle.

REFUELING

- 8.10 Refueling is responsibility only of the participant.
- 8.11 On the Road Book in liaison sections there will be marked the fuel stations available.
- 8.12 On the special section refueling will be only in declared passage controls. If there is any such refueling, at that point there will be a neutralization period equal for all the competitors.
- 8.13 Minimum fuel independence is 140 km, suggested 160 km.

9. TIMEKEEPING AND ZONES

- 9.1 The timing will be conducted by the Time and Race Management Company.
- 9.2 A Magnetic Memory RFID Transponder will be used.
- 9.3 The Paper Time Card will be used for back-up and passage controls.
- 9.4 Time Card standard function data details will be included in the Road Book, on which are described the Target Times and the Maximum Times authorized to cover each Liaison Section and each Special Section.

- 9.5 Late at the Time Control at the start of a stage.
All competitors late for the start of a Stage will be penalized one minute for every minute late, until 5 minutes before the start of the 1-st vehicle of the next category.
- 9.6 If competitor arrives late but within this limit, will be applied "one for one minute" rule.
Later than this limit, the competitor will be disqualified from the stage day.
- 9.7 Late at the Time Control at the start of the Special Sections.
All competitors late for the start of the first special section will be penalized one second for every second late start.
- 9.8 Starting exact time for the late vehicles is at the discretion of the Race Marshals when finding an open window to start.
- 9.9 If competitors arrive later than the closing CP time, they can not enter the SS and will take a time penalty according to the formula.
- 9.10 Later start or earlier start is equally penalised.
- 9.11 Liaison Section
A target time is given for each liaison section.
- 9.12 Any competitor exceeding or starting early this target time will incur a penalty of one minute for every minute late/early.
- 9.13 This rule is not valid only for arriving early in the finish after the end of the last Special Section (of every stage).
- 9.14 Special Sections
Special sections will be run in real time and fastest possible, but within a maximum time allowed.
- 9.15 Pilots checking-in after this maximum time will incur the fixed penalty for the day.
- 9.16 Timing
Target Times and Maximum Times Allowed, the Starting Order and the gaps will be given at SR, as well with the Closing Times of controls (PC's and TC's) and the Fixed Penalties.
- 9.17 Passage Controls (Waypoints)
In order to check that the crews are respecting the itinerary in the road book, Passage Controls will be set up at a significant location mentioned and numbered in the Road Book.

- 9.18 Waypoints will be numbered and checked by the Tracking System.
- 9.19 Closing of Time Control
Time Control signpost will be closed 60 minutes later than the ideal time of the last competitor started.
- 9.20 Signals
The terrain signals and their frequency will be published on the Supplementary Regulation and also given to the administrative check.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS AND SCRUTINEERING

- 10.1 The following papers are needed start Rally Albania 2024.
- 10.2 Drivers
- Valid passport or ID.
 - Valid Standard driving license.
 - Plate and type of assistance vehicles (if any)
 - Name of assistance persons (if any)
 - Personal Medical Declaration Form (to be filled in the controls)
 - Signed Race Contract (you will get it in the controls)
 - Working Mobile phone and WhatsApp installed.
 - Personal Health Insurance.
- 10.3 Vehicles
- Vehicle Circulation original papers.
 - Vehicle standard insurance green card (AL included)
(valid at least until 16/06/2024)
 - The technical control pass, signed paper and sticker;
(to be taken after the technical check).
 - Tracking System mounted and functional

11. PROTESTS/APPEALS

- 11.1 Claims and complaints can only be lodged with the Organization Office.
- 11.2 Protests of any kind must be lodged at the Organization Office within a maximum of 30 minutes after the publication of the results.
- 11.3 Three responsible leaders of the event organizing team will reach a decision on protest, after listening to the accounts given by those involved.
- 11.4 The decision will be announced at maximum before the start of the next stage or, in case of the protest on last stage results, before announcement of total results.

FAIR PLAY

- 11.5 Any stop for technical help that a competitor gives to another competitor during the race will count on the helper's day stage time.
- 11.6 Any stop for medical help that a competitor gives to another competitor during the race may be detracted from his SS time.
- 11.7 The time detraction decision is at the discretion of the Race Direction. The time detraction claim from any competitor must be applied to Race Direction maximum 30 minutes after the publication of day results.
- 11.8 Live Timing it is not official and can not be subject to protests.

12. TIME PENALTIES

- 12.1 Sportive Penalties
- 12.2 **Late/early at CP-1 / CP-2 / CP-4 / CP-6 / CP-8**
A minute penalty for every minute late or early.
- 12.3 Last LS of the day no penalty for arriving early.
- 12.4 **Missing CP**
Worst valid time of the day in your category, plus 120 min for every CP missed

12.5 **Later than Maximum Time Allowed**

Worst valid time of the day in your category, plus 60 minutes.

12.6 **Arriving at CP after the CP Closing Hour**

Worst valid time of the day in your category, plus 120 min for every CP missed

12.7 **Missing WayPoint**

60 minutes penalty for every WP missed.

12.8 **Not following the original track but not missing CP or WP**

If the cut result in gaining time; the time of that specific sector of the best time of the day in your category multiplied per three

12.9 **Transported by the Orga from the track to next bivouac**

Fixed Time Penalty

12.10 Speed Penalties

12.11 **Overspeed in Speed Limit Zones**

Time penalty according to formula.
(Formula will be given in the SR)

12.12 Disciplinary Penalties

12.13 **Not Present at Start of the stage without announcing officials.**

Disqualify from the race.

12.14 **Not able to Start**

Fixed Time Penalty

12.15 **Withdraw from the race**

Maximum Time Allowed for the stages left to run.

12.16 **Not wearing protection in the SS**

60 minutes penalty time for every SS spotted.

12.17 Special Penalties

12.18 **Any other given time penalty for stopping on the track for giving help or for any other force majeure.**

In minutes and seconds and it can have positive or negative value.
More details will be published in the Supplementary Regulation.

13. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- 13.1 Vehicles technical obligatory specifications by categories.
- 13.2 MOTO/QUAD
- 13.3 The technical conditions of the bike/quad will be checked at registration.
Avoid coming with the bike/quad unchecked.
- 13.4 Plate number, (original or a copy), must be all the time in its place.
- 13.5 The front light and back light;
brake light must be functional, by hand lever and brake pedal.
- 13.6 Functional horn, (activated with thumb)
- 13.7 The declared model will be subject to be checked.
- 13.8 The displacements reported will be checked.
- 13.9 The fixing of the navigation panel will be controlled.
- 13.10 Proper functioning of Road Book holder and Rally Computer (IMO, ICO, VECTOR ... etc), or proper PDF reader functioning.
- 13.11 The three race numbers must be attached and visible on vehicle;
one in front, one left and one right.
- 13.12 Full protection equipment, (subject to verification).
- 13.13 Functional mobile phone, turned on at the start of the day race with
fully battery charged.
- 13.14 Minimum fuel autonomy is 140 km. (Recommended 160 km)
- 13.15 Tracking System funcional and connected directly to battery poles.
No vehicle can take race numbers start without Tracking System mounted.
- 13.15 Both personal and vehicle documents must be always with you.

- 13.16. CAR/SSV
- 13.17 Fire extinguisher easily accessible
- 13.18 Belts in three points (not necessarily approved)
- 13.19 Roll Bar (obligatory for Modified class)
- 13.20 Helmet (not necessarily approved)
- 13.21 Racing seats (not necessarily approved and only for Modified Class)
- 13.22 Mud flaps front and rear
- 13.23 Minimum fuel range 160 km (200 km recommended)
- 13.24 Minimum two tow hitch (1 front, 1 rear). Minimum one towing rope.
- 13.25 Position lights, daytime running lights, stop lights, turn signals, lights.
- 13.26 Horn
- 13.27 At least one spare wheel (secured in its place).
- 13.28 Side Mirrors
- 13.29 The race numbers must be attached and visible on the back/front, and doors left and right
- 13.30 Functional mobile phone, turned on at the start of the day race with fully battery charged.
- 13.31 Both personal and vehicle documents should always be with you.
- 13.32 The general technical conditions of the vehicle will be checked at the time of registration.
- 13.33 Front and rear plates securely fastened in place
- 13.34 Tracking System functional and connected directly to battery poles.
No vehicle can take race numbers start without Tracking System mounted.

13.35 The Car Category will be divided in three main classes:

13.36 Modified (C.1)

Production (C.2)

Automobiles (C.A)

13.37 In the "Modified" class are allowed all the changes that each competitor believes to improve his time in the race.

13.38 In the class "Production" are allowed a few modifications.

If the modifications are overtaken this will result in the vehicle to be classified as "Modified".

13.39 Automobiles Class, are all passenger vehicles that are not Offroad Vehicles, nor SUV vehicles.

In this class are allowed all types of modifications.

13.40 Modifications allowed for C.2 Class:

13.41 All the changes that you judge for the internal security of the crew.

13.42 You can fit the tires of all types and sizes (but without heavily cutting into the body or cab).

13.43 Can be mounted springs and shock absorbers improved (attached only to the original points).

13.44 It is allowed a second shock absorber for each wheel (of the same type and principle)

13.45 Are allowed all the elements that help but are not a factor in the pure performance: lights, winches, etc.

13.46 ARE NOT ALLOWED:

13.47 Displacement of the aggregate from their stock place.

13.48 Significant changes in the engine / transmission / differential / clutch

13.49 Any change, modification, or heavily cutting of the body.

13.48 Moving, absence or heavy modification of the bumpers form.

14. ADVERTISING

- 14.1 Competitors are allowed to affix any kind of advertising to their machines, unless:
- It is not likely to give offence.
 - It is not in religious or cultural conflict in the route of Rally.
 - It is not in direct competition with organization sponsors, (subject to agreement).

15. GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- 15.1 Throughout the event participants are required to follow the instructions of the organizers and staff.
The organization points out explicitly that the participants undertake and follow the instructions of the organization.
Throughout the event, the drinking of excessive alcohol and any drug use is prohibited.
- 15.2 Follow these rules in the interest of yours and all the organization's safety during the event.
- 15.3 In the case of violation of these, the organization has the right to exclude any participant without warning to exclude from further participation in the rally.
- 15.4 The fee will then not be returned.
- 15.5 Psychological condition is essential in the participation in this Rally.
The participant is obliged to inform the Orga about any health problems.
- 15.6 It is forbidden to start the rally under the influence of alcohol, drugs and other mind-blowing agents.
- 15.7 Each participant has to be aware that Rally Albania takes place in very remote and sometimes heavy terrain under unpredictable weather conditions and associated changing street and road conditions.
The speed of the vehicle must be in accordance with the conditions of the physical state and the skills of the driver, all in the interest of safety, in general, of all participants.
Own speed should be adapted to the conditions of the vehicle and the safety of passengers.

- 15.8 Individual over-estimation of the driving experience, defects to the vehicle caused by accident or by wear of materials, unsporting behavior and ignoring advice on limits of safe vehicle driving are the most common causes of personal injury, sometimes even death.
- 15.9 The participants themselves are responsible to carry out control of the vehicle before the start of a stage.
- 15.10 Each participant should take note to himself health before he/she decides to step in the vehicle.
As always, it is important to avoid unnecessary risk.
The length of the rally and the long day-stages make concentration problems inevitable.
- 15.11 We ask each participant to report their physical state in case he/she is running very late in the stage in order to avoid unnecessary searches.
- 15.12 It is compulsory for helmet and safety belt use.
- 15.13 Any open vehicle must have a body mounted rollbar.
We recommend installation of a rollbar also to closed vehicles.
All components of the vehicle shall be permanently mounted or secured in such a way that they do not endanger passengers and spectators.

16. MEDICAL SERVICE and INSURANCE

- 16.1 There will be the full time and specialised medical team of the race.
- Two 4x4 ambulances on track.
 - Stationary ambulance on every bivouac.
 - One emergency helicopter.
 - Paramedics on the assistance vehicles.
- 16.2 Even with professional and skilled sportists, accidents and injuries may always occur.
- 16.3 The participant is NOT fully insured by the organization.
There will be a small personal insurance (obligative) that will cover the transport, hospital intervention and examination.
A private health insurance for your country abroad is necessary.
Individual health insurance is recommended.

- 16.4 The organization completed collective insurance covering third party civil liability for all participants, for first aid, transportation in hospital and eventual medical intervention.
- 16.5 "Rally Albania" is active participation in motor sport where speed is an important factor.
Damage during this type of event is generally excluded by most normal health insurances.
- 16.6 Have the necessary insurance side of the participant in the Motorsport liability a and "subsidiary coverage", just in case your personal insurance refuses payment of damages.

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REMEMBER

!!! THE ROUTE IS ALWAYS OPEN TO TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC !!!

PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CAUTION TO SMALL CHILDREN, SPECTATORS AND EVEN ANIMALS ON THE REMOTE VILLAGES!

Differing from the road book can lead to the entry of prohibited and/or dangerous areas.

Each participant must know and be sure which routes are not required to leave and which routes to avoid.

The Organizers of Rally Albania wish you a safe, successful and pleasant time in Your participation in this race.

Motorsport Club Albania, November 2023.

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