



RULES AND REGULATIONS

RFC RUSSIA

CAUCASUS

July 27 – August 8 2019
North Caucasus Federal District
Russian Federation





1. Event Schedule

Entries open	15.03.2019
Entries closed	00:00 12.07.2019

27.07.2019, Saturday

Administrative checks	9:00 to 15:00
Technical commission	9:00 to 15:00
Admitted competitors list publication	15:00 HQ
Opening Ceremony	15:00
Briefing	16:30
Arrival at Campsite №1 PROLOGUE	18:00 PROLOGUE

28.07.2019, Sunday

Briefing	09:00 HQ PROLOGUE
All SS open	09:30 PROLOGUE
All SS closed	19:00 PROLOGUE

29.07.2019, Monday

Briefing	9:00 HQ PROLOGUE
RFT Route "RUINS OF JAGANAS" start Transfer to Campsite №2	9:30 PROLOGUE
Arrival at Campsite №2 PREDATOR	18:00 PREDATOR

30.07.2019, Tuesday

Briefing PROLOGUE Zone results publication	9:00 HQ PREDATOR Zone
All SS open	9:30 PREDATOR
All SS closed	19:00 PREDATOR





31.07.2019, Wednesday

Briefing	9:00 HQ PREDATOR Zone
RFT Route "MOUNTAIN CLIMBING" Start Transfer to Campsite №3	9:30
Arrival at Campsite №3 ROCK&ROLL	18:00

1.08.2019, Thursday

Briefing PREDATOR Zone results publication	9:00 HQ ROCK&ROLL Zone
All SS open	9:30 ROCK&ROLL
All SS closed	19:00 ROCK&ROLL

2.08.2019, Friday

Briefing ROCK&ROLL Zone results publication	9:00 HQ ROCK&ROLL Zone
RFT Route "SNOW PASS" start Transfer to Campsite №4	9:30
Arrival at Campsite №4 TERMINATOR	18:00

3.08.2019, Saturday

Briefing ROCK&ROLL Zone results publication	9:00 HQ TERMINATOR Zone
All SS open	9:30 TERMINATOR
All SS closed	19:00 TERMINATOR

4.08.2019, Sunday





Briefing TERMINATOR Zone results publication	9:00 HQ TERMINATOR Zone
RFT Route "ALAN'S WAY" start Transfer to Campsite №5	9:30
Arrival to Campsite №5 SURVIVOR	18:00 SURVIVOR
Twilight Zone SS start	20:00 SURVIVOR
Twilight Zone SS finish	02:00 05.08.19 SURVIVOR

5.08.2019, Monday

Briefing Twilight Zone results publication	10:00 HQ SURVIVOR Zone
All SS open	10:30 SURVIVOR
All SS closed	19:00 SURVIVOR

6.08.2019, Tuesday

Briefing SURVIVOR Zone results publication	9:00 HQ SURVIVOR Zone
RFT Route "VAINAKH'S WAY" start Transfer to Campsite №6 X-ZONE	9:30
Arrival at Campsite №6 X-ZONE	18:00 X-ZONE

7.08.2019, Wednesday

Briefing SURVIVOR Zone results publication	9:00 HQ X-ZONE
All SS open	9:30 X-ZONE
All SS closed	18:00 X-ZONE

8.08.2019, Thursday

Briefing X-ZONE results publication	10:00HQ X-ZONE
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Preliminary event results publication	10:30 HQ X-ZONE
Awards ceremony	16:00

2. The Competition Committee:

4X4 Off-Road Club KMV, Pyatigorsk
 Karachay-Cherkessia 4X4 Off-Road Club, Cherkessk
 Kabardino-Balkaria 4X4 Off-Road Club, Nalchik
 Vladikavkaz 4X4 Off-Road Club, Vladikavkaz
 “Wild Division” Off-Road Club, Grozny
 PRO-X Team, Moscow
 “Rubezh” Technical Sports Club, Vladivostok

2.1. Event official websites:

<http://rfcrc.ru/>
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2.3. Event venue: North Caucasus Federal District, Russian Federation

3. Event Format and General Rules

3.1. Rainforest Challenge Russia Caucasus – a 4WD vehicles competition designed to bring four-wheel drive enthusiasts striving for victory and decent competition together from around the world. RFC Russia Caucasus is a part of Rainforest Challenge International Global Series and is approved by Louis Wee. Special Stages are designed to test drivers’ and co-drivers’ to their limits in extreme off-road conditions.

3.2. The event is open to all 4WD vehicles built independently or sold by the manufacturer to the general public.

3.2.1. Competitors’ vehicles are divided into two categories: “Pro Modified” and “PROTO”, consisting of the following classes:





“Pro Modified» category:

1. **TOP 3 (overall ranking)**
2. **IFS** (independent suspension)
3. **DS** (dependent suspension)
4. **OVER 3050 cm³** (engine capacity over 3050 cm³)
5. **BELOW 3050 cm³** (engine capacity below 3050 cm³)
6. **OVER 33”** (Tires over 33” / 840 mm)
7. **BELOW 33”** (Tires below 33” / 840 mm)

«PROTO» category:

1. **TOP 3** (overall ranking)
2. **Portal Axle** (vehicles with portal axles)
3. **Straight Axle** (vehicles with normal axles)
4. **OVER 3050 cm³** (engine capacity over 3050 cm³)
5. **BELOW 3050 cm³** (engine capacity below 3050 cm³)

3.2.2. Additional nominations: the Competition Committee is entitled to introduce additional nominations by agreement with sponsors and other interested parties.

3.3. All vehicles from each scoring class compete at the same Special Stages; the winners are identified by scoring categories and classes.

3.4. Results of each SS are accumulated and define the 1st, the 2nd etc. prizes in the overall ranking for each category. The result is a sum of all points earned during the event minus penalty points received by competitors according to the regulations.

3.5. Results for scoring classes will be formed from overall ranking for each scoring category.

3.6. Special Stages are designed on a diverse terrain and aim to test the 4WD vehicles capabilities and crews’ skills.

3.7. Timing and scoring is performed by officials invited by the Competition Committee.

3.8. Information published in the official documents is a priority over any verbal information.

3.9. Any changes and additions to the current regulations to be issued in bulletins. To confirm that official information was read and understood Competitors leave their signature for each bulletin.

3.10. Entry fees: Having paid the fee, the Competitor is eligible to include 1 (one) vehicle into the event. The crew consists of two individuals: the driver and the co-driver for all scoring categories. Entry fees include: event souvenirs, daily food rations, and a banquette at the awarding ceremony.

3.10.1. Entry fees:

RFC Russia Caucasus & RFT Caucasus Crews	
March 15 – May 15 2019	25 000 RUR
May 16 – June 15 2019	30 000 RUR
June 16 – July 12 2019	35 000 RUR
Technical support vehicle - RFC Russia Caucasus (1 st tech support team member)	





March 15 – July 12 2019	12 500 RUR
2nd tech support team member - RFC Russia Caucasus	
March 15 – July 12 2019	10 000 RUR
Additional fee for every extra crew member - RFT Caucasus Crews	
March 15 – May 15 2019	10 000 RUR
May 16 – June 15 2019	12 500 RUR
June 16 – July 12 2019	15 000 RUR

3.11. In case if technical commissioners during the Technical Inspection discover that event stickers are placed the wrong way compared to “Mandatory Advertising Layout” (see Appendix 2), competitors shall get a new event stickers set for 2 000 RUR fee and place them properly.

3.12. Entry forms submitted and not accompanied by entry fees payment are considered tentative.

3.13. Entry fee is returned in full if the competition did not take place.

3.14. The Competition Committee returns the entry fee partially (not more than 50%) to those Competitors (Applicants) who could not participate the event.

3.15. Entry submission and payment confirms the Competitor’s unconditional consent to the terms of the current Rules and Regulations.

3.16. Technical Requirements for vehicles taking part in RFC Russia Caucasus are described in Appendix 1 to the current Regulations.

3.17. After passing the registration process all competitors will be provided with the competitor’s identity (badge). The competitor’s badge gives the right to start at SS, receive information and food supply during the event. In case, if the badge is lost or damaged, its duplicate can be issued at the event Headquarters upon the Competition Committee approval.

4. Environment

4.1. These rules have been included to ensure we all participate in a world-class event that is at the forefront of environment conservation, by abiding with globally accepted environmental practices when travelling through and camping on public land.

4.2. The returnable environment deposit – 5 000 RUR.

4.3. Campsites, assembly, holding and repair areas are to be left clean. Take all of your own garbage, and also of others if necessary. Garbage bury is prohibited. Each team is strongly recommended to prepare at least one large trash bag for each day of the event.

4.4. In case of any environmental standards violation the environment deposit is withheld. Before transferring to the next campsite the competitors shall demonstrate garbage-free territories they stayed at to the Campsite Intendant.





5. Advertising

5.1. Competitors are allowed to fix any kind of advertising to their vehicles provided that:

- It is neither aggressive nor offensive
- It does not encroach into areas reserved for event sponsors, competition numbers and event labels
- If its location does not intersect with “Mandatory Advertising Layout”

5.2. Refusal to apply the mandatory advertising entails a penalty in the amount of 200% of the entry fee.

6. Regulations for Special Stages (SS)

6.1. The time limit for each SS except TWZ is 15 minutes. If the time limit is exceeded, the competitor is assigned a **DNF (Did Not Finish)**. The Competition Committee is eligible to change the time limit. This change is followed by a mandatory bulletin issue. When the vehicle is parked at the starting gate the crew may take a 15-minute SS route observation walk. If a crew fails to start at SS within 5 minutes after the Marshal's call, they are not allowed to start the current SS.

6.2. **SS Start:** The competing vehicle is parked at the start-finish garage. The engine is off. The co-driver is inside the vehicle with the seat belt fastened. **The SS timing starts when the driver presses the stopwatch Start button.** Marshals in charge start their stopwatch together with the driver. Driving is allowed when driver fastens the seat belt. When driving, the driver must always have the seat belt fastened. The co-driver may unfasten the seat belt after starting at SS if the vehicle does not move.

6.3. **SS Finish:** The finish line is located inside the start-finish garage and is marked with the **finish pole**. The vehicle must cross the finish line with the front axle while the rear axle must remain behind the line and stop completely. Only after touching or knocking down the **finish pole** a driver leaves a vehicle and stops the SS timing by pressing a stopwatch Stop button. If a co-driver stops the stopwatch, then SS timing is considered to be in progress until a driver picks up the stopwatch (a Marshal in charge is waiting for a driver and does not stop the timing until this moment). A Marshal in charge performs the SS timing in parallel. In case of timing mistakes done by a driver the timing taken by a Marshal shall be taken as the final timing of the SS.

6.4. The co-driver should be fastened with a seat belt at SS start, while in the moving vehicle and at the finish. Co-drivers are forbidden riding on outside of a vehicle.

6.5. It is allowed using the recovery equipment located in the competing vehicle only. All the recovery equipment must be in the vehicle at SS finish (abandoning the equipment at SS incurs a 10-point penalty).

6.6. Time Cards (CARNETS) are used for SS timing and penalties records. The competitors are provided with a file consisting of two time cards copies for each SS. Marshal in charge of SS keeps the crew's time cards from SS start to finish and makes records there. Upon SS completion both Marshal in charge and a crew member sign both time card copies to





confirm that records are correct, the Marshal keeps one copy while the second one remains with the crew. **Competitors are fully responsible for records accuracy in their time cards. Time cards shall be handed over to Marshal in charge at every SS. Marshal records all penalties for the SS. If both SS time card copies were signed by both the competitor and the Marshal in charge of SS, no protests regarding the SS timing and penalties are accepted. In case if competitor refuses signing the time card at SS, no protests on Marshals' actions are accepted, the crew gets DNF record.**

6.7. 100 points is a maximum a crew can get at each SS.

6.8. The starting order at the first SS is determined by drawing lots. At the draw crews get their starting order for the first SS at each location. Other SS are passed in the order of arrival.

6.9. In order to check-in at SS a crew hands over their time cards file, competitor's badges and a fire extinguisher to Marshals in charge. All crews compete the SS in the order of their check-in upon the Marshal in charge call.

6.10. Drivers and co-drivers must wear fastened helmets when they compete at SS.

6.11. Driver and co-driver combination remains the same for the entire event, alternating between driver and co-driver at all SS is allowed.

6.12. Competitors shall not move from the finish garage until directed by an official.

6.13. Additional SS conditions are published at the starting area at each SS.

6.14. When directed by a Marshal in charge or other Official, competitors must immediately remove themselves and their vehicle from the course.

6.15. Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited. During the competition sobriety and drug tests may be conducted without a prior warning. In case of a positive result the crew is disqualified immediately.

6.16. The Competition Committee reserves the right to change or add supplements to the current Rules and Regulations. Also, the Competition Committee has the right to make decisions on matters not specified in the regulations, provided that no penalties will be introduced behindhand, and competitors will be notified in advance of all changes.

6.17. In case if 4 or more vehicles start in the class, the first, second and third winners will be awarded. In case if 3 cars start in the class, the crews competing within this class shall complete at least 70% of the event Special Stages (DNS and DNF records are taken out of consideration in this case) in order to get the competition scoring. Positions are distributed according to points received among crews who successfully made 70% and more SS.

6.18. Marking peg touch: a contact of any part of a vehicle with a marking peg that does not cause it to fall and / or break/knock down.

6.19. Marking peg knock down: A case when a marking peg falls down (touching the ground by not less than two points) or breaks due to a contact with a vehicle. Driving over a marking peg and passing it between the wheels is considered a knock down.

6.20. Driving outside the corridor: If, for any reason, a competing vehicle leaves the designated corridor by at least two wheels, any further driving in this direction is **prohibited**.





The driver shall return the vehicle back into the corridor and drive along the designated track.

6.21. SS closing time is specified in the schedule. If competitors checked-in at the SS before the specified time, they are eligible to compete this SS regardless of the current time. If a crew does not start the SS in 5 minutes after the Marshal's call, they are not allowed to start the current SS.

Penalties	
Violation	Penalty
Winching without a tree trunk protector	20
Handling a winch cable/rope without gloves	10
Stepping over/under or touching a live winching cable/rope	10
Leaving any recovery equipment the crew started with at the SS course	10
Failure to wear seat belts while driving	10 for each violation
Failure to wear a fastened helmet	DNF
Verbal abuse of Marshals / Arguing with Marshals	Expulsion
Alcohol or drug intoxication during the competition	Expulsion
Outside help (assistance from third persons)	DNF
Taking shortcuts	DNF
Breaking a stopwatch	DNF
Dirty starting numbers and advertising at SS start	DNS
Driving in opposite direction at SS	DNF
Missing cable/rope dampener	10
Breaking barrier tape by vehicle or competitor	10 for each violation
Touching a marking peg by vehicle or competitor	10 for each violation
Touching a marking flag by vehicle or competitor	10 for each violation
Touching a marking peg at start and finish area by vehicle or competitor	10 for each violation
Marking peg knock down by vehicle or competitor	20 for each violation
Marking flags knock down by vehicle or competitor	20 for each violation
Marking peg knock down at start and finish area	30 for each violation
Driving outside the corridor	DNF
Failure to start in 5 minutes after Marshal's invitation	DNS





7. Scoring

The crew's SS result is allocated in points. After completing SS crews get their SS timings. When all crews complete the SS, their timings are sorted from fastest to slowest, and they get points according to the scoring points table. Penalties are deducted for infringements. Thus, SS result is a difference between scoring points earned at SS and penalty points.

Scoring points table

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1	100	15	56	29	37
2	95	16	54	30	36
3	90	17	52	31	35
4	87	18	50	32	34
5	84	19	48	33	33
6	81	20	46	34	32
7	78	21	45	35	31
8	75	22	44	36	30
9	72	23	43	37	29
10	69	24	42	38	28
11	66	25	41	39	27
12	63	26	40	40	26
13	60	27	39	DNF	20
14	58	28	38	DNS	0

7.1. Timing at SS is scored to the 10th of a second.

7.2. Competitors who started at SS and failed to finish it (**DNF – Did Not Finish**) receive 20 complimentary points. Competitors failed to start at SS receive 0 points (**DNS – Did Not Start**).

7.3. If two or more competitors finish an SS with the same elapsed time, they shall be awarded equal points and placing in the SS. The competitor with the next fastest time shall be placed according to their own finishing position in that SS. (EXAMPLE: Two competitors made an SS within the same elapsed time and took the 3rd position. Both crews get 90 points. The 4th crew gets 87 points).

7.4. **Major awards.** Scoring points accumulate after each SS. The winner is the crew received the maximum number of points for all SS. The more points scored, the higher position is. In case of tied score in major awards, the winner will be decided by a count back: the winner being the one with the least amount of penalties incurred. If this fails to break the tie, then both will be tied as winners in their placing.

7.5. In case if penalty received exceeds the points earned at SS, the crew gets 0 scoring points, thus getting a negative result at SS is not possible.





7.6. Protests. Protests against other competitors' actions are accepted at the event headquarters in a written form. They shall be addressed to the Event Director and handed over not later than 60 minutes after the last SS of the current day is closed. Protests are followed with a fee of 5 000 RUR which shall be forfeited if the protest is dismissed.

8. Prohibited behavior. Assistance, recovery

8.1. Participants should not attempt influencing, manipulating, hindering or interfering in any other way with Marshals' and other Officials' duties. If such actions are detected, the competitor will be disqualified immediately.

8.2. It is forbidden making any changes to other competitors' vehicles without their consent. If such actions are detected, the competitor will be disqualified immediately.

8.3. The Competition Committee provides competitor's vehicle recovery from SS.

8.4. For safety reasons, the Chief Medical Officer may suspend any competitor at any time. The Chief Medical Officer provides first aid and calls an ambulance in emergency cases.

8.5. No other assistance shall be expected from the Competition Committee. Competitors are to be self-reliant during the event.

8.6. Sportsmanship During the event sportsmanship is mandatory for competitors. If a competitor or team member (including the tech support crew) promotes unsportsmanlike conduct, is rude or abusive towards officials or fellow competitors, or destroys property, the entire team will be disqualified immediately.

8.7. Media handling. The media has a right to report news that they see fit. It is important that anything we do reflects positively on our chosen recreation of off road activities and brings only positive emotions. Competitors are advised to leave all media questions to the Event Director or Media Relations Officer. After an incident details clarifications the Media Relations Officer issues an official statement on the incident and steps taken to resolve it.

9. Rights of the Competition Committee

9.1. The Competition Committee can refuse any entry without giving any reason whatsoever.

9.2. The Competition Committee can abandon, cancel, postpone or shorten the event without due notice in the event of any unforeseen circumstances. No claims whatsoever of any kind shall be entertained due to the abandoning, cancelling, postponement or shortening of the event.

9.3. The Competition Committee can exclude any person or vehicle failing to meet the event guidelines as set out in these Rules and Regulations.

9.4. The Competition Committee can cancel any SS at any time including when some competitors have already completed the section for any reason whatsoever. In this case all competitors get the maximum number of points for a cancelled SS.





9.5. The Competition Committee can disqualify any competitor who fails to abide by any rules set out in these Rules and Regulations and any supplementary amendments or any instructions from the event officials. If this occurs there will be no refund of entry fee.

10. Indemnity

10.1. The Competition Committee will not be held liable in any accident, causing injury or damage to competitors or their vehicles during the course of the event, including loss of personal belongings.

10.2. The Competition Committee will not be held liable for any breach of the Russian Federation laws and traffic regulations. If the Competition Committee is caused damage by competitors, competitors reimburse losses of the Competition Committee.

10.3. Competitors do not have any claims to the Competition Committee or the event sponsors. It is the competitors own responsibility to have in force, a valid insurance coverage against third-party liability. All competitors are advised to take own additional accident insurance coverage.

10.4. Competitors are obliged to sign the indemnity form before the start of the event. Failure to do so renders the participant ineligible to start with no refund of the entry fee.

Approved _____ LS

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