



## Avo Šults Memorial Race 2015

### Schedule

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2015**

The competition rules are published and online registration starts at [http://autosport.ee/4x4reg/?page=41&race\\_id=50&](http://autosport.ee/4x4reg/?page=41&race_id=50&)

#### **19<sup>th</sup> of November 2015**

**23:59** – online registration ends

#### **20<sup>th</sup> of November 2015**

**16:00** – Race Centre is opened

**18:00 – 22:00** reception and technical commission for all race classes starts at the Race Centre

#### **21<sup>st</sup> of November 2015**

**07:00** – the briefing for competitors (TR1, TR3, VABA, VABA+, ATV) is held at the Race Centre

**08:00** – the first team (TR1, TR3, VABA, VABA+, ATV) starts

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2015**

**08:00** – Finish is closed (TR1, TR3, VABA, VABA+, ATV)

**11:00** – provisional results are published (TR1, TR3, VABA, VABA+, ATV)

**12:00** – the acceptance of protests ends (TR1, TR3, VABA, VABA+, ATV)

**13:00** – award ceremony at the Race Centre (TR1, TR3, VABA, VABA+, ATV)

NB! Since the timetable depends heavily on the weather conditions, the timetable may change - in that case the organizer will disclose any changes by issuing a bulletin.

All briefings for competitors are held in the Race Centre at the Message Board.



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### 1. Specification and organizer of race

- 1.1. **The off-road endurance race “Avo Šults Memorial Race 2015” is organized by Finaal Grupp OÜ from 20 to 22 November 2015 in accordance with**
  - 1.1.1. the competition regulations of the 4x4 Sub-Committee of the Estonian Motor Sport Association (EMSA)
  - 1.1.2. the competition regulations of the 4x4 Off-Road Championship 2015
  - 1.1.3. these rules, any bulletins attached hereto, and the explanations given at the briefings for competitors.
- 1.2. The competition is registered with EMSA - reg. no. .
- 1.3. „Avo Šults Memorial Race 2015“ constitutes Stage of the Estonian 4x4 Off-Road Championship for competition categories TR-1, TR-3, VABA, VABA+ and ATV.
- 1.4. **Race senior officials**
  - 1.4.1. Director of Competition (main organizer): Oliver Jürimaa (+372 525 0298)
  - 1.4.2. Head of Competition (Chief Referee): Marko Mäearu (+372 501 3912)
    - 1.4.2.1.1. Assistant to the Head of Competition: Jussi Levin (+372 5334 5841)
  - 1.4.3. Head of Technical Committee: Peeter Eltmaa (+372 502 1400)
  - 1.4.4. Timekeeper : Annika Treu, Caroline Treu
- 1.5. **Race officials**
  - 1.5.1. Jury of the Competition: *to be published in a bulletin*
  - 1.5.2. Reception: Annika Treu (+372 511 7599)
  - 1.5.3. Referees : *to be published in a bulletin*
- 1.6. **Marking of officials:**
  - 1.6.1. Red vest – senior officials
  - 1.6.2. Yellow vest – officials
- 1.7. **Official information channels of the race**
  - 1.7.1. Official information for the race is available on the Internet at <http://eal.4x4.ee>, <http://forum.4x4.ee>, also on the Message Board in the Race Centre and information given during briefing.
  - 1.7.2. The competition rules and bulletins are published and archived on the web page of the 4x4 Sub-Committee of EMSA at [eal.4x4.ee](http://eal.4x4.ee)

### 2. Overview of race course

- 2.1. The race is held in Harju and Lääne-Viru County.
- 2.2. The length of the race course is approximately 150 km (ATV - 100 km). 490-950 (TR-1, TR-3, VABA, VABA+); 490-496 (ATV) checkpoints.
- 2.3. The race area is partially open for public traffic.
- 2.4. The Race Centre is located in Rabasaare vilage, Tapa parish, Lääne-Viru county. The geographical coordinates of the Race Centre: 59° 16' 59.7"; 25° 48' 29.8"
- 2.5. The reception, technical inspection of competing vehicles, the briefings for competitors and distribution of additional information takes place at the Race Centre.



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### 3. Competition categories

- 3.1. Off-road and all-terrain vehicles conforming to the technical specifications 2013-2018 of the 4x4 Sub-Committee of EMSA:
  - 3.1.1. Sport category TR-1, TR-3, VABA, VABA+, ATV

### 4. Team members

- 4.1. The team members must be older than 16 years of age; there are no gender nor other age-related restrictions.
- 4.2. In categories TR-1, VABA+ and VABA, the maximum number of team members is limited to the number of seats equipped with 3-point seat belts.
- 4.3. In categories TR-3, the maximum number of team members is three (3).
- 4.4. In category ATV, one team consists of two ATVs and two competitors.
- 4.5. The particulars of team members (given name, surname, driver license number, contact address, mobile phone number, and the EMSA competitor card / competitor license number) are submitted to the organizer in the registration form.
- 4.6. The members of team and the size of team may not be changed without good reason and the permission of the organizer.

### 5. Participation conditions

- 5.1. Documents required from the team:
  - 5.1.1. Categories TR-1;TR-3; VABA, VABA+:
    - 5.1.1.1. Driver's license (1st and 2nd driver)
    - 5.1.1.2. EMSA 4x4 Sub-Committee competitor card or 4x4 license issued by a motor sport association of the country of residence - required from all team members present in the competing vehicle
    - 5.1.1.3. Vehicle registration certificate
    - 5.1.1.4. Valid motor third party liability insurance policy
    - 5.1.1.5. Valid roadworthiness certificate (not needed for registered Sports Vehicles)
    - 5.1.1.6. Technical certificate of competing vehicle (Estonian competitors TR-3;VABA; VABA+)
  - 5.1.2. Category ATV:
    - 5.1.2.1. Driver's license for the relevant vehicle category
    - 5.1.2.2. Vehicle registration certificate
    - 5.1.2.3. EMSA 4x4 Sub-Committee competitor card or 4x4 license issued by a motor sport association of the country of residence
- 5.2. All team members must come at the reception desk where a technical inspection form is issued to the team.
  - 5.2.1. About the successful or unsuccessful passing of the technical inspection an entry on will be made on the technical inspection form, which must be returned to the reception desk.



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- 5.3. Each competing vehicle must display a participant number to allow identification of the vehicle on the course. Any questions about numbers must be settled before registration and payment of participation fee. The organizer of the race does not issue participant numbers. The participant number is assigned to the team by the 4x4 Sub-Committee of EMSA and made by the team itself in accordance with the criteria set by the said committee: ([http://eal.4x4.ee/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=41&Itemid=58](http://eal.4x4.ee/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=41&Itemid=58)). The participant numbers of foreign competitors is determined by the 4x4 Sub-Committee of the place of residence. Information on participant numbers: eal4x4ak@hotmail.ee, or phone +372 5665 6131. The team is responsible for keeping the participant number legible for the referees throughout the race.
- 5.4. **An identification chip is attached to all competing vehicles at the technical inspection. If the chip is lost or damaged, the team is required to reimburse the cost of the device 60€ to the organizer.**
- 5.5. **GSM/GPS controllers are attached to all competing vehicles to provide real time information on the vehicle's movement and its location on the track. If the GSM/GPS controller is lost or damaged, the team is required to reimburse the cost of the device 250 € to the organizer.**
- 5.6. The pilots of all teams must sign a declaration that they respect all competition rules, do not harm the environment and that they have examined and understood the provisions of the competition regulations.
- 5.7. The pilot (the competitor who signed a declaration referred to in the previous paragraph) is responsible for violations and malpractice due to the behavior of team members.
- 5.8. The team at fault shall compensate for any damage caused to third parties or other competitors during the competition.
- 5.9. All competitors sojourn on the race course on their own responsibility.
- 5.10. The race organizer or the EMSA do not accept liability for any material or moral damage caused by a team to themselves or third parties.

## 6. Registration and participation fee

- 6.1. Registration for the race is available on the Internet **from 20:00 on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 until 23:59 on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015**. To register, a registration form must be completed at [http://www.autosport.ee/4x4reg/?page=28&race\\_id=50&lang\\_id=2](http://www.autosport.ee/4x4reg/?page=28&race_id=50&lang_id=2) . A team is deemed as registered once the duly completed registration form has been submitted and the participation fee has been paid in due time to the bank account set out by the organizer in paragraph 6.5.1 hereof.
- 6.2. In addition to the participation fee, all teams are required to pay a **security of 60 € for the identification chip**. This security for the chip can be paid only in cash on 16 November at the reception desk. The security will be refunded immediately after the returning the identification chip. No security fee is required from a competitor whose security fee is guaranteed by an agreement with a legal person (the agreement must be concluded 5 days before the start of the competition).
- 6.3. Participation fees
  - 6.3.1. For categories TR-1;TR-3; VABA, VABA+ :
    - 6.3.1.1. **Online until 19.11.2015 - 125 EUR**
    - 6.3.1.2. Registering at the reception desk on November 20 – **150 EUR**
  - 6.3.2. For category ATV:
    - 6.3.2.1. **Online until 19.11.2015 - 75 EUR per team**



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- 6.3.2.2. Registering at the reception desk on November 20 –**100 EUR per team**
- 6.4. The above fees apply to competitors who agree to affixing the organizer's promotional materials on their competing vehicle. If a competitor refuses to affix organizer's promotional materials by making a relevant entry on the registration form, the above fees will be double. Promotional materials relating to the race logo and participant number cannot be waived.
- 6.5. Procedure for payment of participation fee
- 6.5.1. The participation fee must be paid to the following bank account: Finaal Grupp OÜ, Swedbank IBAN:  
EE662200221037202825
- 6.5.2. **The "Notes" section on the payment order must display the following: competition category, participant number and team name.**  
**Example: TR-1 132 Suzuke**  
NB! When making the payment please ensure that it is received in due time on the above bank account. Also, be sure to retain a copy of the payment order.
- 6.5.3. The participation fee is refunded if registration form is rejected or if the competition is postponed more than 24 hours. In other cases the participation fee is not refunded

## 7. Race details

- 7.1. The endurance race of off-road and all-terrain vehicles consists of one part – Main Course.
- 7.2. At the start area, the participant form and membership of the team are scrutinized.
- 7.3. **Starting order**
- 7.3.1. The first to start on the Main Course is the team which returned the completed technical inspection form back to the Registration Desk first. The next will start 2 min after that.
- 7.4. **Race course**
- 7.4.1. The race course is defined as checkpoints given in the form of Deg° Min' Sec,Sec“. The checkpoints together with comments are given in electronic form for downloading to a computer but **in GARMIN GPX and Ozi format**. NB! The organizer does not give checkpoints in APSInfo format.
- 7.4.2. The team must pass the checkpoints in their numerical order 1 - . . . . Each checkpoint might or might not have an electronic timer with sensor, or a referee. All checkpoints with an electronic timer with sensor, or a referee, are visibly marked with bands and a timing point symbol. In checkpoints with electronic timer with sensor, the team itself registers their arrival at the checkpoint by placing the sensor attached to the competing vehicle into the timing device. For the sake of clarity of the race course, some course sections are bounded by a band. Passing through the bands or relocating them is prohibited.
- 7.4.3. TCs which are supplied with electronic time-taking sensors have a TC symbol and tables with TC numbers TC1; TC2, etc.
- 7.4.4. During the competition, only the track described in the track legend can be used for racing. In case a team has involuntarily missed some Time Controls (TC) (electronic mark is missing) and the team still wishes to continue the competition, the team can turn back to TC where the team had the last correct electronic TC mark by driving back the track described. When returning to the TC, the team has to perform new electronic TC marking and continue along the track indicated in the legend.



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- 7.4.5. Intentional or unintentional compromising (e.g. damaging the band which bounds the track), concealment or alteration of race course markings is prohibited. Boundary marks may be relocated under extraordinary circumstances only by the referee who will in the case of need also determine the direction of passing the obstacle which has been encountered on the course. Furthermore, there might be places on the course where the organizer provides assistance by using a winch, tow vehicle or winch anchor in order to prevent any traffic jams on the course.
- 7.4.6. The technical assistance points are marked on the legend as "TA". The team's technical assistance vehicle may arrive at these points only by using public roads. Technical assistance on the race course and third-party assistance for moving on the track is prohibited. Only the team members may carry out repair and maintenance on the race course.

## 8. Driving on the race course

- 8.1. The maximum permissible driving speed on the race course is 70 km/h.
- 8.2. The entire course width may be freely used during the race if no other competitors are in the immediate vicinity. **If on a straight section of the course, a competing vehicle which moves faster catches up with a competing vehicle which moves slower, the vehicle in front must immediately give way to the faster vehicle by moving to the edge of the track.**
- 8.3. If several competing vehicles move concurrently on the same track section, the vehicle in front has the right of way as regards choosing its trajectory. The vehicle in front forfeits its right of way if the competing vehicle behind it has reached side by side with the vehicle in front. The vehicle behind reaches the side of the vehicle in front once the rear wheels of the vehicle in front and the front wheels of the vehicle behind become aligned. When driving side by side on straights or in curves, both competitors must ensure that the other competitor has the possibility to stay on the track - only parallel trajectories of movement are allowed.
- 8.4. Driving techniques which obstruct other competitors are prohibited. For example, too early changes of direction, intentional jamming of vehicles towards the inside or the outside of the curve, and other techniques which put other competitors at risk. The competitor at fault will be penalized for intentional violation of rules. Repeated violation (including unintentional error) may result in the disqualification of the team.
- 8.5. Use of incorrect driving techniques.
- 8.5.1. Incorrect driving techniques include occasions where a competitor drives the curve at such a speed that it creates a dangerous situation. Also, classified as an incorrect driving technique is a situation where a competitor overtakes another competitor in a way which forces the other competitor to brake in order to avoid collision. Rear-end collisions and so-called "side ramming" are prohibited.
- 8.6. It is prohibited to overtake a moving (driving) competitor, if there is a danger situation on the course (traffic accident; an immobile vehicle in a spot where it is difficult or impossible to pass it).
- 8.7. Competitors must follow the orders and/or signals of the referees.
- 8.8. Movement assistance may be provided only by the other competitors.
- 8.9. Attaching a winch to a growing tree/bush without a tree protection belt is prohibited.
- 8.10. Attaching a winch to a power line mast is prohibited. In case of violation the team will be disqualified.



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- 8.11. In a driving car, all competitors must have their seatbelts fastened. Wearing a helmet is recommended.
- 8.12. It is prohibited to remove covering elements of the bodywork (bonnet, doors, hatches etc) of the competing vehicle during the race.

### 9. Penalties

- 9.1. Penalties may be monetary or time-related. Where necessary the Chief Referee of the competition will adopt the respective decision which is not subject to appeal.
- 9.2. Penalties are listed in LISA 1 penalty table.
- 9.3. The competitors may not sojourn outside the passenger compartment of a competing vehicle if its speed exceeds 5 km/h (normal movement speed of a pedestrian).

### 10. Results

- 10.1. The provisional race results will be published on the official information board of the competition 60 minutes after the finish is closed. The information board is located in the immediate vicinity of the reception desk.
- 10.2. Results are recorded in separate competition categories: TR1, TR3, ATV, VABA/VABA+. **The team which has passed the most checkpoints in the correct order the fastest is the winner.**
- 10.3. After finishing, the team appears at the timekeeper and the Timekeeper removes the electronic sensors from competing vehicle.
- 10.4. The race results are adjusted where necessary in accordance with remarks made by a referee (e.g. waiting at a railroad crossing) or if there are TCs not passed.
- 10.5. **The Chief Referee may end the race before the designated finish point** and announce the results if none of the teams reach the finish within the time limit. In this case, the results as at the last timed checkpoint which has been passed by at least 30 % of the teams which started will be taken into account.
- 10.6. Teams on the race course will be notified of changed the location of finish by sending an SMS immediately after the Chief Referee's decision to both pilots mobile phone numbers indicated on the registration form.
- 10.7. Teams will be classified as "did not finish" if:
  - 10.7.1. they did not mark finishing the track in finish TC.
  - 10.7.2. they did not come to the Timekeeper until finish is closed with competing vehicle so that timekeeper (or senior officer or officer) was not able to remove the machine identification chip.
- 10.8. The teams of competition classes TR1, TR3, VABA, VABA+ and ATV who have correctly passed the track at least 33% and have gained the final result at the competition are scored at Estonian 4x4 Off-Road championship.
- 10.9. Main organizer has a right to merge similar competition classes with few competitors.

### 11. Nature conservation

- 11.1. The main criterion for taking part in the race is a nature-friendly attitude.
- 11.2. Attaching a winch to a tree is allowed only if a tree protection belt is used.
- 11.3. It is prohibited to pollute the environment with non-natural liquids (automotive fuel, oil etc).
- 11.4. During the race the competitors must refrain from damaging trees. It is prohibited to fell or break live trees, unless not doing so would put the life or health of team members directly at risk.



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11.5. It is prohibited to use a chainsaw.

### 12. Protests and appeals

- 12.1. Protests may be filed in writing at the reception desk within 60 minutes from announcing the provisional results of the race.
- 12.2. The protest fee is 200 € which must be paid when filing the protest.
- 12.3. The protest fee is refunded only if the protest is settled in favor of the protester.

### 13. Notifications and miscellaneous

- 13.1. Official notifications and changes in the competition regulations will be disclosed on the information board as a bulletin, or in the regulations for additional legs or at the briefings for competitors. **All orders and explanations given at the briefings for competitors are considered as official competition information.**
- 13.2. The competitors will be informed of any changes immediately before the start. **If changes occur in the course of the race, only the Head of Competition, Assistants to the Head of Competition, referees, reception and the Director of Competition have the right to notify the competitors.**
- 13.3. All issues not governed by these regulations will be settled by the Jury of the Competition.
- 13.4. Any damage to nature is subject to compensation by the team at fault after the preparation of the respective evaluation report and its endorsement by an environmental expert.

### 14. Awarding

- 14.1. The closing of the competition and the award ceremony will take place in accordance with the timetable.
- 14.2. The first three teams in each category will be awarded.
- 14.3. The award recipients are required to attend the ceremony. If they are absent, they forfeit their entitlement to prizes.
- 14.4. The competition is open for special awards (public's favorite, the most helpful team, etc) and lottery prizes.