

Rhino Charge 2012

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. DEFINITION:

The Twenty Fourth Rhino Charge is a motor sport event in which entrants will be required to visit a number of points (Guard Posts) while travelling the shortest possible distance across difficult, trackless terrain, where speed is not a necessity. The event is organised in order to raise funds to support the activities of the Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust.

The event is organised with the approval of the local District Commissioner, the Kenya Wildlife Service, the Governing Body of Motorsport in Kenya and the Landowner(s).

2. PROGRAMME:

Saturday, 5th May

- 12:00 noon
- a) Pre-Event Briefing at Braeburn School and issue of Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs) and instructions for fitting.
 - b) Production of sponsorship form(s) and relevant cash or cheques to the following minimums (inclusive of the advance sponsorship paid with the entry):-
 - KShs. 300,000 (1m. pledge)
 - KShs. 250,000 (0.75m. pledge)
 - KShs. 200,000 (0.5 & 0.2m. pledges)
 - c) Announcement of location of Check-in.

Thursday, 31st May

08:00 - 15:00 Check-in and Landowners Access Fee payment.

Friday, 1st June

- 11:00 – 15:00
- a) Scrutineering and sealing of the DMD's, documentation
- 17:00
- b) Drivers' Briefing at H.Q. and issue of maps.

Saturday, 2nd June

- 06:00 – 06:15 Assemble at Collection Point for convoy to Start Guard Posts.
- 06:15 onwards Depart for Start Guard Posts.
- 07:30 START of the event
- 17:30 SHARP Guard Posts CLOSE
- 19:00 Latest time by which ALL vehicles MUST be in Parc Ferme

Sunday, 3rd June

- 09:30 Posting of results
- 10:00 Confirmation of results
- 10:30 Prize giving

Monday, 4th June

Depart at own convenience

3. ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

C. Church	A. Levitan
S. Welland	P. Parsons
P. Hechle	G. Calder
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4 ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

4.1 The event is open to any vehicle with 4 or more wheels which must be registered, and insured to drive on the roads of Kenya, EXCEPT that the following are specifically excluded:-

- a. Agricultural prime movers or similar vehicles
- b. Earth moving machines and equipment
- c. Plant and machinery for construction works

The Organisers decision on the eligibility of any vehicle will be final.

The minimum unladen weight of a vehicle is 500kg.
The maximum unladen weight of a vehicle is 3000kg.

4.2 Entries will be divided into two classes:-

- a. Unmodified vehicles – U Class.
An unmodified vehicle will be one that:-
 - i Has not had its chassis shortened
 - ii Runs on the original standard rim (tyres to fit the standard rim).
 - iii Has no axle modifications allowed – i.e. diff locks etc.
 - iv Has original engine and power train.
 - v Has original suspension system – additional shock absorbers permitted.
 - vi Has one winch only permitted.
 - vii Body work free.

The Organisers may order any or all of the top 3 vehicles in this class to be scrutineered after the event to confirm eligibility.

- b. Modified vehicles – M Class.

The Organisers decision as to which class each vehicle belongs will be made at Scrutineering, and will be final.

4.3 Equipment

- a. For Modified vehicles, tyre size and design is free. For Unmodified vehicles, the diameter of the rim cannot be changed from that supplied by the manufacturer, but tyres are free. For any class studs, chains and spikes are prohibited.

- b. Each competitor's performance will be measured by the DMD supplied by the organisers. No other instrument will be considered as valid when computing final results.
- c. The DMD and associated equipment provided as shown below remains the property of Rhino Ark and must be returned to the organisers on completion of the event, prior to leaving the Park Ferme.
 - i. GPS logger
 - ii. Antenna and cable
 - iii. Power cable
- d. Any evidence of damage to the equipment or interference with its sealing will result in exclusion. Entrants will be required to compensate Rhino Ark for any damage or loss to the DMD or components.
- e. Forms detailing the medical condition of all competitors will be issued by the Medical Officer (MO), before the event. These **MUST** be completed in full for **ALL** competitors and either given to the MO in advance or handed in to the Medical desk at HQ during the Registration process. Only after the MO has signed and stamped the route card that he is satisfied that all competitors' details have been provided may a competitor proceed to Scrutineering.
- f. Each vehicle must be fitted with seat belts (full harness recommended) for each seat, and carry the First Aid kits and distress flags supplied by the Organisers. These will be checked at Scrutineering. First Aid kits and distress flags must be produced at the Start Line-up and at the Start Guard Posts. Failure to produce them may determine eligibility to start the Event.
- g. Each vehicle must carry at least 10 litres of water. It is recommended to carry sufficient sustenance for the crew for 24 hours as well as warm clothing and blankets. A battery powered flashing light is highly recommended to enable search parties to locate lost vehicles at night.
- h. Power-driven winches are permitted.
- i. Motorcycles, Buggies and Quad Bikes are forbidden at the venue prior to or during the event except for use by the organisers and these will be marked accordingly. Any competitor who is judged by the Clerk of the Course, as having used motorcycles, or any other vehicle, to reconnoitre a route before or during the event will be disqualified. Any motorcycle or quad bike arriving at the venue must be parked at Headquarters and left there until the Results have been confirmed.
- j. Radio and mobile phone communication will not be allowed. Any competitor who is judged by the Clerk of the Course to have used radios or mobile phones will be disqualified. Entrants will be required to sign an indemnity, which allows the organisers to state in the official results the reasons for the disqualification of the competitor due to any infringement of this regulation.
- k. GPSs are permitted.

5 ELIGIBLE COMPETITORS:

- 5.1 Any person licensed to drive on the roads of Kenya is eligible to be nominated as DRIVER. The choice of crew is entirely at the discretion of the Entrant (except that the minimum age of any crew member is 12), and subject to Rule 7.5 hereafter. A crew must consist of not less than 2 (TWO) and not more than 6 (SIX) persons including the driver.
- 5.2 All entries must be in the name of an individual and not a company. Commercial entries are not permitted.

6 ENTRIES:

6.1 **THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES IS 65.**

6.2 In the interests of ecological conservation and due to the nature of the ground to be covered, the organisers will limit the number of entries to the above figure. Entries will be accepted on a strict policy of "First Come – First Served" within the following categories until the maximum is reached:-

- i. Before **1st July 2011** – Top five sponsorship entries from 2011 Rhino Charge to confirm their entry in 2012 event.
- ii. Between **1st July 2011 and 31st July 2011** – Entrants pledging a minimum of KShs. **1 million** can enter.
- iii. Between **1st August 2011 and 31st August 2011** – Entrants pledging a minimum of KShs. **750,000** can enter.
- iv. Between **1st September 2011 and 30th September 2011** – Entrants pledging a minimum of KShs. **500,000** can enter.
- v. From **1st October 2011** onwards - Entrants pledging a minimum of KShs. **200,000** can enter.
- vi. An entry will be accepted only if accompanied by K.Shs. **40,000**, and once an entry is accepted, the entrant is responsible for the minimum sponsorship pledged, unless the entry is officially withdrawn before **28th February 2012**.
- vii. **Any Entrants who have entered in categories ii and v above, and who fail to reach their pledged sponsorship, may be prevented from starting, and may also be refused entry to future events.**

7 FEES & SPONSORSHIP

7.1 The "Entry Fee" is K.Shs.2,000 payable to Rhino Ark. All entries must be accompanied by a payment of K.Shs. 40,000. The additional K.Shs. 38,000 is an advance of sponsorship. This advance will be kept in a suspense account and will be credited to the entrant's sponsorship fund provided that entrant starts the event. It will be counted as part of the minimum sponsorship as defined in paragraph 8.2 hereafter.

7.2 Entrants are required to gather their pledged minimum sponsorship in addition to the entry fee of K.Shs.2,000. in accordance with the requirements stated on the sponsorship form. The Organisers will distribute the sponsorship form to the Entrant after acceptance of the entry.

7.3 If an entrant arrives at the "Check-In" with a pledge for cash sponsorship but without the actual cash/cheque, then this figure will be excluded for the purpose of assessing the highest cash sponsorship.
However, if the entrant is prepared to issue his/her own personal cheque for this sum then Rhino Ark will issue a letter to the entrant, which he/she can present to the sponsor. This will indicate that the cash has been received by Rhino Ark and confirm that the sponsor should reimburse the entrant direct.

7.4 All Sponsorships to be considered for the Victor Ludorum must be handed in by 17.00 hours on the day of Documentation. Sponsorships received after that time will be acknowledged in the Arkive Publication.

7.5 Entry is at the sole discretion of the organisers, who may reject an entry without giving any reasons.

7.6 The Organisers reserve the right to refuse participation in the event by any individual.

7.7 The Control Officers' decisions are final.

8 ADVERTISING:

8.1 While entrants are encouraged to find and advertise their own sponsors, they **MUST** carry any advertising provided by the organisers. Every entrant will be issued with 2 Rhino Charge T-Shirts, which **must** be worn and visible throughout the event by the driver and the co-driver. The other persons in the vehicle may wear any other T-Shirts.

8.2 The entrant's 3 official competition numbers should be attached as follows:-

One on each FRONT DOOR or the SIDE BODY

One on the ROOF or the BONNET, which must be clearly visible to aircraft.

All these stickers must be displayed, and in this configuration, even if additional backing boards/plates have to be attached to the vehicle to conform.

8.3 Apart from the advertising on the official numbers, which is compulsory, any Entrant who wishes to reserve exclusive advertising on his/her vehicle will be required to pay a fee equivalent to UK £10,000.

9 INSURANCE:

9.1 Competitors will take part entirely at their own risk. The arrangement of Personal Accident Insurance, Comprehensive Vehicle Insurance etc is the responsibility of the Competitor.

10 RUNNING OF THE EVENT:

10.1 Check-in times will be strictly adhered to. Any entrant that arrives at the "Check-In" control after 15:00 hours on the day of Scrutineering may be excluded. No person, other than those expressly authorised in writing, is permitted to arrive at the venue of the event prior to 08:00 hours on the day of check-in as defined previously in these regulations.

10.2 Each entrant's starting Guard Post (Control) will be determined by random draw, conducted upon Registration at HQ.

10.3 The organisers will Scrutineer the vehicle and check and seal each competing vehicle's DMD in a place and manner to be notified later.

10.4 On the competing day competitors will proceed to an assembly point and along a designated route. At the assembly point, competitors will gather in their respective starting groups. They will then proceed in convoy to their respective starting points by following an escort vehicle along a route laid down by the organisers. Vehicles at each start point will be mass started, and competitors will then choose their own route within the restrictions given elsewhere in the regulations, and may visit Guard Posts in any order. As a safety precaution only, competitors are required to declare their next intended Guard Post at the start of each section. However competitors may divert from this destination if they choose. This is to enable the Organisers to keep track of vehicles throughout the day and to monitor the progress of each vehicle in order that a search can be immediately called if any vehicle becomes unduly delayed in any section.

10.5 The overall winner will be the entrant who visits the most Guard Posts in the prescribed manner. Where the number of Guard Posts visited by two or more competitors is equal, advantage will go to the entrant who has covered the shortest distance. If distance covered is still equal, the overall time taken to cover the recorded distance will be the tie break.

10.6 Start, Finish, Last and Final Guard Posts (GP)

- a. Start GP – This is the Guard Post which an Entrant has drawn as the GP from which he/she will start.
- b. Finish GP – This is the same GP as the Start GP, an Entrant may only return to this post having visited all the other GP's indicated on the briefing notes, return to this GP will be taken as the end of a competing vehicle's route.

Notes:

- Once a competing vehicle returns to its Start GP it will be deemed to have completed its Charge, and cannot continue visiting subsequent GP's, apart from the Final GP.

- If an entrant visits this GP without completing the full route, it will not be included in the results, whether or not recorded by the GP officer.

- c. Last GP – This is the last GP visited by a competitor before 17:30 hrs or retirement, whichever is the earlier. Once you have cleared procedures at your Last GP, you must proceed directly to the Final GP as soon as possible.
- d. Final GP – All competing vehicles and teams **MUST** proceed to this GP after visiting their last respective GP at the end of the Charge.
- e. The co-ordinates of the Final GP will be given in the Driver's Briefing. Once a competing vehicle has arrived at its last GP of the day, the vehicle and its crew must proceed to the Final GP along tracks and roads, and register with the Final GP. The distance recording will cease from the competitor's last GP and therefore the distance between the last GP visited and the Final GP will not form part of that vehicle's competitive distance. All vehicles must have checked into the Final GP by 19:00 hrs on the day of the Charge. Failure to check into the Final GP will exclude that Entrant from the results. It will also trigger a search for that vehicle by the organisers if they do not already know of that vehicle's location. **It is therefore very important that Entrants register with the Final GP as soon as they can after completing the event, even in the case of an early retirement during the day.**
- f. If an entrant arrives at his Last GP after 17:30 hrs on the day of the event, it will not be included in the results but he must still get the route card endorsed by the GP officer, so the organizers are aware of his whereabouts.

10.7 It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that his Route Card is correctly completed and signed at each Guard Post by the Officials. The competitor must park his vehicle within the designated area at each Guard Post, and must comply with the instructions of the Officials in this regard. Competitors who do not comply will be judged not to have visited that control.

10.8 No section between any two Guard Posts may be attempted more than once.

10.9 Vehicles may be manhandled across the terrain by any means devised by the crew's ingenuity, except that no outside assistance is permitted whether it is in mechanical, human or animal form, except that given by another competitor or official.

10.10 Competitors must have particular regard to the welfare of the ecological environment in which the event takes place.

10.11 The event stops at 17:30 hours, but in the interests of safety, the Clerk of the Course may instruct a Guard Post Officer to hold an entrant who is intending to commence a section which could not possibly be completed before the end of the Charge. This decision will be made individually for each case by the Clerk of the Course, and his decision will be final.

- 10.12 There will be a Compulsory Gauntlet, which must be completed by all entrants. Coordinates given at Drivers' Briefing will specify the Guard Posts which comprise the Gauntlet. At each of the Gauntlet Guard Posts entrants will be required to pass through a "gate" where Officials will sign the Route Card and record the time. Entrants may traverse the Gauntlet by whichever route they choose, but must complete the Gauntlet before proceeding to any other Guard Post. The Gauntlet Guard Posts may be visited in any order. All competitors MUST attempt this section to be classified in the results. The Organisers may provide assistance for vehicles in difficulty within the Gauntlet, but the decision on any aspect of assistance provided will rest entirely with the Clerk of the Course, and will be final.
- 10.13 Any objections to the results must be brought to the Clerk of the Course within 30 minutes of the posting of results at HQ.
- 10.14 There will be a **Landowners Access Fee** for every vehicle that enters the area. The amount will be advised at the Pre-Event Briefing on **5th May 2012**.
- 10.15 There will be a specific camping area set aside for entrants and their teams. No camping outside the designated area will be permitted. All campers MUST TIDY UP their camp before departing, and leave the area perfectly clean. Do not leave the bags of rubbish at your campsites. Take them with you, or to the Refuse Pit.
- 10.16 **The organisers will hold entrants responsible for the behaviour of their friends, camping providers, assistants and any other persons who have shared their campsite. If a campsite is not cleaned and left in a satisfactory state in the opinion of the Organising Committee, it shall be at liberty to take disciplinary measures against the entrant including, but not limited to, the payment of a penalty of up to KShs. 100,000/= and/or disallowing the entrant and his/her camping provider (if any) from participating in or attending future Rhino Charge events.**
- 10.17 There will be Officials who will be responsible for monitoring camp behaviour and cleanliness. Their instructions must be followed. Failure to take reasonable and prompt action to comply with the instructions of an Official may result in the person(s) being asked to leave.

11 PENALTIES

- 11.1 There will be Rangers (judges of fact) throughout the course and any entrant adjudged to have contravened the rules or the spirit of the event may be penalised or disqualified at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
- 11.2 The following are examples of what will constitute an infringement:-
- a. External assistance of any sort, other than from another competitor.
 - b. Tampering in any way with the proper operation of the DMD.
 - c. Deliberately blocking the passage of other competing cars or behaving in an unsporting manner.
 - d. The formation of teams of two or more vehicles as a means of enabling one vehicle to gain competitive advantage will be considered as against the spirit of the event and will be penalised by the organisers in accordance with Paragraph 11.1 above.
 - e. Wanton destruction of the environment.
 - f. The use of radios or mobile phones.

12 AWARDS:

HIGHEST CASH SPONSORSHIP	The David Schaefer Perpetual Trophy
2 nd HIGHEST CASH SPONSORSHIP	The Diamond Trust Perpetual Trophy
3 rd HIGHEST CASH SPONSORSHIP	Trophy
SPIRIT OF THE CHARGE	The Rob Combes Perpetual Trophy
OVERALL WINNER	The Duncan Mitchell Perpetual Trophy
2 nd OVERALL WINNER	Trophy
3 rd OVERALL WINNER	Trophy
CLASS "U" - OVERALL WINNER	Trophy
CLASS "M" - OVERALL WINNER	Trophy
VICTOR LUDORUM This award will be made to the entrant who has achieved the shortest discounted distance calculated by discounting the actual corrected distance travelled at the rate of 2 centimetres per Kenya shilling of sponsorship raised.	Land Rover Perpetual Trophy
COUPES DES DAMES	The Tim Nicklin Perpetual Trophy
HIGHEST PLACED FIRST TIME ENTRANT	The Kijabe Award (Perpetual)
GAUNTLET WINNER	The Tim Samuels Gauntlet Challenge (Perpetual)
RHINO ARK AWARD	Ken Kuhle Memorial Trophy (Perpetual)
EAWLS CONSERVATION AWARD	The Michael Werikhe Perpetual Award

Please note that none of the Perpetual Trophies may be taken out of Kenya. All Perpetual Trophies must be returned to Rhino Ark Offices before the date of the Pre-Event Briefing as defined above.

NJIA YA NDUME AWARDS (Tiger Lines)

In order to encourage "Tiger Lines" between Guard Posts, there will be awards for the shortest distance achieved between certain Guard Posts, which will be designated at the Drivers Briefing. These awards will be made to the vehicle that has achieved the shortest distance between the two designated Guard Posts irrespective of the number of Guard Posts visited by that vehicle.

Competitor Shields will also be presented to all entrants.

There may be other prizes at the discretion of the organisers.