

Snowstorm 2006

1. Definition and organizer of the competition

1.1 The 4x4 off-road competition "Snowstorm 2006" is organized by OÜ Cooperland between Jan. 27th and 29th 2006 in compliance with EAU (Estonian Autosport Union) 4x4 AK competition regulations, the Estonian 4x4 Off-road Cup regulations, the Baltic Sea 4x4 Cup general regulations, the present regulations and its bulletins.

The competition is registered in EAU, reg. no 5/OR

1.2 The official information medium is located on the internet under <http://www.cooperland.ee> and <http://eal.4x4.ee>

1.3 Competition officials

Stewards: Yuri Ovchinnikov RUS, other stewards will be published three days prior to the competition in the bulletin

Director of the competition: Vaiko Püttsepp (ph: +372 5035039)

Clerk of course: Margus Mikk

Assistants of Clerk of course:

Environment referee: Alari Mägi

Route manager: Anglus Piller

Technical commissary (Chief Scrutineer):

Timekeeper/secretary of the competition: Alari Mägi

2. General definition

Series competition

2.1 "Snowstorm 2006" counts for the Estonian 4x4 Off-road Cup as Stage 1.

2.2 "Snowstorm 2006" counts for the Baltic Sea Cup 2006 as Stage 1.

3. Program

3.1 09.01.2006 the competition regulations will be published and the registration of competitors starts at: <http://eal.4x4.ee/>

3.2 The participants participating via a club will state their competitors by January 17 at the latest, and then it is possible to register on agreement conditions. Information on +372 5035039 (concerns only Estonian clubs).

3.3 24.01.2006 at 24.00 ends the registration of competitors over the internet.

3.4 27.01.2006 11.00-16.00 the registration desk is open (possibility to register at the place + lateness fine of 500.- EEK).

3.5 27.01.2006 12.00-16.30 Scrutineering (free of charge), location see clause 4.2

3.6 27.01.2006 at 17.00 Beginning of the starts of the special stage I (see also clause 7.8)

3.7 Information about the control times and the next special stages is located in the "Road Book" and in the legend

3.8 29.01.2005 between 10.00 and 11.00 primary results of the competition will be published

3.9 29.01.2005 at 14.00 Official ending and prize giving of the competition

3.10 The organizers keep the right to perform an additional scrutineering of competition cars achieving three first places in each competition class after the end of the competition.

4. General description of the route

4.1 The competition is held in Valga county, Estonia

4.2 The competition centre is located in Helme parish, Linna village N=58°01'53" and E=25°51'12"

4.3 The route consists of 5 special stages (further abbreviated as SS) (Note: the type and number of SS-s can vary depending on actual weather conditions)

4.3.1 SS I Sprint - coefficient 0,2 (Helmets required)

4.3.2 SS II Navigation - coefficient 1,0

4.3.3 SS III Navigation - coefficient 1,3

4.4.4 SS IV Sprint - coefficient 0,3 (Helmets required)

4.4.5 SS V Navigation (Road Book) - coefficient 0,2

4.4 The competition area is open for public traffic, except for the marked areas.

5. Participation conditions

5.1 Documents required from the member of a team:

5.1.1 EAU 4x4 AK competitor's card for each crew member

5.1.2 Valid drivers license (pilot)

5.1.3 TR-1 and 4x4 Hobby class - registration certificate of the vehicle.

5.1.4 TR-2 and TR-3 -- EAU competition vehicle's technical card (only Estonian competitors) and registration certificate of the vehicle.

5.1.5 TR-1; TR-2; TR-3; 4x4 Hobby class - valid traffic insurance (e.g. Green Card).

5.1.6 Copy of the payment order certifying the payment of the participation fee (printout of the internet bank)

5.2 The competition cars and ATVs must be equipped with navigation equipment. For example: a topographical map (recommendable an Estonian base map 1:50 000 or the so-called military map 1:50 000), as additional equipment it is allowed to use a ruler, a protractor, compass, GPS equipment, laptops with digital maps and the like.

5.3 The teams must be equipped with a digital camera and the competing team must have the necessary equipment for provision of downloading photos from the camera to the PC of the referees - i.e. the team must give the necessary cables and application software to the disposal of the referees, which enable to work with the camera in the most widely spread operating systems.

5.4 The pilots of all teams must confirm by signature that they follow all the competition rules and do not damage the nature, and also confirm the act of familiarization and understanding the established competition regulations. During the competition the pilot is liable for the violation of rules and ignorance of requirements caused by the behavior of the team members (the competitor who confirmed by signature to follow the restrictions and requirements listed in the present clause)

5.5 During the competition, damage inflicted upon third persons and co-competitors will be compensated by the team which caused the damage.

5.6 All competition cars must be equipped with minimum two helmets. On SS-s requiring a helmet, all crewmembers in the competition car (minimum two) are obliged to wear a helmet.

5.7 Speed limit for competition cars during the whole period of competition in the whole competition area is maximum 70 km/h.

5.8 All competitors undertake the liability for their actions.

5.9 The organizer of the competition and the EAU will not be liable for any material and moral damage inflicted upon themselves or third persons by a team.

5.10 Advertising and competition numbers

5.10.1 The organizer will not issue competition numbers. EAU4X4AK will name the competition numbers and these will be made by the team. Information on ermi@tipnet.ee, ph: +372 56241635. Advertising provided by the organizers, competition numbers and competition emblem must be affixed on the competition car before arriving at the scrutineering in accordance with the Appendix 1 and remain there for the whole duration of the competition. In case the constructional individuality of the competition vehicle will not enable to follow the given scheme, one has to appeal to the Chief Scrutineer. Arbitrary changing (cutting, and the like) of the advertising provided by organizers will be considered in the present clause as violation. Violation results in cash penalty of 2500.- EEK or start refusal.

Appendix 1

Scheme for the placement of advertising and stickers



- 1 side number 2 pieces
- 2 advertising 10x100cm 1 piece reserved
- 3 advertising 25x35cm 2 pieces reserved

6 Competition cars and team crew:

6.1 Off-road vehicles in accordance with EAU 4x4 AK technical requirements and who participate: in the overall classification of the orientation and skill competition for off-road vehicles "Snowstorm 2006"; in the overall classification of the Estonian 4x4 Offroad Cup; in the overall classification of the Baltic Sea Cup:
Sports class TR-1
Sports class TR-2
Sports class TR-3

6.2 4x4 Hobby class who participate in the overall classification of the 4x4 off-road competition "Snowstorm 2006" - The vehicle must be technically in order, conform to the safety requirements established for the competition class TR-1 (deviations are allowed with regards to the powering method, the bodywork and the substitutability of lights, the safety requirements being fulfilled at the same time) and the vehicle must own the set equipment for the competition class TR-1 (first aid kit, fire extinguishers and so on). Maximum diameter of tires is 838 mm (33"). Cars with soft-top must be equipped with safety arch (in case the crew consists of two members) or a full size roll-cage (in case the crew consists from more than two members).

6.3 ATV class who participate in the ATV overall classification of the 4x4 off-road competition "Snowstorm 2006" - The competition vehicle must be with the drive formula of 4x4 and technically in order and for passing the orientation stages one has to have a registration and registry number valid in the Motor Vehicle Registration Centre of home country.

6.4 Special requirements

6.4.1 The usage of snow chains is prohibited in all classes.

6.4.2 Motor car studded tires conforming to the rules* are permitted in the competition class TR-1.

Studded tires conforming to the rules* are permitted in the competition classes TR-2, TR-3 and 4x4 Hobby, however the weight of the stud is limited to 1,1 - 2,3g and studs cannot reach over tire surface more than 2mm

* Regulation of the Minister of Transport and Communications no 50 from 18.05.2001 "Requirements for the technical condition and equipment of a motor vehicle and its trailer"

6.5 Team crew

6.5.1 The members of a team must be older than 16 years; there are no other restrictions on ground of sex or age.

6.5.2 The maximum number of team members in the competition class TR-1 and 4x4 Hobby is limited with the number of seats equipped with the 3-point safety belt.

6.5.3 The maximum number of team members in the competition classes TR-2 and TR-3 is 3 (three).

7 Registration and entry fees

7.1 One can register to the competition over the internet at <http://eal.4x4.ee> or <http://www.cooperland.ee>.

7.2 Entry fees

7.2.1 09.01.2006 - 24.01.2006 competition classes TR-1, TR-2 and TR-3 2500.- EEK; for competition class 4x4 Hobby the registration fee is 2000.- EEK, for competition class ATV 1000.- EEK.

7.2.2 those who register at place on 27.01.2006 must pay a lateness fine of 500.- EEK in addition to the main sum in all competition classes.

7.2.3 The entry fee for non-Estonian crews is 100.- EUR and it can be paid at place, in case you have previously (by January 24) filled the registration form over the internet

7.3 The entry fee is to be paid to the bank account of the organizer

7.3.1 OÜ Cooperland, reg. no 10676388, KMKR EE 100629093, address: Tähetorni 21E, Tallinn 11625, Hansapank, account no 221014818818, contact phone: +372 5035039. NB! Add the name of the team to the explanation. When paying make sure that the fee would be paid in in due time and to the right address, certainly maintain the copy of the payment order. In case you require an invoice for a company, please add the name and fax number of the company paying the invoice to the registration form.

7.4 One can pay the entry fee at place in cash on 27.01.2006 by Registration Desk, from 11.00 until 16.00; information: +372 5035039.

7.5 The competition crew will be considered as registered when it has correctly filled the registration form and paid the participation fee according to the registration conditions.

7.6 The previously mentioned entry fees are applicable only for those accepting the organizer's advertising on the competition vehicle. In case the entrant refuses to carry organizer's advertising, having marked it on the entry application, entry fees will be doubled. You cannot refuse to carry the advertising related to the competition emblem and the competition number.

7.7 Maximum 30 teams are registered to the competition in all competition classes.

7.8 The start for the teams to the first SS will take place in reversed order, i.e. according to the payment of the entry fee. Preliminary starting order will be published on Jan. 25th 2006 on the internet; final starting order (together with the crews registered at site) will be issued on Jan 27th 2006 at 16.00 by Registration Desk and at the start place. In case someone is not able to execute the documents by 16.00 for any reason and is not included in the start protocols, those crews are added to the start

protocols as the last, and they will get a temporal lateness penalty of 60 minutes on the navigation track of the SS II.

7.9 The entry fee will not be refunded to those entrants not appearing to the start.

8 Set-up of the competition

8.1 After the technical inspection on 27.01.2006 the competition vehicles will go to the "parc fermee" mode (a closed fleet), they are given the "Road Book" on the departure and arrival time of the SS I. The coordinates and the legend of the SS I is given 1 hour prior to the start.

8.2 Teams passed through the Registration Desk an Scrutineering are permitted to start. The late coming teams are sent to the track after the general start order of the competition class and they will get temporal lateness penalty of 30 minutes on the navigation track of the SS II.

8.3 The legends of the SS-s will be issued by the organizer to the teams immediately before the start of the SS, except for the legend of the SS I which will be issued 1 hour prior to the start.

8.4 The coefficient of the level of difficulty of the SS (clause 4.3) is mentioned in the legend of the corresponding SS is the final and the right one.

8.5 Information concerning the course and SS-s of the competition will be issued with the bulletin 27.01.2006, at the latest by Registration Desk and on the start of the SS I.

9 Penalties

9.1 See Appendix 2 of the table of penalties

10 Results

10.1 At every SS the team will get place points according to the achieved place in the competition class and the table of place points of EAU4x4AK, which will be multiplied with the coefficient of the level of difficulty of the SS (see 4x4 AK regulations).

10.2 The final result of the competition will be received by adding all the place points of the SS. The winner is the team whose points sum is the greatest, in case of the equality of points; the winner is the team who has achieved the best result in the SS with the highest level of difficulty.

10.3 The results will be calculated separately in the competition classes: 4x4 Hobby, TR-1, TR-2, TR-3 and ATV.

10.4 Those national and international teams who have achieved a result in the competition on at least two SS-s (among which there is at least one navigational SS) will receive the Estonian 4x4 Off-road Cup overall classification points.

10.5 Baltic Sea 4x4 Cup Series overall classification points in all the competition classes will be rewarded according to the General Instruction of the 2006 Baltic Sea 4x4 Cup.

11 Nature protection

11.1 The main condition in participating in the competition is a kind attitude towards nature.

11.2 Winching, by using a tree as fastening point is only permitted with the usage of bark protective cord.

11.3 Contamination of nature with unnatural fluids (fuel, oil, and the like) is prohibited.

11.4 When moving in nature you have to make sure that you do not damage trees, it is prohibited to cut down and break growing trees, except for the cases when there is direct danger towards the life or health of the team members, then you have to immediately inform the organizers (call the chief referee or the environment referee). The damage caused will be later compensated directly or indirectly by the team who caused the damage.

11.5 The usage of a chainsaw is prohibited.

12 Protests

12.1 Protests and adjustments can be presented during 30 minutes after the issuing of the preliminary results of the competition in the written form to the chief referee of the competition.

12.2 Protests against co-competitors against fee. The protest fee in amount of 2500.- EEK is to be paid by presentation of the protest.

12.3 The protest fee is returned only in case the protest is solved in favor of the protester.

12.4 Grounded protests concerning the control photos are free of charge.

12.5 Protests concerning control photos will be accepted during 30 minutes after the publishing of the preliminary results of the competition.

13 Messages and other notes

13.1 The competitors are informed about the possible changes in the competition legend or in the course of the competition immediately before the start or when on the competition track, by the organizers over the phone, on the number stated by the competitors in the registration application.

13.2 Official announcements and changes in the competition requirements will be reflected by the Registration Desk in the bulletin and the team member will sign that he has understood it.

13.3 In case the competitors see any damaged signposts or breastwork, damage caused to nature during the competition, they must immediately inform the Clerk of Course about it, otherwise they could be regarded as the causers.

13.4 The towing of those vehicles hopelessly stuck on the competition track or unmovable due to technical reasons will be guaranteed by the organizer during three days after the end of the competition on the expense of the team.

13.5 The team who must end the competition must inform the Clerk of Course of the competition about it during its control time.

13.6 The organizer has the right to change the time and place, program and course of the competition for potent reasons.

13.7 The organizer has the right to eliminate from the competition those teams together with canceling the results who have not followed the regulations, also intoxicated, unsportsmanlike and impolitely behaving competitors.

13.8 All facts and problems not established by the present regulations will be solved by the Stewards.

14 Prize giving

14.1 Ending of the competition and prize giving ceremony will take place on Jan. 29th 2006 at 14.00; information about its location will be presented during the competition.

14.2 Best three crews in each competition class will receive awards.

14.3 In order to receive prizes the crew members are obliged to participate in prize giving, otherwise they will forfeit their right to the awards.

14.4 In addition to the best three teams the organizer will raffle three additional prizes among the random registered crew. The prizes will be delivered only to the teams present.