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Saint-Petersburg Off-road & 4x4 Club



# Regulations

Of the 7<sup>th</sup> International trophy-raid "VEPSSKIY LES"  
3<sup>rd</sup> stage of 4x4 Euro Championship  
Final of Off-Road GP Russia  
Russia trophy-raid Championship on ATVs

*No articles of the given Regulations may be modified from the moment of publishing, if they concern Technical requirements to vehicles and main principals of conducting the competition. There may be changes and add-ons, concerning security, organization and style of certain articles.*

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Trophy-raid “VEPSSKIY LES” is a sport and tourist event, organized in compliance with Federal law on “**PE and Sports in the Russian Federation**” and in agreement with the administrative authorities of the Russian Federation on whose territories this event takes place.

The normative documents of the “**VEPSSKIY LES**” trophy-raid are as follows:

- 1). The given Regulations
- 2). Common Regulations of Series **Off-road GP Russia**
- 3). Common Regulations **Baltic Sea 4x4 Cup**
- 4). Technical requirements for vehicles in different scoring categories and groups of Series Off-Road GP Russia (**Appendix 2**).
- 5). Technical requirements for vehicles in different scoring categories and groups of Series Baltic Sea 4x4 Cup (**Appendix 3**).

### 1. Goals and objectives

- 1.1. Promotion of motor sport to the public.
- 1.2. Promotion of a healthy life-style.
- 1.3. Development of the strongest athletes
- 1.4. Development and strengthening of international relations in motor sports.

### 2. Terms and place of the competition

- 2.1 Trophy-raid “**VEPSSKIY LES**” (hereinafter – the competition) will take place from the 17th till the 21st of September 2008 and it is a competition for light 4WD vehicles and ATV (quads).
- 2.2. The start and the finish of the competition will take place in Podporozhskiy district of Leningrad region. The route of the competition passes through the Leningrad region (Podporozhskiy, Lodeynopolskiy districts)

### 3. Program of the trophy-raid “VEPSSKIY LES”

- 3.1. The competition takes place along routes for different groups from 40 till 250 km long, which include special stages (SS), divided in two Sections – difficult and varied passages containing deep ruts, river crossings, swamps and rock surfaces. Passing of these routes requires the use of all-wheel-drive vehicles (4WD) and ATVs.
- 3.2. Principles for calculating the results are defined in **article 16** of the given Regulations
- 3.3. The organizer reserves the right to introduce changes to the route, program and the schedule of the competition. The Participants will be notified about this in advance.

#### 3.4. Schedule of the trophy-raid “**VEPSSKIY LES**”:

23 <sup>d</sup> of July		- start of entry form acceptance period
10 <sup>th</sup> of August		- end of the first stage of entry form acceptance
1 <sup>st</sup> of September		- end of the second stage of entry form acceptance
14 <sup>th</sup> of September		- Closing date of entry form acceptance and the payment of entry fees
17 <sup>th</sup> of September	12 <sup>00</sup> - 20 <sup>00</sup>	- Registration of the Participants, vehicle scrutineering and the issuance of technical documentation by the raid organisers (categories <b>SPORT</b> and <b>ATV</b> )
17 <sup>th</sup> of September	21 <sup>00</sup>	- opening of the competition, Briefing for Participants
18 <sup>th</sup> of September	12 <sup>00</sup> - 20 <sup>00</sup>	- Registration of the Participants, vehicle scrutineering and the issuance of technical documentation by the raid organisers (categories <b>TOURISM</b> and <b>GRAND-TOURISM</b> )
18 <sup>th</sup> of September	7 <sup>00</sup>	- start of the 1 <sup>st</sup> section of the trophy- “ <b>VEPSSKIY LES</b> ” (categories <b>SPORT</b> and <b>ATV</b> )
19 <sup>th</sup> of September	7 <sup>00</sup> - 17 <sup>00</sup>	- start of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> section of the trophy- “ <b>VEPSSKIY LES</b> ” (categories <b>SPORT</b> and <b>ATV</b> )
19 <sup>th</sup> of September	10 <sup>00</sup> - 12 <sup>00</sup>	- start of categories <b>TOURISM</b> and <b>GRAND-TOURISM</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> of September	10 <sup>00</sup>	- closing of finish of the trophy-raid “ <b>VEPSSKIY LES</b> ” - awarding of winners and prizors, closing ceremony

#### **4. Competition Organisation**

##### **4.1. The organiser:**

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[www.4x4club.spb.ru](http://www.4x4club.spb.ru)

##### **4.2. Official competition web-sites**

##### **4.3. Competition sponsors:**

«INGOSSTRAKH»

##### **4.4. Information sponsors:**

Magazine OFF-ROAD DRIVE

##### **4.5. Information support:**

Magazine ПОЛНЫЙ ПРИВОД 4x4

##### **4.6. Officials of the competition:**

###### **4.6.1. Organizing Committee**

Chairman of the organizing committee

Deputy chairman of the organizing committee

###### **4.6.2. Officials Members:**

Head of the race		Saint-Petersburg, Russia
Deputy of the head of the race	Anatoliy Molchanov	Referee of Republican class, Moscow, Russia
Officer of relations with participants	Yury Ovchinnikov	Referee of Republican class, Saint-Petersburg, Russia
Technical officer	Anatoliy Molchanov	Referee of Republican class, Moscow, Russia
Head secretary of the competition	Dilyara Khabibullina	
Secretary		
IT Support		<i>The List of the judges is to follow</i>
Judges of the start and finish		
Press attaché	Olga Orlova	Saint-Petersburg, Russia
Senior physician (Doctor)		1 <sup>st</sup> class referee, Saint-Petersburg, Russia
Head of the video group	Sergey Belostochkiy	Saint-Petersburg, Russia
Camp Officer	Alexandr Poroch	Saint-Petersburg, Russia
Board of Sports Commissioners (BSC):		
Chairman		

##### **4.7. Official time of competition – Moscow (can be controlled via GPS-receiver).**

**4.8. Official language of competition :** Russian. In case of lack of authenticity of Russian and English texts of Regulations, Russian text is applied

#### **5. Basic Definitions used in the given Regulations**

**Briefing** – instructional advice given by the Head of race or his deputy. Crews should be represented at the briefing by a minimum of one member or their elected representative. Information showing the time and the place where briefing will be take place is displayed on the Official timetable of the competition.

**Bulletin** – an official written communication, an essential part of the Regulations and is meant for publication of changes, explanations and addendums to the latter. Bulletins shall be numbered and dated.

Bulletins are issued and signed by:

- Organiser – before the beginning of Registration at the competition's official web-sites (**clause 4.2** of the Regulations)

- Board of Sports Commissioners – during duration of the competition.  
Crews must acknowledge the receipt or the familiarisation with the bulletin by a signature from one of the crew members. All bulletins will be issued in a written form and placed on the Official information board and if necessary also on a prominent place at the Referee stations.

**Rope dampener (winch blanket or sail)** - an appliance, must be installed on steel winch cable in order to prevent injuries from recoil in the event of the winch cable breaking. The mass of the dampener blanket (or sail) shall be no less than 1 kg

**Park Fermi** – a parking zone limited in access. Service and repair works are forbidden in a Park Fermi. Allowed to change wheels and batteries. Schedule for Park Fermi will be announced at Briefing.

**Team** – a group of competitors declared for participation in a competition in the structure of one team. In the “Raid” category the “team” consists of two-three crews (vehicles), and in ATV category it consists of two crews

**Check list (Carnet)** – a form issued by the Organiser, for checking attendance at control points and/or time of passing of Referee posts during the competition

**Control time** – The maximum time permitted for participants to complete each of the special stage sections. The Organiser does not guarantee the presence of referees on the control posts for teams exceeding the given time limit

**Bark protector (Tree Strop)**– An in-elastic strap with width of 90 mm at minimum and length of 2 - 2.5m minimum, designed for attaching the vehicle winch rope to trees.

**Camp** – an area provided by the Organiser in order to place the Participants and Officials of the competition for overnight stops. Secretariat of the competition and the Official board are also located in the Camp

**Time penalty** – extra time that is awarded to the competitor when they fail to start the SS at their allocated time, also when the time allocated to cross a SS is exceeded or when they do not score in the SS. **Time penalty** is equal **1,2 of Control time**.

**Time limit** – The maximum time permitted for competitors to transit from the finish of SS to Camp.

**Official board** – a place for sharing information about the course of the competition: bulletins, results, decisions of BSC and other information.

**Penalty** – a sanction, set for violation of different provisions of the Regulations. Penalties can be expressed in monetary or in a time form. The order of application of penalties is defined by provision of the Regulations and in Penalty table (**Appendix 4**).

**Neutral period** – The time in which the Organiser can stop crews participating in the competition. Neutral period is not scored.

**Representative of Participant** – a person nominated by the participant to represent the Participant’s interests during the competition.

**Objection** – a written appeal (application) of the Participant or representative of Participant, applied in compliance with **clause 15.6** of the given Regulations.

**Repair works (repair)** – repair of damages, replacement of parts and assemblies, any adjustment, lubrication, diagnostic, re-fuelling and maintenance works, performed by the crew with the possibility to engage members of other crews participating in this SS and only with use of materials and instruments that are on board the vehicles, participating in the given SS.

**Service** – provision of any help to the crew at SS (Special Stage) by any persons that are not members of the crews, including use of any materials, process liquids, spare parts, instruments and equipment, that are not on board the competition vehicles participating in the given SS.

**Special Stage (SS)** – Timed race (the competition, defining which factor is time of passage of a distance). (competition, in which passing of distance is a determinant factor). SS is a part of the competition route (for all categories and groups, excluding "TOURISM" and "GRAND TOURISM" group)

**Fact referee** – An official of the competition, recording and ensuring that the execution of the competition itself and also the participants within the competition, act in accordance with the rules and regulations of the competition.

**Technical Inspection** – general inspection of vehicle, including identification of model and manufacturer of vehicle, ensuring vehicle complies with declared category/group/class regulation, Compliance of safety requirements.

**Participant of competition/Participant** – a physical person, indicated in entry form and allowed to participate in the competition.

**Black Box** - A device supplied by the Organizer to record a GPS-track of the Participant

**Crew** – total number of the Participants, indicated in the entry form for one car.

**Electronic chip** – an instrument for electronic recording of the results and confirmation of passing of SS.

## **6. Scoring categories and groups**

**6.1.** Each Participant may apply to enter one of categories, listed below:

- Category «SPORT», group **TR-1**
- Category «SPORT», group **TR-2**
- Category «SPORT», group **TR-3**
- Category «SPORT», group **OPEN (Voluntary)**
- Category «ATV»
- Category «TOURISM»
- Category «GRAND-TOURISM»

**6.2.** Technical requirements to all scoring categories and groups are set in **Appendix 2 and 3** to the given Regulations.

**6.3.** Scoring in a Category (group) **will not take place**, if the number of entry forms is **less than 3**

**6.4.** In "SPORT" categories the Participants compete individually.

**6.5.** In the "ATV" category the Participants compete in teams consisting of two members

## **7. Vehicles and ATV**

**7.1.** "SPORT" categories are only open for 4WD vehicles, corresponding with technical requirements, set in **Appendix 2 and 3** to the given Regulations.

**7.2.** All cars in a category "TOURISM" must have a working winch with a towing capacity not less than 1,4 of a car weight, wheels with a mud protector, with a maximum diameter 890mm and maximum width 12,5 inches.

**7.3.** "ATV" category is open for competition only for 4WD ATVs, corresponding with technical requirements, set in **Appendix 2 and 3** to the given Regulations.

**7.4.** The Sport commissioner has a right to prohibit vehicles that do not correspond with technical requirements (**Appendix 2 and 3**) and the provisions of the given Regulations to participate in the competition. In addition, at the start of SS the vehicle can be detained by the Officials for lateness – in order to eliminate defects under the threat of penalty "minute for a minute". During SS, a vehicle can also be detained by the Officials in order to eliminate defects at the expense of Participant's time.

## **8. Insurance of Participants. Liability.**

8.1. For the period of competition and at its own expense the Organiser provides the following types of insurance for Participants:

1) Medical

Included in the cover;

- a) Round the clock medical team support
- b) Air lift extraction of casualty if necessary
- c) Supply of qualified medical aid in the hospitals of St.-Petersburg
- d) Rendering of operative medical aid during the competition

8.2. The Organiser is not liable for any damages, caused by the Participant/Participants to third parties or for the damages, caused to the Participant/Participants by third parties, excluding insured accidents directly provided in insurance contracts concluded by the Organiser acting as insurant and cases directly provided by the current legislation of the Russian Federation.

8.3. The participant who signed an Entry form undertakes all risks and burden of liability for his or her actions (negligence), damaged caused, including bodily injures or death, to third parties, including Competition Officials.

8.4. The organiser is not liable in cases where the Participant/Participants do not have information that was communicated at Briefings irrespective of reasons for a Participant's/Participants' representative absence from a Briefing (**article 5, clause 13.3.3**).

**8.5. Every Participant must provide a platform, where a block of satellite equipment will be fixed, and output a socket with a supply 12V, according to Organizer's requirements. At installing of this equipment, a Participant must fill-in a document, proving block reception, and pay a rent in the sum of 1000 rub. (Rent includes a risk of block damage). Participant does not pay a deposit for a satellite block. In case of no return of the block after the competition, Participant has to compensate a full cost of the equipment. In case if a Participant refuses to install a satellite equipment on ones car (ATV), an entry fee increases 100 (one hundred) percent.**

## 9. Entry Form

9.1. In order to become the Participant of competition it is necessary to :

- within a period, set by the given Regulations, send a completed electronic entry form (**Appendix 1** to the given Regulations) to Organizer, and pay 100% of an entry fee. Date of an application form receipt will be a date of payment income to a club's bank account or to the club's cashier.

9.2. Having become a Participant of the competition, according to clause 9.1 of the Regulations all members of the vehicle's crew and ATV drivers undertake to observe the requirements of the given Regulations strictly **9.3. Заявочные взносы.**

9.3.1 Depending on date of receiving the Entry form for participation and championship (**Off-road GP Russia or Baltic Sea 4x4 Cup**), the next value of Entry fees (in **Rus RUB**) is set for each declared crew that ensures **COMPLETELY** vacated places for the organisers "optional" advertising :

	<b>Off-road GP Russia 4x4 Euro Championship (cars )</b>	<b>Off-road GP Russia 4x4 Euro Championship ЧР для ATV (ATV)</b>	
<b>BASIC</b> – Till 10 <sup>th</sup> of August	6000	3500	
<b>URGENT</b> – Till 1 <sup>st</sup> of September	7000	4000	
<b>EXTREM CASES</b> – Till 14 <sup>th</sup> of September	8000	5000	

**9.3.2.** In case of refusal from placement of “optional” advertisement offered by the Organizer, the value of Entry fee is multiplied 5 times

**9.3.3.** Having paid entry fee the Participant has a right to introduce one car or ATV in corresponding scoring category/group.

**9.3.4.** In a case where the participant would like to cancel their participation in competition prior to 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2008 the Organiser undertakes to return to the Participant 50 (fifty) percent of the entry fee paid in a period of time, not exceeding 30 (thirty) calendar days from the moment of receipt by the Organiser of the application of the Participant. In default from participation in competition after the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2008, the payment is non returnable.

**9.3.5.** Non-returnable deposit in the sum of 500 Rubel for the use of the **"Black box"**

**9.3.6.** Each Participant must pay a complex returnable deposit in a sum of 6000 rubles. This deposit may be deducted completely or particularly in the following cases: no return of the **"Black box"**, no return of an **Electronic Chip**, ecological norms violation.

## **10. Identification**

**10.1.** Family names and names (pseudonyms) of the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> drivers (driver for ATV) and national flags shall be located from both sides of vehicle at the front fenders or doors. The dimensions to be: height of font 30-50mm for family names (pseudonyms), height of flag is 30-50 mm. A fine in the sum of 20% of the Entry fee is taken for absence of any of the abovementioned elements during the competition.

## **11. Advertisement**

**11.1.** Vehicles and ATVs of the Participants can carry any type of advertisements in case of compliance with the next conditions:

- The given type of advertisement doesn't contradict with legislation of the Russian Federation;
- The advertisement doesn't occupy places, reserved for obligatory advertisement of Organizer

**11.2.** Places reserved for obligatory advertisement of the Organiser.

**For vehicles:**

- Two squares 50 x 50 cm on the front doors of the vehicle – for placement of start numbers and emblems of the competition;
- A rectangle of 50 x 20 cm in the front part of the bonnet – for emblem of competition;
- A rectangle of 15 x 10 cm in the upper right corner of wind screen for placement of start number;
- A string with height of 10 cm in the upper part of wind screen for the name of competition.

**For ATVs:**

- A square of 16 x 16 cm at the side surfaces of ATV for placement of start numbers.

**11.3.** . Places reserved for Organiser's optional advertisements:

- Side surfaces of vehicles from the middle of front wheel arch to the middle of the back wheel arch;
- Fore part of the bonnet;
- Side surfaces of ATV.
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**11.4.** The scheme of placement of advertisement is given to Participants at registration

**11.5.** The Participants are not allowed to start at the SS with obscured or mudded compulsory and optional advertisements, identification (**clause 10.1** of Regulations) and start numbers must also be clearly visible.

**11.6.** The crews are obliged to provide due fastening of advertisements during the entire competition. If there Organisers' advertisements are found to be missing, then the 1<sup>st</sup> such violation is fined with penalty in the sum of 50% of the entry fee; the second violation is fined with 200% of Entry fee; the third violation is fined with expulsion from competition.

## **12. Registration and Technical Inspection**

**12.1.** All crews, participating in competition, shall pass through Registration, that includes Technical Inspection (TI) in compliance with the schedule.

Crews that do not pass through Registration in due time are not allowed to start the competition. The exclusion is force-majeure circumstances acknowledged as such by the Head of raid or by the Board of Sport Commissioners.

**12.2** When passing Registration the Participants or their representatives shall provide the following documents:

- Passports of all members of crew;
- Two 4x5 cm color pictures of each member of the crew; ATV's driver; declared representative of the Participant/Participants;
- Driver licenses (obligatory for the 1<sup>st</sup> driver);
- Registration documents for vehicle/ATV;
- Valid ticket of vehicle inspection;
- Declaration of fitness to compete issued by an accredited medical institution (Doctor or Hospital). In case there is no such pass, it is necessary to receive correspondent permission from the Chief physician of the competition;
- Completed Press-service forms.

**12.3.** During Registration the Organiser provides supply of the Participants with:

- Identification badges;
- Copies of the regulating documents of the competition, including a list of GPS points, excluding technical requirements
- Map documents;
- Download of GPS points into Participants' GPS-receivers;
- installing of **"Black Box"**
- installing of **Electronic Chip**;
- Advertising materials, including start numbers, emblems of competition, etc.;
- Souvenir products.

**12.4.** In the process of Registration the Participants or their representatives are obliged to provide vehicle, registered for participation in competition, for TI (Technical Inspection). TI includes examination of vehicle for correspondence with technical requirements for respective categories/groups. Vehicle, provided for TI shall have advertisements, identification and start numbers in compliance with scheme of placement of advertisements (**clause 11.4** of Regulations).

Upon completion of TI, in the case that the vehicle is declared as non-corresponding with technical requirements for category/group set in Entry form, then upon written consent of the Participant the Technical commissioner can transfer the given vehicle into another scoring category/group (in case it has vacant places available) or set a term of elimination of discrepancies and to perform additional TI not later than 2 hours before start of competition

**12.5.** Additional examinations of vehicle's technical condition can be appointed by head of raid or by decision of BSC at any time during the competition.

**12.6.** In case of late arrival to Registration, TI or additional TI within the time of referees' work, a penalty in the sum of 50% from Entry fee is fined. The sum shall be paid before start of competition.

**12.7** Every Participant must arrange a socket of a 12V lighter for the **"Black box"** feeding under the roof, near front right pillar.

### **13. Conditions for Competition. Obligations of the Participants**

#### **13.1. Order of start.**

**13.1.1.** Starting order for the first section in categories is determined by sortition, kept after Registration.

**13.1.2.** Start to the second section occurs according to the results of the first section. T.e. Participant, showed best time at first section, starts first. A Participant, who has second result, starts next. A delay between start of the first Participant and second is equal to a difference between their results. Same system is used for all participants, who got in a time limit at first section. \*

**13.1.3.** Start for second section for Participants, who have exceeded time limit, is given according to a separate starting protocol after all Participants, who got in time limit, start.

\* Example: **Participant A** showed best result at first section – 4 hours 56 minutes 42 seconds. **Participant B** showed 14<sup>th</sup> result 8 hours 02 minutes 58 seconds. That means that **Participant B** starts to second section 14<sup>th</sup> in a queue after 3 hours 06 minutes 16 seconds after **Participant A**

## 13.2. Information.

13.2.1. Start at Prologue occurs according to sortition.

13.1.2. Start protocol for the second section of competition is placed at the Official board in the evening 14<sup>th</sup> of September at 22.00.

13.2.3. Current results during the competition will be published on an Official information board.

13.2.4. In order to bring important information concerning the course to the Participants, the Organiser holds briefings. The crew shall be presented at the briefing with at least one representative. Information about time and location of briefings is placed at the Official board of the competition

## 13.3. Road-book. Driving the SS

13.3.1. Participants are obliged to follow instructions of the Legend created with use of maps and charts and geographical coordinates received by means of GPS-receivers.

Legend While moving through the corridor the Participant is obliged to pass through all GPS points specified in the

13.3.2. Electronic Control Points could be established on the route and will be easily recognized by the participant from the Legend

13.3.3. A corridor may be set on separate sections of the SS. This corridor will be specified in a Road book, and its abidance will be control by judges.

13.3.4. All movements of vehicles during the competition are to be made with driving lights on. Exclusions are allowed when crossing water or during the use of an electric winch.

13.3.5. After first section completion, Participants have fixed limited time to place their vehicles in a Park Fermi. Being late to PF for less than 30 minutes is penalized as 1 minute for every minute of lateness. Being late for more than 30 minutes attracts refusal in start for the second section.

## 13.4. Time limit, Start, Finish

13.4.1. Time limit for the first section is 10 hours, and it should be written in a Carnet

13.4.2. Time limit for the whole SS (first + second sections) is 54 hours.

13.4.3. Start for SS and for second section will be closed after 30 minutes after last Participant (Team) has started according to starting protocol.

13.4.4. Finish of the section and of SS will be closed according to a schedule of section an SS working time.

13.4.5. Means for recording the result at the SS are Check list (Carnet) and Electronic Chip. In case the Participant loses the Carnet, BSC has a right to impose sanctions. In any case loss of Electronic Chip is punished with a fine in the sum of 1500 rubles. The participant is prohibited to introduce any corrections into Check list.

13.4.6 If the participant is up to 30 minutes late to the start of SS a fixed penalty in the form of 1 minute for each minute of lateness. If the Participant is over 30 minutes late to the start of the SS then the Participant is not allowed to start.

13.4.7. If a Participant is not able to finish within time limit of SS, an Electronic Chip anyway must be delivered to the competition Secretary before Finish of SS is closed. Otherwise this Participant may be unclassified.

## 13.5. Recovery of participants vehicles and ATVs. Repairs, service.

13.5.1. Evacuation of cars and ATVs by the Organiser is not provided.

13.5.2. Organizer provides Participants information about harvesting crews location

13.5.3. Servicing and outside help at SS are prohibited. Violation of prohibition for servicing, provided by the given clause, leads to disqualification of the crew.

**13.5.4.** . Repair works, as well as transfer of drinking water, foodstuffs and money to members of crew and ATV driver are allowed at SS..

**13.6.5.** Entry of technical support vehicles to the SS is strongly prohibited. Violation of the given prohibition leads to disqualification to those participant/Participants whose technical support vehicles entered SS.

### **13.6. Food and equipment.**

**13.6.1.** . Each crew must have equipment, necessary for living in field conditions (tents, sleeping-bag), as well as reserve of foodstuffs and drinking water for two days, at 2 liters per person per day.

**13.6.2.** All vehicles shall be provided with reserve of fuel for crossing of 200 km in **severe off-road conditions**. Topping-up of vehicles with fuel is possible at working Fuel stations, located along the route and indicated in the brochures, given at Registration.

**13.6.3.** Participants must have GPS-receivers, as well as necessary equipment (cables or dongles) for provision of download of information of Organizer's PC to the competitors GPS-receivers or PC. .

**13.6.4.** Organizer recommends using of communication-satellite service, since mobile connection does not cover the whole area, and presents piecewise.

**13.6.5.** All heavy equipment shall be securely fixed in the vehicle or outside. In cases of non-compliance of this requirement the Technical commissary has a right to exclude the vehicle from participation in competition. In addition, a vehicle can be detained by the Officials at the start of SS for elimination of the set defects under the threat of penalty "minute for minute" for being late to the start. During SS such a vehicle can be detained by the Officials for elimination of defects at the expense of Participant's time.

**13.6.6.** All winches with steel ropes, installed at the vehicle, shall be equipped with rope damper (Winch blankets/sail

**13.6.7.** Every vehicle shall be equipped with bark protecting strops minimum width 90mm.

**13.6.8.** First-aid kit must be hermetically packed (for example – in a food container)

### **13.7 Environment. Safety.**

**13.7.1.** During the competition everyone is strictly **forbidden** to drive their vehicles in rivers and lakes (excluding driving the SS).

**13.7.2.** Use of bark protecting strops is compulsory! It is not permitted to fix the bark protecting strop to a tree at the height of exceeding 30 cm from the ground surface. In addition; Protective strops shouldn't be fixed with slipknot or be kinked when fixing at the tree.

**13.7.3.** The Participants must work with steel winch rope only in leather gloves.

**13.7.4.** It is prohibited to touch steel or synthetic winch rope under load.

**13.7.5.** It is prohibited to cross steel or synthetic winch rope under load.

**13.7.6.** It is forbidden to use a winch without a properly installed rope damper.

**13.7.7.** Rope dampener must be held in a middle third of a tense rope.

**13.7.8.** During the competition it is prohibited to drain vehicle liquids onto the ground (lube, fuel, etc.), as well as littering and/or digging in are also forbidden.

**13.7.9.** The sanctions for breach of provisions of **clause 13.7** are imposed according to Table of penalties (**Appendix 3**) on all the Participants, their representative, technical support staff, guests and Officials of the competition.

**13.7.9.** Sanctions for breach of clauses **13.7.3. – 13.7.7** may be enforced on a Participant by Fact Referees directly on SS, with a corresponding mark in a Participant's Check List.

**13.7.10.** Upon the decision of the official doctor of competition any Participant/crew can be prohibited from start in following cases:

- there is no first-aid set;
- 2-day's supply of food and drinking water are not present
- there are attributes of alcoholic intoxication for the driver;
- there are medical indications for rendering urgent medical aid.

**13.7.11.** . Under the instruction of the official doctor of competition, the movement on SS of any Participant/crew can be stopped when there are medical indications for rendering urgent medical aid.

### **13.8. Obligatory rest**

**13.8.1.** During main part of the competition, each Participant must use ones obligatory simultaneous 6-hours recreation in every 24-hour period. This recreation must be taken in a period from 9.00 p.m.to 1.00 a.m. It must be used before last section of SS starts.

**13.8.2.** Time of the beginning and end of the rest, as well as its location, should be written by a Participant in a Carnet.

**13.8.3.** Rest time exceed is not penalized

**13.8.4.** If a Participant had a rest for less than 6 hours, he will be neutralized before start for last section (SS) at 2 minutes of neutralization for every 1 minute of unused recreation. (Example: A Participant had a rest for 5 hours 24 minutes and 35 seconds instead of 6 hours. That is 35minutes and 25 seconds less than he should have. In this case neutralizing time will be 1hour and 12 minutes)

**13.8.5.** In case of neutralizing, a Participant's vehicle must be parked in a Park Fermi.

**13.8.6.** Recreation time will be controlled by Organizer, based on "Black box" data.

#### **14. Board of Sport Commissioner (BSC).**

**14.1.** The activity of the Board of Sport Commissioners is aimed at provision of rights of the Participants during the course of the competition and observance of the norms of the given regulations. When considering objections and applications any grey areas are interpreted in favor of Participant.

**14.2.** BSC consisting of a maximum of three persons, performs its obligations collegially under the supervision of the Chairman. In cases of voting parity, the final decision is given to the Chairman of BSC.

**14.3.** . Competence of BSC includes:

- introduction of modification to the given Regulations in connection with force-majeure circumstances and/or in aims of provision of safety;
- application of sanctions for breach of the given Regulations;
- making of decision about stopping the competition;
- cancellation of referees' decision;
- consideration of requests of the Officials and objection of the Participants; making of decisions on them;
- other issues, referred to BSC's competence by the given Regulations.

#### **15. Refereeing, Objection.**

**15.1.** . During competition the refereeing is provided by the Organiser. The organiser shall provide equal conditions for the Participants for each scoring category/group. This obligation doesn't include the condition of competition route.

**15.2.** . At the Chief physicians behest any Participant of the competition can be barred from further participation in the competition on physical fitness grounds.

**15.3.** Any Participant that has failed to pay monetary penalties incurred will not be allowed to start the following SS. Participant, who gets a monetary penalty for violations, done on a second section, must pay it before results of the competition are confirmed.

**15.4.** Referees' requirements are compulsory for the Participants. Breach of the given clause leads to penalty according to Table of penalties (**Appendix 3**).

**15.5.** Examination of evidence of a breach of the given Regulations and its Appendixes will be considered by BSC only on the basis of applications of the officials and/or objections of the Participants

**15.6.** Objections are lodged only in written form to the Officer of relations with Participants, Head of raid or his deputy, start/finish referee, or to the Sport commissioners. Objections are to be addressed to the Chairman of the BSC.

The objection shall contain a reference to the clause of regulations or its Appendixes that according to Participant's opinion was breached by another Participant and the confirmation of this breach. Photo and video materials may be considered as proof of a regulation breach, as well as proof of independent witnesses. In a case where the BSC reveals deception, the Participant guilty of such deceit will be excluded from competition.

Any objection lodged is to be accompanied with a monetary pledge in the sum of 6,000 roubles (returned to applicant of objection in the case that the Objection is upheld). The monetary pledge is to be paid to the secretariat of the competition, and a corresponding mark is put on the objection.

Objections must be lodged within 1 hour from the moment of publication of SS preliminary results. The BSC will consider the received objections of the Participants and applications of the Officials in a reasonable manner, sufficient for investigation of all the circumstances of the objection and application to be considered.

15.7. In case of appearance of disputable matters about passing of SS by one or another Participant, Organizer keeps a right to demand GPS tracks from this Participant.

## 16. Results. Awarding.

16.1. In all scoring groups, except for **"TOURISM"** and **"GRAND TOURISM"** category scoring is performed on the basis of "through stop-watch", i.e. the results of all SS's taking into account plus the sum total of all time penalties incurred. The winner is a crew with the smallest total time.

16.2. In **"TOURISM" AND "GRAND TOURISM"** the elapsed time for completing SS's is not the determinant factor

16.3. Winners and awardees of the trophy-raid **"VEPSSKIY LES"** raid in all scoring groups are awarded with diplomas, cups and prizes. Other nominations can be announced.

16.4. All the Participants who passed the trophy-raid **"VEPSSKIY LES"**, will receive a certificate.

Sanctions Composition of violation	Start rejection	Non-scoring of SS	Fixed time penalty	Monetary penalty (% from BASIC entry fee)	Decision
The vehicle doesn't correspond with Technical requirements; <b>art. 12.4. – 12.5.</b>	⊗				<b>BSC *</b>
Being late for Registration and TI, <b>art. 12.6.</b>				20%	
The vehicle is late for the start of SR for over 30 minutes; <b>clause 13.4.6.</b>	⊗	⊗			<b>Regul. **</b>
The vehicle is late for the start of SR, less than 30 minutes, <b>clause 13.4.6.</b>			1 мин. за минуту опоздания		<b>Regul.</b>
Being late to Park Fermi less than 30 minutes, <b>art. 13.4.7.</b>			1 мин. за минуту опоздания		<b>Regul.</b>
Being late to Park Fermi for over 30 minutes, <b>art. 13.3.5.</b>	⊗				<b>Regul.</b>
Violation of number of Crew members; ( <b>Common Regulations of the series</b> )		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Violation of passage; <b>clause 13.3.3.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Violation of route; <b>clause 13.3.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Loss of Electronic Chip; <b>clause 13.4.5.</b>		⊗		Up to 1500 rub.	<b>BSC</b>
Loss of Check list; <b>clause 13.4.5.</b>		⊗		Up to 1500 rub.	<b>BSC</b>
Simultaneous loss of Carnet and Electronic Chip; <b>clause 13.4.5.</b>		⊗		1500 rub.	<b>Regul.</b>
Lack of CP marks in the Check list; <b>Clause 13.4.5.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Violation of Service norms; <b>clause 13.6.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Outside help; <b>clause 13.5.3.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Unauthorized correction in the Check list; <b>clause 13.4.5.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Violation of environmental norms at SR; 1 <sup>st</sup> violation; <b>art. 13.7.</b>				20%	<b>BSC</b>
Violation of environmental norms at SR; 2 <sup>nd</sup> and following violations; <b>art. 13.7.</b>		⊗		50%	<b>BSC</b>
Violation of environmental norms outside SR; 1 <sup>st</sup> violation; <b>art. 13.7.</b>				100%	<b>BSC</b>
Violation of environmental norms outside SR; 2 <sup>nd</sup> and following violations; <b>art. 13.7.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Absence of advertisements, given by the Organizer, 1 <sup>st</sup> violation; <b>art. 11.6.</b>				50%	<b>BSC</b>

Composition of violation	Sanctions				
	Start rejection	Non-scoring of SS	Fixed time penalty	Monetary penalty (% from BASIC entry fee)	Decision
Absence of advertisements, given by the Organizer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> violation; <b>art. 11.6.</b>				200%	<b>BSC</b>
Absence of advertisements, given by the Organizer, 3 <sup>rd</sup> violation; <b>art. 11.6.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Being late for Registration and/or technical inspection; <b>art. 12.1. and 12.6.</b>				20%	<b>Regul.</b>
Deception, incorrect behavior; <b>art. 15.5.</b>		⊗		100 – 200%	<b>BSC</b>
Absence of identification at the vehicle/ATV <b>Clause 10.1.</b>				20%	<b>BSC</b>
Non-fulfillment of referees' requirements; <b>art. 15.5.</b>		⊗			<b>BSC</b>
Absence or incorrect installation of rope damper; <b>clause. 13.7.</b>			1 hour		Fact Referee
Work with steel winch rope without gloves; <b>clause. 13.7.</b>			1 hour		Fact Referee
Contact with winch rope under load; <b>clause 13.7.</b>			1 hour		Fact Referee
Crossing of which rope under load; <b>clause 13.7.</b>			1 hour		Fact Referee
Unpaid monetary penalty; <b>art.15.3.</b>	⊗	⊗			<b>Regul.</b>

\* - **BSC** – by decision of Board of Sport Commissioners

\*\* - **Regul.**– according to competition Regulations