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## **DEFINITION OF A BAJA**

A Baja is a sporting event staged over varied terrain, 3 days of race, and is intended to prove the skill and endurance of competitors, and the reliability of their machines.

The terrain consists of natural landscapes and usually not modified by the organiser as follows and not limited to:

- Mountain, rocky sections
- Dunes
- Rivers, dry riverbed, mud tracks
- Open public road
- Natural vegetation, bushes, high grass, forest
- Asphalt road, off road tracks
- Terrain with snow conditions

The FIM can revisit the sporting format of the Baja races. The sporting rules must be clearly mentioned in the SRs.

## General Undertakings and Conditions

All competitors, teams, officials and other parties participating in the FIM Bajas World Cup undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees and agents, to observe all the current provisions of the:

1. FIM Sporting Code
2. FIM Bajas World Cup Appendices
3. FIM Bajas Technical Regulations
4. FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code
5. FIM Environmental Code
6. FIM Medical Code
7. FIM Anti-Doping Code
8. FIM Code of Ethics
9. FIM Yearbook
10. FIM Organiser's Work Book (if available)

as supplemented and amended from time to time (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "FIM Bajas World Cup Regulations").

It is the responsibility of each competitor and/or team to ensure that all persons involved with their entries observe the FIM Bajas World Cup Regulations at all times.

All persons concerned in any way with an entered motorcycle/SSV or present in any capacity whatsoever in the technical and administrative area must carry an appropriate pass at all times during the meeting.

Actions judged by the officials responsible to be contrary to the FIM Bajas World Cup Regulations - or judged to be unsportsmanlike or against the best interests of the sport or the meeting in question - are subject to disciplinary actions as provided by the FIM Arbitration and Disciplinary Code.

The interpretation of this current Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations is the responsibility of the CRT (see Art. 4 of the FIM Sporting Code). Any matter not provided for therein will be subject to interpretation by the International Jury.

## **82.1 GENERAL**

### **82.1.1 FIM Bajas World Cup**

The FIM Bajas World Cup is organised according to the rules of the FIM Bajas World Cup Regulations and the FIM Sporting Code.

Certain rules taken from the FIM Cross Country Rallies World Championship Regulations may also be used. This must be clearly stated in the Supplementary Regulations of the event.

The FIM Bajas World Cup is held each year and includes the following categories and classes:

- FIM Bajas World Cup Bike, for competitors and manufacturers
- FIM Bajas World Cup - Quads, for competitors
- FIM Bajas World Cup - Women, for competitors
- FIM Bajas World Cup - Junior, for competitors
- FIM Bajas World Cup - SSV (Driver and Co-Driver)
- FIM Bajas Trophy - Veterans, for competitors

A FIM Bajas World Cup event, allowing for exceptions duly approved by the CRT, is always open to these three categories and three classes mentioned here.

The total number of events entered in the FIM Bajas World Cup calendar, allowing for exceptions duly approved by the CRT, is four minimum and ten maximum.

#### **Format:**

The FIM Bajas World Cup takes place over a Series of Qualifying Events as well as a Final.

The Final has a coefficient of 2.

The Final is open to all competitors. In order to be included in the ranking of the FIM Bajas World Cup, competitors must have completed and scored points in at least one of the Events of the Qualifying Series. Only these competitors will be eligible for the final ranking of the FIM Bajas World Cup.

The final ranking of the FIM Bajas World Cup will be established on the basis of the two best results of the Qualifying Series, added to the points awarded in the Final.

### 82.1.2 Eligibility of Events

The deadline for registrations in the FIM Bajas World Cup calendar is 31 January of each year (for the next year's calendar) according to the FIM general standards.

Priority will be given to events belonging to the FIA Bajas World Cup, then to twinned events for cars-motorcycles/SSV.

Before being accepted, each new candidate event should be evaluated by the FIM, who will take into account the inspection report, the quality of the event and the existing events in the FIM Bajas World Cup. This evaluation will be entirely borne by the candidate organisation.

A Baja must be run over one or two days, plus a possible day if a Super Special Stage is held.

Between two events, a sufficient period of time must be observed, except in certain conditions, under dispensation of the FIM Executive Board.

Before the start of the first round, the CRT will organise a compulsory meeting for the organisers in order to explain the new rules and protocol. An Organiser who is not present at this meeting will receive a fine of 580 Euros and his event will be excluded from the FIM Bajas World Cup calendar the following year.

Events counting towards the FIM Bajas World Cup shall show in all their publicity and on all documents relevant to the event, the title "FIM Bajas World Cup".

### 82.1.3 TV Rights, Title sponsor and logo of the Championship

The FIM Bajas World Cup may be linked to a contractual "Title Sponsor". The FIM will inform all the organisers sufficiently in advance.

As mentioned in the FIM Statutes, the TV and Marketing rights belong to FIM. The marketing of the TV rights will be negotiated every year between the FIM Marketing & Communications Department and the Organiser. The Championship sponsor title belongs to the FIM.

The organiser must follow the graphic charter provided by FIM for the backdrops, internet sites and other goodies. **The FIM logo as well as the Championship logo must appear on each support.** The organiser must obtain the approval of the FIM marketing department before printing or producing any items.

## **82.1.4 Support races**

During a FIM Bajas World Cup event, support races may be permitted.

However, these support races must at all times receive prior authorisation from the FIM.

Authorisation from the FIM does not imply nor include any FIM involvement in and/or liability for these support races/activities which are not run under the aegis and the responsibility of the FIM.

Priority must at all times be given to the FIM Bajas World Cup.

If necessary, the FIM International Jury can change the time schedule of these support races and/or cancel them.

## **82.2 OFFICIALS AND PROCEDURES**

### **82.2.1 General**

The event will be supervised by a FIM International Jury composed in conformity with the provisions of Art. 50.1 of the FIM Sporting Code.

The FIM and the FMNs shall appoint officials whose aptitude and integrity for the position they can fully justify. These officials must be in possession of a valid FIM licence for the appropriate discipline and function.

An official shall not be a competitor, mechanic, sponsor, assistant or promoter participating in the event.

The Clerk of the Course must present to the FIM Jury President a list of all Officials of whom the number of their national or international licence must be mentioned. These people on this list will be considered as Judge of Fact.

All officials must remain operative and available with all the required equipment for the event in place within the time limit for lodging a protest/appeal.

## 82.2.2 Officials who hold a FIM licence

The following officials must be in possession of a valid FIM licence:

- FIM Jury President, FIM Jury Member(s), FIM Technical Director
- Clerk of the Course and his assistant
- FMNR Chief Technical Steward (Senior Licence) and his assistant
- FIM Medical Delegate and FIM Environmental Delegate
- FMNR Environmental Steward
- Chief Medical Officer (CMO)
- Timekeeper

## 82.2.3 Jurisdiction

With the exception of the FIM International Jury, all FIM licence holders, holders of a FIM pass, officials and their assistants, and all other persons involved in the event are subject to the authority of the Clerk of the Course.

## 82.2.4 FIM International Jury

The President of the Jury and the second Jury member (optional) are appointed by the FIM.

The third Jury member is appointed by the FMNR.

If the two Jury Members appointed by the FIM are prevented from arriving at the event in time, the FIM will decide about their replacement.

In the case that a Jury Member is prevented to arrive, the Jury President will have the casting vote.

In the case where the FIM international Jury is composed of two members only; the FIM Jury President will have the casting vote.

The FIM International Jury exercises supreme control of the event in respect of the application of the FIM Codes, FIM regulations and of the SR, which it must ratify. Consequently, the Members of the Jury are responsible only towards the FMNR and/or the FIM. They are responsible for the proper application of the sporting rules during the event where they have a supervising and disciplinary function.

The FIM International Jury has no responsibility for the organisation of the event.

The FIM International Jury is the only disciplinary body of the event competent to adjudicate upon any protest that may arise during the event.

The FIM International Jury pronounces sanctions according to the provisions laid down in the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code.

Decisions of the FIM International Jury are based on a simple majority. In the case of a tie, the President will exercise a casting vote.

All decisions of the FIM International Jury necessary for the running of the event as well as the results must be published as soon as possible and in the official languages of the FIM.

#### **82.2.4.1 Minutes of the International Jury Meetings**

The minutes must be written in both official FIM languages, unless the Jury agrees to accept them in one official language. They are to be prepared by the Secretary to the Jury and must be signed by the Secretary and the FIM Jury President. A copy of these minutes must be sent to the FIM Administration within 72 hours of the end of the event.

The minutes must state in detail any penalties imposed; the decisions taken upon any protests lodged (copies of which must be attached); the details of any accidents which may have occurred; any possible irregularities observed, as well as the opinion of the International Jury regarding the success of the organisation and any possible remarks they consider to be worthy of special mention.

#### **82.2.5 The FIM Jury President**

He must ensure that the decisions of the FIM International Jury conform to the rules of the FIM Sporting Code, to the regulations published by the FIM and the Supplementary Regulations of the event.

He shall call a meeting of the FIM International Jury at the start of the event and during this meeting the FIM International Jury shall approve and control the following matters:

- Amendments, if any, to the SR after the opening date for entries verifying that all the competitors and competitors engaged are informed thereof;

- Report of the Secretary to the Jury stating that all competitors and competitors are holders of their respective licences as well as all officials with any responsibility for the running of the event;
- Report from the Clerk of the Course showing all steps to be taken to ensure the orderly running of the event;
- The safety standards of the event;
- Any amendments to safety measures proposed by the competitors;
- The official permission from the local authorities to run the event and whether the third party insurance policy of the organiser satisfies the requirements of Art. 110.1.1 of the FIM Sporting Code.

The FIM Jury President has the right to invite any guests to the Jury meetings, when appropriate for the event.

At the end of each day of the event, the FIM Jury President will call a meeting of the FIM International Jury to hear the report of the Clerk of the Course, the Secretary to the Jury and any other appropriate officials. The President, together with the Clerk of the Course, must sign the official classification of the event. He must also sign, with the Secretary to the Jury, all minutes of the meetings.

At the end of the event, the FIM Jury President must send the following documents to the FIM Administration within 72 hours of the finish of the event:

- his report (using the official form)
- the results (according to the official form)
- his complete dossier with the Environmental Check-list, minutes of the meetings, justified decisions relating to the appeal lodged and, if necessary, the security deposit retained, copy of the certificate for the third party liability insurance, etc.

#### **82.2.6 The second FIM Jury Member**

He must help the FIM Jury President to fulfil his duty.

He must fulfil his duty within the FIM International Jury in case of any disciplinary or arbitration action.



### **82.2.7 The FMNR third Jury Member**

He must assist the Jury President with his knowledge of his country.

He must fulfil his duty within the FIM International Jury in case of any disciplinary or arbitration action.

He must represent his organising country.

### **82.2.8 FIM Technical Director (Optional)**

The FIM Technical Director is appointed by the Director of the FIM International Technical Commission in consultation with the Director of the FIM Cross-Country Rally Commission.

The FIM Technical Director is not responsible for the technical verifications but will ensure that they are carried out in accordance with the FIM Technical Code.

The FIM Technical Director works in cooperation with the FIM Race Director and the FIM Delegate.

The authority and duties of the FIM Technical Director include but are not limited to (Please, also refer to the FIM Technical Code):

- a) The FIM Technical Director will report any concerns or deficiencies relating to the technical verifications to the FIM Race Director and FIM Delegate and present proposals to resolve such concerns.
- b) The FIM Technical Director is the final arbiter in relation to technical issues at the event.
- c) The FIM Technical Director will examine with the Chief Technical Steward the motorcycle(s)/SSV and the protective equipment of any competitor(s) involved in serious or fatal accidents and present a written report to the FIM Delegate.
- c) The FIM Technical Director will attend all meetings of the Race Direction, but without voting rights.

### **82.2.9 CRT Representative**

The CRT may appoint a Representative, in a supervisory role, for each event.

## 82.2.10 Clerk of the Course

The Clerk of the Course shall be responsible for the application of the Rules during the running of the event which shall be under the control of an International Jury composed in conformity with the FIM Sporting Code.

The Clerk of the Course is responsible for the conduct and efficient running of the event. He cannot be a voting member of the International Jury. His essential duties are:

- To ensure that the course is in good condition; that all officials are present and ready to carry out their duties and that the safety, medical and control services are on duty;
- To verify the identity of the competitors, the correct numbering of the motorcycles/**SSV**, and that there is nothing to prevent a competitor from participating in the event due to a disciplinary sanction or for any other administrative or technical reason;
- To postpone the start of a event for an urgent case of safety or for any other case of force majeure or to proceed with the improvement of the conditions of the course; to stop an event prematurely or to cancel part of the course or the entire event;
- To prevent a competitor or a motorcycle/**SSV** from starting, or to order his withdrawal from the event if he considers such action necessary for safety reasons;
- To ensure that the FIM rules are respected, he may indicate infractions and propose penalties to the FIM International Jury;
- To order the removal from the course, Stages and vicinity any person refusing to obey the orders of an official;
- To notify the FIM International Jury of all decisions taken or to be taken and of any protest addressed to him;
- To collate the reports of the timekeepers and other executive officials and all other information necessary in order to present his report to the FIM International Jury and to have the provisional results of the event approved.

For events with more than 100 competitors, an Assistant Clerk of the Course and an Assistant Technical Steward, holders of FMNR licences, are compulsory.

### 82.2.11 Technical Steward

The Chief Technical Steward and the Technical Steward, appointed by the FMNR, must verify the machines and equipment in accordance with the FIM rules and the Supplementary Regulations.

They must draw up a technical report and hand a copy to the FIM Jury President.

### 82.2.12 Timekeepers

Appointed timekeepers must be qualified to use the timekeeping system of the event and be in possession of a FIM timekeeper's licence and FIM CRT Sporting Steward Licence.

Before each FIM Jury meeting, the chief timekeeper must present any useful information to the Clerk of the Course and the FIM Jury.

They must produce the official results in accordance with the FIM Regulations and hand a copy to the FIM Jury President.

At the end of the event, as soon as the results are homologated by the FIM International Jury, they must send the results by e-mail to the FIM Administration ([info@fim.ch](mailto:info@fim.ch)) or by electronic way in order to be published online on the FIM official website [www.FIM-MOTO.com](http://www.FIM-MOTO.com).

The results must be sent to the FIM at the end of each event. The results of the **three categories and three** classes must be shown separately: Bike, Quads, SSV, Women's, Junior and Veterans.

### 82.2.13 Environmental Steward

The Environmental Steward, appointed by the organiser or the FMNR, shall be responsible for all environmental aspects and shall in particular:

- Ensure that the FIM Environmental Code is respected;
- Have access to all information concerning the event, and be able, prior, during and after the event, to give recommendations to the FIM Jury President or Clerk of the Course on all aspects of the event which may have harmful environmental consequences;
- Be entitled to attend all open meetings of the Jury, without voting rights;

- Draw up a report on the basis of a checklist prepared by the CIE and send it to the FIM Administration and hand a copy to the FIM Jury President,
- Propose sanctions

#### **82.2.14 Chief Medical Officer (CMO)**

The Chief Medical Officer, appointed by the FMNR, shall be responsible for all medical aspects and shall, in particular:

- Ensure that the FIM Medical Code is respected.
- Inspect all medical/paramedical services before the start of the event and regularly during the event.
- Ensure that all medical/paramedical services and staff are in their correct places and ready to function.
- Give information and recommendations on injured competitors and all aspects of the event which may have potential medical consequences.
- Draw up a report and hand a copy to the FIM Jury President.
- He must be present at all meetings of the FIM International Jury.

#### **82.2.15 Competitors' Relation Officer (CRO)**

The officials responsible for relations with the competitors must be readily identifiable and be present at:

- the administrative and technical controls;
- the start and finish of Stages;
- regroupings;
- all meetings of the FIM International Jury.

The task of the officials dealing with competitors consists of:

- informing the competitors and constantly acting in collaboration with them;
- providing precise answers to all persons raising questions;
- giving all information and additional details concerning the running of the Baja;
- avoiding transmission to the FIM International Jury of any questions that can be satisfactorily resolved by providing precise explanations, unless the question concerns a protest, e.g. supplying details of times contested.

This task can be entrusted to an Assistant Clerk of the Course.

### **82.2.16 Responsible of the tracking system**

The responsible of the tracking system called on an Event must be qualified to use the tracking system used. Only tracking companies certified by FIM will be allowed to officiate at the FIM Rally championships and cups.

Before each FIM Jury meeting, the person responsible of the tracking system must submit all relevant information's to the Clerk of the Course and to the FIM Jury.

### **82.2.17 Responsible of the GPS system**

The responsible of the GPS system called in a manifestation must be qualified to use the GPS system used.

Before each FIM Jury meeting, the person responsible of the GPS system must submit all relevant information's to the Clerk of the Course and to the FIM Jury.

### **82.2.18 Transport and accommodation of the FIM Officials**

The organiser will bear all the cost of the FIM Jury President, FIM second Jury Member and the FIM Technical Delegate.

This mean:

- Round trip transport from their home to the event.
- Accommodation during the event, in a convenient, superior class hotel.
- Transportation during the event in such a way to allow them to be able to check the running of the event (rental car or car with a driver).

The Organisers must inform the FIM Officials about these arrangements as soon as possible.

The cost for other FIM Delegates (Environmental, Medical, CRT Representative, etc.) will be borne by the FIM.

## 82.3 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS AND INSURANCE

The Supplementary Regulations must be published in the two official languages of the FIM and must be approved by the FMNR and the FIM. One copy must be sent to the FIM Administration no later than two months before the date of the event for approval by the FIM. As soon as accepted, the SR will be published on the FIM website.

The SR must be drawn up in conformity with the standard model established by the CRT and must specify that the event will be conducted in conformity with the current Appendix. It must also include the detailed description of the medical support available by air and land during the event as well as the maximum time granted to the competitors for each day, accompanied by detailed itineraries (except for the Selective Sections), complete time schedules and details with the number of kilometres and sent to FIM Administration 30 days before the start of the event.

No amendment may be made to the SR after its approval by the FIM or the FMNR and after the opening date for entries. However, in exceptional circumstances, the FIM International Jury, or if the latter has not yet been appointed, the FMNR, may authorise an amendment to the SR provided that it is subsequently approved by the FIM International Jury and brought to the attention of all persons concerned.

Any modifications or additional provisions shall be announced by additives, which will be dated, numbered and signed. These additives will form an integral part of the Supplementary Regulations and shall be posted on the official notice board for the Baja. They shall also be communicated directly to the competitors in the shortest possible time.

The interpretation of the Supplementary Regulations is the responsibility of the CRT.

## 82.4 ENTRIES

All entries must be made in writing on an entry form and all information regarding the competitor, team, sponsor and make of the machine must be indicated.

The entry forms must be printed in the official languages of the FIM and shall mention Art. 60.5 of the FIM Sporting Code.

Any person wishing to take part in an event must send to the Secretariat of the organiser the entry application signed and accompanied by the amount of the entry fee which will be increased by 100 % for the competitors refusing the advertising of the organisers. The amount of the entry fee must be specified in the SR.

The entry fee will be fully reimbursed:

- a) to applicants whose entry has been refused;
- b) in the event that the Baja is not held.

In order to cover a withdrawal at the last minute by any competitor, the organisers must subscribe to or propose a cancellation insurance policy permitting the reimbursement of fees paid.

The FMN which issued the licence, the FMNR or the organiser may refuse an entry for justifiable reasons. The refusal and justified notification must be sent in writing to the applicant at the latest during the 72 hours following the closing of the entries. Also within this time limit, the notification must be sent to the FIM Administration and to all the FMNs that have competitors who sent an entry form.

The CRT can revoke a refusal of entry coming from the FMNR or the organiser, if the refusal is considered not founded by the CRT.

## **82.5 INSURANCE**

### **82.5.1 Third Part Liability Insurance**

The organiser of a FIM Championship or Prize Event must provide the FIM Administration, not later than 20 days prior to the event, with a copy of the insurance policy written in English or French to cover his own liability and that of all competitors, the manufacturers, competitors, passengers, sponsors and officials in case of damage to third parties during the meeting or during the practices. The insurance policy shall also cover any possible liability of the FIM to third parties.

The minimum amount of coverage, which shall not be less than the minimum standards provided for by the national laws of the country in which the relevant event is taking place, is defined regularly by the Board of Directors and published in the FIM Yearbook.

The third party liability insurance will come into effect two days before the official practice session and will terminate two days after the last race day.

#### 82.5.2 Accident Insurance for competitors

By issuing a FIM Licence to competitors, (passengers, teams), an FMN or any entity allowed to do so by the FIM, must certify that the competitors are insured for personal accidents covering death, permanent disability, medical treatment and repatriation. The minimum compulsory benefits to be covered by this insurance must be equivalent to the benefits in EUR as published in the FIM Yearbook. The insurance must be valid for all competitions and official practices.

#### 82.6 ENTERED COMPETITORS

The competitors must obligatorily be holders of:

1. A valid FIM Baja World Cup or Cross-Country Rallies World Championship licence in accordance with Art. 70.2.1 of the FIM Sporting Code and Art. 09.1 of the FIM Medical Code. For the Cross-Country Rallies World Championship licence only, the competitor must undergo and pass successfully an echocardiogram, once in his lifetime and an exercise tolerance electrocardiogram valid three years, before his Federation can deliver him a licence.
2. A valid driving licence corresponding to the type and capacity of machine used.

All competitors undertake to indemnify and hold harmless the FIM, the FMNR, the CONUs, the FIM promoters, the organisers and officials, the employees, officers and agents, from and against any and all liability to third parties for any loss, damage or injury for which he is jointly and severally liable.

A competitor is responsible of the behavior of his mechanics, assistants or manager and any infringement to the regulations will be borne by the competitor.



When the engine of a motorcycle/**SSV** is running, the competitor must wear his helmet.

Any anti-sport, unfair, incorrect or fraudulent action effected by the competitor shall be judged by the International Jury who shall decide on any sanction according to the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code and regulations.

### 82.6.1 Starting numbers

The organisers are free to allocate the starting numbers to the competitors. However, they should, when possible, give a competitor the same starting number this competitor had if he rode previously in another round of the FIM Bajas World Cup of that year.

Starting numbers for the motorcycles are from 1 to 99

Starting numbers for the Quads are from 100 to 199

Starting numbers for the SSVs are from 800 to 899

The following numbers will be for the other vehicles (3XX for the cars, 5XX for the trucks...).

## 82.7 MOTORCYCLES/SSV, CATEGORIES AND OTHER SPECIFICATIONS

The Championship is open to motorcycles and quads (hereinafter collectively referred to as “motorcycles”) **as well as SSVs** duly covered by a registration certificate and adapted to off-road use. The registration certificate must always reflect the modification brought to the motorcycle/**SSV**, in particular to the capacity, make, type and commercial description. These motorcycles/**SSV** and their equipment entered must, throughout the competition, comply with the International Vienna Convention of 1968, the national legal requirements for road traffic of the country in which the vehicle is registered, the road legislation of the country where the event is held and with other rules specified in the Supplementary Regulations. In case a competition motorcycle/**SSV** does not need registration in the country where it comes from, the motorcycle/**SSV** must still respect the FIM Sporting and Technical rules.

## 82.7.1 Categories and Classes

The categories are as follows:

- Category 1: Bike (Up to 450cc single or twin cylinder, 2T or 4T)
- Category 2: Quads (three-wheel vehicles are forbidden)
- Category 3: SSV
- Class 1: Women
- Class 2: Junior
- Class 3: Veterans

All the other categories i.e “Over 450cc” do not count towards the FIM Bajas World Cups.

### 82.7.1.1 Bike

These vehicles are based on road legal production motorcycles, fully registered for use on public roads. These motorcycles can be modified and/or equipped for Off-Road Bajas competition as follows: The main parts: frame, engine (cylinder, cylinder head and crankcase) and swing-arm must be the standard component.

These main parts may be modified, with the exception of the crankcase, but must but must fulfil the FIM Technical Rules for Bajas - 450cc category.

The maximum capacity is up to 450cc single or twin cylinder 2T or 4T.

Number plates: white background with black numbers (RAL Colour table: White 9010, Black 9005).

### 82.7.1.2 Quads

These vehicles:

- must be based on the series production quads vehicle and
- appear in the manufacturers’ catalogue and
- be homologated to be used on public roads and
- comply with the FIM rules for Group G or H; and
- be modified and/or equipped for Off-Road Cross-Country Rallies competition.

The following parts are to remain completely standard:

the chassis and  
the engine (cylinder, cylinder head and crankcases).

The above mentioned parts must be standard components freely available to the public in retail trade.

The crankcases of the make and model of the quad used must remain strictly original (i.e. may under no circumstances be changed or modified) and must fulfill the FIM Technical Rules for Bajas - Quads category.

Please refer to the FIM Bajas Technical Rules, Quads, for the capacity authorised per group.

Number plates: white background with black numbers (RAL Colour table: White 9010, Black 9005).

### **82.7.1.3 Women**

To collect points for the Women's World Cup, a female competitor can use a machine of either Category 1 or 2.

Starting Numbers: according to the category of their machine

Number plates: purple with white numbers (RAL Colour table: Purple 4006, White 9010).

### **82.7.1.4 Junior**

To collect points for the Junior's World Cup, a competitor can use a machine of either Category 1 or 2.

Starting Numbers and Number plates: according to the category of their machine.

Age of the competitor: the competitor must be aged less than 25 years (at 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of the Championship) and holder of a driving licence valid for the motorcycle he will ride.

### **82.7.1.5 Veterans**

To collect points for the Veterans Trophy, a competitor can use a machine of either Category 1 or 2.

Starting Numbers and Number plates: according to the category of their machine.

Age of the competitor: the competitor must be 45 years minimum (at 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of the Cup) and holder of a driving licence valid for the motorcycle he will ride.

#### **82.7.1.6 SSV**

SSV (SIDE BY SIDE VEHICLE) are motor vehicles propelled by a single thermal engine, four wheels, two or four-wheel drive, produced by series, steering system with a steering wheel controlled by the driver, with seats side by side (driver and co-driver).

Please refer to the FIM SSV's Technical Rules.

Number plates: orange background with black numbers (RAL Colour table: Orange 2000, Black 9005).

#### **82.7.2 Change of engine**

##### **Category 1 and 2:**

Any change of engine must be indicated to the Clerk of the Course or the Technical Steward/FIM Technical Director, on pain of a 15' penalty.

##### **Category 3:**

**Please refer to SSV Technical Regulations.**

#### **82.7.3 Number of engine**

##### **Category 1 and 2:**

Per competitor, one (1) engine mounted in the motorcycle (quad) and a maximum of one (1) spare engine.

The spare engine(s) must have identical technical specifications and must be marked by the Technical Stewards during the first technical inspections, for use during the entire duration of the event.

If a competitor needs to change more engines, he may do so, but will receive a penalty of 2 hours per extra engine change.

##### **Category 3:**

**Please refer to SSV Technical Regulations.**

## 82.7.4 Identification

The organiser shall provide each competitor with a set of identification plates comprising 1 front plate and 2 side plates called number plates. The organiser shall also provide one bib (Cat. 1 and 2) measuring 26 cm x 30 cm, bearing the racing number which should be clearly worn on the competitor's back. The exact sizes and positions of these number plates will be explained in the SR.

The race bib cannot be cut and/or modified. In all cases, the upper edge of the back bib must be a maximum of 20 cm from the neck of the competitor and shall be always visible and not be hidden by anything, like a "Camel Bag".

The number plates shall be affixed visibly at the front and on the rear sides of the motorcycle (**aileron for the quads, roof for the SSVs**). They shall in no circumstances cover, throughout the duration of the Baja, even partly, the registration number of the motorcycle/SSV.

At any time during the Baja, the absence of or incorrect affixing of an event number panel or plate shall result, for each offence noted, in a time penalty, as provided for in the Supplementary Regulations. Before the start of each Stage, the simultaneous absence or incorrect affixing of at least two event number plates or the bib will ban the competitor from starting.

If needed, the organiser must be able to supply competitors with new number plates and bib, by asking the Competitors' Relation Officer.

A bracelet on which is noted the HQ number will allow competitors to be identified. Any default noted by an official will result in penalties equivalent to 10% of the entry fees. In case of damage to the bracelet, the competitor must inform the Competitors' Relation Officer, who will provide a replacement in exchange for the damaged item.

## 82.7.5 Advertising

Competitors shall be free to affix any advertising on their motorcycles/SSV provided that it:

- a) is authorised by the FIM Rules and the laws of the countries ridden through;

- b) is not contrary to public decency and customs;
- c) does not overlap on those areas which are reserved for the number plates and the organiser's requirement, as described in the SR.

The compulsory advertising of the organisers must conform to the laws of the countries ridden through as well as to the FIM Rules.

## **82.8 TECHNICAL INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL**

The only competitors who are authorized to go to the administrative control and Technical inspections for the FIM World Cup are the ones who complies with Art. 82.7.1.

### **82.8.1 Administrative control**

Prior to the start of the event, an administrative control must be organised, in order to check the licences, driving licence, make and model of the motorcycle/*SSV*, and compliance with the category in which it has been entered.

During this administrative control, various safety equipment, map, roadbook, emergency phone number and other information will be distributed to the competitors.

### **82.8.2 Preliminary Technical Inspection**

Prior to the start of the event, a technical control must be carried out in accordance with the procedure and the times fixed in the FIM Regulations and/or the Supplementary Regulations of the event.

#### **82.8.2.1 Markings**

##### **Category 1 and 2:**

The following parts will be marked as described below, in such a way as to ensure their identification. The parts so marked must be used throughout the entire competition and must be in their proper place at the final examination. Paint markings on the crankcases and silencer must be heat resistant. The competitor is responsible for the continued presence of all seals and marks.

The Technical Stewards may check, at any time, the presence of these identification marks. The substitution of the original components or disregard of these regulations is strictly forbidden. Any fraudulent act that is recorded and, in particular the presentation of retouched identification marks as being intact, shall result in disqualification of the competitor, as well as that of any competitor who has aided or abetted the offence; this shall not prejudice any more severe sanctions that may be requested of the FMNR or the International Disciplinary Court, pursuant to Art. 3.1.3 of the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code.

Any offence to the provision of the marking of parts is considered as a statement of fact.

Parts	Marking	Number	How or where marked
Crankcase	Paint*	1	Right or left side
Spare engine (if applicable)	Paint*	1	Right or left side
Frame (Chassis for Quad) main section	Peinture + *	1	Right hand steering head
Silencer	Paint*	1	On the top

\* or non removable (destructible) sticker.

Marking is restricted to these three or four parts only and must be done with paint or a non-removable sticker. The use of a marker pen is forbidden.

The frame consists of all welded parts surrounding the engine and supporting the steering column and the mounting points for the rear suspensions. The frame must not be changed or replaced during the running of the event. However, the frame may be left for servicing and repairs.

### Category 3:

Please refer to the Cross-Country Rallies Technical Rules.

### 82.8.2.2 Sound Control

All the motorcycles/SSV must pass the noise control test, carried out according to Art. 01.79 of the Bajas Technical Rules, during the preliminary examination and marked by the organiser. For this test, the intakes of the air filter box of the machine must not be obstructed and material (sponges, cloths, foams, etc.) must not be placed inside the air filter box, except the air filter element.

The maximum limit of the sound level, using the 2 Meter Max method is fixed at: **Please refer to the Cross-Country Rallies Technical Rules.**

If a motorcycle/SSV does not pass the noise control test, the competitor must immediately solve the problem before the next noise control test.

### 82.8.2.3 Environmental Mat in Parc fermé

After the marking, the competitor will sign an agreement (technical card) certifying that the parts have been properly marked. This declaration must indicate the frame number.

The officials in charge will allow the competitor to put the motorcycle/SSV into the Parc Fermé immediately after preliminary inspection.

For preliminary inspection competitors have to bring one environmental mat and use it in the Parc Fermé underneath of motorcycle/SSV in order to protect the ground from dropping liquids (oil, chain spray, fuel etc.). If environmental mats are provided by the organiser its must be written in Supplementary Regulations.

### 82.8.3 Technical Inspection during the Event

During the whole event the FMNR Technical Steward, under the supervision of a Jury Member or the **FIM Technical Director**, can check any motorcycle. The time spent for this test will be granted to the competitor. The competitor is responsible at any time of the Baja for the technical conformity of his motorcycle/SSV.



For the sound control, if during the test, the machine exceeds the maximum level allowed for sound control test during the race and after the race according to Art. 79.11 of the FIM Bajas Technical Rules, the competitor will be penalised with 15 minutes (1<sup>st</sup> offence), 60 minutes (2<sup>nd</sup> offence), disqualification from the event (3<sup>rd</sup> offence) or other penalties given as provided for in the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code.

For repairs, control, etc., the following applies:

a competitor wishing to repair or replace the silencer of his machine can do so at the end of the day after the final time control, no later than 60 minutes after his time limit or no later than 60 minutes before his next scheduled starting time. The competitor may request as many noise controls as he wishes during the 30 minutes allowance. After 30 minutes have elapsed, the competitor will be required to present his machine for testing to the noise control test official.

After the 30 minutes, if the noise level is above the required standard, the competitor will be penalised according to the above-mentioned rule. If the silencer is changed during the day, the competitor must present it to be marked with a different paint or sticker at the next time check.

At the end of the day, a noise control test will be carried out during the 30 minutes allowance. If the test is passed, the silencer will be marked with the official paint. If not, the competitor will be penalised according to the above-mentioned rule (or other penalties given as provided for in the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code).”

The competent bodies or officials can disqualify at any time during the event a motorcycle/SSV, the construction or condition of which is considered to be or may become a source of danger.

Any refusal to present the machine to a control requested by the Technical Steward will be sanctioned up to disqualification.

#### **82.8.4 Technical Inspection at the end of the Event**

Without it being an obligation, a complete and detailed control involving the dismantling of the motorcycle/SSV of competitors ranking in the first places of each category, as well as of any other competitor, may be carried out at the complete discretion of the International Jury, either acting on their own initiative or following a protest, or on the advice of the Clerk of the Course.

If an engine must be controlled and completely dismantled and if there are not the appropriate technical conditions at the end of the rally, the motorcycle/SSV must be sealed and shipped to the country of the organising FMNR.

The disassembly and the control of the engine takes place with the representative of the manufacturer of the said motorcycle, in the presence of a Technical Steward appointed for the event. The transportation costs are at the charge of the organiser.

#### **82.9 FUEL**

Transport of fuel in any other way than in fuel tanks designed for this purpose is forbidden.

In Europe, the fuel used, i.e. normal roadside unleaded pump fuel, shall be in accordance with the FIM Bajas Technical Rules.

Outside Europe, if the fuel available for the competitors in the country(ies) crossed does not answer the FIM specifications, the organiser will have to make the characteristics of this fuel appear in the Supplementary Regulations, in conformity with the last paragraph of Article 63.01.2 of the FIM Bajas Technical Rules.

A fuel control may be carried out at any time during an event, according to Art. 63.05 of the FIM Bajas Technical Rules. A competitor whose fuel fails to meet the FIM Bajas Technical Rules will be disqualified from the whole event.

The competitor is liable for the reimbursement of the costs of the test and other penalties may be imposed.

All protests requesting a fuel control must be accompanied by a security deposit of 730 EUR paid to the FIM International Jury or the FIM (supplementary controls).

## 82.10 BAJA HEADQUARTERS

The Baja Headquarters (Baja HQ) must be fully operational before the start of the first competitor until the last competitor is back, without any break.

The persons present are:

- The race Director and/or his deputy
- The person responsible for the GPS
- The person responsible of the tracking system
- The person responsible of the timekeeping
- The safety officer
- The person responsible of the civil protection
- The police or security representative
- The chief medical officer

It must be equipped with all the necessary transmission equipment for communication with, the medical cars, the sweeper truck (if any), start and finish of the Selective Sections, TC, CP etc in order to coordinate the entire management of the race.

## 82.11 ROUTE

A World Cup Baja must not last more than 3 days (administrative and technical checks and super special stage included), including 2 days of competition and a total distance of selective sections of at least 400 km and up to 600 km.

The route of the Baja is secret until the Road book/GPS (if applicable) is distributed to the competitors.

The Route is divided into Stages that comprise one or several Selective Sections (SS) connected by Road Sections.

Throughout the duration of the event, the competitors must strictly comply with the traffic regulations of the countries through which the event passes.

Any competitor who does not comply with these requirements will be penalised as follows:

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> infringement: a time penalty equal to 30’;
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> infringement: a time penalty of 1 hour;
- c) 3<sup>rd</sup> infringement: up to disqualification.

The police or officials who record any infringement of the traffic regulations by a competitor must inform him of it in the same way as for other road users.

Should they decide not to stop the competitor at fault, they may ask the organisers to apply the penalties, provided that:

- a) notification of the offence reaches the organisers through the official channels and in a written note, before posting of the classification of the Stage during which the offence was committed;
- b) the reports of the offence are sufficiently detailed to ensure that the identity of the competitor at fault is established without any doubt and that the places and times of the offence are perfectly correct;
- c) the complaints are not susceptible to diverse interpretations.

### **82.11.1 Reconnaissances**

Reconnaissance passages of the route are totally forbidden (except for the Super Special Stage if authorised in the SR). Possession of notes from the route or other information different from those given by the Organisation is forbidden. Penalty decision at the discretion of the FIM International Jury.

### **82.11.2 Road Book, GPS and Arrows/Signage**

Only the GPS provided by the organiser are permitted. When an organiser distributes a GPS, the use of another GPS or any other navigation system is strictly forbidden with the risk of disqualification. Should the organiser not provide a GPS device, no GPS or electronic navigation device will be authorised.

#### **82.11.2.1 Road book (When applicable)**

All competitors may receive a road book which will indicate the official itinerary which has been reconnoitered and which will be “opened” and “swept”.

The only official route is the one in the Road book.

To help competitors, organisers may indicate direction and features of the route by means of arrows, tapes or painting. The Road-Book shall be, however, the only official document for the itinerary to be followed.

In the first road book the complete list of symbols (according to the model at the end of the Appendices) must appear. The road book of each Stage will have in its first pages the description of the Stage. The list of symbols and the descriptions must be in two languages minimum, including English.

The modification notes in the road book made by the organiser's opening team must be signed by the Clerk of the Course and posted on the official board at the latest at the opening of the briefing the day before the Stage concerned.

These notes complete the road book by the addition of some information about directions and danger.

### **82.11.2.2      Arrows and signage**

In the event that there is no road book and in order to help and to guide the competitors, the organiser must indicate the route and the dangerous areas with panels, arrows, tape indicating the directions and dangers (approach of a dangerous curve, holes, etc.). In the case when the organiser provides a GPS, this device must also show the same kind of information on its screen.

It is recommended that the person in charge of the course and of the signage is a former rally/Bajas competitor.

## **82.12              STAGES**

Each part of the Event that is separated from the next by stopping time of at least 6 hours.

The distance in km of the daily Stages must be adapted to the difficulties of the terrain, in such a way that the competitors may arrive by daylight in normal racing conditions.

## **82.13              SUPER SPECIAL STAGE (SSS)**

The organisation of a Super Special Stage compulsory and all competitors must take part in it. The classification of the Super Special Stage determines the starting order of the Stage 2. Penalties imposed during the SSS concern only the General Classification. The Classification of the SSS also count for the General Classification.

It will be run in the form of a Selective Section, with a maximum length of 10 km. The Supplementary Regulations must specify whether reconnaissance of the Super Special Stage is permitted and in what form.

### **82.13.1 No start or abandon in the Super Special Stage**

The time including the penalties will determine the start order for the following stage.

Abandon:

Competitors that fail to finish the SSS due to breakdown or other circumstances will take the start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage. This competitor will receive a penalty that will be the maximum time of the SSS plus a 15 minutes penalty.

No start:

Only in duly accredited cases of force major may the FIM International Jury authorise a competitor that has not participated in the SSS to take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. This competitor will receive a penalty that will be the Maximum Time of the SSS plus a 30 minutes penalty.

### **82.14 SELECTIVE SECTIONS (SS)**

The minimum distance of the cumulated Selective Sections must be of 400 km for the whole event.

The minimum distance of the cumulated Selective Sections per day must be of 100 km (not applicable for the SSS day).

Selective Sections are run on tracks and sections of “road” open to the public. The greatest care is recommended in relation to other possible users.

The Selective Sections must be such that all the competitors can complete them entirely during the day in normal racing conditions.

It is forbidden to give the start of a Selective Section at night.

It is forbidden to deliberately block the passage of motorcycles/SSVs or prevent them from overtaking.

It is forbidden for competitors to ride in the opposite direction of the Selective Sections, under threat of penalty which may result in disqualification from the event.

### 82.14.1 Start of a Selective Section

At the start of a Selective Section, when the motorcycle/SSV comes to a stop in front of the starting control, the timekeeper on duty will enter on the time card of the competitor the true starting time of the motorcycle/SSV concerned (hour and minute), then will call out the last 30 seconds, 15 seconds and last five seconds one at a time. After the last five seconds, the starting signal will be given and this must be immediately followed by the starting of the motorcycle/SSV. A countdown clock or a system of lights can also be used.

Remaining for more than 30 seconds on the start line, after the starting signal, will incur a penalty of two minutes.

Any competitor refusing to leave at the start of a Selective Section at the time and in the position that have been allotted will be penalised, possibly by disqualification from the event.

The start of a Selective Section at the time indicated on the time card can be delayed by the timekeeper.

A start made before the official has given the signal will be penalised by one minute. This penalisation does not rule out more serious sanctions that may be applied by the FIM International Jury, particularly in the case of a repeated offence.

When a competitor is unable to present his motorcycle/SSV with his engine running at the start of a Selective Section, the penalty shall be one minute per minute of lateness.

### 82.14.2 Arrival of a Selective Section

The arrival at the Selective Section will be judged at speed, with the panels being arranged as follows:

- a) yellow chequered panel (start of zone)
- b) after about 100 metres, red chequered panels (arrival at speed)
- c) at a distance of 150 to 300 metres, 2 red panels (timepiece and STOP)
- d) finally, 100 metres further on, final beige panel with 3 cross-bars.

A voluntary stop between the yellow warning panel and the STOP panel is prohibited, under threat of penalty that may result in disqualification from the event. Timing is recorded on the finish line, with printer-type clocking-in equipment. The latter will be duplicated by hand-held stopwatches.

At a distance of 150 to 300 metres after the finish, the competitor shall stop at a time check signalled by a red clock and a red STOP panel. The timekeeper on duty will enter on the time card the arrival time (hour, minute and second), which will also be the starting time for the following Road Section (hour and minute). Any competitor not stopping at the STOP panel to enter his time will be penalised, up to disqualification.

The arrival times are recorded on the basis of seconds.

If a “ceremonial finish” is planned at a different location from the actual finish, the details of the procedure regarding Time Control etc, must be stated in the SR.

### **82.14.3 No start or abandon in a Selective Section**

The competitor who started but did not arrive in the maximum time allowed or who did not finish a Selective Section will be penalised as follow:

Maximum time allowed for the Selective Section + 60 minutes penalty

The competitor who does not start will receive 2 hours penalty.

## **82.15 STARTING ORDER**

### **82.15.1 General**

In car/motorcycle Bajas, it is strongly recommended to separate physically the car and the motorcycle/*SSV* race. For example when the bike run *SS1*, the car can run *SS2* and then exchange this order. If that is not possible and the car and motorcycle must run at the same time the same *SS* the minimum time between the ideal start time of the last motorcycle and the start of the first car must be 60 minutes. By no means can a competitor start once the first car has started.

The *SSV* must start at least 30 minutes after the last motorcycle or quad.

Any lateness in arriving at the departure of the Super Special Stage, a Selective Section or a Stage, will be penalised at the rate of one minute for each minute of lateness. Beyond 1 hour lateness, the start will be refused.



If a stage has more than one Selective Sections, the start of the second Selective Section will be given in the order of arrival of the previous Selective Section. The first ten competitors will start one by one every two minutes; the others will start again (one by one or two by two) from minute to minute or 30 seconds in 30 seconds.

If a step comprises a Selective Section divided into two sections separated by a link, the start of the second section will be given in the order of arrival of the previous Selective Section, gaps maintained at the second. For each competitor, the starting time of the second leg will be calculated as follows: arrival time of the first leg + time allowed for the Road Section + 5 minutes.

In the case of a regrouping, the starting order will be that of the arrival at the time check. The first ten competitors will start one by one every two minutes. The others will start (one by one or two by two) minute by minute or 30 seconds by 30 seconds.

In case of security problems, the Clerk of the Course can modify the starting orders.

#### **82.15.2 Super Special Stage (first Stage)**

The order and the starting procedures of this Super Special Stage will be left to the initiative of the organisers and published in the SR. It is not possible to leave the choice of starting order to the competitors.

#### **82.15.3 Second Stage**

The starting order of the second Stage will be made in the order of the overall classification of the Super Special Stage. The first ten competitors will start one by one every two minutes; the others will start (one by one or two by two) minute by minute or 30 seconds by 30 seconds.

#### **82.15.4 Third Stage**

The starting order of the third Stage will be made in the order of the Selective Sections overall classification, or the accumulation of the Selective Sections of the precedent Stage (including the Super Special Stage). The first ten competitors will start one by one every two minutes; the others will start (one by one or two by two) minute by minute or 30 seconds by 30 seconds.

### **82.15.5 Motorcycle/SSV not in condition to start**

At the start of a Stage or of a Selective Section, if the Technical Stewards/ FIM Technical Delegate note that a motorcycle/SSV is manifestly in a condition which is incompatible with normal use, they must immediately inform the Clerk of the Course, who may call for its condition to be rectified.

In this case, the time taken, in minutes, to perform the work shall be considered as so many minutes of lateness recorded over a Road Section. In order to prevent the competitor from trying to make up his lost time after the repair, the latter shall be given a new starting time, provided that the first car has not started (if applicable) or the TC is not closed.

## **82.16 SERVICING AND REFUELLING**

### **82.16.1 General**

Repairs on the Road Sections or Selective Sections of a machine still in the race can be done only by the competitor himself or vehicles/persons officially entered in the race. All infractions will incur penalties up to and including disqualification from the race.

A competitor is responsible for his assistance.

The use of radio sending-receiving equipment or HF, VHF, CB, radio and telephone receivers may be regulated. The banning or limits must be specified in the Supplementary Regulations.

### **82.16.2 Service Park**

The organiser can specify, in the Supplementary Regulations, specific Service Park areas, marked on the Road Book. Only vehicles and their crew identified as “Service” can enter this area and work on the motorcycle/SSV.

The maximum speed allowed in the Service Park is 30 km/h.

### 82.16.3 Forbidden Assistance

The following are forbidden, on pain of penalties up to and including disqualification:

- 1) The transport of parts and/or personal effects or assistance, transport or towing by a vehicle and/or a person other than a car, motorbike, **SSV** or truck officially entered in and still in the race and their crew.
- 2) All assistance in an enclosed place, closed or guarded, even if this place is situated within the area of the Service Park. A tent is not considered as an enclosed place.

### 82.16.4 Refuelling

The maximum distance between two refuelling point must be of 125 km maximum.

Refuelling can only be made at the official refuelling points indicated by the organisers.

No fuel or any inflammable liquid may be carried other than in a tank or container permanently attached to the machine. The Technical Steward can carry out the test on the spot.

The engine must be stopped during refuelling.

During the refuelling, each team must have a portable extinguisher (A.B.C. polyvalent powder) of 5 kg minimum, in the proximity of the refuelling post (max. 5 m distance). The lack of extinguisher will lead to a penalty of 100 EUR.

The use of an environmental mat is obligatory at the place where servicing and refuelling is authorised by the organiser. The penalty for breach of this regulation will be a fine of 100 EUR for each offence.

The minimum dimensions of the mat will be at least equal to the wheelbase of the motorcycle and of the width of the handlebars. This mat will be composed of a waterproof sole and of an absorbent textile.

Any welding work in refuelling areas is forbidden.

The penalty for not respecting the above-mentioned rules on refuelling and on the refuelling areas is disqualification (or other penalties given as provided for in the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code).

In the case the refuelling zone is not a servicing, all external assistance on a machine is forbidden during refuelling on pain of penalties at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course. Only competitors are allowed to help other competitors.

The organiser must provide an Assistance Road Book in order to guide the assistance crew. The organiser must make sure that the assistance crew can travel to the assistance zones with a schedule that permit to respect the road speed limits.

## 82.17 TIME CARD

1. At the start of each Stage, the competitors will receive a time card on which are indicated the times allotted for covering each Road Section and the maximum times authorised for each Selective Section. Each time card will be returned to the timekeeper at the finish of each Stage and replaced by a new time card at the start of the following Selective Section. The competitor alone shall be responsible for his time card.
2. Any correction or alteration to the card which has not been approved in writing by a controller shall result in disqualification from the event.
3. Presentation of the time card at the various checks and the exactness of the entries thereon shall be the entire responsibility of the competitor. Only timekeepers shall be authorised to enter a time on the time card, either by hand or with a time-printer.
4. Competitors are obligatorily required, under threat of penalty which may result in disqualification from the event, to be checked-in on passing all the points mentioned on the time card, and in the order in which they are listed.

The absence of the visa to any control whatsoever will result in a fixed penalty, possibly disqualification from the event as indicated in the Supplementary Regulations or the Road book. These fixed penalties can vary from one Stage to another.

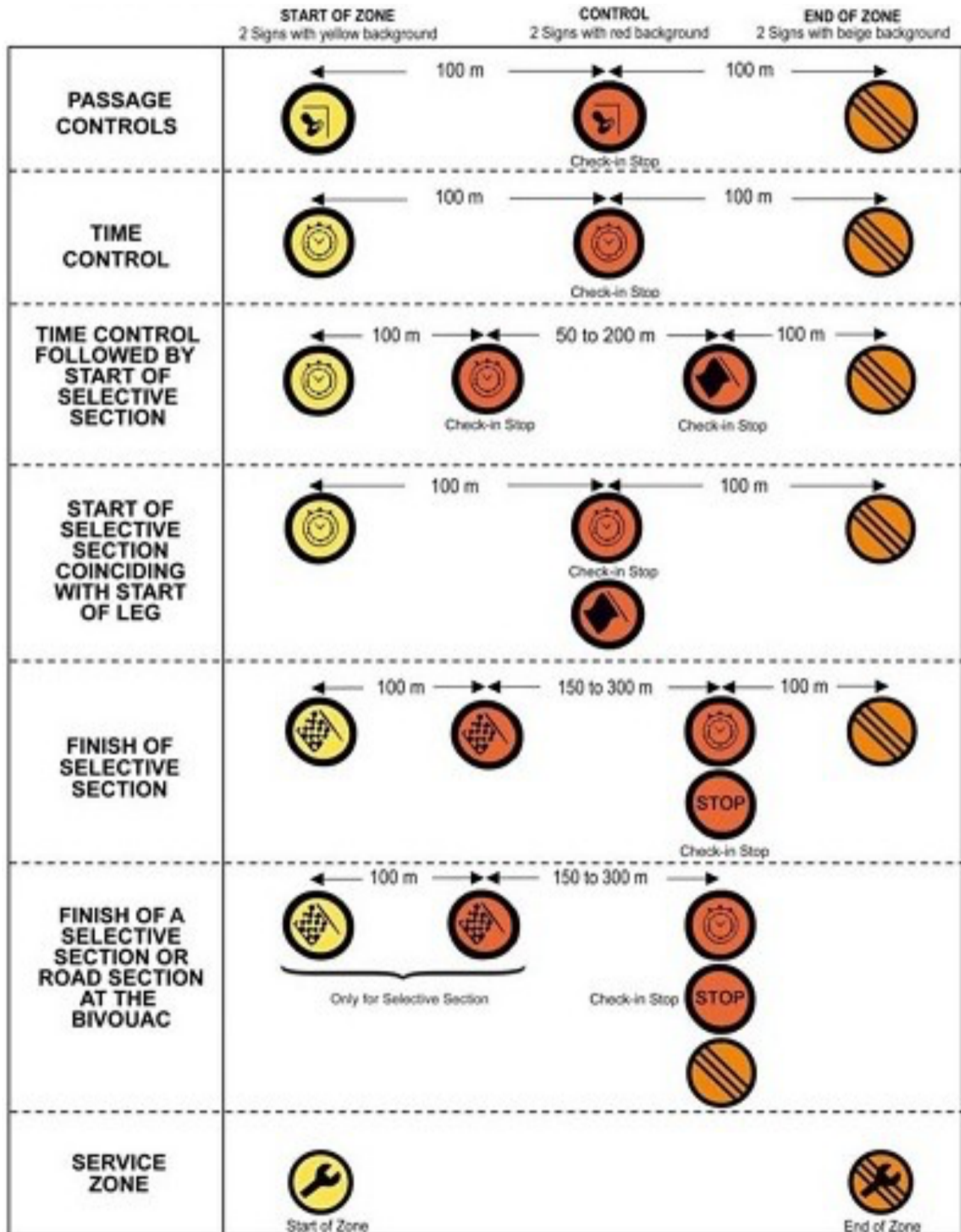
The loss of a time card results in a penalty of five minutes.

5. A competitor cannot present his time card at a control without his motorcycle/SSV.

## 82.18 CONTROL ZONES

All controls must be passed in the order defined by the organiser.

All controls, i.e. time checks, start and finish of Selective Sections, Passage Control, Cross Roads Control will be indicated by means of standardised panels as follows:



1. Unless the Clerk of the Course decides otherwise, the check posts are operational one hour before the ideal hour of the passage of the first competitor. They will cease to operate one hour after the ideal hour of the last competitor, taking into account:
  - his starting time
  - the allotted time
  - the delay from event disqualification
  - the maximum time authorised

2. The start of the control zone is indicated by a warning panel with a yellow background. At a distance of about 100 m, the position of the control point is indicated by a panel with a red background. The end of the control zone, approximately 100 metres further on, is indicated by a final panel with a beige background and three black cross-bars.

The panels must always be found on the right of the control zone. The width of this zone should not exceed 15 m. In the areas where different accesses are possible, it is compulsory to delimit this width by a double official sign.

3. Any control zone, i.e. any zone between the first yellow warning panel and the final beige panel is considered as a Parc Fermé. The duration of the stop must not exceed the time required for the control operations.
4. It is strictly forbidden to enter or leave a control area from any direction other than that prescribed by the itinerary of the Baja or to re-enter a control area once checking in has taken place at this control, on pain of:
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> infringement: 10 min
  - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> infringement: 1 h
  - c) 3<sup>rd</sup> infringement and following: 3 h.

These penalties also apply to the competitor who re-enters a control zone when his time card has already been stamped.

5. The ideal time for clocking-in is the sole responsibility of the competitors. The official time is the GPS time.
6. The competitors are required, under threat of penalty which may result in disqualification from the event, to follow the instructions of the chief of the control point.

## 82.19 SPEED CONTROL ZONES

In the zones defined as Speed Control Zones, the speed of the competitors, in the Road Sections as well as in the Selective Sections, will be limited; the value of this limitation will be indicated in the road book. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the competitor to adapt his speed to the local population and the traffic.

These zones will be marked on the road book by a box marked “DZ” (start of the zone), a FZ box (end of the zone) and the maximum speed allowed. The absence of indicating signs for speed cannot give cause for protest. The buzzer or alarm signal is not official information to indicate the Speed Control Zone. If there is an audible and/or visual alert, it must be triggered at 5km/h before the instruction.

All the liaison zones will be considered as “Speed Control Zone”.

In some cases, when the competitors have to reduce their speed significantly, at the crossing of a road for example, a speed control zone (DZ - FZ at 40 km/h) will be defined.

Overtaking is authorised, on condition that the maximum speed authorised in the zone is not exceeded.

Speed controls will be done by means of the GPS.

In a Speed Control Zone, if the speed limit is exceeded, a signal can appear on the GPS screen to indicate excess speed with a recording of this.

A deceleration area of 90 metres around the start of the zone as well as an acceleration area of 90 metres around the end of the zone will be allowed.

A Speed Infringement (SI) is made when the maximum speed is exceeded once or several times in the same Speed Control Zone.

When speeding, a pulse signal is recorded in the GPS every 150 m or every 10 seconds. Each pulse signal (IMP) will be penalised as follows.

- up to 20 km/h: IMP X 1’
- between 21 and 40 km/h: IMP X 2’
- more than 40 km/h: IMP X 6’

Example: Zone limited to 40 km /h. A competitor passes the first two pulse signals at 100 km/h then the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 70 km/h, the 4<sup>th</sup> at 52 km/h; the other ones are below the limit.

Calculation:  $2 \times 6' + 1 \times 2' + 1 \times 1'$  Total of the penalties: 15 minutes.

The second Speed Infringement will be when speeding once or several times in another Speed Control Zone. The Number of Speed Infringements (NSI) will be added during the event. From the second offence and for all the following, each pulse signal (IMP) will be penalised as follows:

- up to 20 km/h: IMP X 1' X NSI
- between 21 et 40 km/h: IMP X 2' X NSI
- more than 40 km/h: IMP X 6' X NSI

Example: in the second Speed Control Zone of the rally, limited to 40 km/h, the same competitor passes the first pulse signal at 72 km/h, the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 58 km/h, the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 41 km/h; the other ones are below the limit.

Calculation:  $1 \times 2' + 2 \times 1'$  Penalties: 4 minutes x 2 which makes a total of 8 minutes of penalties, as it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Speed Infringement (NSI = 2), then x three for the third Speed Infringement (NSI = 3), x fourth for the fourth Speed Infringement (NSI = 4) etc.

The controls will be ordered by the Clerk of the Course or the FIM International Jury and executed by a GPS technician in the presence of an official or a Judge of facts.

The FIM International Jury can give a disqualification if the relapse of speeding is considered intentionally.

## 82.20 TIME CHECKS

At the time checks at the start of a Stage or the start of the Selective Section, the competitors are not allowed to clock-in in advance. Any lateness between the true time and the ideal time of clocking-in will be penalised on the basis of one minute per minute or fraction of minute. Further to 30 minutes lateness, the competitor will not be allowed to start.



At the time checks at the end of a Stage as well as in the Parc Fermé at the end of the event, the competitors are allowed to clock-in in advance, without penalties. Up to the closing of the time checks, any lateness between the true time and the ideal time of clocking-in will be penalised on the basis of one minute per minute or fraction of minute.

After the closing of the Time Check, the competitor will be refused to start for the next SS, but will not entail disqualification.

A 30 minutes penalty will be imposed for the delay in this control, adding the penalty for not taking the start in the following SS and adding the maximum time authorised for the Selective Section not completed.

At the time checks, the control officials on duty will indicate on the time card the time of presentation which corresponds to the precise moment when the competitor presents the time card to the controller. The card will be stamped only if the competitor, together with his motorcycle/SSV, is in the immediate vicinity of the control table.

The clocking-in procedure starts at the moment when the motorcycle/SSV passes the panel marking entry into the time check zone.

Between the panel marking the entry of the zone and the control point, the competitor shall not be allowed to make any stop or adopt an abnormally slow speed.

The ideal clocking-in time is obtained by adding the time allotted to cover the Road Section to the time of starting this section. These times are indicated in hours and minutes and are always expressed in the form: 00.01 to 24.00.

The competitor will not incur any penalty for early arrival if the time of entry of the motorcycle/SSV into the control zone corresponds to the ideal minute for clocking-in.

Any non-observance of the above rules for the clocking-in procedure (in particular the entry into the control zone more than one minute before the effective clocking-in time), is subject to a written report to the Clerk of the Course by the Chief of the control point.

On a proposal from the Clerk of the Course, the International Jury of Sporting Stewards may decide to modify the application of the fixed penalty for exceeding the maximum authorised time in the Selective Section, defined in Art. 081.19. The competitors will be informed as soon as possible.

1. If a timed Selective Section is followed by a Road Section, the clocking-in time figuring on the time-card constitutes both the time of arrival at the end of the Selective Section and the starting time of the new Road Section.
2. When a time check is followed by the start of a Selective Section, the two points will be combined in a single control zone, for which the panels are arranged as follows:
  - a) yellow panel with chronometer (start of zone)
  - b) after approximately 100 m, red panel with chronometer (time check-point)
  - c) at a distance of 50 to 200 metres, red panel with flag (start of Selective Section)
  - d) finally, 100 metres further on, final beige panel with three black cross-bars

At the time check at the finish of the Road Section, the timekeeper will enter on the time card firstly the clocking-in time of the competitor, and secondly the expected starting time for the Selective Section.

He must observe an interval of five minutes between the clocking-in time and the expected starting time for the Selective Section.

The timekeeper can modify the starting time. In this case, the starting time of the Selective Section prevails.

## **82.21            PASSAGE CONTROL**

For each Stage, significant compulsory passage points, materially located and identifiable on the maps provided by the organisation, will be mentioned in the road book/GPS (if applicable) and precise drawings will be represented by the CP sign.

The passage will be timed to the second and noted on a passage sheet by the person in charge of the post.

### **82.21.1 Closing time of Passage Control**

The closing time of passage controls will be decided taking into account:

- the distance run since the start of the section concerned,
- the average time of the section considered (Selective or Road) imposed by the maximum time allowed, the individual time of the last competitor increased by 60 minutes.

This closing time shall be mentioned in the road book or additive.

### **82.21.2 Penalties for missing CPs**

The penalty scale for every missing CP will be indicated in the SR.

## **82.22 CROSS ROADS CONTROL**

Intersections controls will be represented by the CI sign.

They will be placed at all the crossroads opened to traffic.

They will be indicated by panels as follows:

- a) yellow panel with “CI” sign at 200 meter from the intersection
- b) after approximately 100 m, red panel with “CI” sign. Intersection, - be ready to stop
- c) finally, 100 metres further on, final beige panel with three black cross-bars - end of zone

The competitor will have to be prepared to stop in case of instructions by the Chief Post Control Marshal and/or the Police. When given authorisation to cross the intersection, the competitor can drive on.

Any infringement at the control post may entail a penalty of up to exclusion at the discretion of the FIM International Jury.

## **82.23 REGROUPING**

The purpose of regrouping is to reduce any rather large gaps between competitors arising as a result of delays and/or abandonments.

On arrival at the regrouping, the competitors will hand the timekeeper their time cards. They will receive instructions regarding their time of departure.

They must then immediately ride their motorcycle/SSV directly to the Parc Fermé.

## 82.24 FIXED PENALTIES

A fixed penalty is assigned for exceeding the maximum authorised time or for not having respected certain sporting rules.

## 82.25 PARC FERMÉ

The Parc Fermé is an enclosed and fenced area, preventing unauthorised persons from entering. Its limits must be clearly marked out and supervised by a sufficient number of officials to ensure that only authorised persons may enter or have access to the machines. It must have one clearly marked entrance and exit but no other entrances or exits. Officials in charge of the closed-controls must wear a distinctive emblem recognised by all persons concerned and the competitors in particular.

### 82.25.1 Principle

The motorcycles/SSV will be under “Parc Fermé” orders:

- a) as soon as they enter a starting, regrouping or end-of-Stage park, and until their departure from these, if they are provided. Parc Fermé after the Preliminary Technical Inspection is compulsory.
- b) as soon as they enter a control zone and up to their departure from it.
- c) as soon as they arrive at the end of the Rally and until expiry of the period for protest. In case of a protest, the Parc Fermé system stays until the decision of the International Jury concerning the protest.
- d) during the transport, the Parc Fermé ruling shall apply.

Any failure to observe “Parc Fermé” orders can result in disqualification from the event.

In case of “Parc Fermé” during the race, a time of assistance must be defined and therefore a time limit of entry into the park. Beyond this time of assistance, the competitors will receive a fixed penalty which must be defined in the SR.

## 82.25.2 Access

Access to any Parc Fermé is forbidden to everyone except the FIM International Jury members, certain officials designated for duty, and competitors who wish to park or take out their motorcycles/SSV.

Competitors can enter and exit their motorcycle/SSV from the Parc Fermé with the engine running.

After parking his motorcycle/SSV in the Parc Fermé, the competitor shall immediately leave the park, which from then on may not be entered.

In order to leave a Parc Fermé for starting, regrouping or end of a Stage, the competitor shall be authorised to enter the Parc ten minutes before his departure time.

## 82.25.3 Rules

In the Parc Fermé, it is forbidden for a competitor, under penalty of disqualification (or other penalties given as provided for in the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code) from the event:

- to refuel
- to make any repairs
- to touch the **motorcycle/SSV** of any other competitor.

As an exception to the Parc Fermé status, but subject to the responsibility of an official, a competitor may, in the Parc Fermés for starting, regrouping and end of Stage, change or overhaul, by his own means, a damaged headlight or rear lights.

These repairs must be fully completed before the starting time.

## 82.26 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

A medical car with one doctor and one paramedic and in permanent radio contact with the Clerk of the Course and the Baja HQ must be provided for Selective Sections at the following points:

- start of a Selective Section
- maximum every 125 kilometres
- finish of the Selective Section.

It is recommended that the doctors and paramedics are equipped with a 4 wheel drive vehicle or quad or Fast Intervention Vehicles. The medical staff must be identified with a dedicated bib or clothing.

## 82.27 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

At the site of the first liaison start of the Stage (or the start of the Selective Sections, if no liaison), the technical crew responsible of the Tracking System and Sentinel must be present prior the start in order to check their equipment and connectors. The competitors must go through this checking procedure.

For the duration of the Event, the competitor is held responsible for the proper functioning of his Tracking system. It must be in operation and remain permanently connected, power and antenna connected, throughout the duration of each stage. Any incident caused by the competitor (loss, destruction, de-tensioning etc.) and/or any attempt of fraud or manipulation found will result in a penalty decided by the International FIM Jury and up to and including disqualification.

### Tracking System

On the Bajas, a complete tracking and safety system, which includes all transmission methods known (phone, SMS, Data) type “Iritrack” is compulsory for each competitor.

Throughout the Bajas, competitors are responsible for the correct functioning of their Tracking System. It must be functioning and stay permanently connected, with power cables and the aerial connected throughout the length of each Stage. Any incident caused by the competitor (loss, destruction, being switched off etc.) and/or all attempts of a fraudulent nature or manipulation will result in penalties, up to disqualification, to be decided upon by the International Jury.

### Vehicle to Vehicle Alarm System

For mixed car-motorcycle Bajas only, and with a view to making overtaking safer, a Vehicle to Vehicle Alarm system, type “Sentinel” (device that signals to a competitor that he can be overtaken) is compulsory.

This system must function the whole time during a Stage: the switching on of the equipment is the responsibility of the competitor.

When the vehicle control equipment receives the overtaking signal and the competitor does not give way to the vehicle in front of it, the Jury, after analyzing the elements provided by the control equipment management team, can decide and penalise the competitor infringer. The penalties awarded by the jury are cumulative, as follows; The first offense - 2 minutes, the second offense - 5 minutes and the third offense (or more) will receive penalties up to and including disqualification from the race, to be decided upon by the FIM International Jury.

## **82.28 ENVIRONMENT**

The organiser must distribute trash bags to each competitor and provide a collection point for the waste at the Service Park area and at the start of the SS. These points must be clearly signalled, for example with a specific flag. Oil collectors must also be provided at the service points.

The organisers are responsible for cleaning these collection points and for giving them back as clean as received.

The competitors and their assistance are responsible for bringing their waste to the collection point. Any infraction to this rule will be punished by a fine of 200 EUR.

The competitors must protect the ground during refuelling and during maintenance on their machine.

## **82.29 TIMEKEEPING** **Timekeeping instruments**

Timekeeping shall be under the responsibility of the Clerk of the Course.

The persons responsible for the timekeeping must be holders of a timekeeper's licence.

In order to carry out his duties, the timekeeper must use, according to the competition, the most appropriate timekeeping system.

A timekeeper officiating must have at his disposal reserve timekeeping instruments to check the readings of instruments being used.

Competitors must accept any type of timekeeping system.

## **82.30 RETIREMENTS - DISQUALIFICATION**

Any competitor who has retired from the event must cross out in black the number plates or remove them and must not continue the route in the company of, or in proximity to any other competitor. If this rule is broken, the competitor may be suspended and any competitor(s) he accompanied may be disqualified (or other penalties given as provided for in the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code).

## **82.31 CLOSURE OF TRACK**

A vehicle of the organisation (sweeper) will close the track (not compulsory).

The sweeper trucks will pick up individuals and/or broken down machines.

Any competitor who refuses to get on board the vehicle does so under his own responsibility and must sign a discharge form that will be presented to him by the members of the organisation charged with the closing of the track.

The organiser can in no way be held responsible in case of damage or theft.

## **82.32 CLASSIFICATION**

### **82.32.1 General**

The Clerk of the Course bears the responsibility for timekeeping. The Time keeping company chosen by the Organiser has the responsibility to provide him with the classification in the official FIM format.

Penalties shall be expressed in hours, minutes and seconds. The final results shall be determined by adding together the times obtained in the Selective Sections and the penalties (incurred during the Road Sections and other penalties expressed in time).

The competitor who achieves the lowest time total is proclaimed winner in the general classification, the next one being second, and so on. Classifications by category are drawn up in the same way.



In order to appear in the FIM Final classification, a competitor must take the start of the last selective Section, cross the finishing line, and park his motorcycle/quad/SSV in the Parc Fermé before the closing deadline that will match with the official time of display of the final event classification as described in the Art. 82.30.3.

In a case of an accident, the FIM Jury has the possibility to give a bonus to a competitor, when this competitor stopped for assisting another injured competitor. The Jury must have the technical possibility to calculate the time loss. This bonus of time is at the sole discretion of the FIM Jury.

In the event of a dead heat, the competitor who accomplished the best time for the last Selective Section will be proclaimed winner. If this is not sufficient to determine the winner, the times of the previous Selective Sections shall be taken into consideration. Dead heats will be determined according to the order of starting numbers. This rule may be applied at any time during the Baja.

## 82.32.2 Format of the results

The clerk of the Course must present at every Jury meetings the results as follows:

A table including the real racing times of each stage and separately the penalties, then the overall results.

At the end of the event, the clerk of the course must present the excel file results for each FIM categories according to the FIM template.

Position	Num.	NOM <i>SURNAME</i>	Prénom <i>First name</i>	Nat.	FMN	Moto <i>Bike</i>	Licences	Temps total <i>Total time</i>	Ecart <i>Average gap</i>	Pénalités	Points
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At each FIM Bajas World Cup event, points are awarded, according to the scale hereunder:

- **Category 1: Bike (to competitors and manufacturers)**
- **Category 2: Quads (to competitors only)**
- **Category 3: SSV (to competitors only)**
- **Class 1: Women (to competitors only)**
- **Class 2: Junior (to competitors only)**
- **Class 3: Veterans (to competitors only)**

There is no awarded points for scratch ranking.

Position	Score
1 <sup>er</sup>	25 points
2 <sup>ème</sup>	20 points
3 <sup>ème</sup>	16 points
4 <sup>ème</sup>	13 points
5 <sup>ème</sup>	11 points
6 <sup>ème</sup>	10 points
7 <sup>ème</sup>	9 points
8 <sup>ème</sup>	8 points
9 <sup>ème</sup>	7 points
10 <sup>ème</sup>	6 points
11 <sup>ème</sup>	5 points
12 <sup>ème</sup>	4 points
13 <sup>ème</sup>	3 points
14 <sup>ème</sup>	2 points
15 <sup>ème</sup> et plus	1 point

### Coefficients:

- Only the Final of the FIM Bajas World Cup will have a coefficient of 2. The result will be multiplied by 2.

The results, prepared by the organiser (in accordance with the official form), must contain the following information:

- **FIM Logo and Championship Logo**
- Title, venue, date and IMN of the event
- Name and signature of the FIM Jury President
- Position, number, surname, first name, nationality, FMN, motorcycle/SSV
- Points obtained, total time realised and average gap
- Competitors that have not finished the event

### 82.32.3 Approval of the results

At the end of every Stage, the FIM International Jury will verify and sign the provisional classifications.

At the end of the event, the time of display of the official classification on the notice board will be announced by an additive later than 19 hours the day before the end of the event.

This schedule will be calculated taking into account:

- The start time of the last competitor,
- The maximum time allowed for liaisons,
- The maximum time allowed for the selective section (or selective sections) of the last stage.

It must absolutely be respected.

At the end of the event, the FIM International Jury will homologate the final classification.

At the end of the last event of the Championship, the FIM International Jury will homologate the final classification of the Championship and provide it to the Organiser, for the organisation of the Prize-Giving Ceremony of the Championship.

#### **82.32.4 Publication of results**

The daily complete results of the FIM Bajas World Cup should be published as soon as possible with the signature of the Clerk of the Course and the time he did it. However, if this presents difficulties, the competitors must be informed of the results of the previous day before they start on the next Stage.

#### **82.32.5 Championships' results**

##### Classification:

The final ranking of the FIM Bajas World Cup will be established on the basis of the two best results of the Qualifying Series, added to the points awarded in the Final. This is valid in all three categories (Motorcycle, Quad and SSV) as well as in all three classes (Women, Junior and Veteran).

At the end of the FIM Bajas World Cup, the competitor who has obtained the most points in the classification of his category will be awarded the title of winner of the corresponding FIM Bajas World Cup.

For the FIM Bajas Manufacturers World Cup, in each event, the points of the two best competitors in the category World Cup Bike will be added together. The manufacturer who has obtained the most points in this category will be awarded the title of winner the corresponding FIM Bajas Manufacturer World Cup.

For the FIM Bajas World Cup - Women, the classification will be composed of only one Women's class, all classes together.

For the FIM Bajas World Cup - Quads, the classification will be composed of only one Quads category, groups G & H together.

For the FIM Bajas World Cup - Junior, the classification will be composed of only one Junior's class, all classes together.

For the FIM Bajas Trophy - Veterans, the classification will be composed of only one Veterans class, all classes together.

For the FIM Bajas World Cup - SSV, the classification will be composed of only one SSV Category, Driver and Co-driver together.

Points are awarded to the drivers. However, the co-drivers will also appear in the final classification with the competitor and will receive a prize.

The co-driver who will receive the prize will be the one who has obtained the most points with the driver.

In the event of a tie, the number of best places of the co-driver with the driver in question will be taken into consideration.

If there is still a tie, the co-driver with whom the driver won the last points will be placed first and will receive the prize.

### Tie

In the event of a tie at the end of the FIM Bajas World Cup, the competitor with the most victories will be placed first. If a tie remains, the competitor with the most second places will be placed first and so on until the stalemate is broken. If a draw remains, the winner will be the competitor who obtains the best place in the **Final**.

## 82.33 PROTESTS - APPEALS

1. Any protest shall be lodged according to the procedure of the FIM Disciplinary and Arbitration Code. It shall be submitted in writing and handed to the Clerk of the Course accompanied by the security deposit currently applicable. This sum will not be returned if the complaint is rejected.

If the protest calls for the dismantling and refitting of various parts of a motorcycle/*SSV*, the complainant shall pay an additional security deposit.

2. Any cost for the work and for transporting the motorcycle/*SSV* shall be borne by the complainant, if the protest is not well founded. In the case of the contrary, it shall be borne by the competitor concerned by the protest.
3. The deadline for protest will be half an hour beginning from the time when the official general classification is posted.

## 82.34 PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

A Prize-Giving Ceremony, under the responsibility of the organiser, must be held at the end of each Baja. The exact schedule and venue must be mentioned in the SR.

The first three placed competitors of each category must receive a trophy and any other appropriate gift, provided by the organiser.

During this Prize-Giving Ceremony, the national anthem of the winner's country (based on his passport) may be played.

The national flags of the top three competitors (based on their passport) may be hoisted at the same time.

The organisers of the final round of the FIM Bajas World Cup shall arrange a ceremony to reward the first three placed competitors in the overall Championship, for each category.

If a competitor is absent from the Prize-Giving Ceremony, without the prior approval of the Clerk of the Course, he will be given a fine of EUR 200.-

## 82.35 SOLIDARITY FUNDS

After each season, the CRT will award grants for competitors who travelled overseas in order to participate in the Final. The competitors wishing to receive a Solidarity Funds must send an application file including their air tickets.

The grants will be paid to the competitors' FMNs who will transfer them.

## TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS

Additive	<p>Official bulletin forming an integral part of the Supplementary Regulations of the event and intended to modify them, give more details or supplement them. The additives are numbered, dated and signed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- by the organiser, up to the day of the controls and notified by the FMNR</li> <li>- by the FIM International Jury throughout the running of the event</li> </ul> <p>Competitors must acknowledge receipt by signing, except in case of a material impossibility during the running of the event.</p>
Allotted time	Each Road Section must be run in the allotted time which must be respected by all competitors. Any passing of this allotted time will result in a penalty by the minute
Briefing	The briefing must be held jointly by the Clerk of the Course and the organiser or his delegate. The participation of the competitors is compulsory. The text of the briefing concerning security must also be published on the official board.
CP (Passage Control)	Check Point. A zone where the time card must be stamped by the marshals
Disqualification	Penalty decided by the FIM International Jury following an important infringement to the FIM regulations.
Duration of an Event	<p>The Event starts with the administrative control or technical inspection and ends upon the expiry of one of the following time limits, whichever is the later:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• time limit for protests or appeals</li> <li>• end of the administrative checking and post-event technical control carried out in accordance with the Code</li> <li>• end of the prize-giving.</li> </ul>
Estimated time	Time estimated by the Organiser to cover a Selective Section.
Fixed penalty (FP)	A time penalty to be added to penalties already incurred by competitors in precise cases and specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
FMN	National Motorcycling Federation.
FMNR	Organising National Motorcycling Federation.



GPS	A “Global Positioning System” is a system using satellites to localise precisely longitude, latitude and altitude at any point on earth.
IJ	FIM International Jury.
Journal	Information book with irremovable numbered pages, with the precise time and date of the annotations.
Maximum time allowed	Additional time to the allotted time made in each Road Section and maximum time given for each Selective Section, which, if passed, will result in the application of a fixed penalty. At this moment, the control is considered closed for the competitor in question.
Neutralisation	Time during which the competitors are stopped by the Clerk of the Course (Parc Fermé conditions).
Overall classification	Overall classification of all categories together.
Parc Fermé	Zone in which no preparation or interventions are possible, with the exception of cases expressly mentioned in the Supplementary Regulations of the event.
Baja HQ	Baja headquarter. Score point of the Baja, coordinating and managing the race.
Real time	The time actually used for the course of a Selective Section.
Regrouping	Stop provided by the Clerk of the Course in order to allow the regrouping of competitors still in the event and reduce the intervals (Parc Fermé condition). The stopping time may be different depending on the competitors.
Road Book and GPS	Competitors can receive a road book or a GPS, size A5, comprising a maximum of 5 horizontal lines of distances, drawings and information, containing characteristic notes.
Road Section	Part of the route, to be done in the allotted time, between two successive time checks.





Selective Section (SS)	True speed test in real time. Selective Sections may be run over a course exclusively reserved for the competitors of the event. Starts of Selective Sections are preceded by or twinned with a Time Check for the starts, and followed by a Time Check after the finish.
Sporting penalty	A sporting penalty means a penalty imposed for speeding, missing a TC, or Waypoint, or unsporting conduct, or other violation committed on a Selective Section.
Stage	Each day of the Baja
Super Special Stage (SSS)	The organisation of a Super Special Stage is optional. If one is scheduled for inclusion in the event, the competitors must take part in it. Only one Super Special Stage may be organised, which will determine the starting order for the next Stage and which counts for the general classification.
TC / ATC	Time Control / Arrival Time Control
Time card	Card intended for affixing the markings of the various TC/CP carried out over the itinerary.

SUMMARY OF THE PENALTIES	Art. N°	Start refused	Disqualification	Time penalty	Financial penalty	Decisions Penalties Sanctions of the JI
Refusal of the organisers advertising	Art. 82.4				100% of the entry fee	
Invalid licence	Art. 82.6	X				
Anti-sport, unfair, incorrect or fraudulent action	Art. 82.6					Sanctions of the JI
Motorcycle/SSV not registered	Art. 82.7	X				
Not inform officials about an engine change	Art. 82.7.2			15'		
More engine change than allowed	Art. 82.7.3			2 h		
Absence or incorrect affixing of a number plate	Art. 82.7.4			X		Specified in the SR
Absence or incorrect affixing of at least two plates or the bib	Art. 82.7.4	X		X		
Missing bracelet	Art. 82.7.4				10% of the entry fee	
Absence or falsification of an identification mark	Art .82.8.2.1		X			
Absence of the identification marks	Art. 82.8.2.1		X			

SUMMARY OF THE PENALTIES	Art. N°	Start refused	Disqualification	Time penalty	Financial penalty	Decisions Penalties Sanctions of the JI
Refusal to present the machine to a technical control	Art. 82.8.3					Up to disqualification
Non-respect of the maximum sound level during the event 1 <sup>st</sup> infringement 2 <sup>nd</sup> infringement 3 <sup>rd</sup> infringement	Art. 82.8.3			15' 1 h		Disqualification
Forbidden reconnaissance	Art. 82.11.1					Sanctions of the JI
Remaining for more than 30'' after the starting signal	Art. 82.14.1			2'		
Early start	Art. 82.14.1			1'		
No start or abandon in a Selective Section/Stage	Art. 82.14.1					Accord. to Art.
Competitor not presenting his motorcycle/SSV with engine running	Art. 82.14.1			1' by min late		
Refusal to start at the time and position given	Art. 82.14.1		X	X		Up to disqualification
Voluntary stop in the arrival area of a Selective Section	Art. 82.14.2		X			
Not respecting the Stop panel	Art. 82.14.2					Up to disqualification

SUMMARY OF THE PENALTIES	Art. N°	Start refused	Disqualification	Time penalty	Financial penalty	Decisions Penalties Sanctions of the JI
Lateness on the theoretic time at the Stage/SS/SSS departure	Art. 82.15.1					
Up to 30'				1' by min delay		
Over 30' or 60'			X			
Assistance and towing of motorcycles/SSV in a Selective or Road Section	Art. 82.16.1		X			Up to disqualification
Prohibited assistance	Art. 82.16.3					Up to disqualification
Not using an environmental mat when refuelling	Art. 82.16.4				60 euros	
Absence of an extinguisher during refuelling	Art. 82.16.4				60 euros	
Absence of the visa on the time card	Art. 82.17		X	X		Up to disqualification
Absence of the visa in a CP	Art. 82.17		X			Accord. to Art.
Correction/ alteration of the time card	Art. 82.17		X			
Loss of the time card	Art. 82.17			5'		
Passing at a control without the motorcycle/SSV	Art. 82.17					Sanctions of the JI

SUMMARY OF THE PENALTIES	Art. N°	Start refused	Disqualification	Time penalty	Financial penalty	Decisions Penalties Sanctions of the JI
Instructions of the Chief of the control point not respected	Art. 82.18		X	X		Up to disqualification
Non-respect of the entry, exit and the direction of the traffic in the zone 1 <sup>st</sup> infringement 2 <sup>nd</sup> infringement 3 <sup>rd</sup> infringement	Art. 82.18					
				10'		
				1h		
				3h		
Behind or ahead of schedule at a TC after a Road Section (except arrival of a Stage, no penalty for ahead of schedule)	Art. 82.19			1' by min		
Failure to observe Parc Fermé orders	Art. 82.24.1		X			
Refusal to cross out the number plates after abandonment/disqualification	Art. 82.28					Up to disqualification

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## Symbols for the Road Book

TRACKS		ZONES		SYMBOLS		SYMBOLS		ABBREVIATIONS	
	TARMAC ROAD		START		FENCE		PETROL STATION	L	LEFT
	TRACK		DEPARTURE SELECTIVE SECTION		BARBED WIRE FENCE		MONUMENT	R	RIGHT
	OFF PISTE OFF TRACK		FINISH		RAILROAD		ANIMALS INDIVIDUAL	L/R	LEFT AND RIGHT
	LESS VISIBLE OLD TRACK		ARRIVAL SELECTIVE SECTION		HOLE		ANIMALS	R/L	RIGHT AND LEFT
<b>P</b>	PISTE TRACK		TIME CONTROL		HOLE COLLAPS		CAIRN	onL onR	ON THE LEFT ON THE RIGHT
<b>MP</b>	MAIN PISTE MAIN TRACK		CONTROL ZONE END		BUMPY		ROCKS INDIVIDUAL	kpL	KEEP TO THE LEFT
<b>RO</b>	ROAD		START OF SERVICE AREA		TWISTY		MOUNTAIN INDIVIDUAL	kpR	KEEP TO THE RIGHT
<b>P//</b>	PARALLEL TRACKS		FINISH OF SERVICE AREA		SUMMIT		TREE INDIVIDUAL	kpS	KEEP STRAIGHT
<b>OP</b>	OFF PISTE		PASSAGE CONTROL		RUTS		PALM TREE	±V	MORE / LESS VISIBLE
	OFF PISTE FORBIDDEN		START OF NEUTRALISATION		LATERAL INCLINATION		CAMEL GRASS	+V	MORE VISIBLE
<b>FMP</b>	FOLLOW MAIN PISTE		FINISH OF NEUTRALISATION		POST		VEGETATION	-V	LESS VISIBLE
<b>FRO</b>	FOLLOW ROAD		REFUELING POINT		ELECTRIC POLE	<b>VG</b>	VEGETATION	<b>N</b>	NEXT
SAFETY		ON TRACK			ELECTRIC LINE		TALL GRASS	<b>AT</b>	AT
	DANGER 1		NARROW		HIGH VOLTAGE TOWER		SMALL WADI	<b>IN</b>	INTO
	DANGER 2		BUMP		ANTENNA MAST		LARGE WADI	<b>B<sup>G</sup></b>	BIG
	DANGER 3		DIP HOLE		WELL		SANDY WADI	<b>S<sup>M</sup></b>	SMALL
	DANGER FOR ALL SYMBOLS		COMPRESSION		WATER TANK		RIVER	<b>A<sup>W</sup></b>	ALWAYS
	START ZONE SPEED LIMIT		DITCH		BARREL		WATER AREA SEA, LAKE	<b>SR<sup>X</sup></b>	STONY/ROCKY TRACK
	FINISH ZONE SPEED LIMIT		ABOVE BRIDGE		KILOMETER MARKER		PLAIN	<b>SR</b>	STONE/ROCK ON TRACK
	SPEED LIMIT		UNDER BRIDGE		TYRE		RESTRICTED AREA	<b>Q<sup>T</sup></b>	QUIT LEAVE
	FINISH OF SPEED LIMIT		DOWN HILL		SIGN POST INDIVIDUAL		DISTANCE IN METER	<b>Q<sup>T</sup> MP</b>	QUIT / LEAVE MAIN TRACK
	STOP		TOWARDS		HOUSE		DISTANCE FROM TRACK	<b>M<sup>X</sup></b>	MANY
	SLOW DOWN		UP HILL		BUILDINGS INDIVIDUAL	<b>DUNES / SAND</b>		<b>IMP</b>	IMPERATIVE
WAYPOINTS			STEP DOWN		CHURCH MOSQUE		SMALL DUNE	<b>CLP</b>	COLLAPSED
	WAYPOINT MASKED		STEP UP		RUINS INDIVIDUAL		SMALL DUNES	<b>BAD</b>	BAD
	WAYPOINT ECLIPSE		LEFT OVER CREST		FORT		BROKEN DUNE	<b>RGH</b>	ROUGH
	WAYPOINT VISIBLE		RIGHT OVER CREST		CEMETERY		SAND SPIT	<b>GAR</b>	GET AROUND
	WAYPOINT NAVIGATION		GATE BARRIER		VILLAGE		BIG BOWL IN DUNES	<b>NR</b>	NARROW
	WAYPOINT SAFETY		GATE BARRIER		BIVOUAC		SAND PLAIN	<b>GV</b>	GRAVEL
DIRECTION			CATTLE GATE BARRIER		TUNNEL		DUNES	<b>+</b>	AND
<b>180</b>	BEARING (CAP)		WATER CROSSING		PIPELINE	<b>DN</b>	DUNE	<b>BTW</b>	BETWEEN
<b>180A</b>	BEARING AVERAGE		CONCRETE		WALL	<b>DN<sup>X</sup></b>	DUNES	<b>RJ</b>	REJOIN
<b>180c</b>	BEARING CALCULATED		CONCRETE IN WATER		STONE WALL	<b>SA</b>	SAND	<b>FA</b>	FOLLOW ALONG
								<b>VAL</b>	VALLEY

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## Notice

Start of the second selective section on stages with several selective sections

What the rule says:

“On stages where there are several selective sections, the start of the second selective section will be given in the order of arrival of the previous selective sector (with the intervals maintained to the second), plus the time allocated for the link section, if any, and the regulation 5 minutes.”

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The rule therefore imposes two constraints:

- To respect the order of arrival in the previous section;
- To maintain the intervals between the competitors to the second.

How can these obligations be met when this start is implemented?

### 1. The time card

This document will have to take this special requirement into account.

It will have to show clearly:

- A timetable at the CH of the second selective section to the minute calculated as follows:

Finish time for the first selective section to the minute (12 hours 45 in the example below) to which we can add the time allocated for the link section (30 minutes), that is 13 hours 15 minutes in the example below;

And

- A start time to the second calculated as follows:

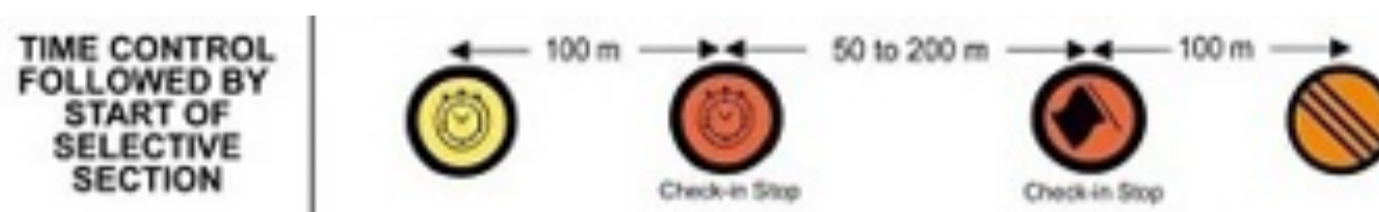
Finish time of the first selective section to the second (12 hours 45 minutes and 31 in the example below) to which we then add the time allocated for the link section (30 minutes) and the regulation 5 minutes for preparing the start, i.e. 13 hours 20 minutes and 31 seconds in the example below.

Example of time card:

Finish SS1	12	45	31	
	Hours	Minutes	Seconds	
Link Section				0 : 30
	Hours	Minutes	Seconds	
CH SS2	13	15		
	Hours	Minutes	Seconds	
Start SS2	13	20	31	
	Hours	Minutes	Seconds	

2. Organisation of the post

The starting post of the second selective section will be organised in accordance with Article 82.18 of the FIM Bajas World Cup Appendices.



At the time check, the operations will be carried out in accordance with articles 82.19 (Bajas).

However, for the start of the selective sections, the start of the second will require some adjustments:

- It may be difficult or even impossible for the official responsible to perform the calculations as described in Articles 82.14.1 (Bajas). The presence at the starting line of a digital clock indicating hours, minutes and seconds would be very useful.

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- The official responsible will have to be informed of the exact starting times of the competitors. This information will be conveyed to him by radio, telephone or any other means of communication. The competitors cannot be asked to present his time card to check the start time.
- The official will have to be very quick off the mark to start two competitors whose start times are very close together or to give two competitors the start at the same time!

In all cases, the official responsible for the post will have to do his utmost to apply the rule and its spirit in the sporting interests of our discipline.

NB: respecting the spirit of this rule means not grouping competitors between two selective sections; the grouping principle is not compatible with preserving the intervals to the second.



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