EAL Estonian 4x4 Off-Road Cup Photography Guide

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Equipment used for taking control photos

• The team must be equipped with a technical device (digital camera, mobile phone) for taking control photos, which must be capable of taking pictures in various weather conditions and ensuring that all required elements of the control photo are clearly visible in the frame.
• The team must ensure the ability to transfer photos from the technical device to the judges' computer — this means they must provide the necessary cables and software that allow their technical device to operate with the most commonly used operating systems.
• The memory and/or memory card of the technical device must be CLEARED before the competition! The recommended resolution for competition photos is 1600x1200 pixels (~500KB), but not less than 1024x768 pixels.

• The technical device and/or memory card with unmodified photos must be presented to the judges — this means the photos must not be uploaded to a computer or otherwise modified before being presented to the judges. If there is any suspicion of such modification, the photo(s) in question will not be accepted.
• The clock and date on the technical device must be set to real time and synchronized with the official competition timekeeper.
• After submitting the mandatory photo material to the judges, any later photo material will not be taken into account. Only control photos are allowed on the memory card!
• After the mandatory photo material has been saved by the judges, the team must CLEAR the memory and/or memory card of the technical device before proceeding to the next special stage!

Content of Control Photos

• In an accepted control photo or duplicate photo, the following must be clearly visible and identifiable within a single frame:

– The control point sign with a clearly legible control point number.

– The competition vehicle with a clearly and recognizably visible competition number, duplicate competition number, or registration number.

– A recognizable team member (face fully visible and facing the camera) who is touching the control point sign with one palm and the competition vehicle or equipment permanently attached to it with the other palm, in such a way that both palms are clearly visible!

– When wearing a helmet, the team member's face must be identifiable. For ATV teams, it is permitted for the team member to wear a helmet without goggles or with an open visor, facing the camera directly.

– The side doors of the competition vehicle may be open at the moment the photo is taken. Contact with parts located outside the vehicle body (such as winch cables, tree protectors, ropes, antennas, etc.) as well as contact through an open rear door will not be accepted.

– For ATVs, a single photo is sufficient where there is contact with one competition vehicle using a palm and with the other vehicle using a foot. The control point must be touched with a palm. It is also permitted to photograph both competition vehicles separately at the same control point.

Accepted control photo:



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Accepted control photo:



Accepted control photo, provided that there is also an accepted control photo of the other competition vehicle:



Unacceptable control photo:



Lying on the vehicle is allowed, but there is no contact between the palm and the vehicle.

Unacceptable control photo:



The placement of the duplicate number on the competition vehicle is incorrect.

Unacceptable control photo:



The face is not visible.

Unacceptable control photo:



The numbers must be clearly legible.

Unacceptable control photo:



Only one palm is in contact.

Unacceptable control photo:



Only side doors are allowed to be opened.

Unacceptable control photo:



Only one palm is in contact, and the full competition number of the vehicle is not visible.

Unacceptable control photo:



Control point number is illegible (?99).

Unacceptable control photo:



Control point number is not legible.

Unacceptable control photo:



Contact with the palm is missing.