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9.1 EVENT OFFICIALS

9.1.1 The following are the designated Hammerking Productions Inc. event officials:

Competition Review Board (CRB)	A voting panel composed of the Race Director and two randomly chosen representative from each racing class. For more information refer to - <u>12.1.1 Red Card Procedures</u> , and <u>13.1.4 Competition Review Board</u> . A panel composed of the Operations Director, Event Director, Race Director, Chief Technical Inspector, and the CRB Director. The CRB shall meet as required to decide matters concerning rule infractions, sportsmanship, and on-course conduct; primarily those identified by on-course officials and the red card system. The CRB shall meet approximately 30 minutes after the close of the event finish line, and before the event awards ceremony.
CRB Director	Director of the Competition Review Board, appointed by the Race Director. The CRB Director shall be a third party holding no position in Hammerking Productions Inc. Hammerking Productions Inc. shall make the CRB Director known to the event participants at the drivers' meeting, and he shall represent the drivers in post race rule matters. CRB Director will oversee the CRB process, call the meeting to order, and report the outcome of the CRB to the event participants.

9.2.5 SUBSTITUTE DRIVER

1) ~~Drivers are allowed one substitution per season.~~ Drivers are allowed more than one substitute driver if deemed medically necessary. Automatic medical conditions allowed are pregnancy and injuries that include broken bones. Other medical reasons will need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Race Director.

9.3.1 EVENT COURSE

13) A marked course is the official route designated by and marked with official Hammerking Productions Inc. markings and/or indicated via the official GPS track. All vehicles must follow this route during the event and shall drive only in the correct direction of the course route. ~~Passing is only permitted where there is no vegetation on the side of the course. Short coursing is not permitted. No deviation from the marked course, including passing, is permitted in sensitive areas. Deviation from the marked course in these areas shall result in automatic disqualification. Sensitive areas shall be marked by Hammerking Productions Inc. markings and DQ signs. Hammerking Productions Inc. is not responsible for markings that are damaged or removed. All vehicles shall drive in only in the correct direction of the course route.~~ Intentionally driving in the opposite direction of the course to gain a competitive advantage is prohibited and shall be grounds for penalties of up to and including disqualification and suspension.

- I. Special attention must apply in environmentally sensitive areas on the official route. Sensitive areas shall be marked by Hammerking Productions Inc. markings and DQ signs. Hammerking Productions Inc. is not responsible for markings that are damaged or removed. Deviation from the marked course, including passing, in sensitive areas is not permitted and may result in disqualification. Passing is only permitted where there is no vegetation on the side of the course.

17) Speeding in a restricted speed area is prohibited. Speeding in excess of 10 mph (16kph) over announced or posted speed limit by race vehicle or support vehicles may result in Disqualification.

18) Short coursing, defined as intentionally or unintentionally leaving course limits and receiving a competitive advantage, is not permitted and ~~shall~~ may result in time penalties or a DNF at the point where the course was deviated. Short Coursing Infractions can be corrected without penalty by safely returning to the start point of the deviation and continuing the marked course. Correction must be done before the completion of the current lap or crossing finish line, whichever comes first. Specific boundaries of the official route shall be addressed during the drivers meeting. General guidelines include the following:

i Any deviation from the marked course outside the limits of the course center, as defined by the following will be considered short coursing:

- Rock Trails – 50' (15.25M) on either side of course center
- Desert Trails – 150' (45.75M) on either side of course center
- Trails that are otherwise announced prior to the race in the drivers meeting, with specified limits different from above.

~~ii Infractions can be corrected without penalty by safely returning to the start point of the deviation and continuing the marked course. Correction must be done before the completion of the current lap or crossing finish line, whichever comes first.~~

21) Competitors are not permitted to receive outside assistance during green flag conditions. However, if a vehicle breaks down on the course, or rolls over and requires assistance to be righted, the following rules apply. Hammering Productions Inc. approves the following options. Any deviation from these ~~options~~ rules may result in entrant being disqualified.

iv. Race vehicle traveling on the course in the reverse direction of the course, before the official completion of the event may result in penalties or disqualification.

- v. Pit support vehicles traveling on the racecourse before the official completion of event may result in penalties or disqualification.

11 INFRACTIONS & PENALTIES

11.1.1 AUTHORITY

(2) Penalties Under Green - The following procedure shall be utilized if penalties are applied by a Race Director under green flag conditions

- I. The Race Director or appointee will make every reasonable effort to provide driver and/or team with description of infraction and exact penalty being applied.
- II. Driver/Team can:
 - a. accept penalties and continue racing
 - b. accept penalties and retire from event
 - c. continue racing and challenge penalty at the finish with a Red Card
- III. The Race Director has the overarching and FINAL authority to disqualify/black flag any competitor at any time for safety infractions.

11.1.2 INFRACTIONS

(1) Unauthorized Competitive Advantage

- I. Minor infraction – usually unintentional, non-strategic, accidental in nature resulting in a minor competitive advantage. Generally, yields up to a 15 second advantage
 - a. Minor infraction penalty: five (5) times the received benefit
 - b. Received advantage will be determined by the race director

- II. Major infraction – intentional, strategic, and blatant disregard for the rules resulting in a major competitive advantage. Generally, yields more than a 15 second advantage
 - a. Major infraction penalty: ten(10) times the received benefit
 - b. Received advantage will be determined by the race director
- III. Course/Trail Bypassing
 - a. Skipping or bypassing a marked trail in its entirety will result in a DNF at the mark where the course was deviated. i.e. skipping 3rd lap only trails at Kind of the Hammers
- IV. Time penalties will be added to the actual finish time of the competitor and will not be used to determine if the competitor has finished outside of the allowed time limit for the race. If it is found by the Race Director that the competitor has short coursed in order to make the finish under the time limit the finish time will include the penalty minutes resulting in a DNF.

12.1.1 ~~FILE COMPLAINT~~ RED CARD PROCEDURE

- 1) Each entrant may file one Red Card ~~complaint~~ to the CRB during the event ~~by using a red card~~. Red card must contain protester's name and vehicle number, an explanation of the situation including the Ultra 4 rule that is in question. Red cards must be presented at race control within 30 minutes of completion of session/race in which alleged infraction occurred. All Red Card situations require a CRB meeting. Should the situation warrant, an additional two hours will be given from end of session/race to gather additional information and materials. Red card ~~complaints~~ may only be made filed in protest to a penalty imposed by race official or against competing entrants for the following infractions during the course of an event:
 - i Vehicle leaving the course or short coursing.
 - ii Receiving outside assistance.

- iii Refueling without an approved fuel mat or tarp acting as an impervious barrier.
- iv Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- v Excessive or abusive nerfing or bumping.
- vi Vehicle non compliant with rulebook.

~~12.1.2 FILE GRIEVANCE~~

- ~~2) A competitor who believes they have been aggrieved by an item in the rulebook, by the action or inaction of a director, volunteer, or other participant (including other competitors) has the right to file a grievance with the CRB. Such a grievance must be filed with the Race Director no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the event.~~

13.1.3 SAFETY RULES

- 1) The Series reserves the right to unilaterally impose penalties for violation of safety rules or unsafe actions at a Hammerking Event that may include a DNF or disqualification.

13.1.4 COMPETITION REVIEW BOARD (CRB)

- 1) A panel composed of the Race Director and two representative from each racing class shall be required to meet when a competitor files a red card against another competitor or in protest to a penalty imposed by a race official.
 - i. CRB Members shall be selected randomly at the drivers meeting from a list of all registered drivers.
 - ii. If chosen driver is unable to attend post-race CRB meeting it is that driver's responsibility to find a replacement CRB member. Failure to

- appear for your duty as a member of the CRB may result in your disqualification.
- iii. The CRB shall meet at the finish line approximately 30 minutes after the close of the finish line, and before the event awards ceremony.
 - iv. Both parties involved with the conflict shall have the right testify on their own behalf (share their side of the story).
 - v. The CRB will use a majority vote to determine if a rule has been broken and shall use the guidelines provided within this rule book to determine penalties that may be imposed. Drivers from the class in which the red card was filed will not be eligible to vote.
 - vi. When a CRB is used to determine a red card decision, the resulting outcome is final and cannot be overturned or modified.
 - vii. A penalty of DNF or DQ imposed by the Race Director must be ratified by a majority vote from the CRB unless penalty was imposed under Race Director's unilateral authority outlined in section 13.1.3.

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All Ultra4 2021 Rules remain in full effect for the entire season as amended by any bulletins until superseded by the next rules version.