

2021 QATAR OFF-ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP
Round 6 / MOTO
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3. Programme

Date	Time	Event	Location	
Mon, 06/12	17.00h	Closing date for entries with reduced fees	Rally Office	
Wed, 08/12	17.00h	Closing date for entries		
Thu, 09/12	12.00h	Publication of the entry list		
Fri, 10/12	13.00 / 14.00h	Administrative checks – Odd numbers		
	14.00 / 15.00h	Administrative checks – Even numbers		
	14.00 / 15.00h	Scrutineering – Odd numbers		
	15.00 / 16.00h	Scrutineering – Even numbers		
Sat, 11/12	17.30h	Briefing Publication of the start list and start times		
	07.00 / 07.15h	Vehicles enter pre-start holding area		Tba (Sealine area)
	07.30h	Start of the Baja		
	(1)	Post-event scrutineering		
12.30h	Publication of provisional classification			

(1) Immediately after the arrival of the first vehicles

4. Administrative checks and scrutineering

For each competitor, the attendance will be limited to one person at administrative checks and two persons at scrutineering.

Only vehicles with all rally plates, competition numbers and advertising plates already fitted will be allowed to enter the scrutineering area.

Any delay on the presentation at the time controls installed immediately before administrative checks and before scrutineering will result in the following penalties:

from 1 to 15 minutes	200 QAR
from 16 to 30 minutes	400 QAR
> 30 minutes	Start may be denied

5. Navigation / Tracking / Safety equipment

A deposit of 1500 QR (one thousand five hundred) is required for the Stella / Tracking / Safety equipment, which is refundable at the end of the baja after the receipt of all equipment in good condition.

6. Briefing

The presence at the briefing (see programme) is compulsory for all riders. Any rider non-present at the pre-event briefing will incur a penalty of 400 QAR.

A maximum of two persons per entered motorcycle may attend the briefing.

7. Service

A service park will be set close to the start/finish area.

Service is permitted only at the service park.

Access to the service park is limited to the rider and a maximum of two team members with appropriate identification.

The movement of service/assistance vehicles is forbidden along the route of the Baja. For any infringement of this rule a penalty of up to and including disqualification from the event may be imposed by the Stewards on the competitor for whom the transgressors are servicing.

8. Fuel – Refuelling

See article 13 of 2021 QORC General Regulations.

9. Tyres

See article 14 of 2021 QORC General Regulations.

10. Holding area

Motorcycles must check in at the start holding area where any kind of service or refuelling is forbidden.

Access to the holding area is limited to riders with appropriate identification.

Any delay on the presentation at the time control installed at the entrance of the holding area will result in the following penalties:

from 1 to 15 minutes	200 QAR
from 16 to 30 minutes	400 QAR
> 30 minutes	Start may be denied

11. Road book distribution

The road book will be distributed to each rider the moment his motorcycle enters the start holding area.

12. Event format

See Appendix 2 of 2021 QORC General Regulations.

With reference to art. 2.2 (Starting order and intervals),

- The starting order will be based in the overall classification after Round 5, considering an adequate balance between the rankings of the three categories and the performance of each rider on the two previous bajas of the series;
- All cases of points tie among the 10 first in the current overall classification will be decided by a lottery draw during rider's briefing;
- The start interval will be 2 minutes for the first five riders in the start list and 1 minute for the remaining riders.

12.1 Itinerary

The itinerary of the baja is made of three different laps, each one with approx. 60 km (approx. 180 km in total).

The respect of the itinerary and particularly the passage by a certain number of waypoints will be controlled by STELLA equipment.

12.2 Waypoints

The following types of waypoints (see General Regulations) will be used:

- WPE (Eclipse Waypoint)
- WPS (Waypoint Safety)
- WPM (Masked Waypoint)

The exact opening and validation radiuses of the different waypoint types are listed in the below table:

Waypoint type	Opening radius	Validation radius
WPE	Previous WP (or 1000 m)	90 m
WPS	1000 m	90 m
WPM	800 m	90 m

The penalty for the non-validation of a waypoint is 15 minutes.

12.3 Speed control zone

See 2021 QORC Appendix 2 – item 9.

The start / finish area of the selective section will be considered a 50 km/h speed control zone.

12.4 Neutralisation between laps

Between the finish of each lap and the start of the following one there will be a neutralisation of 10 minutes exclusively dedicated to the refuelling of the motorcycle. During this period only actions directly involved in the refuelling of the motorcycle are permitted.

Solely for the purpose of assisting with the refuelling procedure of the motorcycle and to provide drinkable fluids to the rider, one team member with wristband may access the refuelling area.

It is recommended that this team member wears goggles and homologated clothing, and it is mandatory to wear long clothes.

Engines must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.

The use of mobile phones and radio communication is forbidden while in the refuelling zone.

The responsibility for refuelling (conformity and quantity) is on the competitor alone.

12.5 Re-start after neutralisation

The start time at the end of a neutralisation will be given by Stella equipment.

Once the entry WP of the neutralisation has been validated, a countdown will start with the time allowed to restart after neutralisation.

20 m before the start for following lap there will be a yellow panel with a black flag; the competitor may only cross this panel in the 60 last seconds before his due time to restart after neutralisation. A red panel with a black flag will indicate the restart location after neutralisation.

At the start line after neutralisation, the rider must stop and wait until the start signal is given electronically by the NAV-GPS System. Control officials will be present to monitor the correct start procedure.

The respect of the target time for the neutralisation is the sole responsibility of the rider.

In case of a delay at the restart, the rider will be considered to have started at its target start time.

However, the rider must stop at the start line and follow the instructions of the control officials.

If a rider does not stop at the start line, or will start before the start signal is given, this will be considered a false start (2021 QORC General Regulations / Appendix 2 – item 2.3).

12.6 Service

Service may be carried out at the service area immediately after the start of each lap. The time spent by a crew at the service area will not be deducted from his/her total stage time.

12.7 Maximum times

The maximum times allowed to complete each lap and the entire selective section are as follows:

- 1st lap: 01h30
- 1st + 2nd lap 02h50
- Total stage: 04h00

12.8 Classification

To be classified a competitor must

- validate at least 50% of the total number of waypoints + 1
- cross the finish line after each lap within the maximum times indicated (art. 12.7)
- enter the final parc fermé.

13. Final classification of the championship

In the event of a points tie in the final classification of a championship class, priority will be awarded to the highest place in the classification of the last round of the championship.

The Organizing Committee