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FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Dear Competitor,

This is the final planned mailing for the forthcoming Gaucho Trail 2026. These Final Instructions and Bulletin One follow on from the Gaucho Trail Regulations you have already received. The Rally HQ Procedures are also included in this mailing, all of which you should read carefully.

Timing Summary

Saturday 31st October	11:00 & 12:00	Coaches leave for Car collection
	19:00 – 19:30	Competitors Briefing
	20:00 – 22:00	Group Welcome Dinner
Sunday 1st November	09:30 – 13:00	Pack Collection
	10:30 – 15:00	Scrutineering
	11:00 – 15:30	Documentation
Monday 2nd November	07:31	First Car leaves MTC1.1

The times shown are scheduled times of the first car and may be amended.

Signing – On

Signing – On is a legal requirement before the event, and this will be done in person. Both the Driver & Navigator MUST sign the documentation.

Where do I need to come to?

As previously advised, our HQ Hotel accommodation in Montevideo is provided for 2-nights prior to the event start date; each crew will have a double or twin room allocated at the Hotel Sofitel Carrasco Casino & Spa for the nights of Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November. This is the same hotel where the rally will return for the finish, on Saturday 28 November.

Pack Collection and Documentation will be in a private office area within the HQ Hotel; Scrutineering will be taking place in an identified area of the hotel car park, please see the "Rally HQ Procedures" sheet with this mailing for an overview of the various pre-event locations.

Vehicle collection notes

CARS UK have informed that cars will be collected on Saturday 31st October, we have pre-arranged two coaches which will leave at 11:00 and 12:00; the exact car numbers of passengers for each coach will be advised on Sportity as this depends on the layout of the cars in the Customs warehouse; Melvyn Palmer will be at the collection site to greet you and hand over your keys/car.

Please bring a form of ID with you as this may be required upon collection.

Measured Distance Check
The details of the Measured Distance are attached in the "Rally HQ Procedures" sheet. It is suggested that you carry out the Measured Distance Check as soon as possible. The boards will be set up at the latest from 10:00 on Saturday 31st October. If you have any queries in respect of trip calibration, then please don't hesitate to find one of the HERO-ERA team members, who will be happy to help.

When do I need to be there?
Pack Collection will be open between 09:30 and 13:00 at the Sofitel Montevideo, on Sunday 1st of November. Please visit here first, where you will collect your rally plates and roundels.

Prior to attending Scrutineering, the rally plates must be securely fixed to the front and rear of the car in a visible position, and for the duration of the rally. They must not cover the car's license plates, even partially.
The roundels must be positioned on both sides of the car to the front doors or adjacent panels. All official identification must always be visible.

Once this has been completed, you will be able to proceed onto Scrutineering, which will run from 10:30 till 15:00 in the car park. Once you have completed Scrutineering, please proceed without delay inside the hotel for Documentation, closing at 15:30.

Important reminder from the Medical Team
Please return urgently your filled medical questionnaire to the event doctor,

Jason.wing@iqarus.com

This is a mandatory requirement. The Questionnaire was sent to you with Newsletter

Number 2, or you can find a copy on Sportity. Thank you.

Official Notice Board
Throughout the event the Official Notice Board will be on the Sportity App. This is freely available to download from the App Store, Google Play Store or wherever you get your apps downloads from. Simply enter the Event Password **GTMC-26** to access the Official Notice Board. There will NOT be a physical Notice Board.

Please note that the Clerk of the Course or one of his Deputies will address the competitors each evening, except on non-driving days, during the evening meal - indicatively 30 mins after dinner start time, which the Hospitality team will publish on Sportity, each afternoon. This is not mandatory but recommended.

Entry List
Attached with this document is the final event Entry List.
Please check that we have the correct details for you and your vehicle and contact us as soon as possible if any changes need to be made.

Hotels List
The complete hotels list is being published on Sportity, under the Hospitality section. Please only share this document with your family and do NOT post it anywhere on social media. Thank you.

Luggage & Dress Code
Remember there is no luggage service provided on this event.

The dress code for the evening dinners is Smart-Casual.

A note from Tysers regarding car insurance
Although the invoices show the event start date – 2nd of November – the cover letter is correct and starting from the 31st October. Therefore, the additional two days either side of the events date are also covered under the insurance policies.

Currency and precious
Please be reminded that we recommend not to carry valuable personal objects during the event and that under Uruguayan customs regulations, travellers entering the country must declare any currency, precious metals, and other monetary instruments if the total value exceeds USD 10,000.

Media coverage and Social Media Handles
We will have our own HERO-ERA media crews on event to cover all aspects of the Gaucho Trail. The content will be posted on all our different platforms from website to social media, whilst news, photographs and videos will be distributed to international media at various times. It would be appreciated, if you want to be tagged in and follow us on the social media journey, that you provide us with any of your social media handles as soon as you are able to please.

Also, all our event photographs will be available to view and purchase via HERO pictures after the event. https://pictures.hero-era.com

In addition, and most importantly, please ensure you fill in the Media Publicity Waiver so you can agree to be part of the event publicity or not, as you wish. The Media Disclaimer is published under the Media section in the Sportity App.
There is more detailed information about the general media communications and social media within the Disclaimer, so please read it carefully and tick the appropriate box/return by email to media@hero-era.com

This is a mandatory requirement, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation; in case you are unable to comply in advance, a printed copy will be available at Signing-On in Montevideo.

SPOT Trace Device

As confirmed in the Regulations, all competitors must have the recommended GPS Tracker unit (SPOT Trace) fitted to their vehicle. It is required to allow us to be aware of your location throughout the event for safety purposes.

We have yet to hear from some competitors regarding details for their SPOT Trace device. If you haven't provided the information, you should have been contacted within the last few days.

You **must** have spare AAA lithium batteries for the device. We recommend 8 spare batteries.

We look forward to seeing you in Uruguay.

The HERO-ERA Events Team
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