

Information to Competitors

Dear competitor,

Automóvel Club de Portugal thanks and appreciates your participation at the 40th edition of Baja Portalegre 500. Scoring round for the FIA World Baja Cup, as usual, and for the FIA European Baja Cup, in addition to the FPAK and FMP National Championships.

This year will register the involvement of **101 Cars (65 FIA and 36 EN), 115 Bikes, 43 Quads, 85 SSV, 42 Promotion & Hobby / Vintage and 56 Mini Baja - a total of 442 vehicles and around 628 drivers, navigators and riders.**
Congratulations and thank you very much.

As part of the celebrations, an exhibition of vehicles that in some way represent the 40 editions of the Baja de Portalegre 500 will be set up in the Service Park at Nerpor.
On the 16th, at Nerpor at 6.00 pm, the comic book "A Marca dos Portugueses" (The Portuguese Mark) set against the backdrop of the 1984 Paris-Dakar Rally will be presented, featuring a special appearance by UMM vehicles.
Meanwhile, Polaris will be presenting its new model, the POLARIS RZR PRO R BOOST, to the European market at Nerpor on the 15th at 4.00 pm.

This information is intended to clarify some relevant topics. We advise that it has no regulatory value and competitors and teams should read the contingency plans, supplementary regulations and the bulletins that have been or will be issued.

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1. NERPOR

GPS: N 39º 16.410 W 07º 25.299

NERPOR is located on EN 246, Portalegre / Elvas, approx. 1 km from Portalegre**:**

- ACREDITATIONS / SECRETARIAT / ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKS AND SCRUTINEERING / MEDIA
- PARQUE FERMÉ NERPOR
- SERVICE PARK (AUTO / MOTO / QUAD / SSV)
- REFUELLING AREA (AUTO)

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2. Official notice board

The official notice board will be available at the Sportity app. To use Sportity you must download and install the application and use the following passwords:

Auto FIA – BAJA500FIA26
Auto Evento Nacional FPAK – BAJA500FPAK26
Moto/Quad/SSV FMP – Promoção Baja & Hobby / Vintage – BAJA500FMP26

The advantage of using Sportity is that drivers and teams, once registered, will receive notifications whenever a new official document is available.

3. Teams Accreditations – Access to NERPOR Service Park

Access to Service Park will only be granted to accredited vehicles
Accreditation Schedule:
October, 14th – 10h00 / 22h00
October, 15th – 07h00 / 20h00
October, 16th – 08h00 / 13h00

In order to proceed with the accreditations process, the enrolment at the Baja must be completed by sending all the requested information/documentation.

The Accreditation Area is located inside Municipal Stadium, nearby the roundabout to access NERPOR. (see layout at the end of this document). Please try to make your accreditation process on October 14th.

Should the same service team provide services for both Moto/Quad and SSV procedures will be in place to deal with each individual situation. The same procedures will apply to Auto/SSV.

Should you be in the above-mentioned situation please contact the email: nuno.vieira@acp.pt

The access to the Service Park will be controlled at the avenue (EN246) and security will confirm vehicle authorizations (stickers).

Trailers and transportation trucks will have separate parking (see layout) and should not be placed inside Service Park.

The organization cannot be held responsible for vehicles parked outside authorized areas.

4. Administrative Checks and Scrutineering

Administrative checks will be carried out at the race secretariat in the Nerpor building. Only team members with 'TEAM MANAGER', 'Auto' or 'BIKE/QUAD/SSV' accreditation may access the premises.

The following documents must be provided:
- Originals of the copies of documents previously sent to the ACP
- Registration form signed by the driver(s) (to be handed in at accreditation)
- Sports license(s) of the driver(s) and competitor(s) (will be requested)

The Anube, GPS and electronic Road Book devices will be handed over during the administrative checks. For bikes and quads, in addition to the Stella 3, a backup device, Spica, will be provided to be fitted to the

handlebars using clamps. This equipment replaces the Stella III in the event of a malfunction, especially in Hazard III, speed control and Transfer sections. Carrying the equipment in your pocket does not solve any problems that may occur with the Stella III. The FMP SSVs (Motorcycles) have Stella 3 and Stella 6 equipment available if requested in advance.

The use of the electronic Road Book (Stella 6) is mandatory for the FIA Event and National Event, except for the Promotion classes. FIA, T1+, T1, T3, T2 and T4 competitors have 2 Stella 6 devices, while competitors in the National Event have 1 Stella 6 device and 1 Stella 3 device.

Technical Scrutineering for Cars will take place in the same building as in previous years.

Technical scrutineering for Bike/Quad/SSV will take place in karting track, see layout.

The installation of Anube equipment (Stella III EVO and Road Book Stella 6) will be checked at the technical scrutineering area.

Timetable for administrative checks and scrutineering will be available at Bulletin, in the Sportity.

The competitor's or the Team Manager must be accompanied by the following documents:

5. ANUBE – Installation kit for Stella Evo III and Road Book Stella 6 equipments

Participants in the 40th Baja Portalegre 500 will be using Stella III and/or Stella 6 (Digital Road Book) equipment.
Competitors who do not have the “Stella GPS kit” for installing the Stella equipment and the electronic road book should contact Anube via the website https://shop.anubesport.com/ and purchase the kit.

6. Description of the Race - Cars

Thursday, October 15th

Contrary to usual practice, the prologue, taking place on the 16th, will not be recognized.

After technical scrutineering, the teams have a maximum of 90 minutes to place the vehicles inside the park fermé next to the Ceremonial Start, center of Portalegre city. Vehicles can be driven by a team member other than the driver of co-driver.
During the ceremony, both driver and codriver must wear the race equipment.
No more than 30 minutes after the Ceremonial Start all vehicles must be inside Parque Fermé at NERPOR.

Some drivers and riders will be asked to be present from 8:30 pm at the start ceremony for an autograph session and press conference.

The post-race press conference will be held on the podium of the Start Ceremony, before the start.

Friday, October, 16th

After the prologue, competitors will drive towards the regrouping park fermé in Ponte de Sor**.**
During liaison competitors can refuel, just before the park fermé.
As per the program, the ceremony to Selection of starting position after the prologue, will take place at the Ponte de Sor Theatre and Cinema, next to the regrouping area.

Start for SS1 will be 4 kms away from Ponte de Sor.

Following the end of SS1, which is approximately 72 km long, refueling must take place after the service at Nerpor.
Before entering the service area, competitors must pass through the 10-minute Technical Zone entry check; early check-in is authorized.

There is an official Refueling Zone (RZ) after Service A, located at the usual spot, the karting track; although its use is not compulsory on this day, safety personnel are on site and it may be used.

Vehicles can also be refueled at the existing fuel stations in the vicinity of NERPOR, in the time allowed for Service A, 2h30m.

Saturday, October 17th

SS2 (around 172 km), starts in Ponte de Sor and ends in Portalegre. SS3 (around 185 km) starts in Gáfete and ends in Portalegre (Coutadas, same site as prologue).

Between SS2 and SS3 there will be an **assistance of 20 minutes at NERPOR**, a refueling of 20 minutes and a regroup (minimum 10 minutes). Before Service B, the 10-minute Technical Zone is repeated at the same location as the previous day, **but this time, the early check-in is not authorized!**

Competitors in the promotion classes make the Prologue, SS1 and SS2, except for promotion M that makes the entire race.

Competitors in the “40-Edition Classics” category will take part in the prologue on the 16th, which consists of a stage of around 50 km with a maximum permitted speed of 125 km/h.

According to the program, the podium ceremony and prize-giving will take place at NERPOR, next to the Service Park.

To organize refueling at the liaisons, you should consult the "Refueling Locations" document available in Bulletin no. 1.

7. Description of the Race – Bike / Quad / SSV – Promoção Baja & Hobby / Vintage

Thursday, October 15th

Contrary to usual practice, the prologue, taking place on the 16th, will not be recognized.

At the **Administrative Checks classes and categories** shall will be updated**, the competitors must confirm them,** because from this **moment** on they cannot be changed.
During Technical Scrutineering it is mandatory to show original vehicle documents to verify the VIN. Without this document technical scrutineering will not happen.
After the technical scrutineering the teams (not necessarily the pilots) have a maximum of 90 minutes to place the vehicles inside the park next to the Ceremonial Start, center of Portalegre city.
Some drivers/riders and riders will be asked to be present from 8:30 pm at the start ceremony for an autograph session and press conference.
For the start ceremony, which begins at 6.30 pm, it is not compulsory to wear race kit, with the obvious exception of a helmet.
The post-race press conference will be held on the podium of the Start Ceremony, after the finished.

No more than 30 minutes after the Ceremonial Start all vehicles must be inside Parque Fermé at NERPOR.

Friday, October 16th

After the prologue, competitors will drive towards the regrouping park in Ponte de Sor**, except for categories Promo Baja&Hobby / Vintage, that do not run SS1 on the 16th.**

Start for SS1 will be 4kms away from Ponte de Sor.
After SS1 (around 72 kms) the route goes through Crato where competitors can find a gas station.

Entry to Nerpor must be via Gate (2), which leads to the "Associação de Agricultores", and you must go through the checkpoint located there. It is very important that you follow the route suggested by the organizers, thereby avoiding any penalties at the entry checkpoint to the service area.

There will be an assistance period at NERPOR, with a maximum duration of 180 minutes,
Stage will only end at the entrance to the parc fermé after the service and refueling periods.

Saturday, October 17th

Before starting SS2 (approximately 275 km), you can refuel at the petrol station located about 4 km from the start, as indicated in the Road Book (SSV) and on the race maps. The first GAS zone is situated at km 80.

SS2 finishes in Portalegre (the same location as the Prologue).
The Baja & Hobby / Vintage Promotion category will contest SS1, covering approximately 185 km, starting from the same location as the main race.

8. Mini Baja

The Mini Baja will take place at the Prologue venue, on a dedicated circuit, on Friday 16th between 1.15 pm and 5.30 pm.

Further details regarding the race format will be published shortly.

Technical scrutineering will take place at Coutadas, at the same venue as the races, between 11.00 am and 12.00 pm.

Before the scrutineering, please go to the accreditation area at the municipal stadium, next to Nerpor, where the administrative checks will be carried out.

Before the races, at 12.30 pm, there will be a compulsory briefing for participants and those responsible for the drivers.

The junior class will tackle a stage of around 70 km the following day, starting in Ponte de Sor and finishing in the hunting grounds. The starting order for this stage will be determined by the results of the race on the 16th.

Mini Baja competitors wishing to take part in the Start Ceremony on the evening of the 15th at 8.15 pm in the Jardim do Tarro in Portalegre must inform the Organizers of their intention to participate. They must therefore park their motorbikes in a secure parking area, using the appropriate eco-friendly mats, from 6.00 pm onwards; to do so, they must complete accreditation and administrative checks on the same day between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

After the start of the ceremony, riders must stop at the roundabout, approximately 100 meters from the start, and head to the park at the Stadium (see layout), where they must load their vehicles onto trailers to be transported to Nerpor or any other location.
The Mini Baja is not required to place vehicles in the closed park at Nerpor.

The prize-giving ceremony will take place on the 16th at 7.00 pm at Nerpor for the categories competing only on the 16th, and on the 17th at 3.30 pm at Nerpor for the Juniors.

9. Service areas Bike / Quad / SSV – Promoção Baja & Hobby / Vintage

The main race has two refueling zones (GAS1, km 80, GAS2 km 220) and one service zone (ZA, km 160), with a stop of approximately 37 minutes (including the 5 km transfer), where full vehicle servicing is possible. Each of these zones is included in a transfer.
At the GAS areas, the SSVs refuel with the company BRAMA. Here is the link to place an order:
https://brama-motorsport.com/prova/baja-de-portalegre-15-e-17-de-outubro/

In the Hobby & Baja Promotion race, contrary to usual practice, motorbikes in the Maxi Trail category are not required to stop at the GAS zones (two); they may manage their race as they see fit. However, if they choose to stop to refuel, they must adhere to the time limit set for the other competitors; and if they choose not to refuel, they must comply with the maximum speed limit in the GAS zones, which is 30 km/h.

The 186 km Baja Promotion & Hobby / Vintage race features two GAS zones: GAS 1 (km 80), which coincides with GAS 1 of the main event, and GAS 2 (km 120), in Ponte de Sor, in the industrial estate.

Distances between refueling points are available in the Supplement.

10. Prologue Recce

Please note! The prologue cannot be recognized!
Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the event!

11. Road Book and Transfer Zone – Technical Briefing

At 4.00 pm on the 15th, a technical briefing will be held with Anube's technical staff at the administrative checks' venue. Guidance will be provided on how to use the equipment, which is very important for those who are not familiar with it and, above all, for those taking part in the event for the first time.
As mentioned before, for the FIA race and National Event, the Road Book used will be the Anube Electronic. And as mentioned in the FIA and FPAK rules, the participant receives the access code to the Road Book via Sportity 20 minutes before the start of each Section.

Road Book SSV FMP (bike federation) handout:

Road books will be handed out at the Secretariat (only accessible for Team Manager pass and/or drivers' bracelets) 30 minutes before the start of each section. Book roadbooks are will be printed in waterproof paper.

NOTE!!! Please confirm the Road Book page sequence upon reception!

Road Book distance help: In all road book notes, the electronic roadbook and the Stella III device display the km corresponding to the note on the screen. This odometer function serves as an aid to the distance measuring instruments. See the instructions for how to cancel the sound emitted on each note!

Procedures at the beginning and end of the Transfer areas for Stella III and electronic Road Book:
The beginning of the Transfer area starts on the Road Book note with the characters **DT in orange (means that the transfer zone is subject to the maximum speed allowed),** from this moment on the teams must follow the signs regarding the maximum speed allowed and the time allocated until the start **(T.Max),** the Stella III/electronic road book beeps at about 90 meters from the beginning of the transfer area and at the starting point displays the time decreasing manner from second to second.

At the end of the Transfer area, crews may not overtake the **starting yellow flag** placed approximately 100m from the start, except in the **last minute of the allotted time and indicated in Stella III/electronic road book in a descending manner second to second in green**. The start is on the Road Book note showing **(FT), with the red starting flag**. The moment the devices display the word **GO in green,** competitors may start the race.

False starts will be documented.

12. Environmental Plan

For environmental reasons and according to regulations, engine, batteries or any other quid of oils and liquids spillage is strictly forbidden.

The organization will place containers (bidons) for recovery of waste oils and liquids (radiator, etc.) and batteries. These containers are located next to the WC of Campo da Feira, according to layout.
The Environmental Plan validated by the federal authorities and others is available on the event site. ACP has promoted a partnership with VALNOR for the collection of waste and subsequent financial return that it assigns to the Volunteer Firefighters of Portalegre.
In the service are, refueling and Parque Fermé, all Bikes, Quads and SSVs must use the protective mats, according to Art. 27 of the SR Regulations.

13. Radio Portalegre

Rádio Portalegre will cover Baja de Portalegre and will have access to updated information (classification, withdrawals, etc.) during the course of the race. Rádio Portalegre is available at 100.5 or 104.5 FM

14. Sponsorship

The Automobile Club of Portugal would like to express its gratitude to our sponsors for their ongoing support, which has contributed to the success of the event: Portalegre Municipal Council, BP Portugal and Ponte de Sor Municipal Council, as well as the cooperation of the local authorities of Abrantes, Alter do Chão, Crato, Fronteira, Gavião, Monforte, Nisa and Sousel, and the parish councils of Bemposta, Cabeço de Vide, Chança, Comenda, Monte da Pedra. We also rely on the indispensable involvement of the GNR, the PSP, the Santa Margarida Mechanised Brigade, as well as the fire brigades, Civil Protection, Água Ursu, BDR, Bogani, IGEOE, Officcelan, Motorin, Valnor, and Rádio Portalegre.

The collaboration of the organization staff and the special deference of landlords, who allow the race to cross their estates, are crucial to the success and longevity of Baja Portalegre 500.

15. NERPOR LAYOUT



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