



Information to Competitors

Dear competitor,

Automóvel Club de Portugal thanks and appreciates your participation at the 37th edition of Baja Portalegre 500.

This year will register the involvement of **96 Cars, 101 Bikes, 29 Quads, 94 SSV, 27 Promotion & Hobby and 34 Mini Baja** - a total of 381 vehicles and around 600 drivers and codrivers.

Congratulations and thank you very much.

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/39.16410,-8.25299)

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 ARE (AUTO)

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2. Official notice board

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

Auto FIA – BAJA500AUTO
Auto Evento Nacional FPAK – BAJA500NACIONAL
Moto/Quad/SSV FMP – BAJA500MOTO

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

All information will also be available at:

www.bajaportalegre500.com

The official notice board usually in display at NERPOR will not be available. All documentation will be published at Baja's site and Sportity.

3. Teams Accreditations – Access to NERPOR Service Park

Access to Service Park will only be granted to accredited vehicles

Accreditation Schedule:

October, 16th – 10h00 / 22h00

October, 17th – 07h00 / 20h00

October, 18th – 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 16th.

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.

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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 a 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 take place at the Secretariat inside NERPOR building. Only one person of each team bearing the "SECRETARIAT ACCESS" credential is allowed inside. The team representative must bring along the original documents which were sent to ACP along with sports licences for competitor, drivers and co-drivers, the control sheets (signed both by driver and co-driver) received at Accreditations.

During administrative checks each FIA team will receive 3 arm bands and 3 refuelling vests to be used by assistants during refuelling. These items must be returned to the secretariat at the end of the event.

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

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

ANUBE equipment's will be checked when entering either Auto scrutineering building.

Timetable for administrative checks and scrutineering will be available at Bulletin 1, the Baja site and Sportity.

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

- Original copies of documents previously sent to the ACP
- Registration form signed by the pilot(s) (delivered at accreditation)
- Sports license(s) of the driver(s) and Competitor (will be requested)
- During the administrative checks, FIA competitors will be given 3 bracelets and 3 Refuelling vests for use in assistance and refuelling, which will have to be returned at the end of the race, at the secretariat.
- Upon returning the arm bands and the refuel vest at the end of the race, competitor will receive the authorization to remove the vehicle from PARC FERMÉ.

5. ANUBE – Installation kit for Stella and Road Book R4 equipments

NOTE: all competitor at the 38ª Baja Portalegre 500 must use the Stella III equipment.

Competitors that do not own a "kit GPS Stella" for installing the Stella equipment must contact the supplier ANUBE at the site: <https://shop.anubesport.com/> and buy the kit.

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The use of the electronic Road Book is mandatory for the FIA Race and National Event Race, except for the Promotion classes, unless they wish and equipment is available. FIA priority drivers will have 2 kits of the Road Book, the remaining drivers who want to have a second kit must request it from ANUBE.

6. Description of the Race - Cars

Thursday, October 17th

As per the programme of the race, prologue ecce can be made between 10H00 and 16H00. To the prologue competitors must download the "Prologue recce roadbook" from the Baja site or Sportity. Roadbook will be available from 9:30 am.

After technical scrutineering the teams have a maximum of 90 minutes to place the vehicles inside the park next to the Ceremonial Start, centre 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.

Note: Contrary to usual practice, on the 17th, 18th and 19th competition vehicles will enter via the access to the Portalegre Farmers' Association, see Layout (Gate 2). Except on the 19th, after the last SS, entrances will be via the traffic circle at the main entrance (Gate 1) directly to the final Parc Ferme.

Friday, October, 18th

After the prologue, competitors will drive towards the regrouping park in Ponte de Sor.

During liaison competitors can refuel, just before Parque Fermé.

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

After the completion of SS1 (about 70 km), on the liaison to Nerpor, at the request of the FIA, it is forbidden to refuel for technical and safety reasons. Refuelling must be carried out after assistance at Nerpor, preceded by a 10-minute Technical Zone.

There is an official Refueling Zone (RZ), after Service A, installed in the usual place, kart track, and competitors have 20 minutes.

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 19th

SS2 (around 166 km), starts in Ponte de Sor and ends in Alter do Chão. SS3 (around 166 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 refuelling of 20 minutes and a regroup (minimum 10 minutes). Before service there is a 10-minute Technical Zone.

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

To organize refueling at the liaisons, you should consult the “Refueling Locations” document available in Bulletin no. 1 and in the daily briefing published in Sportity.

7. Description of the Race – Bike / Quad / SSV

Thursday, October 17th

As per the programme of the race, prologue recce can be made between 10H00 and 16H00. To access prologue locations competitors must download the “prologue recce roadbook” from the Baja site or Sportity. Roadbook will be available from 9:30 am.

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. 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, centre of Portalegre city.

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

During Technical Scrutineering it is mandatory to show original vehicle documents in order to verify the VIN. Without this document technical scrutineering will not happen.

Friday, October 18th

After the prologue, competitors will drive towards the regrouping park in Ponte de Sor, **except for categories Promo Baja&Hobby and Mini Baja that do not run SS1 on the 18th.**

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

After SS1 (around 70 kms) the route goes through Crato where competitors can find a gas station.

The entry of NERPOR must be made through door (2), NEW ENTRY FOR COMPETITORS, at access to the Farmers' Association, and control IN is installed there.

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

Saturday, October 19th

SS2 (around 300km) starts in Gáfete. Before the start of SS2 it is possible to refuel at refuelling station 4 kms before departure (marked on the SSV roadbooks)
SS2 ends in Portalegre (same site as prologue).

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8. Service areas Bike / Quad / SSV

In this edition there are **only GAS Zones**.
The GAS Zones take place in the 3-minute Transfer Zone.

Distances between GAS, available in Bulletin 1:

To organize supplies, you should consult the documents available on Sportity from Tuesday 15th; Road Book for assistance, Map Book for Moto/Quad/SSV - Baja & Hobby and Mini Baja Promotion, etc.

Bearing in mind that the first GAS 1 of the race is located at km 87, the Refuelling are authorized to refuel the competition vehicles around 300m from the start to SS, on the asphalt linking Gáfete to Vale do Peso, after the road junction and following the instructions of the GNR and technical people.

As you can see from the documents available on the 15th, there is a service station on the road from Tolosa to Gáfete, about 4km from the start.

9. Prologue Recce

As per the programme of the race, prologue recce can be made between 10H00 and 16H00 only on October 17th.

This reconnaissance can only be made on foot or using a conventional or electric bike.

Road book to access prologue will be available on Sportity from 9:30 am.

10. Road Book and Transfer Zone

On the 17th, as part of the race program, there will be a face-to-face briefing with Anube technicians to clarify how to use the equipment.

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 handout:

Road books will be handed out at the Secretariat (only accessible for SECRETARIA ACCESS 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!

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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!

Auto Transfer area:

On the SS3 there are two Transfer zones, one about 5km long with a maximum speed of 50 and 90km/h, and the other about 8km long with a maximum speed of 50 and 90km/h.

Moto/Quad/SSV Transfer area:

On the SS2 there is a Transfer area of about 7 km, and speed allowed, 90km/h.

The time allowed to cover the routes of the Transfer Zones is based on a speed average of 40km/h. The road used in the Transfers is open to traffic. Please pay attention and drive in the appropriate lane.

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 **yellow starting 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**, competitor may start the race.

False starts will be documented.

11. 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 area, refueling and Parque Fermé, all Bikes, Quads and SSVs must use the protective mats, according to Art. 27 of the SR Regulations.

Available in Bulletin No. 1

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12. 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

13. Sponsorship

We would like to thank our sponsors: BP Portugal, Municipality of Portalegre and Municipality of Ponte de Sor – as well as for the collaboration of the Municipalities of Abrantes, Alter do Chão, Crato, Fronteira, Estremoz, Gavião, Monforte, Nisa, and Sousel, and the Community Councils of Bemposta, Cabeço de Vide, Chança, Comenda, Foros de Arrão, Monte da Pedra and Tolosa. We also rely on the collaboration of the National Guard (GNR), Police (PSP), the military forces of Santa Margarida Mechanized Brigade, the IGEO, the Fire Brigade of Portalegre District, and the support of Fonte Viva, SNB, Valnor, Fençaça, Portuguese Hunters Federation 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.

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