



Information to Competitors

Dear competitor,

Automóvel Club de Portugal thanks and appreciates your participation at the 39th 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 86 Cars (58 FIA and 28 EN), 101 Bikes, 34 Quads, 72 SSV, 36 Promotion & Hobby and 25 Mini Baja - a total of 354 vehicles and around 479 drivers, navigators and riders.

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 39° 16.410 W 07° 25.299](https://www.google.com/maps/place/39°16'41.0\)

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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Email contacts	
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Competitors relations - Moto / Quad / SSV	crobike.bajaportalegre@acp.pt
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General contacts	
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Service Park Manager	nuno.vieira@acp.pt

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Competitors relations - Auto	+351 918 457 241 / +351 965 065 059
Competitors relations - Moto / Quad / SSV	+351 963 324 852
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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 – BAJA500FIA
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.

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3. Teams Accreditations – Access to NERPOR Service Park

Access to Service Park will only be granted to accredited vehicles

Accreditation Schedule:

October, 22th – 10h00 / 22h00

October, 23th – 07h00 / 20h00

October, 24th – 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 22th.

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 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 be carried out at the race secretariat in the Nerpore building. Only team members with 'TEAM MANAGER' or "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 licence(s) of the driver(s) and competitor(s) (will be requested)

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.

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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:

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

NOTE: all competitor at the 39ª 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. 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 equipment's of the Road Book, the remaining drivers who want to have a second equipment must request it from ANUBE.

6. Description of the Race - Cars

Thursday, October 23th

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 ferme 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.

Friday, October, 24th

After the prologue, competitors will drive towards the regrouping park ferme in Ponte de Sor. During liaison competitors can refuel, just before the park fermé.

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Start 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 25th

SS2 (around 180 km), starts in Ponte de Sor and ends in Portalegre. SS3 (around 195 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.

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.

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

Thursday, October 23th

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.

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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 24th

After the prologue, competitors will drive towards the regrouping park in Ponte de Sor, **except for categories Promo Baja&Hobby, that do not run SS1 on the 24th.**

Start 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), 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 24th

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

8. Service areas Bike / Quad / SSV

The main race has three refuelling zones (GAS, km 82, km 135, km 248) and one service zone (ZA, km 185), 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 first two GAS, the SSVs refuel with the company BRAMA.

It is impossible to make all the announced stops with only one assistance vehicle, so you should plan for two and alternate the stops.

A road book of Assistance Points will be published on Sportity on the 22nd so that you can organise your race.

It is essential to follow the route indicated in the Road Book. It may seem obvious, but it avoids closed and restricted roads.

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9. Prologue Recce

As per the programme of the race, prologue recce can be made between 10H00 and 16H00 only on October 23th.

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 23th, 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 (bike fédération) 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!

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.

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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.

11. Environmental Plan

For environmental reasons and according to regulations, engine, batteries or any other kind 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.

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, MCoutinho, 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, Gavião, Monforte, Nisa, and Sousel, and the Community Councils of Bemposta, Cabeço de Vide, Chança, Comenda, 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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