



2024 CALIFORNIA 300 FINAL INFORMATION LETTER

September 29th, 2024

27 Things to Know Before Hitting the Road to The California 300

1) Racer Information Page

As a reminder, the Racer Information Page is the home of all of our available race information. Everything below lives on the Racer Information Page, so you can always reference it at any time. It will be updated constantly as information becomes available. Please reference this page for any questions you may have. If we know it, it's here: <https://thecalifornia300.com/racerinfo/>

2) The California 300 Event Waiver

All racers, crew members and anyone entering either hot pit must sign our event waiver and obtain a Waiver Wristband (as well as a Pit Access Wristband) in order to enter a pit. This includes family members and kids, who must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

- **Adult Waiver** - The 2024 California 300 adult waiver is now available to sign [on this page](#).
- **Minor Waiver** - The 2024 California 300 minor is now available to sign [on this page](#).

Onsite Waiver Pick Up Locations: <https://thecalifornia300.com/waiver/>

3) Changes to Information on the Entry List

Need to add additional drivers? Remove a teammate? Picked up a sponsor and want to add them to the entry list? Need to update your race number? The **Driver of Record** can manage all aspects of their registration from inside his/her account dashboard under "**Race Entries**" or "**Vehicle Information**".

4) Adding Additional Drivers to Your Entry

There are a lot of you that do not currently have co-drivers or additional drivers registered. **PLEASE take care of all of your additions and changes ahead of time, so onsite registration is a breeze!** Click here on full instructions on how to add additional teammates to your entry:

<https://unlimitedoffroadracing.com/register/>

5) Registering Your Pit Crew Members

Any person entering a pit needs to have a Pit Access Wristband, ***in addition*** to a Waiver Wristband. This is to identify that you are part of a race team. This includes children, who must have an adult with them at all times.

Important -- **Registering your Pit Crew Members is NOT the same as signing our event waiver.** In other words, a "Waiver Wristband" is NOT the same as a "Pit Access Wristband".

How Do You Register Pit Crew Members? Driver/Rider of Records are required to pre-register anyone entering their pit as an "Pit Crew Member". This is done from within the Driver of Record's UNLTD

account in the same manner as registering your teammates. Detailed instructions on how to register your pit crew members is available on this page: <https://unlimitedoffroadracing.com/register/>

Youth Parents – You do not need to register yourselves as Pit Crew. You will just need a Waiver Wristband as normal.

6) The California 300 sells tickets and parking to the Start/Finish Line. What do my team and I need to access Barstow Main?

1. Driver Wristbands:

- **If you have a Driver Wristband, you do not need to purchase “tickets”.**
- Driver Wristbands will get you into Barstow Main.

2. Pit Access Wristbands:

- **If you have a Pit Access Wristband, you do not need to purchase “tickets”.**
- Pit Access Wristbands will get you into Barstow Main.

3. Vehicle Pit Passes:

- **If your vehicle has a Vehicle Pit Pass, you do not need to purchase “parking passes”.**
- Vehicle Pit Passes will get your vehicle into Barstow Main.

4. Vehicle Camping Passes:

- If you are camping inside Stoddard Wells OHV Area, you need to purchase a camping pass. Camping passes can be purchased onsite at the Box Office or ahead of time on this page: <https://thecalifornia300.com/spectating/>

7) Final Schedule of Events

Please review the final Schedule of Events on this page: <https://thecalifornia300.com/schedule/>

Technical Inspections & Registrations:

- **Motorcycle Tech & Registration (Thursday, October 3rd):** Registration & Technical Inspection for motorcycles will take place Thursday, October 3rd from 4:00pm-5:30pm. Your driver's meeting will take place on Thursday at 5pm.
- **Youth Tech & Registration (Thursday, October 3rd):** Registration & Technical Inspection for motorcycles will take place Thursday, October 3rd from 4:00pm-5:30pm. Your driver's meeting will take place on Thursday at 5pm.
- **Car/Truck/UTVs (Friday, October 4th):** Please make note of your Registration and Tech Inspection times on Friday, October 4th.

All racers qualifying must complete onsite registration and have their racers bands.
All vehicles qualifying must go through Technical Inspection.

9am-11am	Group 1 Qualifying Technical Inspection (All Pro UTV's Qualifying)
11am-1pm	Group 2 Qualifying Technical Inspection (All Car/Truck Classes Qualifying)

8) Camping

There is no camping inside the Main and Hodge Pit areas. You will move into your pit space the morning of your race. There is plenty of camping space with a couple hundred yards of the Main hot pit. **There is no overnight camping in either pitting area.** If you need to reserve a campsite, please do so here: <https://thecalifornia300.com/spectating/>

9) Race Course Files

All official course files will be available to download on the race format page on Sunday, October 29th at 6:00pm.

<https://thecalifornia300.com/race-format/>

Included with the race course files will be:

- **Race Miles** - Race miles will be marked every 1 mile.
- **STOP CHECK, 25MPH SZ BEGINS** - Stop Checks entering the pit are noted as "STOP CHECK, 25MPH SZ BEGINS" on the GPS file. All vehicles must come to a complete stop before entering the 25mph speedzone. Please use caution, as we will have course workers in that exact location. Course markings on the ground always take priority over what is provided on the GPS file.
- **25MPH SZ ENDS** - When it is approved to resume race speed, it is noted as "25MPH SZ ENDS" on the GPS file. Course markings on the ground always take priority over what is provided on the GPS file.
- **Virtual Check Points (VCPs)** - VCP's will be placed along the desert race course to ensure there is no course cutting. Most VCP's will be released as part of the official course files. Some will not be.

Please note, this is not a VCP to VCP race. There are many either/or lines out there to help with passing. VCP's will not be placed on those lines.

How close do you need to come within a VCP? 50 feet

10) Pre-Running

Pre-running officially begins Tuesday, October 1st at 8:00am. We will have teams marking the racecourse on Sunday and Monday - Please do not go on the race course prior to pre-running opening.

Pre-Running Check In: All registered racers must check in and sign the event waiver prior to beginning their pre-run. Onsite check in is located at the entrance to Main Pit at Barstow Main.

- **Max pre-running speed is 35mph.**
- Seat belts and helmets must be worn at all times.
- No *numbered* race vehicles.

Please use extreme caution when pre-running.

11) Course Marking Guide

Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with our course markings. These are all the course markings you will see on race day. A description of each types of signs and explanation of meaning for each sign can be found here: <https://unlimitedoffroadracing.com/course-marking-guide/>

12) Final Race Format / Start & Finish Procedures

Please visit the final race formats, start format, start intervals and finish procedures here: <https://thecalifornia300.com/race-format/>

13) Pit Information Guide

How many pits are there? How do I get to the pits? What's the distance between the pits? What do I need to access the pits? How many vehicle pit passes and wristbands do I get?

A complete breakdown of how the pits will work can be found here: <https://thecalifornia300.com/pit-information-guide/>

14) Race Operations Radio Frequencies

Moto/Limited/Unlimited Races: Race communications will be broadcasted on **Weatherman Relay**. Please make sure you have this frequency programmed into your radio.

Weatherman Radio Frequency = 151.625

Qualifying & Youth Races: Qualifying and youth race communications will be broadcasted on **BFG Relay**. Please make sure you have this frequency programmed into your radio.

BFG Relay = 151.715

Race teams - You will use these channels to call for status checks on vehicle location, report vehicle out of race, relay pertinent safety info (spotted a downed vehicle, need help at RM xx, etc).

Drivers/Co Drivers - You will use these channels to call for immediate assistance or request retrieval.

15) Qualifying Details

Estimated Qualifying Course Distance = ~6.00 Miles

Group 1: UTV Pro Stock > UTV Pro Stock Modified > UTV Pro NA > UTV Pro > UTV Pro Open > Class 10

Group 2: Unlimited Truck SPEC > Class 1 > Unlimited Truck Legends > Unlimited Truck

Please reference the [Schedule of Events](#) for start and staging times.

All racers inside the vehicle during qualifying must be registered prior to Qualifying. If you do not have a racer band, you will not qualify.

Co-Drivers are Mandatory - A Co-Driver is required for both qualifying and race day.

Qualifying Driver - The driver who qualifies your vehicle must start the race on race day. The qualifying driver will be given an additional "Qualifying" wristband at onsite registration that must be worn during both

qualifying and the start of your race. Any team that fails to have their banded qualifying driver at the start line may forfeit their start position and be moved to the rear.

- **Mechanical Issues During Run** - If you have a mechanical issue during your qualifying run, pull as far off the course as possible and notify race ops via the Weatherman Channel ASAP. DO NOT pull back on to the course or limp around to the finish as you may impede a qualifier behind you.
- **Additional Runs** - Drivers may be given an additional run if their qualifying run is affected by the driver ahead of them **at the discretion of the Race Operations Manager**. If you have been held up on your lap, return to the Start line and notify race ops staff immediately. Additional runs will not be given for mechanical failures.
- **Course Cutting** - You must remain on the marked course at all times. Departure from the qualifying course could result in disqualification and forfeiture of your qualifying position.

16) Onsite Driver Registration

All registered racers must check in at Driver Registration located at the **Main Stage // Barstow Main OHV Area**.

- Each racer must pick up his/her own Waiver Wristband.
- Each racer must pick up his/her own Driver Wristband.

Can someone pick up all of your teams waiver wristbands and driver wristbands all at once? No. Unfortunately, a team manager can not pick up wristbands for the entire team. Each person must pick up their waiver wristband in person.

Driver of Records will receive the following at driver registration:

- **Timing & Scoring Transponder**
- **Pre-Registered Pit Access Wristbands** (**Reminder** - "Waiver Wristbands" still need to be picked up by each individual pit crew member at a waiver wristband pick up location.)
- **Vehicle Pit Passes**
- **Driver shirts and other additional information.**

Non Pre-Registered Pit Crew:

- If your Driver of Record did not pre-register you, you may purchase Pit Access Wristbands onsite for \$30 at the box office near the front entrance of Barstow Main. You must first have a "Waiver Wristband" before you can purchase a "Pit Access Wristband".

17) Tech Inspection Instructions

All vehicles can offload and onload their vehicles anywhere at Barstow Main. If you are already camping there, simply drive your vehicle to Tech. If you are not camping and driving to Main, there is plenty of parking to offload your vehicle and drive to tech. Once at Barstow Main, simply drive your vehicle to the start of tech. Please do not drive your race vehicles on surface streets in Barstow or Lenwood.

18) Timing & Scoring Transponders

Timing & Scoring Transponders are mandatory for all classes and what records your lap times.

Transponders are rentals (included in your entry fee) and must be returned to the RacingTrax trailer after the race.

Security Deposit (hold):

Rather than have you fill out more registrations/paperwork, we will apply a \$200 hold to your stored payment method on the Driver/Rider of Record's UNLTD account Tuesday of race week. **This is not a charge** - simply a hold to make sure you return your transponder after your race.

When do you get your security deposit (hold) back? 100% of this hold will be refunded when you return your transponder to RacingTrax at the finish line.

Where/When do you receive your transponder? **Race Registration**

- Your transponder unit will be assigned at onsite registration and will come with two heavy duty zip ties.
- **You** are responsible for mounting your transponder to your vehicle prior to your vehicle arriving at Technical Inspection.
- Details on how to properly mount your transponders will be provided to you at onsite registration.
- Our staff will be at Technical Inspection, to verify you have mounted your transponder in the correct position.

Where/When do you return your transponder? **RacingTrax at the finish line.**

- Our staff will do our best to remove your units at the finish line, but it is still your responsibility to make sure the unit is returned.
- RacingTrax is located directly after the main stage / post race tech.
- If you DNF, please return the units to RacingTrax to avoid late return fees.

If you do not return your transponder on race day: **Awards Ceremony**

- If you do not return your transponder to RacingTrax on race day, you will need to return your transponder to the Awards Ceremony by the start of the awards.

If you are unable to return your tracker onsite, the return shipping address for transponders is:

UNLTD Off-Road Racing
Attn. Kilian Hamlin (TP)
29755 Kirsten Lane
Vista, CA 92084

Transponder late fees: If you do not return your tracker onsite, your \$200 hold will turn into a charge.

- \$175 refund will be issued for transponders received by the first Friday after the event.
- \$150 refund will be issued for transponders received by the second Friday after the event.
- \$100 refund will be issued for transponders received by the third Friday after the event.
- \$50 refund will be issued for transponders received by the fourth Friday after the event.
- \$0 refund will be issued for transponders received after the fourth Friday after the event.

19) RacingTrax Tracking Units (Adult Classes Only)

- RacingTraX will serve as the official tracking provider for the 2024 race season.
- Tracking units are mandatory for all Two Wheel, Four Wheel, Youth 1000 and Youth 570 Classes.
- All tracking fees will be paid directly to Racing Trax.
- [Click here](#) to reserve your tracking unit directly with Racing Trax.

20) Specific Rulebook / Technical Inspection Reminders



Window Nets - Window nets are required from B-Pillar to A-Pillar and that the maximum gap is one (1) inch.

Fire Extinguishers:

- All vehicles must have a 2.5lb fire extinguisher easily accessible from inside of the vehicle.
- All vehicles must also have a 5lb fire extinguisher mounted on the exterior of the vehicle.

Neck restraints, helmet apron (or head sock) and shoes will be checked at Technical Inspection for all racers.

It is your responsibility to make sure you meet all General, Technical and Class specific requirements in the UNLTD Off-Road Racing Rulebook: <https://unlimitedoffroadracing.com/rulebook/>

Please contact Bill Savage at tech@unlimitedoffroadracing.com with any Technical Inspection questions.

21) Drivers Meeting

Please note, there will be two drivers meetings:

- The Motorcycle & Youth drivers meeting is on **Thursday** afternoon.
- The Car/Truck/UTV drivers meeting is on **Friday** afternoon.

Please always check the [Schedule of Events](#) for up to date times.

Attendance is **mandatory** by all registered racers. **Attendance will be taken at random.**

22) Staging & Race Start Times

Please always check the [Schedule of Events](#) for up to date times.

Please be on time! Please be on time! Please be on time! Please be on time!

Staging Location: Directly to the South of the Main Pit, right off the Main Pit entrance/exit row. Exit the pit and head South. Our staff will be onsite to get you into position.

23) Helicopter Registration

Anyone wishing to fly a helicopter during the race **MUST** pre-register their helicopters [on this page](#). The California 300 TV helicopter will be the only bird allowed over the qualifying course while it is hot.

24) Protesting

If you wish to file a competition protest due to incidents related to your race, you may do so via the electronic form linked below. **Please DO NOT stop race officials during the event to discuss your protest.** Note that protests can only be filed by either the Driver of Record or Team Captain and must be **filed no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the race/heat you competed in.**

There is no deposit required to file a safety related protest (unsafe speed, course cutting, excessive nerfing, etc) but technical protests will require a \$500 deposit payable via Venmo @terranautmediagroup. (Refunded to you if the protest is valid.)

Please provide any pertinent evidence you have to support your claim either via file upload on the form or via email as noted in the form instructions. Race officials will review all available evidence prior to making penalty decisions.

[LINK TO PROTEST FORM](#)

Please note - Unsportsmanlike conduct at our start/finish line is grounds for time penalties, disqualification and/or permanent ban from future events. This conduct includes but is not limited to profanity, crossing the ped fence into the finishing corral, physical intimidation and/or aggressive driving into or out of the finishing corral. You may appeal any decision by race officials using the official protest form. However you may not verbally accost our timing, scoring, staging, or officials. Racers are responsible for the actions of their teams.

25) Tracking and Live Scoring

Timing & Scoring gives overall corrected time updates each time a vehicle passes over a timing gate.

Start/Finish Timing Gate: Each time you pass through the start finish line, your official lap time will be recorded and your overall time will be corrected and updated on the leaderboard.

You can follow our live stream, live scoring and tracking on both Friday and Saturday at unlimitedoffroadracing.com/live.

Please share this link with your friends and family so they can follow you battle it out on race day!

26) Finish Line Etiquette

When you leave the course after completing your final lap you will bear RIGHT just after the start/finish gate and enter the finish line corral. This will be a complete U turn so please **SLOW DOWN** when exiting the course. Do not put the safety of our finish line staff in jeopardy please!

We will be greeting you with cold water or a cold Belching Beaver California 300 beer (21+). Trash cans and bathrooms will be in the area. Please follow directions by our staff as we work hard to get you all across the finish line stage. Important notes:

- If you wish to skip the finish line stage you may do so by taking the bypass on the right of the coral. Please let our staff know you are bypassing and we will guide you through.
- Deposit any trash or catheters into the trash cans. Do NOT remove your catheters and drop them on the ground! Anyone caught doing so will be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- The finish line staff do not score your race. Please do not stop them and ask to file a protest. They are volunteers, not referees and they deserve to be treated professionally.
- We will get everyone across the stage as quickly as possible. Thank you!

27) Have Fun & Be Kind!

It's time for you to enjoy the event and have a great race. Our team works hard to put together these events and we appreciate your participation. Please treat all members of our staff with courtesy and respect and we will do everything we can to help ensure you and your team have a great race weekend.

95% of our team are volunteers who dedicate their personal time and energy to provide a safe race course for racers. If you or your team would like to get involved, please feel free to reach out to our Race Operations Manager Jason Prichard (jason@unlimitedoffroadracing.com) for additional info on volunteer opportunities. Thanks for choosing to race the inaugural California 300. Best of luck and see you at the finish line!

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