



# 2026 BFGoodrich Tires Mint 400 Final Racer Information

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*25 Things to Know Before Hitting the Road to The Mint 400*

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## 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://themint400.com/racer-info/>

## 2) Final Schedule of Events

Please review the final Schedule of Events and always check for up to date times on this page: <https://themint400.com/schedule/>

## 3) Pre-Running & Testing

There is no pre-running allowed at The Mint 400. Testing race vehicles in Ivanpah Valley and/or on the Mint course **may result in a ticket and/or impounding of your race vehicle**. BLM will be in the area daily starting this week. Anyone caught doing so may receive a time penalty. If you need to test your race vehicles, please do so in Barstow or in North Vegas at APEX.

## 4) The Mint 400 Event Waiver

- Any person, including kids, entering a pit needs to sign the event waiver on this page and have a "Waiver Wristband".
- Each individual, including kids, needs to sign the event waiver and must pick up their own Waiver Wristband in person.
- **Racer Waiver Pickup** - Racers can pick up their waiver wristbands at racer registration.
- **Pit Crew Waiver Pickup** - All pit crew members are instructed to go to 7th & Fremont Street Box Office to pick up their waiver wristbands. This will keep race registration flowing quickly.

A complete list of Waiver Wristband pickup locations can be found on this page: <https://themint400.com/waiver/>

**“Waiver Wristbands” are different from “Pit Access Wristbands”.**

## 5) Pit Access Wristbands

- In addition to a "Waiver Wristband" any person, including kids, entering a pit also needs a "Pit Access Wristband".
- Driver of Record's are required to obtain Pit Access Wristbands for their pit crew members. There are three different ways to do this outlined in Step 6 [on this page](#).
- The Driver of Record will be given all Pit Access Wristbands at onsite registration, so pit crew members do not need to go to race registration.

## 6) Pit Information Guide

All pits at The Mint 400 are designated for race teams who are actively racing, and should be used for pitting operations only. Space is limited, please only use the space you need and make efficient use of the space. We're all in this together!

**How many pits are there? How do I get there? What's the distance between them? What do I need to access the pits? How many vehicle pit passes and Pit Access Wristbands do I get?**

A complete breakdown of how the pits will work can be found here:

<http://themint400.com/pit-information-guide/>

## 7) Camping

**There is no overnight camping in any pits, including the motorcycle pit.** If you are leaving anything parked in the pitting areas, please secure your belongings. The Mint 400 does not accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged items in the main pit. You may see some RV's parked in the pit. **Do not assume they are camping.**

If you need to reserve a campsite, please do so here: <https://themint400.com/camping/>

## 8) Adding Additional Drivers / Changing Registration Information

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! This can be done at any point from within the **Driver of Record's UNLTD Account** dashboard under "Race Entries" and "Update Teammates".

## 9) Pre-Tech Inspection the Parade Staging Lot (Open to all Racers & Vehicles):

In an effort to get ahead of Thursday and keep lines moving, all vehicles may come have their vehicle inspected on Wednesday and receive a "Pre-Tech" sticker. **All vehicles must still go through the Off-Road Festival on Fremont Street on Thursday to receive their official tech sticker.**

**Safety Equipment Inspection:** Helmets, suits, head/neck restraints, belts and nets will be checked.

**Race Registration:** Race registration will be open to all entrants.

**RacingTrax Install:** RacingTrax units will be installed on all vehicles.

**Transponder Rentals:** LiveTime will be onsite to reserve your Timing & Scoring transponder.

\*If racers qualifying on Thursday register and have their safety equipment inspected here, they do not need to register at Atomic Liquors later that night.

### **Pre-Tech Inspection Location:**

3901 South Las Vegas Boulevard  
Las Vegas, NV 89119

#### **10) Class 10/Pro UTV Qualifying Registration**

All Thursday qualifiers must be registered and banded the afternoon before, either at the pre-tech, parade staging or qualifying registration at the Kick-Off Party. **There will be no race registration or safety equipment inspection in Primm Thursday morning before Qualifying.** If you are not banded or have not had your safety equipment inspected, you will not qualify.

**Safety Equipment Inspection** - Helmets, suits and head/neck restraints will be checked. Please bring these items to qualifying registration.

**Vehicle Inspection:** Your vehicle will be inspected at Technical Inspection on Thursday. After qualifying, all vehicles must still go through the Off-Road Festival on Fremont Street on Thursday to receive their official tech sticker.

#### **11) Onsite Racer Registration**

All registered racers must check in at Driver Registration located inside the Grand Ballroom at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino to receive their Driver Band, driver gifts, shirts and other additional information.

### **Race Registration Location:**

**Golden Nugget Grand Ballroom**  
129 E Fremont St  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

#### **12) Off-Road Festival (Tech Inspection) Off/On Load Instructions**

**Per City of Las Vegas regulations, it is illegal to operate an unlicensed or unregistered vehicle on public streets. Driving unlicensed race vehicles on the street will result in citation, and may result in a ticket and/or impounding of your race vehicle.**

**The instructions for the Off-Road Festival race vehicle off/on load are simple:**

- All vehicles must offload at the **World Market Lot**.
- You will be escorted by Las Vegas Metro in groups from the World Market Lot to the start of the Off-Road Festival.
- Once on Fremont Street, each vehicle will receive a **Fremont sticker**.
- You will be escorted by Las Vegas Metro in groups from the end of Technical Inspection back to the World Market Lot.

- Official technical inspection will take place in the Tech Off/On Load Parking Lot at the World Market Lot. **Technical Inspection will only inspect vehicles in the World Market Lot that display a Fremont sticker.**
- All vehicles must onload at the World Market Lot.

**World Market Lot**  
209 S Grand Central Pkwy  
Las Vegas, NV 89106

**Youth 170/200/250 Classes:** Please see special instructions on this page:

<https://themint400.com/tech-route/>

### 13) Transponders vs. Tracking Units

#### RacingTrax Tracking Units:

- **What are they?** Tracking units are used to track your location on the race course.
- **Who is required to have one?** RacingTrax tracking units are mandatory for all two-wheel, four-wheel and Youth 1000 entries.
- **How do I rent one?** You must rent your tracking unit directly with RacingTrax prior to the event on this page ahead of the event.
- **How much is a rental?** Click here.
- **How do I get it on my vehicle?** RacingTrax will install your tracking unit at the Off-Road Festival / Technical Inspection.

**RacingTrax will manage ALL things tracking units including rental fees, security deposits, returns, etc..**

#### LiveTime Transponders:

- **What are they?** Transponders are used for recording lap times and timing/scoring your race.
- **Who is required to have one?** LiveTime transponders are mandatory for all vehicles.
- **How do I rent one?** You will rent these transponders directly with LiveTime onsite at race registration.
- **How much is a rental?** \$50/event. The Driver/Rider of Record will need to present a credit card at onsite race registration to reserve their transponder directly with LiveTime.
- **How do I get it on my vehicle?** You are responsible for mounting your transponder to your vehicle prior to your vehicle arriving at Technical Inspection. Transponders will come with two heavy duty zip ties and details on how to properly mount your transponders will be provided to you at onsite registration. LiveTime will be at Technical Inspection, to verify you have mounted your transponder in the correct location.

**LiveTime will manage ALL things transponders including rental fees, security deposits, returns, etc..**

**If you purchased a RaceReady transponder with Best in the Desert in 2025:** LiveTime will buy your transponder back in exchange for four (4) free rentals for the 2026 race season. All you need to do is bring your existing RaceReady transponder to race registration, along with the pouch and other accessories, and they will take it and credit you onsite.

#### **14) Drivers Meeting**

The Drivers Meeting is mandatory and attendance will be taken. The drivers meeting will take place inside the Golden Nugget Grand Ballroom, same location as racer registration.

**Drivers Meeting Location:**  
**Golden Nugget Grand Ballroom**  
129 E Fremont St  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

This is where you will receive all the final race related information. Attendance is **mandatory** by all registered racers. **Attendance will be taken at random.**

**Adult Classes:** The drivers meeting is mandatory and attendance will be taken.

**Youth Classes:** The drivers meeting is optional for all youth classes. There will be a drivers meeting before each youth race. Please come to staging 15 minutes early.

#### **15) Course Marking Guide**

Best in the Desert's existing course marking procedures will be used at all 5 events in the American Off-Road Racing Championship. 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://themint400.com/racer-info/>

#### **16) Race Course Files**

All official course files are now available to download on this page: <https://themint400.com/racer-info/>

#### **17) Qualifying Details**

Please visit the final race formats, start procedures, start intervals and finish procedures here:

<https://themint400.com/racer-info/>

#### **18) Staging & Race Start Times**

Please always reference the Schedule of Events for up to date staging times:

<https://themint400.com/schedule/>

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

All race staging, **including the youth races**, will happen inside the Primm Short Course Track. Our staff will be onsite to get you into position.

**Driving Your Race Vehicles to Staging:** If you are camping in the VIP or General Campground, YES - you may drive your vehicle over to the staging area.

## 19) Race Operations Radio Frequencies

**Car/Trucks/UTV's:** Race-day communications will be broadcasted on **BITD Ops**. Please make sure you have this frequency programmed into your radio. **BITD Ops Radio Frequency = 151.490mhz**

**Motorcycles:** Race-day communications will be broadcasted on **Checkers 2**. Please make sure you have this frequency programmed into your radio. **Checkers 2 = 151.505mhz**

**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.

## 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.

Helmets, neck restraints, suits, helmet apron (or head sock), shoes, belts and nets will be checked at Technical Inspection. It is your responsibility to make sure you meet all General, Technical and Class specific requirements in the American Off-Road Racing Championship Rulebook:

<https://americanoffroadracingchampionship.com/rulebook/>

Please contact Bill Savage at [tech@unlimitedoffroadracing.com](mailto:tech@unlimitedoffroadracing.com) with any Technical Inspection questions.

## 21) Helicopter Registration

Anyone wishing to fly a helicopter during the race **MUST** pre-register their helicopters [on this page](#).

The Mint 400 TV helicopter will be the only bird allowed over the qualifying course while it is hot. ***Helicopter registration closes Tuesday, March 2nd at 5pm and will not be reopened for late helicopter signups.***

The helicopter safety briefing will be virtual and will be conducted Thursday, March 5th at 3pm.

## 22) 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. The officials at the finish line or stage do NOT score your race.** 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.

## 23) Finish Line Etiquette

When you leave the course after completing your final lap, our staff will be there to guide you to the podium. We will be greeting you with cold water or a cold Belching Beaver Parker 400 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.
- Please bear with us as we work hard to get Class winners on the livestream. We will get everyone across the stage as quickly as possible. Thank you!

## 24) Tracking and Live Scoring

Our live scoring and tracking will be live on this page: <https://themint400.com/live/>

**What is unique about AORC Timing & 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 lap time will be recorded and your overall time will be corrected and updated on the public leaderboard.

**Remote Timing Gates:** Each time you pass through a remote timing gate, your overall time will be corrected and updated on the public leaderboard. Remote gates will be placed at the entrance to the **Gonzo Pit** and **Gene Hirst Pit**. This gives you **overall corrected time scoring updates** when you pass over each gate.

You can follow our live stream, live scoring and tracking on both Friday and Saturday at <https://themint400.com/live/>.

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

## 25) 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](mailto:jason@unlimitedoffroadracing.com)).

Thank you for choosing to race with American Off-Road Racing Championship.

Respect is earned one mile at a time.

- The Mint 400

