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Dear competitors, the Automóvel Club de Portugal wishes everyone to be well, as well as their families.

From the next 7th of August until the 16th of October, entries for the 34th edition of the Baja Portalegre 500, to be held from the 5th to the 7th of November, are available on the Baja website www.bajaportalegre500.com

The supplementary regulations, and the Rally Guide, will also be available on this date.

The Baja counts to FIA Cross Country Bajas World Cup and the FIM Bajas World, in addition to the National Championships of FPAK and FMP.

Program:

The race will have the usual program: 5th November (Thursday) administrative checks and scrutineering. On the 6th (Friday), SS1 (qualifying stage) and SS2 (80km). On the 7th (Saturday), SS3 and SS4, with about 180km each, for cars, and SS3 for motorcycles, quad's and SSV, with 330km.

Contingency Plans Covid-19 and constraints:

As this is an atypical year and in compliance with the various rules imposed by the Portuguese authorities, participation in Baja requires that each of us, organization and competitors, accept and collaborate in strict compliance with the requirements presented in the FPAK and FMP Contingency Plans, as well as in the Contingency Plan of the event.

We are preparing the last one, in collaboration with the local health authority, as well as all other district authorities (Municipalities, Civil Protection, Police, etc.).

The document will be available soon on the race website and should be consulted.

However, we can advance the basic measures, which are currently in force and which will be suggested and imposed, in some situations - wearing a mask, social distance and frequent hand hygiene.

Other measures may be considered, taking into account the development of the Covid-19 Pandemic, which may go up to the obligation to present Covid-19 tests to all participants in the race.

We, ACP, will take the measures requested by the health national authorities.

The foreign competitors will have to consult the measures and take into account the guidelines of the countries of origin when traveling to Portugal, as well as the conditions imposed by Portugal on people from those same countries and respect all of them.

Nerpor Service:

In order for such impositions to be possible to carry out, we will define a service area for each team, with distance between them, and a maximum number of people per team who can access this space. After enrolling in the race, they will receive a document that they must complete with the requested information (see below the Nerpor and Service Area Accreditations - Nerpor).

As we know that currently some teams provide service to Auto and SSV (motorcycle race), we decided to allow the same to be done in the space for cars under the following conditions:

- The number of Auto must be equal to or greater than SSV
- The space to occupy will be that provided for the Auto team, if you want a larger space, 12x10m, will have an added cost of € 300, depending on availability
- The number of people with access to the area in question is the one defined for Auto assistance + 2 extra people by SSV.



In addition to the accreditations with authorized access to Campo da Feira (Nerpor), other accreditations will be distributed, Bike (Service Bike) and Auto (riders), which access the car parks available from Nerpor and the Bike Service Areas along the race itinerary, but do not access the countryside of Campo da Feira.

Nerpor and Service Area Accreditations							
Acreditações acesso Nerpor e Assistência							
Personal / Pessoais							
	Auto FIA	Auto EN*	Auto Promo	Bike	Quad	SSV	Hobby
Driver / Rider / Piloto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Co-driver / Copiloto	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Assistant / Assistente 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Assistant / Assistente 2	✓	✓					
Mechanical 1 / Mecânico 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mechanical 2 / Mecânico 2	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Mechanical 3 / Mecânico 3	✓	✓	✓				
Team Manager	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vehicle / Viatura							
Assistência / Service	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Team Manager	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Service Area / Espaço de assistência							
12x7m (84m2)	✓	✓					
8x6m (48m2)			✓			✓	
6x6m (36m2)				✓	✓		✓

*National Event / Evento Nacional

Changes and cancellations:

We will also promote some changes to the usual procedures at various times of the race, such as in the Administrative Checks and Scrutineering:

- Administrative checks are limited to the collection of material at the race secretariat. This act is performed by only one member of the team. To this end, the teams must provide the ACP, during entries, copies of all documents requested in the regulations.
- FIA scrutineering normally take place in the usual pavilion.
- For the National Event (Auto), a check is scheduled at each competitor's place of assistance, with a pre-defined schedule.
- Same procedure for scrutineering for Motorcycles, Quads and SSV.
- Briefing (will be written and delivered at Administrative Checks)
- Ceremonial Start (canceled)
- Prize delivery (we are looking at an alternative to the usual procedure).

Possibly other procedures will be adapted to the circumstances.

Entries:

Although we are preparing the possible (and impossible) space to try to accommodate all interested parties, depending on the number of them, we may have to close entries ahead of schedule and when we run out of available spaces.



In case the spaces are completed and there are still interested parties, the entries will only be accepted if it is guaranteed the sharing of space already distributed to other competitors. These issues will be dealt with individually, case by case!

If the Event cannot take place at the direction of the DGS (general directorate of Portuguese health), the amounts paid to the organizer will be refunded.

Entry Fees / Inscrições	
FIA	
Auto, T1,T2,T3,T4	2.475 €
FIM	
Bike / Quad	790 €
SSV	1.060 €

Information regarding VAT:

- Invoices issued to EU and foreign companies, are not subject to VAT (VAT- Reversed charge);
- Invoices issued to Portuguese entities, either companies or individuals' resident in Portugal or abroad, are subject to VAT – tax rate of 23%.

A final note:

In view of the public health situation resulting from the pandemic of the new Coronavirus (Covid-19) and its unpredictable evolution, mandatory measures or restrictions may be established *posteriori* by the Portuguese authorities, which impose changes to the Regulations and programs of the race. Any modification as a result of the aforementioned, will be communicated to the competitors by means of a Bulletin to the Regulation or by information from the Organizer.

Thanks:

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support: 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, Estremoz, Fronteira, Gavião, Monforte, Nisa, and Sousel, and the Community Councils of O Cabeço de Vide, Chança, Comenda, Monte da Pedra and Tolosa. Without them, it wouldn't be possible to organise this world-wide event which is so important for the region's economy and tourism. We also count on the collaboration of the National Guard (GNR), Police (PSP), the Fire Brigade of Portalegre District, as well as the support of Fonte Viva, Ibermedia, SNB, Fençaça, Portuguese Hunters Federation, Valnor and Rádio Portalegre. We also appreciate the support of all the elements of the organisation and we owe a special thanks to the support of the owners who allow the race to cross their lands.

We hope that you can join us at “34ª Baja Portalegre 500”.

Stay tuned and till next post!

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