

International Autotest Challenge 2016

Stage II Supplementary Regulations

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INTRODUCTION

The General Regulations of **International Autotest Challenge 2016** apply to all stages of the competition.

By entering the Challenge, competitors accept the authority of the Romanian Automobile Club (ACR) according to the applicable Rules and Regulations, with Supplementary Regulations ruling over general provisions.

Before the first meeting of the College of Sporting Commissioners (CCS), the Organizer – “GT Auto Club Sportiv” Association – will publish or communicate any change in the current regulations to all interested parts, by means of informative notes, dated and numbered.

1. PROGRAM

Nr. crt	Activity	Location	Starts	Ends
1	Opening of Entries	Co-ordinator's office	11.06.2016 09.00	-
2	Closing of Entries	Secretariat	-	26.06.2016 10.00
3	Free practice	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 14.00	26.06.2016 20.00
4	Documentation	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 09.00	26.06.2016 10.00
5	Scrutiny	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 09.05	26.06.2016 10.10
6	Judges' Meeting	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 10.10	26.06.2016 10.20
7	Announcement of running order	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 10.25	-
8	Timed practice	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 10.30	26.06.2016 11.30
9	Round I	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 11.45	26.06.2016 12.45
10	Round II	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 13.00	26.06.2016 14.00
11	Parallel Slalom	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 14.15	26.06.2016 15.30
12	Publication of provisional results	Secretariat	26.06.2016 15.45	26.06.2016 16.00
13	Publication of final results	Secretariat	26.06.2016 16.00	26.06.2016 16.20
14	Presentation of Awards	Pitesti Retail Park parking lot	26.06.2016 16.15	-

2. VENUE

The Co-ordination Centre/Secretariat, Official Notice Board, scrutiny points, Parc Ferme and awards are all organized at the same venue: the parking lot of Pitesti Retail Park, com. Bradu, sat Geamana, DN 65B, Arges;

3. ORGANIZER

3.1. The Organizing club is "GT Auto Club Sportiv" Association, located in Str. Valea Cricovului, nr. 58 B, sector 6, Bucuresti. It is represented by Club Chairman Teodor Gheorghe.

Contact: www.gtautoclub.ro, tel. 0745.627.627.

3.2.Web:, www.gtautoclub.ro , www.acr.ro

3.3 Organizing Committee

Teodor Gheorghe
Ioan Olaru
Constantin Boldeanu

3.4 Officials

3.4.1 ACR Observer: Vasilica Ghinea

3.4.2 College of Sporting Commissioners (CCS):

Chairman: Constantin Maftai
Commissioner: Constantin Boldeanu
Commissioner: Teodor Gheorghe

3.4.3 Judges

Sporting Director:	George Florea
Organizing Director:	Teodor Gheorghe
Secretary:	Constantin Boldeanu
Scrutineer:	Ion Maftai
Competitors' Liaison Officer:	Flori Florea
Chief Timekeeper:	Marian Dragomir
Safety Officer:	Teodor Gheorghe

4. ELIGIBLE AUTOMOBILES

4.1 Both production cars and racing cars are eligible for the IAC (single-seaters, double-seaters, formula cars etc.), irrespective of transmission type. Motorized three-wheelers or four-wheelers are not permitted. Cars that pose technical or safety risks are not permitted.

4.2 Modified cars in group (M), either production or custom made (shortened, significantly lightened bodies, engine swap, purpose-built engines), only on four wheels, irrespective of transmission type.

4.3. The event consists of the following classes:

Class 1: cars up to 1600 cc

Class 2: cars over 1600 cc

4.4 For turbo-charged engines, the nominal capacity shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.7 (gas) or 1.5 (diesel) for an equivalent of power with aspirated engines and for distribution in class 1 or 2.

4.5 The same car may be entered by several drivers and each driver may enter at most three cars, in different classes.

4.6 A class 1 car is eligible for class 2, but not the other way round. The option is available before documentation check-ups. After documentation, returning to class 1 is not permitted until the next stage.

5. ELIGIBLE DRIVERS

5.1 Beginners

Any driver in his/her first two years of IAC competition as well as "juniors" who wish to enter both categories (juniors and beginners) are eligible.

5.2 Experts

Drivers who have competed in more than two previous editions of the IAC are considered experts. For the 2016 Challenge, drivers who have participated in other autotesting competitions, driving instructors, licenced race pilots etc. are eligible.

5.3 Juniors

5.3.1. Competitors over 10 years of age and who have not reached 18 during the season are eligible.

5.3.2. Juniors compete in the IAC in one group, irrespective of engine capacity, but only with production cars up to 125 HP.

5.3.3. Juniors are required to produce an affidavit signed by both parents or by the legal guardian before each stage of the competition. In the absence of this document, the competing junior must be accompanied by both parents, who will sign a disclaimer in front of the organizer and take responsibility for any derived risks.

5.3.4. Officials or organizers may prevent juniors from competing if they notice the young driver does not fit well into the driver seat or does not have full and unhindered access to all controls.

5.3.5 Officials or organizers may require that juniors be assisted during the competition by their instructor, who will accompany them as a passenger and will take responsibility for any risk derived from the junior's participation in the competition.

5.4 Licences

Both licenced (ACR, FRAS) and non-licenced drivers are eligible.

5.5 Passengers

5.5.1 Drivers who wish to be accompanied by a co-driver must state so in the entry form.

5.5.2 Drivers may choose on each round if they wish to be accompanied by the co-pilot or not.

5.5.3 A co-pilot is not allowed to drive on either free/timed practice rounds or competition rounds; any participation in driving (hands on the wheel, hand brake, etc.) is not permitted.

5.6 Teams

IAC teams may have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 drivers. A form must be filled with the names of team components upon entry. The best three results of team members are taken into account for classification. During a competition season, a team licence allows for a change of maximum two drivers. Team leaders are responsible with overseeing this rule. Non-compliance is penalized by the elimination of the team from the current stage.

5.7 Groups and Classes

1. Beginners Group (D)

D1 – Beginner drivers on class 1 cars – up to 1600 cc

D2 - Beginner drivers on class 2 cars – over 1600 cc

2. Expert Group (A)

A1 – Expert drivers on class 1 cars – up to 1600 cc

A2 – Expert drivers, on class 2 cars – over 1600 cc

3. Juniors Group (J)

J – A single group for young drivers, as stipulated under 5.3, on production cars up to 125 HP.

4. “Femina” Group (F)

F – A single group for female drivers; a separate classification of lady drivers will be provided, irrespective of the skill level they entered.

5. Historical Group (I)

I – A single group for drivers of historical vehicles – i.e. models that went out of production at least 20 years before.

6. Modified Group (M) – modified cars, as provided above (4.2), irrespective of cylinder capacity.

6. MODIFIED CARS

All modifications must comply with the General Regulations of the IAC (Article 9. Accepted modification)

7. ENTRIES, FEES

7.1 Entries open on 11.06.2016, 9 a.m. and close on 26.06.2016, 10 a.m.

7.3. Maximum number of cars accepted: 60.

7.4. Driver fee / stage (one group): 100 lei.

Driver fee / stage (two groups): 150 lei.

Driver fee / stage (three groups): 150 lei.

Team fee / stage: 100 lei.

7.5. Fees for drivers and teams must be paid during documentation.

7.6. Fees are refunded:

- 50 % to competitors who for unforeseeable circumstances, acknowledged by the ACR, are unable to run in the competition;

- 75 % to competitors whose entry was not admitted;
- 100 % if the competition is cancelled.

8. INSURANCE

8.1 Competitors must be covered by a global Third Part Insurance throughout the competition, commencing with official practices and ceasing when the competition ends or when they retire or are excluded from the event.

8.2 The organizer, the ACR, officials and judges retain no liability for any damages sustained by competitors, their equipment or third parts during the competition.

8.4 By signing the entry form, competitors waive any legal claim against officials, judges, organizers and their representatives, for any liability related to taxes, expenditures, damages or injuries resulted from entering or taking part in the competition.

8.5 The insurance mentioned under 8.1 is mandatory, but shall not replace, overlap or interfere with any personal insurance covering the competitors.

8.6 The whole responsibility for minor drivers entering the IAC autotesting and parallel slalom competitions belongs to the registered competitors they represent. All competitors and clubs need to obtain written consent from the minors' parents or legal guardians.

9. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

9.1 Official numbers are issued by the Secretariat, following document control. Each competitor must carry the official numbers.

9.2 Environmental protection

Each driver must provide a plastic sheet (min. 1.5 x 2 m) to cover the ground on the intervention spot, to prevent any kind of soil contamination in case of accidental leaks. Failing to do so incurs a 100 lei penalty.

9.3 Advertising

9.3.1 During stage III - **International Autotest Challenge 2016**, advertising is mandatory on the two front doors (organizer's logo) and the rear window (ACR logo).

9.3.2 Competition logo plates are mandatory and cannot be refused by competitor.

10. DOCUMENTATION

10.1 Documents control takes place at the competition venue in Pitesti Retail Park, com. Bradu, sat Geamana, DN 65B, Arges, on June 26, between 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. By that time, all competitors must have filled the entry form and either sent it or registered it at the Secretariat.

10.2 Documents required:

- Entry form;
- Fee receipt;
- ACR-CNAK/ FRAS licence or regular drivers' licence with updated medical check-up;
- Car owner's agreement to enter the vehicle into the competition;
- Third Party Insurance or, alternately, RCA Insurance, accompanied by a written statement that the competitor will take liability for any damage caused to third parties during the competition and uncovered by the RCA;
- For minor drivers – see art. 5.3

11. INITIAL SCRUTINY

11.1 Initial scrutiny takes place at the competition venue (Pitesti Retail Park, com. Bradu, sat Geamana, DN 65B, Arges) on June 26, between 09:05 and 10:10 am.

11.2 Each competitor will have their scrutiny time (hour and minute) written on the entering form. Being late may trigger penalties, applied by competition Officials notified by the Scrutineers.

11.3 Cars are not allowed to take part in the competition with damaged parts, missing body parts, broken windows or windshield cracked in the driver's visibility area.

12. COMPETITION SCHEDULE



12.1 The drivers' briefing will take place after scrutiny and before the timed practice. All competitors must participate.

12.2 After the closing of entries, scrutiny and briefing, competitors and officials will walk the course together.

12.3 The driver(s) who were unable to complete the timed practice round will be considered to have the weakest time and will be the first at the starting line.

12.4. The starting order will be by groups, in descending order of the timed practice results.

12.5. The event consists of the timed practice round followed by two competition rounds.

12.6. For the results classification, the best time in one of three rounds is taken into account, to which penalties are added. The overall classification (including group M) is published after the end of all three rounds.

12.7 The Parallel Slalom competition takes place after the publication of the overall classification. Competitors take the start in pairs (2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 32), in a miss-and-out race, so that best ranking drivers in the overall classification would face each other in the final. The last standing pair competes for the trophy.

13. PENALTIES

13.1 For accidental, involuntary breaches, penalties are:

- Displaced cone (still standing): 2 seconds
- Fallen cone: 5 seconds
- False start: 5 seconds for each second of early start
- Not following the correct or full course: 60 seconds
- Not completing the course (from start to end): abandon
- Unsound, damaged tyres: elimination from the round
- Entering the course without paying attention to judge's signals: warning, fine or elimination from the round.

13.2 For intentional breaches, such as:

- Refusing to comply with the start order;
- Repeated early starts;
- Ignoring signals of judges/officials during the course;
- Aggressive driving, endangering the safety of the event;
- Failing to follow the course or intentionally striking the cones;
- Failing to comply with Parc Ferme and no service rules;
- Using another driver's competition number

Any of these breaches may be penalized by elimination from the competition or fine, as decided by the CCS. If they deem necessary, Sporting Commissioners may decide tougher penalties, up to elimination from a round, from the competition, adding penalties, suspension for one or several stages, etc.

14. PARC FERME

Cars must be brought into the Parc Ferme area after crossing the finish line of the first round and must remain there until official results are issued and/or until officials announce the opening of the area. No checking, tuning or repairs are allowed in the area unless agreed by the Chief Scrutineer or the Sporting Director. Non-compliance is sanctioned by elimination.

15. CLASSIFICATIONS

15.1 Points

15.1.1 An overall classification as well as classifications for groups, classes and teams are drawn up.

15.1.2. Ranking is decided by the best result in one of the three rounds (one timed practice and two competition rounds), to which penalties are added.

15.1.3. Trophies and diplomas are awarded to:

- First three positions in the overall classification (including group M), groups/classes and teams
- Best time of the day
- First three ranked in the Parallel Slalom competition

16. PROTESTS

16.1 Any protest must be submitted in writing, signed and timed, addressed to the Sporting Director and accompanied by a 200 lei fee. Protests are collected by the Competitors' Liaison Officer. Verbal or collective protests, as well as those submitted without paying the fee are not taken into account.

16.2 If a protest is found to be well-founded, the protest fee is refunded and charged to the competitor found in fault. Such a competitor may be penalized as well as sanctioned by the ACR with suspension for one or more stages, penalties, fine or other disciplinary measures.

16.10 The following are considered to be serious misconducts:

- Protests made in ill-faith;
- Any form of avoiding scrutiny;
- Any attempt to hide, mask or replace a non-standard part;
- Breaking a seal or effacing a marking;
- Drivers, technicians or other representatives of competitors entering a dispute with scrutineers;
- Any unsporting gesture between a protester and the defendant;
- The presence of unauthorised persons at the scrutiny venue;
- Falsification of measurement results;
- Eluding payment of protest fee after officials decide with regards to the protest.

17. AWARDS

17.1. The Awards ceremony will take place at the competition venue (Pitesti Retail Park, com. Bradu, sat Geamana, DN 65B, Arges) on June 26, 2016, after 4:15 p.m.

17.2. Trophies will be awarded to drivers ranked I, II, III in each classification, as mentioned under art. 15.

COURSE MAP – STAGE II

