

## Participation Agreement – Budapest–Baghdad–Salalah Rally 2027

Effective: For the Budapest–Baghdad–Salalah 2027 Rally event to be held in March 2027. The most important rule is the motto of the competition: RESPECT, PATIENCE, HUMILITY.

Introduction: This Participation Agreement (hereinafter: Agreement) defines the rights and obligations of the person participating in the Budapest–Baghdad–Salalah Rally (hereinafter: Rally) taking place in March 2027 (hereinafter: Participant), as well as the conditions set by the organizer of the event (hereinafter: Organizer). By submitting the application and signing this Agreement, the Participant declares that they are aware of, understand, and accept the conditions contained in the document as binding. The Rally is a long-distance event crossing multiple countries, involving increased risks, conducted on public roads and designated routes. The Participant acknowledges that the Rally is not a traditional closed-course race, but rather an adventure tour-type challenge where adherence to traffic regulations and safety is paramount.

### 1. Country-specific characteristics, risks, and rules

The route of the Rally starts from Hungary and passes through several countries, including Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Oman. Every Participant is obliged to fully comply with the applicable laws, traffic regulations, and official requirements of all involved countries and to respect the religious and cultural norms of each country. Below, we highlight the main risks and obligations by country, which the Participant should pay special attention to:

#### 1.1 Iraq

Security risks and political environment: The Organizer strives to designate the safest possible route and provide up-to-date information on the situation, but cannot guarantee complete safety, just as on European sections. The Participant agrees to inform themselves about their own country's foreign ministry's travel advice regarding Iraq before departure and to prepare for a high-risk level.

Official checks: There are frequent checkpoints, military or police inspections in Iraq. The Participant is obliged to stop at all official checkpoints and cooperate with the authorities. This includes presenting necessary documents (passport, visa, vehicle papers, any special permits) and demonstrating polite and calm behavior towards the inspecting personnel. The Participant accepts that significant waiting times or route changes may occur due to checks and will take this into account when planning the Rally schedule. The Organizers cooperate with the authorities of the countries, and for example, the Iraqi government has promised to facilitate border crossings and military checkpoints for the competitors. Any conflict situation should be avoided: it is prohibited to argue or resist any country's authorities, even if the situation seems unfair. Such behavior **SHOULD NOT OCCUR** in normal circumstances!

Special regulations and precautions: The Participant agrees to adhere to all safety precautions recommended by the Organizer or local escort/expert. The Participant acknowledges that it is prohibited to deviate from the Rally route unilaterally in Iraq, especially to areas explicitly not permitted by the Organizer or local authorities. Furthermore, it is prohibited to bring any weapons or devices into the country that are prohibited by local laws – violations may result in severe criminal consequences and immediate disqualification (see point 2.3).

## 1.2 Saudi Arabia

Respect for religious and cultural rules: The Participant acknowledges that Saudi Arabia is a conservative Islamic country with strict religious and social regulations in place. The Participant is obliged to respect the practice of Islam and local customs, including the following:

Dress and behavior: Provocative or inappropriate clothing should be avoided. Women are advised to wear modest clothing that covers arms and legs in public; men should also avoid overly provocative attire. Excessive physical contact or intimate behavior in public is prohibited.

Religious practices: Many businesses and institutions close during daily prayer times; the Participant should plan their daily schedule accordingly. It is prohibited to make any disrespectful statements or behave disrespectfully towards Islam, the Prophet Mohammed, Allah, or the Quran, or any religious person/symbol. Such acts are against the law and may have serious consequences. In such cases, the Organizers will not be able to assist.

Ramadan and other religious events: If a religious holiday (e.g., Ramadan) occurs during the Rally, the Participant is obliged to refrain from eating, drinking, or smoking in public during the day. Although March 2027 does not fall within the Ramadan period, other religious events or local holidays (e.g., Friday prayers) should also be respected by avoiding any behavior that may offend locals.

Official restrictions and regulations: Saudi Arabia strictly enforces its laws. The Participant must refrain from all illegal activities, particularly:

Prohibited substances and items: It is strictly forbidden to bring alcohol, drugs, pornographic materials, or any goods prohibited by Saudi law into the country. Even possession of a small amount of drugs can result in extremely severe (even fatal) penalties. The importation of alcohol is not as strictly enforced. Alcohol will only be confiscated or poured out from those attempting to bring it into the country. Regarding medications, the Participant must check in advance that the active ingredients of their prescription medications are not considered prohibited substances in Saudi Arabia. It is recommended to bring a medical certificate (in English, indicating the necessity and dosage of the medication) for personal medications and to transport them in their original packaging.

Traffic rules and official measures: On Saudi roads, the Participant is obliged to comply with local traffic regulations (speed limits, traffic lights, overtaking rules, etc.). Traffic fines and penalties in Saudi Arabia are strict, and the road police frequently use speed cameras and surveillance cameras. It is prohibited to exceed the permitted speed or perform dangerous maneuvers, especially in populated areas. If the authorities stop the Participant (police check, border control), they must cooperate, present their documents, and comply with instructions. The Organizer emphasizes that in certain areas of Saudi Arabia (e.g., near military or oil facilities, religious holy sites), the movement of foreigners may be restricted or subject to special permission. The Participant agrees not to enter prohibited zones, and if the Rally route passes near such areas, they will only travel in a manner and route permitted by the authorities.

Cultural sensitivity and behavioral norms: The Participant refrains from any expression that may offend local social norms. This includes, for example, using vulgar or offensive language in public, photographing or filming local people, especially women, without permission, and disseminating any content (e.g., stickers, distributing flyers) that may be politically or religiously sensitive. Saudi Arabia is a hospitable but conservative country; Rally participants may find themselves in the spotlight, so exemplary, respectful behavior is expected everywhere. Any Participant who behaves scandalously or in a manner that severely violates local norms in Saudi Arabia may be disqualified by the Organizer (see point 2.3) and may also be held accountable by local authorities. The Organizers will not be able to assist in such cases either.

### 1.3 Oman

Compliance with local traffic regulations: Traffic rules in Oman are well-developed and strictly enforced. The Participant is obliged to adhere to road traffic regulations throughout Oman, including speed limits (typically 100 km/h on highways, max. 120 km/h, between 40-80 km/h in populated areas, according to signs), the mandatory use of seat belts, and the prohibition of holding a mobile phone while driving. The instructions of traffic lights and signs must be followed without exception. There are many automatic speed cameras in Oman, and fines can be high – the Participant is responsible for all financial and legal consequences of any violations committed.

Particular attention should be paid to the protection of pedestrians and animals: In Oman, there may often be camel herders, goats, or other animals on the road, especially in rural areas, and the Participant is obliged to drive with increased caution and slow down in such situations to avoid accidents.

Behavioral and cultural norms: Oman is a country that respects its traditions but is open and friendly towards foreigners. The Participant must also adapt to local cultural expectations here. This includes modest and

respectful dressing (especially when visiting religious sites or smaller villages), friendly but respectful communication with local people, and acknowledging that public offensive behavior, desecration of religious symbols, or public indecency, as well as photographing or filming locals without permission, are prohibited. The Participant may not engage in any political or religious activism and must refrain from any actions prohibited by local laws. In Oman, for example, it is prohibited to consume alcoholic beverages in public or to appear publicly inebriated; alcohol can only be consumed in licensed places (e.g., certain hotels), which the Participant must take into account. Additionally, the possession and use of drugs is strictly punished by Omani authorities, and the Participant may not carry any illegal substances.

Local characteristics and other obligations: The Participant acknowledges that Omani authorities maintain a high level of public safety. As part of this, foreigners' documents may be checked from time to time, especially during road checks. The Participant is obliged to keep their passport and driving license (as well as the entry permit received upon entering Oman) with them and present them upon request. Furthermore, it is recommended that during the Rally, consideration be given to Oman's natural and cultural heritage: littering is prohibited, waste generated in the desert or other terrains must be collected at campsites and disposed of properly.

Additionally, Participants may not damage any natural formations, nor may they approach sensitive areas without special permission (e.g., military bases or border zones). The community and authorities in Oman are helpful but expect compliance with the rules – as foreign guests, Rally participants are obliged to behave responsibly while maintaining their good reputation in the country.

Note: The country-specific rules listed above are not exhaustive. The Participant agrees to comply with the laws and regulations of all transit countries (e.g., Turkey, if the final route affects them). The Organizer will provide detailed information about the final route and any additional requirements of the affected countries (e.g., special customs procedures, obtaining local insurance, escort vehicles) before departure. The Participant is obliged to acknowledge and sign such regulations and information, which will be considered a supplementary part of this Agreement.

## 2. Liability and disqualification

This section addresses liability issues related to participation in the Rally and cases of disqualification. The Participant fully assumes the risks of participation and accepts the Organizer's limitation of liability as described herein.

### 2.1 Participation at own risk

The Participant expressly states and accepts that they participate in the Rally at their own risk and peril. They acknowledge that the event takes

place under extreme conditions and carries the risk of serious accidents, injuries, illnesses, or even death. The Participant agrees that they have assessed these risks and voluntarily accept them, waiving any claims that may arise from the realization of these risks against the Organizer or any participant in the event.

The Participant acknowledges that unforeseen emergencies may arise during the Rally, including but not limited to: traffic accidents (whether high-speed highway accidents in Europe or accidents on deserted desert roads), vehicle breakdowns away from populated areas, accidents due to natural conditions (sandstorms, heavy rain, exhaustion caused by extreme heat), health emergencies (e.g., dehydration, food poisoning, infectious diseases, insect bites, snake bites), and official measures (detention for violating local laws, lengthy interrogations, deportation). The Participant declares that they are aware of and accept these risks; they will take appropriate precautions (e.g., wearing protective gear, obtaining health insurance, getting vaccinations, monitoring safety briefings) to mitigate dangers, but they understand that it is impossible to eliminate risks entirely.

The Participant's responsibility extends to their vehicle and belongings. The Participant is responsible for any damage, deterioration, or lost items occurring in or around the vehicle during the Rally (whether due to traffic accidents, theft, fire, natural disasters, vandalism, etc.). The Participant is responsible for their own equipment (e.g., navigation devices, camera, phone, camping gear, spare parts) and is financially liable for them – the Organizer is not responsible for lost or damaged personal items.

The Participant further states that they possess the necessary driving experience and skills required for participation in the Rally and participates with full awareness of their abilities. Any decisions related to driving or participation (e.g., how to navigate a more difficult terrain section or at what speed to travel) are made at their discretion and responsibility, considering their current physical condition, mental state, and the technical condition of the vehicle. If a situation exceeds their abilities or is deemed too risky, it is the Participant's responsibility to slow down, stop, or seek help – recognizing and avoiding dangerous situations is the Participant's duty.

## 2.2 Limitation of the Organizer's liability

The Organizer is responsible for organizing and conducting the Rally; however, the Participant acknowledges that the Organizer is not liable for any damage or loss arising from participation in the Rally, as detailed below. This exclusion of liability extends to personal injuries, illnesses, deaths, property damages, indirect damages (e.g., loss of profit, business loss), and any other disadvantage that occurs during or in connection with the Rally.

General exclusion of liability: The Organizer is not liable for damages to the Participant, their vehicle, or their team members (e.g., navigator, mechanic, escort). The exclusion of liability particularly applies to the following cases:

natural disasters, weather conditions, accidents, theft, vandalism, fire, explosion, acts of war, terrorism, official interventions, legal changes, strikes, epidemics, route changes, delays, or the cancellation of any part of the Rally. In any of these events, the Participant is not entitled to compensation or a refund of the registration fee.

Medical care and rescue: The Organizer strives to provide basic medical readiness during the Rally (e.g., first aid personnel or ambulances at certain campsites, and emergency call systems via GPS tracking).

However, the Participant acknowledges that in remote, deserted areas, medical care may be limited or delayed, and the Organizer cannot guarantee immediate medical assistance at all locations, especially if the competitor's position is unknown and unreachable through any communication device. The Organizer is not liable for the intervention or lack thereof by the medical personnel provided. The Participant is responsible for their own health insurance (see point 3.2) and bears the costs of any rescue or medical evacuation – if these cannot be covered by insurance.

Damage to third parties: The Participant assumes full responsibility for any damage caused to third parties during the Rally (e.g., if another vehicle or person is injured due to the Participant's fault in an accident). The Organizer is not liable for damages or claims caused by the Participant to others; such claims may be asserted directly against the Participant by the affected third party. The Participant is obliged to have appropriate liability insurance (see point 3.2) to cover such cases. If the Organizer is subject to any legal claims or proceedings due to the Participant's conduct (e.g., if a third party files a compensation claim against the Organizer due to the Participant's actions), the Participant agrees to indemnify and hold the Organizer harmless from such claims in any reasonable manner. This may include reimbursing the Organizer for legal costs and any potential compensation payments.

Liability excluded by law: If certain liability areas cannot be validly excluded or limited under the laws of a country (e.g., in some countries, liability for intentional breach of contract or certain product liability cases cannot be excluded), the Organizer will enforce the above limitation of liability to the fullest extent permitted by law in that jurisdiction. Where the law mandates, the Organizer assumes minimal liability, for example, in cases of death or personal injury resulting from their own intentional or grossly negligent conduct – in this case, the Organizer's material liability will be limited to the minimum specified by law. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed as conflicting with mandatory provisions of applicable law; in such cases, the statutory provision will replace the relevant provision, while the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in effect.

### 2.3 Grounds for disqualification

The Organizer reserves the right to immediately disqualify any Participant or team from the Rally if any of the following conditions or rules are violated, or if they exhibit behavior that endangers the safety, spirit, or reputation of the Rally. In the event of disqualification, the Participant may no longer officially continue the competition, loses the right to utilize any services related to the Rally, and is not entitled to a refund of the registration fee. The disqualified Participant is also obliged to remove the official identification marks of the Rally (starting and competition number stickers, event logos) from their vehicle and to act according to the Organizer's instructions (e.g., they may be escorted to a safe point or must leave the route independently at their own risk). The following are grounds for disqualification:

**Dangerous or reckless behavior:** If the Participant intentionally or grossly negligently endangers the safety of themselves, their passengers, other participants, or the public, the Organizers may immediately disqualify them. Such behavior includes, in particular: extreme speeding in populated areas or on dangerous road sections, driving while intoxicated or under the influence, road aggression (e.g., intentional collisions, forcing others off the road), repeated and severe violations of traffic rules, or ignoring the safety instructions of the Organizers (e.g., driving onto prohibited sections, etc.).

**Conflict with authorities, legal violations:** Any serious legal violation (crime or gross violation of local law) committed during the Rally in any country may automatically result in the disqualification of the Participant. This includes if the Participant is arrested or detained by local authorities, if criminal proceedings are initiated against them, or if they commit an infraction that leads the authorities to file a complaint with the Organizer. Typical examples include: possession or trafficking of drugs, theft or vandalism, violent acts against the local population, intentionally offensive or blasphemous expressions in conservative countries (e.g., damaging religious relics), or even hit-and-run in the event of a traffic accident. If the Participant violates visa or border crossing rules (e.g., enters a prohibited area without permission or travels with invalid documents), and as a result, the authorities impose sanctions (e.g., deportation, fines), the Organizers are entitled to disqualify the Participant, as they can no longer guarantee their lawful participation.

**Violation of Rally rules and regulations:** The Participant is obliged to comply with every point of the Rally Rulebook issued in advance by the Organizer (which details technical, safety, and competition regulations). Any serious rule violation or fraud may result in disqualification from the competition.

This particularly includes:

Lack of mandatory equipment or refusal to use it (e.g., intentionally turning off or damaging the GPS tracker – thus severing contact with the Organizer; not using seat belts, helmets, or other required protective gear).

Cheating in the competition: skipping checkpoints and later falsifying records, using prohibited external assistance in categories where this is not allowed, intentionally violating route instructions for competitive advantage, or any data falsification (e.g., manipulating the route book).

Unsportsmanlike conduct: intentionally obstructing or endangering other teams, fighting or threatening other participants, offensive, discriminatory, or malicious communication during the competition. The spirit of the Rally community is based on friendship and adventure – a severe violation of this (e.g., theft in the camp, intentional damage to another vehicle), failure to place the mandatory sponsor stickers required by the Organizers in a visible location on the participating vehicle, or their removal will result in disqualification.

Possession of illegal or prohibited items: As detailed in the country-specific rules, certain items (weapons, explosives, drugs, illegal radio transmitters, unlicensed drones, etc.) are strictly prohibited. If such prohibited devices or substances are found on the Participant, the respective country's authorities may confiscate them. The same applies if prohibited items are found in the vehicle used by the Participant or in their luggage – regardless of whether the Participant was aware of it, this is the Participant's responsibility concerning the Rally. The Organizer emphasizes that bringing firearms or other weapons, even for self-defense, is prohibited for the Rally, as this is illegal in most affected countries and endangers the entire caravan.

Lack of cooperation with the Organizer: The Participant is obliged to follow the Organizer's instructions both before the competition (e.g., during administrative and technical checks) and during the Rally (at checkpoints, campsites, in case of route changes, etc.). If a Participant repeatedly and severely ignores the instructions of the Organizer, the Race Director, or the official race judges – for example, does not attend mandatory safety briefings, does not submit necessary documents on time, or leaves the official route without permission – the Organizer is entitled to disqualify them after a warning. Cooperation during border crossings is particularly essential: if a team does not stay with the convoy at the border and causes a problem, this may be grounds for disqualification.

Severe damage to the reputation of the Rally: If the Participant exhibits behavior (publicly or in the media) that significantly harms the perception of the Rally, its permits, or the reputation of the Organizer, the Organizer may disqualify them. This may occur, for example, if a Participant intentionally disseminates misleading or damaging information about the Rally during the event or if their irresponsible behavior jeopardizes agreements with local authorities (e.g., provoking local residents, violating event permits). The Organizer has a vested interest in maintaining good relations with local authorities and communities; in the event of severe damage to this

relationship, the offending Participant may be removed from the competition.

Disqualification procedure: The fact and reason for disqualification will be communicated to the Participant by the Organizer's official representative (e.g., race director) on-site, preferably in writing. A written report will be prepared later regarding the disqualification. The disqualified Participant must immediately comply with the decision and cease participation in the competition. If the disqualification is related to an official action by a country's authorities, the Organizer will cooperate with the authorities regarding the further fate of the Participant, but organizing the disqualified Participant's return home and the transport of their vehicle remains primarily their own responsibility and cost (unless the Organizer voluntarily assists in this with the involvement of the insurer). The disqualified Participant may not use the official name or logo of the Rally in any unauthorized manner in the future to justify their activities, nor may they create the impression that they are still a participant in the Rally.

### 3. Technical and Administrative Conditions

In this section, we outline the technical (vehicle and equipment-related) and administrative (registration, insurance, health requirements) prerequisites for participating in the Rally. The Participant agrees to comply with these conditions throughout the duration of the competition; otherwise, the Organizer may refuse to grant permission to start or may disqualify the Participant during the competition (in accordance with point 2.3).

#### 3.1 Vehicles and Mandatory Equipment

Vehicle technical compliance: The vehicle participating in the Rally (car, motorcycle, quad, truck, etc., according to the category) must be in a condition suitable for road traffic and legally permitted. This means that the vehicle has a valid registration certificate, license plate, and meets the technical inspection requirements of the country of origin. The vehicle must be in proper technical condition for long-distance use under varied terrain conditions: the engine, brakes, steering, lighting, suspension, tires, etc., must be in impeccable condition. This is also important because only vehicles in good technical condition can complete the competition. The Organizer may conduct a technical inspection (vehicle registration) before the start of the Rally, where the technical condition of the vehicles and the presence of mandatory equipment will be checked. The Participant is obliged to present their vehicle for technical inspection at the designated time. If the vehicle does not meet the minimum safety requirements, the Organizer may refuse the vehicle's participation until the issues are resolved; in cases of serious deficiencies (which cannot be remedied in a short time), the registration may be invalidated (without refunding the registration fee, as the failure to comply is the Participant's responsibility).

Safety equipment: Mandatory safety equipment that must be present in every Participant's vehicle and available during the Rally:

**Helmet:** For open-bodied vehicles (e.g., motorcycle, quad, buggy), wearing a certified helmet is mandatory for all drivers and passengers for the entire duration of driving. For closed-body vehicles, wearing a helmet is recommended, and may be required by the Organizer in certain difficult terrain sections.

**Seatbelt or harness:** The use of seatbelts is mandatory for every seat in all vehicles. In racing or off-road vehicles, the use of multi-point safety harnesses is recommended (and required in some categories) for greater protection.

**Fire extinguisher:** Every vehicle must have at least one ABC powder fire extinguisher with a minimum charge of 2 kg, securely mounted in an easily accessible location. The extinguisher must have a valid pressure check. It is also recommended to have a second smaller extinguisher or a fire blanket.

**First aid kit:** Every vehicle must have an approved first aid kit (car first aid kit), which must be filled and valid (sterile dressings must not be expired). Additionally, it is advisable to bring additional medical supplies tailored to the team's needs (e.g., pain relievers, disinfectants, rapid tests, allergy medications, etc.).

**Reflective vest and warning triangle:** In the event of stopping on the road or a mechanical failure, both the driver and passengers must have a visibility vest available. Additionally, every vehicle must have at least one warning triangle (for motorcycles, a corresponding warning light or reflective device).

**Tow rope and basic tools:** The vehicle must be equipped with a strong tow rope or strap, which participants can use to tow each other if necessary (e.g., from sand or mud). It is also recommended to have basic repair tools, a tool kit, a jack, and a wheel wrench so that participants can perform minor repairs independently.

**Spare tire and fuel can:** Every four-wheeled vehicle is required to have at least one full-size spare tire (preferably two, especially for off-road sections). For motorcycles, an inner tube and repair kit are recommended. Furthermore, considering the long, service-free sections, it is advisable to carry a spare fuel can (or extra tank), properly secured and leak-proof. The amount and storage method of the fuel transported in the cans must comply with the safety regulations of the relevant countries (e.g., carrying spare fuel is allowed in Saudi Arabia and Oman, but only in a safe, lockable can).

**Communication devices:** See the mandatory tracking and communication devices detailed in point 4.1. Additionally, it is recommended to use short-range radios (PMR) for communication within the convoy, but this is voluntary and must comply with local radio frequency regulations (certain frequencies may require a license in some countries). Every team should

have at least one working mobile phone that roams in the necessary countries, although this may not always be usable due to coverage issues. Navigation devices: To follow the route, the Participant must have at least one GPS navigation device or a smartphone/tablet equipped with a suitable offline navigation app that can handle the coordinates and waypoints provided by the Organizer. It is also recommended to use traditional paper maps and a compass as a backup. The GPS tracking device (InReach or similar device) is not mandatory for participants but is strongly recommended, as if the Participant gets into trouble, we need to know exactly where they are.

Securing and using equipment: The Participant agrees to securely fasten or store all equipment within the vehicle so that it does not cause injury in the event of an accident or sudden maneuver. Large or heavy objects (e.g., spare tire, fuel can, tools) must be secured with appropriate holders or straps. It is prohibited to leave loose objects in the passenger compartment that could hit occupants in the event of a collision. The Organizer may check the adequacy of the fastenings during the technical inspection and may request the rectification of deficiencies. During the Rally, the Participant is obliged to use safety equipment properly (e.g., fastening the seatbelt before each start, always wearing a helmet on a motorcycle). If any mandatory equipment is lost or becomes unusable during the competition, the Participant must inform the Organizer and replace it to the best of their ability (e.g., acquiring a new extinguisher at the nearest service point).

Repair and maintenance: The Participant is solely responsible for the maintenance and repair of their vehicle during the Rally. The Organizer may provide limited assistance (e.g., basic tools or expert advice may be available at campsites), but is not obliged to provide a service team for the participants' vehicles. The Participant must be prepared to resolve any technical issues independently or by using external commercial providers (local auto services, tow trucks). It is advisable to bring spare parts that frequently fail (belts, filters, rubber hoses, brake lines, etc.). If the Participant cannot keep up with the planned pace of the Rally due to vehicle failure, they must notify the Organizer and discuss options (e.g., temporarily skipping a section and catching up by trailer. In this case, no points will be awarded for the daily competition section). The Organizer is not responsible if the Participant cannot continue the competition due to vehicle issues. If necessary, all costs for repatriation or leaving the vehicle behind are borne by the Participant (unless they have taken out specific insurance – see point 3.2). If the vehicle becomes permanently inoperable, the Participant may choose to withdraw from the competition; in this case, there is also no refund of the registration fee.

### 3.2 Mandatory Insurances

Participation in the Rally is conditional upon the Participant having appropriate insurance coverage for both themselves and their vehicle. The Organizer may check the existence of the required insurances before the start, and in case of deficiencies, may refuse to allow the start. The following insurances are mandatory or highly recommended:

**Motor vehicle liability insurance (mandatory vehicle insurance):** The Participant must have valid liability insurance (Third Party Liability Insurance) for the vehicle used, covering all relevant countries through which the Rally passes. Since the Rally also travels outside Europe, the territorial scope of traditional green card insurance may not necessarily cover Iraq, Saudi Arabia, or Oman. The Organizer requires that the Participant obtain the necessary additional insurances or border insurances before the start: for example, an international vehicle insurance green card covering Turkey, possibly Iran/Jordan (if in transit), as well as separate insurance for Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Oman. The Organizer will assist participants in obtaining group insurance for hard-to-reach countries (e.g., temporary liability insurance in Saudi Arabia and Oman through a partner insurer), but the cost will be borne by the Participant. The participant's vehicle registration and insurance papers must be presented at every border crossing; failure to do so may result in denial of entry, which could lead to exclusion from the competition.

**Passenger and accident insurance (personal insurance):** Every Participant (both driver and passenger) must have valid passenger insurance or travel insurance that is valid during the entire duration of the Rally in all visited countries. This insurance must cover accident medical care, emergency hospital treatment, rescue, and medical evacuation/repatriation to their home country in case of serious injury or illness, as well as – in the worst case – the repatriation of the deceased. The Organizer also recommends obtaining insurance that includes accident disability and death benefits, so that the participant's family has financial protection in the event of a tragedy.

The insurance must cover the nature of the competition (long-distance car/off-road rally-type activities) – the Participant is obliged to inquire whether their insurer excludes coverage for participation in such types of challenges. If necessary, additional insurance valid for extreme sports or car racing must be taken out. The Organizer has the right to request copies of the insurance policy(ies) or proof from the insurer before the start and reserves the right to prevent the Participant from starting the Rally in the absence or inadequacy of insurance (in this case, there is no possibility of refunding the registration fee, as the deficiency is the Participant's responsibility).

**Vehicle casco and additional insurance (recommended):** Although not mandatory, the Organizer strongly recommends having comprehensive casco insurance or other similar coverage to cover damages to one's own

vehicle, which preferably does not exclude the destination countries and off-road use. Many do not take out casco insurance for such expeditions due to high deductibles and costs; this is up to the Participant to consider, but they should know that any damage to their own vehicle or equipment is their risk if they do not have insurance. Additionally, it may be advisable to take out special rescue or vehicle repatriation insurance: this could cover, for example, the cost of transporting the vehicle back by trailer in case of technical failure or accident, or the cost of rescue by helicopter from the desert. Such services can be provided by some travel insurances or through international expansion of auto club membership.

Insurer notification and cooperation: The Participant acknowledges that in the event of an accident or damage, they are responsible for notifying their own insurers (liability insurer, passenger insurer, etc.) about the incident according to the insurance terms. The Organizer and Rally staff will provide assistance in communication if necessary (e.g., obtaining a police report, contact), but are not responsible for the success or rejection of damage claims. The Participant is obliged to collect and record all necessary data on-site (e.g., filling out an accident report, witness information, taking photos), if possible, and cooperate with the authorities in recording the report. The Organizer expects the Participant to refrain from all forms of insurance fraud; any such abuse undermines the reputation of the Rally and may result in disqualification.

### 3.3 Health Fitness

Health status and declaration: The Participant declares that they are physically and mentally fit to complete the Rally. At registration, the Participant must make a health declaration (by completing a questionnaire provided by the Organizer), indicating any known chronic diseases, regularly taken medications, possible allergies, or any health conditions that may affect their participation or require special attention in case of an emergency (e.g., diabetes, epilepsy, heart disease, asthma, blood clotting disorders, etc.). The Participant agrees to provide truthful and accurate information about their health status. This information will be treated confidentially by the Organizer (see 5.1 Data Processing) and will only be shared with medical personnel or authorities when necessary.

Medical certificate: The Organizer may request that the Participant present a medical certificate stating that they are fit for the exertion of a desert, long-distance car tour. The certificate must be issued by a suitably qualified doctor (e.g., general practitioner or sports physician) no more than 3 months before the Rally. It is recommended to state in the certificate that the Participant does not have any active diseases or injuries that would hinder participation, and that their blood pressure, vision, and mobility are adequate, and their overall condition is stable. If the Participant cannot present such a certificate, the Organizer may refuse participation at their

discretion, especially if it is assumed that the Participant's health risk is high (e.g., obviously poor fitness, severe obesity, post-surgery condition).

Minimum age limit: Only adults (persons over 18 years of age) with a valid driver's license are eligible to participate in the Rally. Persons under 18 may only participate as passengers with special permission and parental consent, which must be approved in writing by the Organizer in advance.

The Organizer reserves the right to refuse participation of young companions due to high risks. If the Organizer permits a passenger under 18, the parent/guardian must make a detailed liability waiver.

Health equipment and precautions: The Participant is obliged to ensure that they have the necessary tools to maintain their own health: personal medications in adequate quantities (considering that medication replenishment may be limited during the Rally), sunscreen, appropriate clothing for heat and nighttime cooling, tick and insect repellent, and any special equipment (e.g., orthoses, if necessary). The Participant prepares for the possibility that access to health services along the Rally route may be difficult, so they should be self-sufficient for minor issues (e.g., treating minor wounds, handling stomach upsets with their own medication).

Vaccinations and health entry requirements: The Participant is obliged to inquire about any mandatory or recommended vaccinations and health screenings for the relevant countries. In 2026, depending on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, some countries may require vaccination or testing as an entry condition; additionally, hepatitis A and B, typhoid, tetanus, poliomyelitis, cholera, or malaria prophylaxis may be recommended for certain areas. The Participant should obtain the necessary vaccinations and medications for their own benefit and carry their vaccination book or international vaccination certificate, if requested at any border crossing. It is particularly noteworthy that a yellow fever vaccination certificate may be requested by some countries only if the Participant is arriving from a country at risk for yellow fever; this is likely not relevant along the Rally route, but it is the Participant's responsibility to verify this.

Health emergency during the Rally: If the Participant experiences malaise, injury, or any health emergency during the Rally, they must immediately notify the Organizer (e.g., using the GPS tracker's emergency button or via radio/GSM or satellite phone). The Organizer will provide assistance as possible, notify the Rally medical personnel, or in severe cases, local emergency services/ambulance. At the same time, the Participant acknowledges that in certain remote areas, help may take longer to arrive. The Organizer reserves the right to exclude or temporarily withdraw the Participant from the competition based on medical advice if their health condition poses a life-threatening risk or could lead to further injury. Such a decision may be made, for example, in cases of severe dehydration, heat stroke, or any serious injury. This exclusion is made for the safety of the

Participant; there is no possibility of refunding the registration fee in this case, but the Organizer will assist in organizing the Participant's return home or hospital care if possible (the costs will be borne by insurance or the Participant).

#### 3.4 Entry fee, refund and flexibility

Amount and content of the entry fee: Participation in the Rally is conditional upon payment of the entry fee determined by the Organizer. The amount of the entry fee is specified in the Organizer's official information (separately advertised per person and per vehicle, depending on the category). Failure to pay the entry fee by the deadline may result in automatic cancellation of the entry. The Organizer issues an invoice for the payment, and the participant is officially added to the Rally entry list. In exchange for the entry fee, the Participant gains the right to participate in the Rally and to use the basic services provided by the Organizer. The entry fee includes, among other things: the right to participate in the start and finish ceremonies and the Gala dinner; start numbers and stickers provided by the Organizer; a detailed route plan and/or itinerary (roadbook) with GPS coordinates; obtaining necessary official permits and approved routes; basic medical and technical assistance at designated checkpoints; as well as the Rally's official gift package and sponsor packages. The entry fee does not include, for example: the cost of gasoline/fuel; accommodation and meals (unless the Organizer arranges catering at a specific campsite, which will be indicated separately); visa and border crossing fees; insurance costs; possible vehicle servicing costs; and the deposit or rental fee for the GPS tracking device, or its full value (if applicable, see point 4.1).

Cancellation and refund: After submitting the entry and making the payment, if the Participant is unable to attend, they must promptly inform the Organizer in writing. The rules regarding the refund of the entry fee are as follows: If the Participant indicates their withdrawal by April 30, 2026, the Organizer will refund 50% of the paid entry fee, deducting a 50% administrative fee. In case of withdrawal between May 1 and September 30, only a smaller proportion of the entry fee may be refunded (e.g., 20% - the exact conditions will be provided by the Organizer in a separate regulation). In case of cancellation after October 1, no refund is possible, as by this time the Organizer has already committed resources for the participant. An exception may be made if the Participant must withdraw due to force majeure (e.g., serious illness, death in the family) – in such cases, the Organizer may decide on a partial refund or the transfer of the payment to the next year's rally based on individual assessment. However, the Organizer reserves the right to refuse the refund even in cases of force majeure if costs have already been incurred.

Transfer of entry: The Organizer may allow the withdrawing Participant to transfer their entry to another eligible person/team. The conditions for this are: the replacement person meets all participation requirements (e.g.,

technical equipment, insurance, permits), the transfer must be reported to the Organizer by December 1, 2026, and an administrative fee must be paid (if the Organizer stipulates such in the entry regulations, e.g., a 10% transfer fee or fees for name-specific or vehicle-specific permits, passes). The Organizer is not obliged to refund any costs related to the competition that have been paid by the Participant until that point (e.g., issued name-specific visa). The Organizer reserves the right to refuse the new participant applying for the transfer if they deem them unsuitable (e.g., lack of adequate experience or if the entry cap has been reached). Financial settlements resulting from the transfer are managed between the exiting and entering participants; the Organizer does not refund the already paid fee but transfers it to the new participant, recording the transfer in the register.

**Modification or cancellation of the event by the Organizer:** The Organizer will do everything possible to implement the Rally, but reserves the right to postpone the event, significantly modify its route, or ultimately cancel it in cases of force majeure or other extraordinary circumstances. Such circumstances may include: war events or severe security threats along the route, natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes, extreme storms), pandemics or severe epidemiological situations, bans imposed by authorities (e.g., border closures, curfews), or other unforeseen events affecting the safety of participants.

**Postponement:** If the Organizer is forced to postpone the date of the Rally (e.g., to a few months later), entries will automatically remain valid for the new date. The Participant has the right to decide whether to participate on the new date; if not, and they notify this in writing within 15 days of the announcement of the postponement, the Organizer will refund 70% of the paid entry fee, deducting bank fees. If the Participant does not respond or accepts the new date, their entry will be deemed to remain unchanged.

**Modification of the route or program:** The Organizer reserves the right to change the planned route or program of the Rally depending on circumstances. This may include skipping certain stages or countries, designating alternative routes, modifying the length or order of daily stages, or changing the planned competition mechanics (e.g., scoring, result evaluation). The Participant acknowledges that such changes serve the safe and successful execution of the Rally and do not establish a basis for compensation claims. For example, if the route is redirected through an alternative country instead of Iraq at the last moment for safety reasons, or the finish is not in the city of Salalah but in another safe region of Oman, the Participant cannot claim compensation for the changed experience. Of course, the Organizer strives to find a solution close to the original plans and will promptly inform participants of any significant changes.

**Cancellation:** If the Rally is completely canceled (and cannot be postponed), the Organizer will notify the participants of the decision in

writing and will refund the total amount of the already paid entry fee(s), deducting bank and administrative costs. In such cases, the Organizer is not liable for any further damages or costs incurred by the Participant due to the cancellation of the event (e.g., individual travel or accommodation costs, taking leave, etc.). It is recommended that Participants choose travel/insurance solutions that minimize their own losses in case of the event's cancellation.

Other flexibility and administrative rules: The Organizer may provide for the establishment of a so-called waiting list if the number of applicants exceeds the limit. In this case, if a Participant withdraws and a team from the waiting list takes their place, the Organizer may decide to refund a part of the paid fee to the withdrawing participant (since their place is not left empty).

However, this is not guaranteed and depends on the Organizer's case-by-case decision. By entering, the Participant accepts that there is no cash prize or material reward during the Rally: the reward for participation is the experience itself and reaching the finish line. Any possible trophies or prizes are symbolic. The Participant cannot claim any financial compensation beyond the entry fee for their participation, even if the Organizer may generate revenue through media appearances. Each Participant participates in the event at their own expense and acknowledges that the Rally is a non-profit adventure or that the proceeds cover the costs of organization and charitable purposes (if the Rally has a charitable aspect, they will receive separate information about it).

#### 4. Navigation and border crossings

The special challenge of the Rally is navigating in a foreign and diverse environment, as well as fulfilling the bureaucratic tasks of traveling through multiple countries. In this section, we define the mandatory navigation and safety equipment, as well as the rules and expectations regarding border crossings.

##### 4.1 GPS and safety tracking systems

Use of official tracking devices: The Organizer may make the use of an official GPS-based tracking device mandatory for all Rally vehicles, which must be provided by the Participant's vehicle owner. (This may differ if the Organizer has the option to provide the device.) This device transmits the vehicle's position in real-time to the Organizer's center, enabling continuous tracking of participants and quick response in case of emergencies. The tracking device may also include a panic button or emergency signal function, which the participant can press to signal immediately if they are in trouble (accident, mechanical failure in a remote location, health emergency, etc.). The participant is responsible for ensuring the device's preservation and functionality during the competition: for example, regularly charging its battery (if it does not operate from the vehicle's electrical system), not turning it off or tampering with it, and protecting it from physical damage. The panic button can only be pressed in particularly

justified cases. By activating the emergency call, the competitor considers the competition finished.

Receiving and returning the tracking device, if provided by the Organizer: The tracking device will be handed over to the Participant by the Organizer at the administrative handover or before the start. The Participant must sign a receipt at this time and may need to provide a deposit (for example, an amount of X... EUR in cash or as a card guarantee), which will be refunded by the Organizer at the end of the Rally, upon the device's undamaged return. The rental fee for the device (if applicable) is not included in the entry fee; the Organizer will communicate the rental or service fee separately, which the Participant is obliged to pay. Upon arriving at the Rally destination or in the event of dropping out/exclusion from the competition, the Participant is obliged to return the tracking device immediately to the Organizer's representative. In the event of loss, malfunction due to improper use, or damage, the Participant is responsible for the costs (up to the amount of the deposit, or if the damage is greater, for its reimbursement).

Navigation data and itinerary (roadbook): The Organizer will provide a route plan or itinerary (roadbook) to the Participants before the start, which includes the recommended path of the entire route, the planned start and end points of each stage, important GPS coordinates (e.g., checkpoints, campsites, hazardous points), as well as useful information for navigation (road usage tips, alternative routes if any, points of interest, etc.).

Depending on the nature of the competition, the Organizer may decide not to provide all details in advance to increase the challenge (e.g., daily challenges, optional checkpoints that Participants will only learn about during the daily briefing). The Participant is obliged to complete the specified mandatory route sections and appear at the designated checkpoints unless otherwise instructed by the Organizer. At the same time, the Rally is not a traditional closed-course competition, so on certain sections, teams can decide for themselves which route to take to reach the next destination – however, it is still recommended to follow the Organizer's guidance for safety. It is prohibited to enter areas specifically designated by the Organizer as to be avoided (e.g., minefields, military zones, extremely dangerous regions, military areas, etc.).

Communication and information during the event: Every morning before departure, and as necessary during the day, the Organizer may hold a short briefing for participants about that day's navigation challenges, road conditions, or any changes (e.g., road closures, weather warnings). The Participant is obliged to attend these briefings (in person or via radio if organized this way) and to follow the instructions given without a record. The Organizer reserves the right to modify the planned route during the Rally if deemed necessary (e.g., based on fresh security information or unforeseen obstacles). In such cases, a message will be sent via the

tracking device, or the teams will be notified as quickly as possible via phone/radio/information board. It is the Participant's responsibility to monitor their communication devices (phone, radio, satellite phone, Starlink, tracking message display) and receive messages from the Organizer. If the Participant deviates from the recommended route for an extended period (e.g., 1-2 hours) or communication is interrupted (for example, if they decide to take a detour for a sightseeing reason), they must inform the Organizer of their plans to avoid unnecessary searches. Prohibited navigation devices/practices: Participants may use their own navigation aids (GPS, map, compass, homemade itineraries), but the use of any device that violates the spirit of the competition is prohibited. This includes, for example: pre-installed tracking devices on a competitor's vehicle (to follow them), the use of drones not authorized by the organizers for navigation (e.g., sending them ahead for reconnaissance – see the drone rules in the media policy section), or any disruptive devices that interfere with others' GPS or the official tracking signals. Such actions are not only unsportsmanlike but potentially illegal, and result in immediate disqualification (see point 2.3).

#### 4.2 Border crossing rules and visa obligations

Travel documents: The Participant is required to have a valid passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the planned completion date of the Rally. (It is recommended that the passport be valid until the end of September 2027 for safety.) Additionally, if the Participant cannot travel to the relevant countries without a visa based on their nationality, they must obtain the necessary visas for Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and any other transit countries in a timely manner. The Organizer will inform the Participants about the necessary visa types and how to obtain them upon submission of the entry, and will assist with group visa processing if possible (e.g., official invitation letters, contact with authorities, full administrative processing). Nevertheless, the responsibility and costs for visa applications and consular fees remain with the Participant. The Participant acknowledges that no country guarantees the issuance of a visa; it is the sovereign decision of the authorities; the Organizer cannot be held responsible if any country denies the Participant entry permission.

Visa tips and entry conditions:

Iraq: Generally, a visa must be obtained in advance. The Organizer plans to initiate the application for a group event visa from the Iraqi authorities for the participants, for which the Participant must submit the required data (passport copy, ID photo, personal details) in a timely manner at the Organizer's request. Upon entry into Iraq, border control may take fingerprints and photographs, and inspect the vehicle. The Participant is obliged to tolerate this and cooperate. Entry into Iraq may also require compliance with certain security protocols (e.g., arrival only at designated

border crossings, possibly in a convoy). The Organizer will provide prior information on these.

**Saudi Arabia:** The Organizer may facilitate the application for a group tourist visa or special permit in cooperation with the Saudi authorities for the Participants. To do this, the Participant agrees to provide the requested data and pay the visa fee. Upon entry into Saudi Arabia, strict customs and border checks are to be expected: luggage and vehicles may be searched for prohibited goods (e.g., alcohol, pornography, weapons, pork and products made from it). The Participant is obliged to answer all questions honestly at border stations and not to conceal anything (e.g., bringing in a drone or satellite phone must always be reported in advance, as special permission may be required). If the Organizer has obtained prior permission for certain devices (e.g., for drone footage to document the Rally), the Participant may only bring such devices if their name is on the permit and they bring the approved device.

**Oman:** Entry into Oman as a tourist or as a separate rally participant may require a visa for certain nationalities, but for many countries, an electronic visa (eVisa) can be obtained in advance or upon arrival. The Organizer will contact the Omani authorities due to the location of the rally finish to facilitate entry. The Participant may receive the eVisa in advance or process it in a group at the border. It is important that the Participant enters at the specified border point where they are expected. Customs checks in Oman may also inspect the vehicle; prohibited goods in Oman include illegal drugs, weapons, drones, and certain radio transmitter-receiver devices. The Participant is obliged to respect the rules regarding imports, including declaring more expensive electronics or drones (possibly paying customs duties if necessary).

**Temporary import and customs clearance of the vehicle:** As the Participants cross borders in their own vehicles during the Rally, proper handling of the temporary importation of vehicles must be ensured in each country. Most affected countries issue temporary import papers for the vehicle at the border (e.g., customs documents or Carnet de Passage stamps). It is the Participant's responsibility to bring documents proving vehicle ownership (registration certificate, if not in their name then authorization from the owner, in case of a leased vehicle, permission from the leasing company). The Organizer recommends obtaining an international Carnet de Passages en Douane (CPD) document for the vehicle, which can facilitate and expedite customs clearance through Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Oman. If the Participant arrives without a Carnet, it is possible that some border posts will require a financial guarantee or deposit for the vehicle (which is refundable upon exit if the vehicle is also taken out) or may not allow entry into any of the listed countries. The Participant must be prepared for such procedures, with cash or a bank card on site. The Organizer may offer this option, or everyone can arrange their

own CPD. The Organizer will try to organize group processing in case of multiple requests, but this does not guarantee that all administration can be avoided – patience and cooperation will be required at border crossings. Handling border crossings during the Rally: The Rally approaches border crossings in a convoy or group for smoother processing. The Participant agrees to follow the Organizer's instructions when approaching the borders (arriving at a predetermined time if applicable) and to participate in the joint customs and passport control process. They may not leave the border crossing without the Organizer's knowledge and permission, even if their own processing has already been completed – they must wait until the whole group has crossed unless the Organizer instructs otherwise. This is necessary for safety and logistics. During the border process, they are obliged to provide all data accurately and to carefully keep and present any documents issued by the authorities (e.g., temporary import permit) again upon exit. If any official requests a bribe or kickback informally, the Participant should avoid confrontation if possible, but **NOT GIVE A BRIBE!** This is not typical in these regions! In case of further problems, the Participant should notify the Organizer's present coordinator, who will take action.

International driving license and traffic rules: The Participant is required to have a valid driver's license that is accepted in the relevant countries. It is strongly recommended (and in some countries mandatory) to obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP) in addition to a Hungarian or other European license, which the Participant must bring with them. The best option for this region is accepted based on the Vienna Convention. Additionally, the vehicle must have international identification markings (e.g., country code – "H" sticker or EU license plate with H marking, etc.), and the green card insurance document must also be presented where requested. The Participant is obliged to immediately adapt to the traffic rules of the respective country after crossing the border (e.g., in Saudi Arabia, driving is on the right side, similar to Europe; speed limits may vary). The Organizer will provide prior information on such differences, but compliance is the Participant's responsibility.

Handling border crossing issues: If any participant is denied entry into a country (due to lack of visa, entry ban, document issues, etc.), the Organizer will try to assist in clarifying the situation, but if the authorities' decision is final, the Participant cannot continue the Rally. In this case, the Organizer will assist as much as possible in safely redirecting the Participant to their starting point or to a country where their return home can be arranged, but assumes no financial responsibility or compensation for the absence (see points 2.2 and 3.4 – in such cases, there is no refund of the entry fee). The same applies if the authorities of a country expel the participant during the Rally for any violation: this is beyond the Organizer's control. If an unforeseen border closure or geopolitical change occurs along

the Rally route (e.g., a conflict breaks out and the border is closed), the Organizer will seek an alternative route or modify the program – the Participant cannot insist on the original plans. It is important for Participants to handle potential difficulties at border crossings with a flexible attitude and to follow the Organizer's instructions at these critical points.

## 5. Media policy and data management

This chapter defines the principles of personal data management related to the Event (based on GDPR and other data protection considerations), as well as the rules regarding media appearances and content creation for the Participants. The Organizer values the respect for participants' personal rights, but due to the public nature of the Event, certain media appearances are inevitable.

### 5.1 Management of Personal Data (GDPR)

**Data controller and the scope of processed data:** The data controller of the personal data collected during the Rally is the Organizer (or an official organization appointed by the Organizer). By registering, the Participant consents to the Organizer processing the necessary personal data. This may include: name, date of birth, gender, passport number and passport copy, address, email and phone contact details, emergency contact person and their details, vehicle data (license plate, make, insurance details), health information (data from the declaration according to point 3.3, any allergies, blood type), t-shirt size or other logistical data, as well as biometric data appearing in images and audio recordings made during the Event (photograph, video recording). The Organizer states that it collects and processes only the minimally necessary data for the competition and uses it solely for the purposes necessary for organizing, conducting, and evaluating the Rally afterwards.

**Purposes and legal bases for data processing:** The personal data of Participants will be processed for the following purposes and legal bases:  
**Event execution:** including the registration of entries, categorization, handling of insurances and visas, compiling lists necessary for official permits, operating the tracking system (processing position data), scoring/results, ensuring medical readiness (transferring health data to the event's doctor). The legal basis for these activities is the performance of a contract (GDPR Article 6(1)(b)), as a contract for participation is established between the Participant and the Organizer through this Agreement. The processing of more sensitive data (health information) is based on the explicit consent of the Participant (GDPR Article 9(2)(a)), which is given by filling out the declaration.

**Security and protection:** including the transfer of data to third parties in case of emergencies (e.g., if the Participant has an accident, and the Organizer transfers their health declaration to the local hospital or contacts the emergency contact provided by the Participant). This data processing is based on the protection of the vital interests of the Participant (GDPR

Article 6(1)(d)) or the vital interests of another person (e.g., in the case of a passenger), if necessary, presuming consent in situations where it can no longer be provided.

**Legal obligations:** The Organizer is obliged to comply with applicable laws, such as accounting rules (retaining certain data of participants for invoicing and financial record-keeping purposes), or, where applicable, statutory reporting obligations (e.g., if a country requires prior submission of participant data for border crossing, or if a police procedure is initiated in case of an accident, and data is requested). In these cases, the legal basis for data processing is the fulfillment of a legal obligation (GDPR Article 6(1)(c)).

**Marketing and newsletter (optional):** After the Rally, the Organizer may offer Participants related events, participation opportunities for the following year, etc. However, this will only happen with the separate consent of the Participant (GDPR Article 6(1)(a)). On the registration form, the Participant can indicate whether they wish to receive a newsletter in the future. In the absence of this, the Organizer will not send promotional material, only maintaining operational communication related to the Event.

**Data transfer and storage:** The Organizer's organizing committee members may access the Participant's data on a need-to-know basis. Certain data may be transferred to the Event's partners: for example, to the tracking service provider (assigning name and starting number to the GPS device), to the insurer (name list for group liability insurance, if any), to the visa processing agency or directly to the consulate (passport data, personal data), to the authorities of the respective country during border crossing (list of passport and vehicle data), to the Event's medical team (health declaration), to media partners (starting lists with names and nationalities, possibly for organizing interviews). The Organizer ensures that every third-party partner receiving personal data commits to data protection obligations for the secure handling of the data and its use only for the specified purpose. Data transfer may also occur to countries where the level of data protection may differ from that customary in the EU (for example, a list of participants may be received by an Iraqi or Saudi authority). The Participant acknowledges this and consents to the necessary data transfers, while the Organizer strives to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the data transfer is lawful and secure (e.g., by applying EU standard contractual clauses, if relevant, or based on GDPR Article 49(1)(b) and (c), as the transfer is necessary for the performance of a contract or for important public interest, such as ensuring border crossing).

The Organizer retains personal data only for as long as necessary.

Registration data and administrative documents are generally kept for 5 years from the end of the Event (considering the civil law enforcement deadlines and accounting regulations). Tracking data (GPS position) is stored for a maximum of a few months after the event for archiving and

analytical purposes, after which it may be anonymized or deleted. Health data is deleted or anonymized as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event, unless longer retention is necessary due to a potential claim for damages or legal proceedings.

**Data security:** The Organizer protects the personal data of Participants from unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or destruction with appropriate technical and organizational measures. This includes, for example, password-protected storage of digital data, using encrypted communication when transmitting sensitive data, securely storing paper documents, and ensuring limited access within the organizing team. If a data protection incident (data breach) occurs, the Organizer will act according to GDPR regulations: assessing the risk of the incident, reporting it to the supervisory authority if necessary (e.g., the Hungarian National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information – NAIH), and informing the affected Participants if the incident is likely to pose a high risk to their rights.

**Participant rights:** The Participant is entitled to exercise their rights under GDPR. These include:

Access to their own processed data (they can request feedback from the Organizer on whether personal data concerning them is being processed, and if so, what data, for what purpose, to whom it has been transferred, for how long, etc., and request copies of this data).

Request for correction if any data is inaccurate or has changed (e.g., correction of a misspelled name, updating contact information).

Request for deletion (right to be forgotten), meaning that the Organizer deletes their data if it is no longer necessary for processing or lacks a legal basis (e.g., requesting deletion of data after the event, except for those that must be retained for legal reasons).

Request for restriction if they dispute the accuracy of the data or the legal basis for processing, for a certain period, the data can only be stored, and no other operations will be performed on it.

Data portability, which means the structured transfer of data provided by the Participant in a machine-readable format (e.g., registration data) to themselves or another provider, if technically feasible and if the data processing is automated (e.g., data on an email list).

Objection to data processing if the personal data would be used for direct marketing purposes (there is none in the case of the Rally unless consented, but if so, they can unsubscribe at any time) or if data is processed based on public interest/legitimate interest (this may include, for example, the sharing of references after the Event, but it will mainly be based on consent).

The Participant may submit a request to exercise their rights in writing (via email to the Organizer's official address). The Organizer will respond to the request without undue delay, but no later than within 1 month, and will take

the necessary action or indicate if the request cannot be fulfilled for legal reasons (e.g., certain data cannot be deleted immediately due to accounting law). The Participant is also entitled to file a complaint with the supervisory authority (in Hungary, with the NAIH) or to go to court if they believe that the Organizer has violated their rights regarding data processing.

## 5.2 Media Appearance and Publicity

**Nature of the public event and consent:** The Participant is aware that the Budapest–Baghdad–Salalah Rally is a public event, from which press releases, reports, photo and video recordings are expected to be made, both by the Organizer and external media. By registering, the Participant consents to the creation of images and sound recordings of themselves (and their vehicle) during the Event, and for the Organizer to use these without time and territorial restrictions and without compensation for the purposes of promoting, documenting the Event, and preparing press materials. This consent particularly extends to:

Publishing photos taken during the Event on the Rally's official social media pages, website, or in press materials.

Creating and broadcasting video recordings and films about the Event (e.g., summary videos, documentaries, television reports) in which the Participant may be recognizable.

Interviews and statements: if the Participant voluntarily gives an interview to the press or the Organizer's team regarding the Rally, the recording and use of these statements.

Publishing result lists and starting lists containing the Participant's name and team name in online and offline formats.

It is important to emphasize that the Organizer will not abuse this right: the recordings will be used in the context of the sporting event, and the Organizer will not sell the Participant's image/name for advertising campaigns without the Participant's separate permission. At the same time, the Event's sponsors may have appearances (e.g., the Event's official film, calendar, magazine) in which the Participant's image appears, and therefore the Participant cannot request or receive any financial compensation. By accepting the registration conditions, the Participant waives their rights related to image and sound recordings to demand compensation or further authorization for uses related to the Event. If the Participant does not wish to speak in an interview or allow a close portrait to be taken of them, they can indicate this to the media team on-site, and the Organizer will respect their wishes, but cannot guarantee complete anonymity due to the nature of public participation.

**Media access at the Event:** The Organizer may delegate an official media team, possibly invited journalists, bloggers, influencers to the Event. They will report while following the field. The Participant is obliged to tolerate their presence and activities within certain limits: for example, they may

take photos at the start, request interviews at the campsite, and may attach action cameras to vehicles (with team consent). However, the media team must not unduly disturb the Participant's rest and must not interfere with the course of the competition. If the Participant feels that media personnel are excessively obstructing them (e.g., forcing them into dangerous maneuvers for the sake of filming, or flying a drone directly above them without their consent), they must immediately inform the Organizer, who will take action. The Event's official media partners work under the supervision of the Organizer, and the Organizer is responsible for their conduct within the framework of the Event.

**Participants' own media use:** The Organizer does not impose any specific media obligations or restrictions on competitors regarding their own content creation; Participants are free to take photos, videos, and social media posts related to the Rally for their own purposes. However, this "free media use" is valid under the following conditions:

**Materials created by the Participant must not infringe on the rights of other participants, the Organizer, or third parties.** For example, if a team makes a video, they must ensure that they do not defame others or publish offensive content about them without their permission.

**Content creation must not endanger safety:** the Participant may not hold a camera while driving or drone carelessly. When making any recordings, traffic and safety rules must be followed (e.g., only a passenger may make a video while moving, or use an action camera secured).

**Local laws and customs must be respected:** in some countries, filming/photographing certain objects (military facilities, government buildings) or people (e.g., local residents without permission) may be prohibited. The Participant is responsible for not violating any local regulations during their own content creation. For example, in Saudi Arabia, it may be prohibited to photograph in a mosque without permission, or in Oman, it may not be appropriate to capture local women without permission. If authorities inspect the camera content during the Rally or at border crossings and find problems, it is the Participant's individual responsibility.

The Participant may not make false statements or statements that harm the good reputation of the event in their own published content about the Event. Constructive criticism is, of course, permitted, but the dissemination of deliberately false information (e.g., claiming that the Organizer violated a rule, which is not true) may have legal consequences.

**Sponsors and advertisements:** Participants may place their own sponsors' logos and advertisements on their vehicles, provided they do not conflict with the interests of the Rally's official sponsors and do not violate laws or good taste. For example, no pornographic or political messages may appear on the vehicle, nor advertisements for companies that are clearly contrary to any of the Rally's prominent sponsors (if the Organizer has

indicated such in advance). The Organizer reserves the right to request the removal of certain stickers if they are problematic. Mandatory stickers prescribed by the Organizer must be placed on the Participant's vehicle and tolerated until the end of the competition. In media appearances (own videos, posts), the Participant may mention their own sponsors, but must not create the impression that their own content is the official communication of the Rally. It is advisable to indicate that the content is unofficial and is the team's own account of their experiences.

**Lack of official media policy:** The Organizer confirms that it does not impose mandatory media appearances or similar obligations on Participants. For example, it is not required that the Participant must maintain a blog or participate in an advertising campaign. All such activities are conducted on a voluntary basis, with the separate consent of the Participant. At the same time, the Organizer is pleased if Participants share their experiences and can provide support for this if needed (e.g., sharing high-quality photos/videos made by participants on social media, thereby helping the teams). During the Event, the Organizer may designate a press officer to whom Participants or journalists can turn with their questions.

**Data protection during media appearances:** During the Event's official communication, the Organizer strives to comply with the principles of GDPR. For example, it does not publicly disclose sensitive personal data (such as addresses or contact details) about Participants, and does not use Participants' data for commercial advertising targeting without their consent. The Participant may express any concerns regarding media appearances to the Organizer, who will try to find a solution (e.g., if the Participant does not wish a particular photo to be published for a sensitive reason, and requests this within a reasonable time, the Organizer will withdraw the photo).

## 6. Final Provisions

**6.1 Governing law and jurisdiction:** This Participation Agreement and any matters not regulated therein are governed by the laws of the Sultanate of Oman, considering that the Organizer's registered office is located in Oman. The Participant and the Organizer primarily seek to resolve any legal disputes amicably through negotiation. If this does not yield results, the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Muscat Royal Court, depending on the jurisdiction. (The parties may also decide by mutual agreement to use arbitration procedures.)

**6.2 Scope and amendment of the Agreement:** This Agreement comes into effect upon the Participant signing the registration form/accepting it online and remains in force until the completion of the Event and the conclusion of directly related legal relationships thereafter (e.g., return of equipment, refund of deposit). The Organizer is entitled to issue supplements or clarifications to the content of the Agreement before (or during, if justified) the start of the Event, for example, in the form of Official Announcements or

Rally Bulletins. These supplements become part of the Agreement, provided they do not contradict essential rights and obligations, and are communicated to the Participants in writing (via email or published on the Rally's official website, or handed out during the daily briefing). Minor rule changes (e.g., fine-tuning technical requirements, clarifying schedules) must be accepted by the Participant; however, if there is a significant change in the conditions, the Participant is entitled to withdraw their registration within 24 hours of the announcement of the change, in which case – if they would not have withdrawn without the change – the Organizer will negotiate individually regarding a proportional refund of the registration fee. Special requests or conditions indicated by the Participant at the time of application (if any) become part of the Agreement only if accepted in writing by the Organizer.

6.3 Entire agreement clause: This document (together with its annexes and the registration form) contains the complete set of conditions of the agreement between the Participant and the Organizer regarding the Rally. Any previous promises or agreements made verbally or in writing between the parties on this subject lose their validity upon signing this Agreement, unless expressly reserved in this contract. Any new rule or requirement arising in connection with the Event becomes part of the contract only in written form and with the consent of both parties (or the Organizer's unilateral consent exercised within the framework of point 6.2 above).

6.4 Partial invalidity: If any provision of this Agreement is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court or authority with jurisdiction and competence, that provision will be severed from the Agreement to the necessary extent without affecting the validity of the remaining provisions. The parties undertake to replace the invalid provision in good faith with a valid and enforceable provision that best approximates the economic and legal purpose of the original provision.

6.5 Acceptance of the Agreement: The Participant declares that they have read, understood, and accepted all points of this Participation Agreement. They have had the opportunity to ask questions to the Organizer regarding the terms and/or seek legal advice for their interpretation, and only after this, they voluntarily join the Event. The Participant acknowledges that a breach of the Agreement may lead to exclusion from the Rally and other consequences. A designated representative of the Organizer also signs the Agreement, thereby confirming that the Organizer recognizes the obligations undertaken in the document as binding (primarily regarding organization and data processing).

The parties sign this Participation Agreement in approval:

Participant (name, signature): ..... Date:

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Authorized representative of the Organizer (name, signature, position):  
..... Date: \_\_\_\_\_