



Oman Automobile Association

OMAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION



2017/2018

**AUTO – X CHALLENGE
RULES & REGULATIONS**

“2017/2018 Auto-X Challenge”

Chapter 1: General Rules

1. All Parties engaged with Auto-X activities must comply with the code of conduct outlined below.

2. Conduct relating to paddock and pits

2.1. Drivers, team members, organizers and related parties shall treat fans with the utmost respect. Every effort should be made to interact with fans and the media in a friendly and courteous manner.

2.2. In addressing fans and related individuals, drivers, team members, organizers and related parties shall refrain from the use of intemperate language as well as ill intended, malicious behavior and conduct.

2.3. The movement of vehicles within paddock areas will be at a speed that ensures the safety of all concerned

2.4. Every effort must be made to ensure safety when undertaking maintenance in pit and paddock areas. Pit and paddock areas must be free of parts, liquid and other litter.

2.5. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only.

3. Course code of Conduct

3.1. The entry by individuals and vehicles into course areas will at all times be subject to the authorization and instruction of the steward and competition officials

3.2. Drivers shall refrain from all conduct and behavior that is deemed unnecessary when driving within course areas

3.3. When a yellow flag is produced on the track, drivers shall reduce their speed accordingly

3.4. When a red flag is produced on the track, drivers shall reduce their speed in preparation of an immediate stop. After confirming the safety of their immediate surrounds, drivers shall stop at the designated area. Drivers shall follow and adhere to course official instructions at all times

3.5. In the event oil or other liquid spill is anticipated while driving on the track, drivers shall immediately veer away from the driving course, stop their vehicles at a safe area and follow all course official instructions

3.6. No driver, team member or any individual has the right to change the course layout or position of any cone in the course except the Competition Steward or competition officials.

- All teams/drivers should read and understand OAA national sporting code on the links below:

Direct link

<http://omanauto.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/OAA-National-Sporting-Code-2015-2016.pdf>

Page Link

http://omanauto.org/sdm_downloads/oaa-national-sporting-code/

Chapter 2: Race Day Program

Pre Race

1. Pre registration
2. Entries Open
3. Entries Close
4. Minimum Required entry to conduct the event is 04 Cars per each Category/Class.

(Even minimum entries is qualified it is at the discretion of Oman Automobile Association to Postponed or Cancel either completely or partly)

5. Administrative Checks and Scrutineering.
6. Compulsory Drivers Briefing
7. Cars entry to the Starting Zone

Race

1. Heat 1
2. Heat 2
3. Heat 3
4. Top ten

Post-Race

1. Publication of the final official results
2. Award Ceremony

Calendar:

Round 1- 29th of September 2017

Round 2- 01st of December 2017

Round 3 – 29th of December 2017

Round 4 – 12th of January 2018

The event organizers have the right to change any of the above dates and venues if they see fit for the good of the tournament.

Chapter 3: Titles(2017/2018 Auto-X Challenge)

2017/2018 Auto-X Challenge

- 1st
 - 2nd
 - 3rd
- Places overall Trophy

Auto-X Challenge Class winners (minimum of 4 cars per class/category)

Chapter 4: Eligible Vehicles

All cars will go under control check and must comply with the following:

1. Cars must be a production vehicle (buggies, or any other sort will not be allowed)
2. **No 4x4 or SUV allowed**
3. All cars should be in excellent condition.
4. Chief Scrutineer or Director reserves the right to reject any vehicle at any stage if judged hazardous.

Chapter 5: Designation of Classes

Vehicles will be classified to compete into the following classes and subclasses:

STOCK

Front Wheel Drive (FWD), Rear Wheel Drive (RWD), All Wheel Drive (AWD)

MODIFIED

Front Wheel Drive (FWD), Rear Wheel Drive (RWD), All Wheel Drive (AWD)

RACE

Front Wheel Drive (FWD), Rear Wheel Drive (RWD), All Wheel Drive (AWD)

The Officials has the right to create another class or category that deemed beneficial and supporting the championship.

Chapter 6: Class Eligibility

Stock Class Allowances:

Stock Class eligibility is to all production vehicles normally commercialized & registered in conformity with the local traffic authority and has a valid vehicle registration certificate.

- Aftermarket Air filters are permitted only
- Tire treadwear as from OEM (No semi or Slicks allowed)

Everything else on the car is as OEM from the showroom nothing removed

Modified Class Allowances:

Modified class cars is valid to all production vehicles normally commercialized & registered in conformity with the local traffic authority and has a valid vehicle registration certificate,

- Engine modifications are permitted.
- Suspension modifications are permitted.
- Tire compound any OEM plus Semi-Slick are allowed but no lesser then 100 treadwear (*Slicks are not allowed*).
- Upgraded Brakes pads and disk are allowed.
- Race fuel is not allowed. But the (*Use of Injection system like Meth is allowed*).
- All other modifications are permitted (except for weight reduction and removal of OEM with Fiber parts and lightweight windows and interior parts all not allowed)

- Spare tire allowed to be removed only

Race Class Allowances:

- Engine modifications are permitted.
- Suspension modifications are permitted.
- Tire compound free of choice Slicks are allowed
- Race fuel allowed.
- All other modifications are permitted (lightweight, Fiber partsetc.....)

Any vehicle with insufficient safety features or not complying with the regulations in force shall not be admitted to or shall be excluded from the event.

The officials have the right to re classify a car into another class or category if unfair advantage was seen.

The race officials reserve the right to exclude any vehicle deemed to be unsafe non compliant with the spirit of the race.

- **Fire extinguishers (2lb/1KG is recommended) with a safe fixture inside the car are mandatory for all classes. FIA onboard Central fire extinguishers are optional for Race class cars).**

Chapter 7: Entries

1. Drivers must be in possession of a current driving license.
2. Driver should have an OAA membership or racing license in order to take part in the race.(not having either will not be allowed in the race)
3. Should it turn out, at the time of pre-race scrutineering, that a vehicle does not correspond in its presentation to the group in which it was entered, this vehicle may, upon the proposal of the scrutineers, be transferred by the steward of the meeting to a different group or be refused definitively.
4. The organizing committee reserves the right:
5. To refuse an entry, without having to give the reasons for its decision
6. To cancel the round if the number of the competitors is less than 10 cars.
7. A minimum number of Two (4) starters per class are admitted. Should this number not be attained, the competitors in the class concerned are admitted in the next class up.
8. Double starts (1 vehicle for multi-drivers) are authorized, given that each entry was registered separately.
9. Multi cars for 1 drivers is not allowed.
10. In case of an accident, the competitor and /or driver exclude any responsibility of Organizers of the challenge, as well as the Organizing Committee and pledge to renounce any complaint against them.

Chapter 8: Track Sighting & Timed Run

1. The route of the event will be held secret. The drivers will be allowed to walk through the course without any motorized means & have 15 minutes before the start. No trials are allowed. Practicing before the event will lead to the exclusion of the competitor.
2. Only two timed runs will be held & the best time will be recorded for the results. Including cars reaching the top ten their time will be counted as well.
3. The clerk of the course based on the decision of the stewards of the meeting may authorize the drivers whom are stopped on the course due to unknown problems to take another start. No complaint will be admitted on this subject.

4. All drivers during the heats should abide by all regulations indicated and the decisions taken by the clerk of the course. Any breach of the rules reported to the clerk of the course and upon the decision of the steward of the meeting could result in the competitor being excluded from the event.
5. Illegal assistance on the track is prohibited.
6. Vehicles, which have broken down along the course, may only be towed away by order of the clerk of the course.
7. Each competitor should finish his/her heat within 3min, otherwise he is disqualified.

Chapter 9: Track Behavior& Flag signals

1. It is strictly forbidden to drive a vehicle across or in the opposite direction to the direction of the race, unless instructed to do so by the marshals or the clerk of the course. Any breach of this regulation shall result in exclusion.
2. If a driver is obliged to stop his heat owing to mechanical failure or other problems, he must immediately park his vehicle away from the track and leave it, and obey any instructions given by the marshals.
3. No celebration of any kind by the competitor or his team is allowed on the track until the race is over. Or a 2 second penalty will be added to the competitor's time.
3. The following flag signals may be used during practice and the race, and must be strictly observed:
 - a. Start flag: National flag/ Green Flag
 - b. Red flag Stop immediately and definitively.
 - c. Yellow flag Danger, slow down.
4. Flags will be used in the posts of surveillance by the track officials and can be presented steady or agitated.

Chapter 10: Running the event

1. The drivers and their vehicles should be present in the ParcFermé an hour before the start, 30 min will be the minimum allowed time before the start of the event, and to be at the disposal of the clerk of the course. The drivers will be held responsible of a possible disregard of any announced changes in the schedule, which could be decided before the start. No participant will be allowed to enter after gate closed or leave the ParcFermé unless agreed on by the organizer.
2. Numbering of the driver will be according to last season results or as the organizers sees fit on the course of the event.
3. The drivers and their vehicles should be present in their starting order before ten (10) minutes of their individual starting time. Any breach of this rule will result in the competitor being excluded from the event by the Stewards.

4. The start will take place individually for each driver with the vehicle stationary and the engine running. The minimal interval between the starts will depend on the length of the course.
5. The stewards of the meeting and the clerk of the course are free to modify the starting order according to the circumstances.
6. No vehicle may take the start outside its own Group unless expressly authorized to do so by the stewards of the meeting.
7. Any refusal or delay in starting of more than 1 min shall result in exclusion.
8. Any vehicle may be subjected to final checking by the scrutineers, after the finish.

Chapter 11: Penalties

Exclusions:

1. Absence of the crash helmet or safety belt.
2. False information in the entry form.
3. Replacing of driver or in case of retirement.
4. Practicing on the track before the event
5. Displacing or touching of more than 10 cones or barriers
6. Wrong route: or driving in the opposite direction
7. Any offence to the organizers & / or officials of the event

Refused Start:

- 1.No vehicle will be allowed to start if refused by the Clerk of the Course.

Time addition Penalty:

1. Displacement of a cone or any type of barrier on the track: will be penalized of 2 seconds/cone for each mistake, up to 10 cones, then DNF.
2. Leaving the track such as cutting across a chicane or taking a short cut, DNF.
3. Hitting a cone or barrier on purpose will result in a DNF.
4. Three tiers of the track will result in a DNF.

*The Race Director may decide to implement additional penalties if he deems it appropriate.

Chapter 12: Classifications & Trophies

1. The results will be published after the last competing car finishes its heat.
2. The driver with the least time achieved in one of the two heats will be declared winner. Nevertheless, the second will be the one that will have a time superior to the first but less than that of the 3rd, etc.

3. Prizes are awarded to the winners of each class/category ; a minimum of four cars per class/category starting the event is required. A trophy to a class or group will be cancelled if the number of cars is less than 4.
4. In the case of less than 4 cars in a class the bumping up system will apply.

Bumping up system 1:

FWD Stock > FWD Mod > FWD Race

RWD Stock > RWD Mod > RWD Race

AWD Stock > AWD Mod > AWD Race

Bumping up system 2: (after the same class still can't be filled)

RWD Race > FWD Race > AWD Race

Prizes:

Prize giving shall take place at the finish of each round. Competitors that are not personally present at the prize giving ceremony will lose their right to the prizes that are theirs. Nevertheless, the classification and attribution of the other prizes will not be modified

Stock Class

First Stock (FWD, RWD, AWD)

Modified Class

First Modified (FWD, RWD, AWD)

Race Class

First RACE (FWD, RWD, AWD)

Overall winners:

First overall, Second overall, Third overall

The officials have the right to introduce new trophies and awards if deemed fit and healthy for the Auto-X Challenge event.

Chapter 13: Protests & Appeal

Any appeal will be allowed 10 min after the last car crossed the finish line there after a writing one will be only looked at.

Protest, if any, must be presented in writing by a competing participant to the Clerk of Course or Race Director. This must be accompanied with cash sum of 100 OMR. If the decision is upheld the 100 OMR won't be refunded.

Any accepted protest will be looked into and reviewed by the protest committee, which will then release the action and their decision.

Chapter 14: Championship Points System

For the entrants in the in the 2017/2018 Oman Auto X championship points will be awarded as per the FIA scale taking into consideration all the results obtained during the events which have taken place:

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH
25	18	15	12	10	8	6	4	2	1

If two or more drivers finish the Oman Auto X Championship with the same number of points the highest place in this Championship shall be awarded to:

- a. The holder of the greatest number of first places.
- b. If the number of first places is the same, the holder of the greatest number.
- c.  if the number of second places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of third places, and so on until a winner emerges.

Non-participation in 50% or more of the championship rounds will result in the loss of all points.

By the last round of the championship every participant is eligible of discarding his worst result (1 round).