

Guidelines for taking photos during the EAL Eesti 4X4 Off-Road Cup

Taking proper photos at the checkpoints are very important for getting good results. Sadly, it happens way too often that these photos do not meet the requirements or are simply not taken — which means losing points.

These guidelines offer a quick summary about most important points when taking these photos: one hand has to be in a visible contact with the competing car and the other hand with the checkpoint number. NB! Both the number of the car and the number of the checkpoint (that is, ALL NUMBERS) must be clearly readable.

Technical equipment used for taking the checkpoint photos

- Every team must have technical equipment suitable for taking checkpoint photos in different weather conditions while meeting the quality requirements — all required checkpoint elements must be clearly visible in the photo.
- Every team must make sure that their photos can be downloaded from their devices to the judges' computer. This means that they must provide the judges with all necessary cables and programs that allow to use their technical device with all common operating systems.
- The memory of the technical device has to be EMPTIED before the competition! We strongly suggest using the resolution of 1600x1200 pixels (~500 KB) when taking the competition photos (but definitely not smaller than 1024x768 pixels).
- You must present the judges with the memory card containing UNEDITED photos. The photos cannot be loaded to the computer or edited in any way before giving them to the judges. If there is any doubt about editing, this photo / these photos will not be accepted.
- Time settings of the technical device must be in real time and synchronized with the official device used at the competition to mark date and time.
- We suggest always using an additional digital camera to take additional checkpoint photos at every checkpoint. These photos should be taken under a different angle or in a slightly different location, while still meeting all the requirements.
- After turning in the obligatory photos to the judges, no later submissions will be accepted. The memory card can only contain the checkpoint photos!
- After the judges have saved the photos on their own devices, the team must EMPTY the memory and/or the memory card of the technical device before going on an additional try-out!

Content of the checkpoint photos

- Acceptable checkpoint photo or additional photo must clearly show in one frame:
 - Plaque indicating the checkpoint with the checkpoint number that is clearly readable.
 - Competition vehicle with a clearly readable competition number, additional competition number or registration number, and/or some other equipment required by your competition guide (flotation device).
 - Recognizable team member (the whole face must be included in the photo) whose one hand is touching the plaque indicating the checkpoint and the other hand is touching the competition machine or its stationary equipment. Keep in mind that both hands must be visible on the photo!
 - If you are using a helmet, the team member must still be recognizable.
 - The side doors of the competition car can be open when taking the photo. Contact with the machine's EXTERNAL elements (winch cables, branch deflectors, ropes, antennas, etc.) will NOT be accepted.
 - *In case of ATVs, a photo where one machine is in contact with a hand and the other machine is in contact with a foot is satisfactory. Keep in mind that the checkpoint must be in contact with a HAND.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- DO NOT check the checkpoints that are in the water by foot or in the car.
- If you notice that the station/chip of the electronic checkpoint is not functioning properly, take a photo of the station with the chip placed in there in such a manner that both the checkpoint number (station number) and the chip number are clearly visible.

Acceptable checkpoint photo: 😊



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Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Lying on the car is allowed but the hand must still be in the contact with the car (here, it is not).

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



The additional competition number on the car is in the wrong location.

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Face is not visible.

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



All numbers must be clearly readable.

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Only one hand is in proper contact.

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Only side doors can be opened for the photo.

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Only one hand is in contact and the whole competition number of the car is not visible.

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Checkpoint number is not readable (?99)

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Checkpoint number is not readable.

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



No contact between the hand and the car.

Acceptable checkpoint photo (on foot): 😊



Acceptable checkpoint photo (water checkpoint, VP): 😊



Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Hands are not visible.

Unacceptable checkpoint photo: ☹️



Hands are not in contact with the competing machine but with its external details.