



Desert Dash 2010

25 - 28 Nov 2010

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Welcome to the Desert Dash 2010. The following are a few frequently asked questions. Detailed information on running of the event is available in the Supplementary Regulations available for download on our website. In case of any further clarifications you are welcome to call us or mail your query to info@cougamotorsport.in

Who can participate?

Any person, including foreign nationals, holding a valid driving license / permit recognised in India may apply for an invitation to participate in this event.

Can an individual participate alone?

Each vehicle has to have a minimum of 2 persons – a driver and a navigator.

Do I need any prior motorsport experience to participate?

No previous motorsport experience is required to participate in The Desert Dash.

Can I bring my family along?

Sure! Up to 4 persons can participate per vehicle (please see relevant clause in the entry fee schedule). But for safety considerations, we will not allow children below 18 years of age.

How much driving will I be expected to do in a day?

About 250 to 350 kms per day.

Will I be expected to drive at high speeds?

No! At no point will you be required to exceed the legal speed limit.

Is this is race?

No! The Desert Dash is a TSD event that comprises a set of instructions specifying a route to travel, and a speed at which to travel. A team, consisting of



a driver and a navigator, attempts to travel the specified route at exactly the specified speeds. The Desert Dash is not a race. Traveling too fast results in penalties as does traveling too slowly. Arriving too early at a checkpoint hurts the team's score, as does arriving too late. The team is scored on how closely to the correct time they arrive.

What does TSD stand for?

The T stands for Time, the S for Speed & the D for Distance.

Can I use a GPS ?

Yes, GPS or a Rally Computer are allowed. You are also free to use any kind of calculator, speed charts etc.

What kind of vehicles can participate?

Premium street legal vehicles are allowed. All the vehicles must be individually licensed / officially permitted for the road and comply with the legal requirements of cars used on public roads in India.

A Letter of Authority for the use of the vehicle must be produced from the owner of the vehicle in case the owner is not a member of the crew.

Can I participate even if I do not have a 4WD vehicle?

Yes, there is a separate group for 2WD cars and SUVs.

Do I need any special changes to my car?

No special vehicle preparation is required, You can enter with just having your car serviced & ensure that all systems are in proper running condition.

Can I make special changes to my car for increasing power?

Yes you can, but they are really not required and will not contribute significantly towards your winning the event.

What is the route of The Desert Dash 2010?

The route outline is given on our website as well as our brochure available for download on the website. The route will be detailed in a set of road books to be given at the start.



How do I enter The Desert Dash 2010?

You need to fill out an 'Application for Invitation to Participate' which can be downloaded from our website.

What is the Entry Fees?

The Entry Fee schedule is available for download on our website.

What does the entry fee include?

Please refer to the Entry Fee schedule available on our website for details.

What are competition licenses?

Competition licences are issued by FMSCI (Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India) and certifies the holder to participate in any Motorsport activity. A clubsport competition licence is acceptable for The Desert Dash, We will organize this for you once you provide us the necessary documents and information.

What is Rally insurance ?

Your normal insurance policy does not cover any rally usage of the car .Rally insurance is an additional insurance cover that your vehicle insurer will give you for a additional cost for the period of the rally to cover your vehicle for the additional risk.

A personal accident policy of at least INR 200,000 including hospitalization benefits which is extended to cover high risk is mandatory.

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Will we also go off road? Is there any chance of my car getting damaged?

A majority of the time you will be on National & State highways. Some off road sections have been included for vehicles with 4WD capability to test your skills and increase your enjoyment, However, these have been carefully selected to ensure that they are not rough or dangerous. 2WD sedans and SUVs will stay mostly on tarmac and compete in a separate group.

What happens if my car gets stuck?



All vehicles will be continuously monitored by officials with radio connectivity who will look out for you. They will help you get to the nearest repair point, but this will obviously entail a delay and you will lose points or you might have to drop out. Stay with your car till the last official sweep car comes along and the official in it will work things out for you.

Who are my competitors?

Like minded people like you who love driving and adventure. An opportunity to make great friends. We do not expect any professional motorsport competitors or teams to dominate the event.

What if any of my crew member is unwell?

An Ambulance with a doctor will be accompanying the entire rally. All officials and the doctor will have radio connectivity.

Will we also drive at night?

The only driving you may do in the dark is either early morning before day break or after sun set in case you have been delayed in reaching your night halt. Speeds being quite low this should pose neither a challenge nor risk.