



2026 Parker 400 Final Racer Information

Sunday, January 11th @ 6:00pm PST

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1) Racer Information Page

As a reminder, the Racer Information Page is the home of all of our available race information. Everything below lives on the Racer Information Page, so you can always reference it at any time. It will be updated constantly as information becomes available. Please reference this page for any questions you may have. If we know it, it's here:

<https://theparker400.com/racer-info/>

2) Final Schedule of Events

Please review the final Schedule of Events and always check for up to date times on this page:

<https://theparker400.com/schedule/>

3) Event Waiver

All racers, crew members and anyone entering any pit must sign our event waiver and have a **“Waiver Wristband”** *in addition* to their Pit Access Wristband.

- Adult Waiver - The 2026 Parker 400 adult waiver is now available to sign [on this page](#).
- Minor Waiver - The 2026 Parker 400 minor is now available to sign [on this page](#).

“Waiver Wristbands” must be picked up by **each individual** at the [onsite pick up locations](#).

“Waiver Wristbands” are different from “Pit Access Wristbands”.

4) Pit Access Wristbands

Anyone entering a pit must have a **“Pit Access Wristband”** *in addition* to a “Waiver Wristband”.

For The Parker 400, Driver/Rider of Record’s do not need to pre-register their pit crew members. Pit Access Wristbands will be given to the Driver/Rider of Record at race registration.

Anyone entering the pits will still (***and always***) need to sign the event waiver and have a Waiver Wristband, but no further registration/wristbands will be required for pit crew members (and campers) at Parker. Again - “Waiver Wristbands” must be picked up by **each individual** at the [onsite pick up locations](#).

5) Pit Information Guide

How many pits are there?

How do I get there?

What's the distance between them?

What do I need to access the pits?

How many vehicle pit passes and Pit Access Wristbands do I get?

All pitting information can be found here: <https://theparker400.com/racer-info/>

Important Midway Pit Notice - Midway Pit is a closed pit. **This means, driving between Midway Pit and CAP Canal Pit is not allowed.** You will *not* be escorted back and forth by medical or retrieval during the race. Once you are in Midway, you will not be allowed to leave until the CAP Canal Pit is closed. **PLEASE BE PREPARED TO STAY IN THE PIT UNTIL THAT HAPPENS.**

For the motorcycle race - The Unlimited Race will not start until the last bike clears Midway. No motorcycle teams will be able to leave once the Unlimited Race starts.

6) Camping

There is no camping in the pits. The only exception to this is in the remote pits if you are racing on both Friday and Saturday. Those racing on both Friday and Saturday may stay in place in the remote pits overnight. All camping is free along Shea Road.

7) Adding Additional Drivers / Changing Registration Information

Driver/Rider of Records are required to register anyone entering their vehicle as an **"Additional Teammate"**. This can be done at any point from within your UNLTD Account, under **"Race Entries" > "Update Teammates"** on the race entry. **Please do this before arriving at onsite race registration.**

If you need to make an update to your vehicle information, like your race number, sponsors or vehicle information, you can do so under **"Race Entries" > "Vehicle Information"**.

8) Pre-Running & Testing

Pre-running does not officially begin until Tuesday, January 13th at 8:00am. We will have teams marking the racecourse on Sunday & Monday, so please do not go on the race course. Please be aware that there are many OHV users out riding during the week and use extreme caution.

- **Max pre-running speed is 35mph.**
- Seat belts and helmets must be worn at all times.
- No *numbered* race vehicles.

Pre-Running Check In:

Before beginning your pre-run, all passengers must sign the event waiver. Our check in will be positioned **at the start line at race mile 0.**

<<<IMPORTANT PRE-RUNNING NOTE>>> While pre-running, it is required to **come to a complete stop** at the all paved road crossings labeled on the GPS File and markings on the ground. Do not deviate from the course or touch or modify any of the fencing in the area for any

reason. There is an active cattle farm on Shea road now and we need to respect their fencing at all times.

9) Pre-Tech Inspection:

There is no pre-tech inspection at this event.

10) Qualifying Registration

All Thursday qualifiers must be registered and banded Wednesday afternoon. **There will be no race registration or safety equipment inspection in Standard Wash on Thursday morning.** If you are not banded or have not had your safety equipment inspected, you will not qualify.

Qualifying Registration Date = Wednesday, January 14th - 4pm-6pm

Qualifying Registration Location = Parker Motor Co.

Safety Equipment Inspection: Helmets, suits and HANS will be checked. Please bring these items to qualifying registration.

Vehicle Inspection: After qualifying, all vehicles must go through the Off-Road Festival on McCulloch Boulevard for their vehicles to be tech'd.

11) Racer Registration

Race registration is located downtown Lake Havasu in the heart of the Off-Road Festival, inside Main Street Commons park on the corner of **McCulloch Blvd & Querio Drive**. [Click here](#) for the Off-Road Festival Map.

12) Off-Road Festival (Tech Inspection) Off/On Load Instructions

New for 2026, Tech & Contingency for the Parker 400 has relocated to Lake Havasu City. This exciting update is designed to mirror the high-energy, fan-focused experience of The Mint 400's iconic Fremont Street format — widely regarded as a major driver of that event's public awareness and engagement.

In order to make this work smoothly for racers, fans, and the city, the load-in and load-out process for race vehicles must be followed exactly.

Please review those instructions on this page: <https://theparker400.com/racer-info/>

13) Transponders vs. Tracking Units

Tracking Units:

- **What are they?** Tracking units are used to **track your location** on the race course and are mandatory for all Two Wheel, Four Wheel and Youth 1000 entries.
- **How do I rent one?** You must rent your tracking unit **directly with RacingTrax** prior to the event [on this page](#) ahead of the event.
- **How much is a rental?** [Click here.](#)
- **How do I get it on my vehicle?** Once reserved, RacingTrax will install your tracking unit at the Off-Road Festival / Technical Inspection.

RacingTrax will manage ALL things tracking units including rental fees, security deposits, returns, etc..

Transponders:

- **What are they?** Transponders are used for **recording lap times** and are mandatory for all classes.
- **How do I rent one?** You will rent these transponders directly with LiveTime onsite at race registration.
- **How much is a rental?** \$50/event. The Driver/Rider of Record will need to present a credit card at onsite race registration to reserve their transponder directly with LiveTime.
- **How do I get it on my vehicle?** You are responsible for mounting your transponder to your vehicle prior to your vehicle arriving at Technical Inspection. Transponders will come with two heavy duty zip ties and details on how to properly mount your transponders will be provided to you at onsite registration. LiveTime will be at Technical Inspection, to verify you have mounted your transponder in the correct location.

LiveTime will manage ALL things transponders including rental fees, security deposits, returns, etc..

If you purchased a RaceReady transponder with Best in the Desert in 2025: LiveTime will buy your transponder back in exchange for four (4) free rentals for the 2026 race season. All you need to do is bring your existing RaceReady transponder to race registration, along with the pouch and other accessories, and they will take it and credit you onsite.

14) Drivers Meeting

The Drivers/Riders Meeting will be held at Iron Wolf Resort at the **Pavilion Concert Venue**.

Please always check the [Schedule of Events](#) for up to date times. This is where you will receive all the final race related information. Attendance is **mandatory** by all registered racers.

Attendance will be taken at random.

15) Course Marking Guide

Best in the Desert's existing course marking procedures will be used at all 5 events in the American Off-Road Racing Championship. Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with our course markings. These are all the course markings you will see on race day. A description of each types of signs and explanation of meaning for each sign can be found here:

<https://theparker400.com/racer-info/>

16) Race Format & Start Procedures

Final race formats, start procedures, start intervals and finish procedures can be found on this page: <https://theparker400.com/racer-info/>

17) Race Course Files

All official course files are now available to download on this page:

<https://theparker400.com/racer-info/>

18) Qualifying Details

Please visit the final race formats, start procedures, start intervals and finish procedures here:

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19) Staging & Race Start Times

Please always reference the Schedule of Events for up to date staging times:

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Please be on time! Please be on time! Please be on time! Please be on time!

All race staging, **including the youth races**, will happen at the Start Line along the pole lines inside Main Pit. Our staff will be onsite to get you into position.

20) Race Operations Radio Frequencies

Race-day communications will be broadcasted on **BITD Ops**. Please make sure you have this frequency programmed into your radio. **BITD Ops Radio Frequency = 151.490**

Race teams - You will use this channel to call for status checks on vehicle location, report vehicle out of race, relay pertinent safety info (spotted a downed vehicle, need help at RM xx, etc).

Drivers/Co Drivers - You will use these channels to call for immediate assistance or request retrieval.

21) Specific Rulebook / Technical Inspection Reminders



Window Nets - Window nets are required from B-Pillar to A-Pillar and that the maximum gap is one (1) inch.

Fire Extinguishers:

- All vehicles must have a 2.5lb fire extinguisher easily accessible from inside of the vehicle.
- All vehicles must also have a 5lb fire extinguisher mounted on the exterior of the vehicle.

Helmets, neck restraints, suits, helmet apron (or head sock), shoes, belts and nets will be checked at Technical Inspection. It is your responsibility to make sure you meet all General, Technical and Class specific requirements in the American Off-Road Racing Championship Rulebook: <https://americanoffroadracingchampionship.com/rulebook/>

Please contact Bill Savage at tech@unlimitedoffroadracing.com with any Technical Inspection questions.

22) Helicopter Registration

Anyone wishing to fly a helicopter during the race **MUST** pre-register their helicopters [on this page](#). **Helicopter registration closes Tuesday, January 14th at 5pm and will not be reopened for late helicopter signups.** The helicopter safety briefing will be virtual and will be conducted Wednesday, January 14th at 6pm. Attendance is mandatory for all pilots.

23) Protesting

If you wish to file a competition protest due to incidents related to your race, you may do so via the electronic form linked below. **Please DO NOT stop race officials during the event to discuss your protest. The officials at the finish line or stage do NOT score your race.** Note that protests can only be filed by either the Driver of Record or Team Captain and must be **filed no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the race/heat you competed in.**

There is no deposit required to file a safety related protest (unsafe speed, course cutting, excessive nerfing, etc) but technical protests will require a \$500 deposit payable via Venmo

@terranautmediagroup. (Refunded to you if the protest is valid.) Please provide any pertinent evidence you have to support your claim either via file upload on the form or via email as noted in the form instructions. Race officials will review all available evidence prior to making penalty decisions.

[LINK TO PROTEST FORM](#)

Please note - Unsportsmanlike conduct at our start/finish line is grounds for time penalties, disqualification and/or permanent ban from future events. This conduct includes but is not limited to profanity, crossing the ped fence into the finishing corral, physical intimidation and/or aggressive driving into or out of the finishing corral. You may appeal any decision by race officials using the official protest form. However you may not verbally accost our timing, scoring, staging, or officials. Racers are responsible for the actions of their teams.

24) Finish Line Etiquette

When you leave the course after completing your final lap, our staff will be there to guide you to the podium. We will be greeting you with cold water or a cold Belching Beaver Parker 400 beer (21+). Trash cans and bathrooms will be in the area. Please follow directions by our staff as we work hard to get you all across the finish line stage. Important notes:

- If you wish to skip the finish line stage you may do so by taking the bypass on the right of the coral. Please let our staff know you are bypassing and we will guide you through.
- Deposit any trash or catheters into the trash cans. Do NOT remove your catheters and drop them on the ground! Anyone caught doing so will be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- **The finish line staff do not score your race.** Please do not stop them and ask to file a protest. They are volunteers, not referees and they deserve to be treated professionally.
- Please bear with us as we work hard to get Class winners on the livestream. We will get everyone across the stage as quickly as possible. Thank you!

25) Tracking and Live Scoring

Our live scoring and tracking will be live on both Friday and Saturday on this page:

<https://americanoffroadracingchampionship.com/live/>

What is unique about AORC Timing & Scoring? Timing & Scoring gives overall corrected time updates each time a vehicle passes over a timing gate.

Start/Finish Timing Gate: Each time you pass through the start finish line, your lap time will be recorded and your overall time will be corrected and updated on the public leaderboard.

Remote Timing Gates: Each time you pass through a remote timing gate, your overall time will be corrected and updated on the public leaderboard. Remote gates will be placed at the entrance to the **CAP Canal** and **Midway Pits**. This creates three sectors for the Car/Trucks and two sectors for the motorcycles. This gives you **overall corrected time scoring updates** when you pass over each gate.

You can follow our live stream, live scoring and tracking on both Friday and Saturday at <https://americanoffroadracingchampionship.com/live/>.

Please share this link with your friends and family so they can follow you battle it out on race day!

26) Have Fun & Be Kind!

It's time for you to enjoy the event and have a great race. Our team works hard to put together these events and we appreciate your participation. Please treat all members of our staff with courtesy and respect and we will do everything we can to help ensure you and your team have a great race weekend. **95% of our team are volunteers** who dedicate their personal time and energy to provide a safe race course for racers. If you or your team would like to get involved, please feel free to reach out to our Race Operations Manager Jason Prichard (jason@unlimitedoffroadracing.com).

Thank you for choosing to race with American Off-Road Racing Championship.

Respect is earned one mile at a time.

- The Parker 400