



# 2020 Sporting Regulations

English Language

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Time Attack Balkans is a car format that aims to enable everyone with "petrol in their blood" to drive their cars on a track during an organized event. The rules and requirements described in this document are the minimum requirements to both professional racing drivers with racing cars and non-professional drivers with non-specialized cars so that they are allowed on the track. In its essence, Time Attack Balkans is a format designed to provide fun to its participants in a safe way and believes that sportsmanship is the very essence of sport as well as the basis of every rivalry. Participants are expected to follow the rules and behave in a sportsmanlike way. To them, fairness and safety must be above all. Having won by fraud, a person just found a way to get the trophy without winning the victory.

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## 1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1. If something is not referred to in the Sporting Regulations as allowed, it means that it is forbidden. You can ask the TAB management about anything not listed in the Sporting Regulations and you will receive a official written answer. In such situations, the Sporting Regulations may be revised if necessary.
- 1.2. The 2020 events are conducted in accordance with these Sporting Regulations, the 2020 Technical Regulations, the Specific Schedule, and the conditions for each individual event published at [www.TimeAttackBalkans.com](http://www.TimeAttackBalkans.com) as well as in accordance with the Rules for Use of Specific Track.

## 2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 2.1. The Time Attack Balkans events are meant to be fun for all attendees, so all participants are expected to behave in a civilized way during any TAB activity, including rounds, test days, official meetings, press conferences, public appearances, demonstration events. Pilots are responsible for the behavior of all persons accompanying them: team, guests, friends, etc.
- 2.2. Civilized behavior means demonstrating respect for the Time Attack Balkans Championship as well as for all officials, colleagues participating in the events, the 2020 Sporting Regulations of Time Attack Balkans, the 2020 Technical Regulations of Time Attack Balkans, sponsors of individual events or the entire championship during and outside the events, on social networks, in front of media, and anywhere where the prestige of the above can be publicly affected. Each pilot has the right to ask questions and rationally discuss them with the TAB employees. Any pilot or accompanying person doing it in an inappropriate way will be fined and / or disqualified.

## 3. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- 3.1. Allowed to participate in the TAB events are drivers who hold valid driving licences: "B"category as a minimum or its corresponding category for driving licenses issued by other countries.
- 3.2. TAB may make exceptions to the rule described in 3.1 for participants who have successfully completed a racing driving school and/or have experience in professional karting competitions and/or hold a B1 driving license. In such cases, they must produce a notary certified declaration by both their parents in relation to the particular event, with the name of the event, date, venue, etc. It is advisable to contact TAB at least 2 weeks before the event for the specific details. Such an exception will be demonstration of goodwill on the part of TAB in order to support the development of young talents, and TAB may refuse such participation without explanation.
- 3.3. Drivers whose driving licenses have been forfeited because of violations are allowed under no circumstances.
- 3.4. It is the duty and responsibility of each participant to inform the management of TAB about any potential or existing medical problems.

## 4. PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Participation registrations are submitted at [www.TimeAttackBalkans.com](http://www.TimeAttackBalkans.com) . Every registrations to participate in a particular event means that the persons in question automatically agree with the following:
  - ▶ The 2020 Sporting Regulations of Time Attack Balkans; the 2020 Technical Regulations of Time Attack Balkans; the Rules for Use of Particular Track; all details of the event that have been posted on [www.TimeAttackBalkans.com](http://www.TimeAttackBalkans.com)
  - ▶ A waiver of any claims to the organizers of the event, and/or promoters, and/or the owners of the facility, and/or operators (including their employees) related to material and non-material damage caused to them during their participation in the event.
  - ▶ Readiness to pay for all material and non-material damage caused to the event organizers, and/or promoters, and the owners of the facility, and/or operators (including their employees) or to third parties during their participation in the event.
  - ▶ In case of damages to the track (including the whole facility), the participant will pay for the damage without the organizers' intervention.
  - ▶ Use of frames/photos with them, their cars, and use of their names for any advertising, promotional, and other campaigns to develop and promote TAB.
- 4.2. Every registration to participate refers to a participant-class combination.

## 5. PARTICIPANTS

- 5.1. Participants are entitled:
  - ▶ To drive only one car in a class.
  - ▶ To drive one car in different classes.

- ▶ To drive different cars in different classes.
- 5.2. Cars may:
- ▶ Be driven by several participants in a class.
  - ▶ Be driven by different participants in different classes.
- 5.3. It is forbidden for participants to delegate their rights to another person to drive their car if the person concerned was not registered for participation with that car.
- 5.4. It is forbidden to use a substitute car in the same class after the recording of a minimum of one lap time by a participant. In case no lap time is yet registered, participants are entitled to use a substitute car as long as it does not violate paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of the Sporting Regulations.
- 5.5. All participants are responsible and shall ensure that their cars comply with the rules of the class and the technical requirements.
- 5.6. All participants as well as their accompanying persons must follow the instructions of the marshals and all officials at the event.
- 5.7. All participants are solely responsible for keeping track of the schedule of the event and for getting informed about any changes caused by force majeure.
- 5.8. While on the track, all participants must be equipped with helmets and have their seat belts put on.
- 5.9. While on the track, participants must keep track of the situation behind them by using the mirrors. It is forbidden to interfere with the movement of another participant on the track.
- 5.10. If a car breakdown occurs on the track and it is not possible to reach the paddock under its own power, the participant must stop the car at a safe place and go behind the closest enclosures to wait for further instructions by an employee on the track or TAB. Participants are required to execute immediately all instructions by employees on the track and/or TAB. Team members do not have the right to enter the track without permission by a TAB employee or an employee on the track.
- 5.11. In case of leakage from a car, the participant must take immediate action to minimize the environmental impact and pollution of the facility.
- 5.12. The TAB management recommends that all participants lock their values. Participants are solely responsible for the safe keeping of their own items. The TAB management and employees are not responsible for any loss, damage or theft during the event.

## 6. STANDINGS

- 6.1. The standing in each individual event in TAB is based on the times reported by transponders provided and/or approved by the organizer.
- 6.2. The standing is determined by comparing the best times of the participants from all sessions after the end of the last session valid for all participants. The standing is for each individual class and a general one (for all participants). There is a standing for each individual class, a general standing for all participants, **and a general standing for all participants using street legal tires.**
- 6.2.1. The fastest 8 (eight) participants in the general standing for all participants and the general standing for participants using street legal tires, qualify for Touge Battle (rules for Touge Battle are described in article 7.**
- 6.2.2. The final points in the general standing for all participants and the general standing for participants using street legal tires are based on the standing of each participant in the Touge Battle.**
- 6.3. Points are received by the top 10 (ten) participants in each class as follows:
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> place – 25 points
  - ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 18 points
  - ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 15 points
  - ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> place – 12 points
  - ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> place – 10 points
  - ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> place – 8 points
  - ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> place – 6 points
  - ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> place – 4 points
  - ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> place – 2 points
  - ▶ 10<sup>th</sup> place – 1 point
- 6.3.1. In case of less than four participants in a class, the scores received by the participants in the class are half of the above.

6.4. Points are received by the top 32 (thirty-two) participants in the General Standing as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place - 100 points	12 <sup>th</sup> place - 31 points	23 <sup>rd</sup> place - 10 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place - 90 points	13 <sup>th</sup> place - 28 points	24 <sup>th</sup> place - 9 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place - 80 points	14 <sup>th</sup> place - 25 points	25 <sup>th</sup> place - 8 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place - 70 points	15 <sup>th</sup> place - 22 points	26 <sup>th</sup> place - 7 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place - 60 points	16 <sup>th</sup> place - 19 points	27 <sup>th</sup> place - 6 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place - 55 points	17 <sup>th</sup> place - 16 points	28 <sup>th</sup> place - 5 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place - 50 points	18 <sup>th</sup> place - 15 points	29 <sup>th</sup> place - 4 points
8 <sup>th</sup> place - 45 points	19 <sup>th</sup> place - 14 points	30 <sup>th</sup> place - 3 points
9 <sup>th</sup> place - 40 points	20 <sup>th</sup> place - 13 points	31 <sup>st</sup> place - 2 points
10 <sup>th</sup> place - 37 points	21 <sup>st</sup> place - 12 points	32 <sup>nd</sup> place - 1 point
11 <sup>th</sup> place - 34 points	22 <sup>nd</sup> place - 11 points	

6.4.1. The points in the last round for the year are double (also applies to classes): Double points will be awarded only to the participants who, during the year, have participated in at least 2 (two) rounds before the last one. Anyone for whom the last round is the first or second for the year will receive a normal number of points.

6.5. The standing for the year is determined on the basis of the points received in the TAB events that took place during the year. There is a standing for each class as well as a general standing for all participants. The participant who has received the most points in the General Standing is entitled to participate in the next TAB season under number 1.

6.6. In case of equal number of points, for the final standing of the year is taken into account the number of the first, second, third, etc. places during the whole year. If the number of points is equal again, what is taken into account is the standing in the last round in which at least one of the participants took part.

6.7. Participants receive points in the class in which they participate in the particular event. In case that in a following event a pilot participates in another class, the points received so far are not transferred to their new class, nor are the points received in the new class added to the ones received before that.

6.8. If a participant is disqualified from the standing of an event after its end, they are obliged, as soon as possible but not later than 7 days after the official announcement of the disqualification, to return the prize awarded in the same condition in which it was received. The costs of returning the prize are at the expense of the participant disqualified.

6.9. Team standing: Each participant may participate in the TAB events as a member of a team. **Up to 3 members can be signed up in a team for every event. For each event the members in a team can be different. One member can participate in only one team for a particular event, but for different events they can participate in different teams.** The participation as a member of a team is not obligatory but optional and is declared at the time of submission of the participation registration in the respective round. Each team receives points for its members registered for the General Standing.

## 7. TOUGE BATTLE

7.1. **Takes place twice: once with the fastest 8 from the general standing for all participants (Touge Battle) and once with the fastest 8 from the general standing for participants, using street legal tires (Street Touge Battle).**

7.2. **Touge Battle is carried out based on the principle of direct elimination in 2 of 3 wins in every battle.** The two cars enter the track simultaneously and make a total of 5 laps, of which:

- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> lap – Warm Up
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> lap – 1<sup>st</sup> run – both cars are on the track one behind another
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> lap – Lap for changing places of the cars
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> lap – 2<sup>nd</sup> run – both cars are on the track one behind another
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> lap – Cooling lap for going back to the pit lane

From each battle, the two participants with the best times in the battle continue.

7.3. **Winner is the participant, who takes two wins in one battle. In case of a tie, two more laps are added – the first one is for changing places of the cars, and the second one is a fast lap (3<sup>rd</sup> run).**

7.4. **The winner in a run (fast lap) is identified the following way: when both participants reach the start/final line of the track prior to the beginning of the first run, the time gap between them is measured. Next time they reach the start/final line, the time gap is measured again. If it has widened – the leading car wins. If it has shrunk – the following car wins.**

- 7.5. The winner in the battle is the participant who takes the win in two runs, regardless of the time gap differences.
- 7.6. When a participant is a following car in a run, they have to start the fast lap at a time gap not wider than 2 (two) seconds from the leading car. In case of a wider gap – the win is automatically given to the leading car.
- 7.7. Overtaking in the runs (fast laps) is forbidden. The following car is allowed to drive very close to the leading car, but without overtaking it.
- 7.8. In case a participant goes out of the track with all four wheels during the runs (fast laps), they automatically lose the run.
- 7.9. When the cars enter a lap, in which they have to change places, the leading car must reduce its speed enough, so the change of places can happen in the beginning of the lap. The final point at which change of places is allowed to happen, will be announced in the briefing of every event. The leading car is fully responsible for changing the places up to the final point.
- 7.10. For every battle, the leading car in the first run is the car with better qualification time in top 8.
- 7.11. During Touge Battle and Street Touge Battle every car should meet the requirements for the class, in which it has participated during the day.
- 7.12. The positions from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> are determined in the battles “Final” and “Final for 3<sup>rd</sup> place”.
- 7.13. The positions from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> are determined by a better time, registered in any run during Touge Battle.
  - 7.13.1. In case there are participants with equal times, the higher standing will be for the one with better qualification time for Touge Battle.

## 8. ROOKIE CUP

- 8.1. Everyone who in 2020 participates for the first time in TAB (hasn't participated in 2019 at all) and drives with street legal tires, will be automatically included in the standing for rookie of the year.
- 8.2. The points which every participant in Rookie Cup receives are equal to the points they receive in the general standing for participants with street legal tires for the respective round.
- 8.3. Rookie of the year is the participant, who after the last round has most points in the general standing for participants using street legal tires.
  - 8.3.1. In case of equal points in the final standing of the year, the number of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. places during the separate races will be considered. If there are equality again, the last round in which at least one of the participants had participated will be considered.

## 9. OFFICIALS

- 9.1. Director: responsible for the overall running of the event.
- 9.2. Event Secretary: Carries out the registration and the administrative review of all participants in the event.
- 9.3. Doctor: in case of an accident, gives an opinion whether a participant is able to continue his participation in the event.
- 9.4. Timekeeper: responsible for the timing of all participants.
- 9.5. Chief Marshal: alerts the participants that the track is free and they can enter it; bears responsibility for the overall coordination of the Marshal Team and, if necessary, instructs the marshals to flap a flag.
- 9.6. Marshall: responsible for the signals/flags at the turns. At their discretion and having taken into account what is going on the track, they can use their available flags: green and yellow.
- 9.7. Presenters: speakers of the organizer, whose instructions and information everyone on the track is bound to follow.

## 10. FLAGS



- ▶ Green flag: The track is clean and participants can drive at a freely-selectable pace.
- ▶ Positioned yellow flag: Danger alert for the area that follows. Attention! Slow down!.
- ▶ Yellow flapping flag: Danger alert for the area that follows. Attention! Slow down and be ready to stop!

- ▶ Red flag: Immediate ending of the session and entering the cars into the pit lane or the paddock.
- ▶ Black and white checked flag (black and white squares): End of the session. The checked flag is flapped at a specific time. It is strictly forbidden to make more cooling laps.
- ▶ Black flag: this flag is shown to a driver who has a technical problem. He must stop in the paddock and remove the damage. The flag is shown in no more than two consecutive laps. The flag is shown without flapping and may be in combination with a black plate with white figures showing the number to which it refers.

## 11. SANCTIONS

- 11.1. TAB may impose sanctions for any violation of the Sporting Regulations and/or the Technical Regulations and/or the Rules for Use of Specific Track, and/or for fraud attempt and/or for situations that cause a delay in the schedule of the event as well as for any actions or inactions of the participants and the individuals accompanying them, which impede the normal course of the event, as TAB sees fit: denial of a lap/session, and/or exclusion from further participation, and/or disqualification, and/or a fine in the amount of 25 BGN to 250 euro. In extreme cases, TAB reserves the right to take any action it deems necessary.
- 11.2. TAB may refuse participation to anyone considered as not contributing to the good spirit of the event or the best interest of the sport or an individual having inappropriate or abusive behavior. TAB has the right to refuse participation in its sole discretion without explaining the refusal.
- 11.3. If a participant leaves the track to get a better lap time and thus pollutes the track, they will be disqualified.
- 11.4. Excessive spins and loss of control over the car may result in exclusion of the respective participant from the event.
- 11.5. All decisions and sanctions imposed by TAB are final and not subject to appeal.
- 11.6. TAB has the right to publicly announce each sanction imposed.
- 11.7. Each sanction shall be deemed executed after serving and/or payment of the fine imposed on the guilty participant or after the expiry of a three-year period from the date of the event in which it was imposed.

## 12. MEDIA

- 12.1. Anyone who wishes to do so has the right to free access to a paddock that does not require TAB accreditation. For access to the track, one needs to obtain TAB accreditation for the relevant event.
- 12.2. The accreditation may be issued to a particular person only after confirming a waiver of any claims to TAB and/or the organizers of the event, and/or promoters, and/or the owners the facility, and/or operators (including their employees), related to any material and non-material damages caused to them during their participation in the event. All accredited persons must wear a reflective vest all the time. Their vests are their passes. Any removal of the vest may cause loss of accreditation. Accreditation may at any time be withdrawn without explanation.

## 13. TERMS

- 13.1. Track: the configuration of the asphalt cover on which the relevant event takes place. The track is usually marked with one line on each side (usually at the end of the asphalt cover).
- 13.2. Pit lane: the alley that is parallel to the start-finish line of each track. The pit lane connects the track and the paddock.
- 13.3. Paddock: the location of the participants' boxes.
- 13.4. Facility: includes track, pit lane, paddock, and the entire infrastructure such as buildings, garages, fences, lawns, walls, etc. where the event takes place. The boundaries of the facility are usually outlined with a fence.
- 13.5. Pilot/participant: driver of a car during a car event. Any person applying for participation in an event automatically becomes a pilot/participant.
- 13.6. Accompanying person: Any person who, in any form, assists a participant within the facility.
- 13.7. Team: one or more participants who, when registering for participation, specify one and the same name in the Team column.
- 13.8. TAB employee: any person wearing distinctive clothing of TAB and/or a badge.
- 13.9. TAB: Time Attack Balkans

#### 14. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 14.1. The organizers do not bear any material, legal or moral responsibility to the participants or third parties for any damage caused to them during the event.;
- 14.2. The entire content of this document is intellectual property of DCB Group Ltd. Any use of part of or the entire document without permission by DCB Group Ltd. is absolutely prohibited!
- 14.3. The rules are not interpreted but performed as written!!! If not sure about any rule, please contact us to avoid unpleasant surprises on the track!



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