

## **Welcome Rebelles!**

The Rebelle Rally is the first women's off-road navigation rally raid of its type in the United States. It is the ultimate road trip for the adventurous and competitive woman. The name of the game is pace and precision. You do not need to be a professional driver or have a race vehicle. The Rebelle is designed for 4x4 and Crossover vehicles and takes place on the stunning dirt roads, double tracks, trails, and sand dunes of the vast American West. Whether you are new to off-road, or a seasoned pro, our goal is to challenge you to embrace and enhance your driving and navigation skills for your future journeys – wherever they may lead you.

Below are some FAQs to help you gain a better understanding of this inaugural event.

- **General Info**
- **The Competition – Skills / Training / Vehicles**
- **Base Camp / Food & Beverage / Weather / Medical**
- **Marketing / Media / Social Media**
- **Equipment / Packing**

### **Requirements:**

Comply with all listed dates, paperwork, rules and regulations, and show required items upon technical inspection. Be on time and comply with the code of sportsperson-like conduct.

### **Do I need experience?**

You don't need to be a professional driver or navigator. However, you do need to show us you are ready for the desert challenge. A 4x4 driving course or equivalent experience, and an introductory navigation course (offered online and free of charge by the Rebelle to pre-registered participants) is required to cross the starting line.

### **Can a driver and navigator switch roles?**

YES! And we encourage both teammates to have sharp navigation and driving skills. It will improve your results and your experience.

### **Can I hurt my vehicle?**

You are responsible for your vehicle. The terrain is a combination of dirt roads, double tracks, trails, and sand dunes (excluding crossovers) and can cause wear and tear and "desert pinstriping" (caused from brushing twigs, bushes, trees, etc.). There may be course changes due to erosion and flooding. Expect washouts, rocks, etc. We recommend driving smoothly and carefully, make good decisions on where to place your vehicle, and don't drive over your abilities or your car or truck's capabilities. If you drive too fast, make poor driving decisions, etc., you can cause harm to you and your vehicle.

### **Do I need a racecar/truck?**

NO! This rally is designed for stock vehicles that you buy from a dealer. All vehicles MUST be street legal, plated, and able to travel on Interstates at the posted speed limits. Remember, the 4x4 in your driveway is more capable than you may know. However, we do recommend good off-road tires and underbody protection. Sturdy bumpers, removed lower air dams (if necessary), and lights are also good considerations. [Attention off-road racers - You get out of the vehicle frequently and use regular paper maps, so regular doors, windshields, seatbelts make this rally much more enjoyable than a modified truck.]

### **What are the prizes?**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: The prize for winning a specific class is free entry into the following Rebelle Rally, bragging rights, and a custom trophy and other non-cash prizes. (4x4 Class and the Crossover Class winners will receive \$5,000 in credit for each competitor toward the following year's entry. This cannot be converted to a cash prize if the competitor chooses not to compete the following year.)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Custom trophy and non-cash prizes

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Custom trophy and non-cash prizes

Team Spirit Award: This special award is selected by the competitors and given to the team that displays the best attitude, helps others, and defines the Rebelle spirit. This team will have \$5,000 donated to the charity of their choosing. This will be announced at the final gala dinner.

Bone Stock Award: An award we are excited about is the “Bone Stock” award. This is the team that gets the highest score in a completely “Bone Stock” vehicle. One will be awarded for each class. A Bone Stock vehicle is defined as not having any modifications beyond off-road tires. Nothing.

**Can my family or friends come along?**

Family and friends are welcome to be with you at the opening reception and at the closing black tie gala. Gala tickets will go on sale July 1<sup>st</sup>. However, due to the nature of the competition, and land management concerns, they are not allowed at the Base Camps or to follow you, but will be able to track your progress online with our Iritrack system. You and your teammate need to remain focused and in the moment. We believe you will appreciate it while competing, but happy to celebrate with them at the end! Please contact us if you have family traveling to the area for a vacation during your time on the rally. We are happy to make travel suggestions.

• **The Competition – Skills / Training / Vehicles**

**When can we study the competition route?**

We will not publish the course until the day of each event. Currently, we have several Base Camps and one Self Camp night. This is subject to change. Be prepared for the adventure. We will post a list of Base Camps just prior to the start of the rally.

**What Basic Skills Do I Need?**

Navigation Skills:

- Knowing how to read a map
  - Knowing how to use a compass
  - Knowing how to use a plotter
  - Plotting latitude and longitude on a map
  - Triangulation
  - Route planning
  - Reading pace notes/tulip notes
  - Understanding pace
  - Basic understanding of angles (geometry)
  - Good communication and organization skills
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Driving Skills & Knowledge:

- Knowing how and when to use 4 wheel drive (high range & low range)
  - Understanding traction control & throttle control
  - Knowing how to judge appropriate speed for the terrain
  - Ability to read terrain
  - Tire placement
  - Knowing your vehicle’s capabilities and limitations
  - Negotiating rocks, sand, loose dirt, washouts and ruts, etc.
  - Sand dune technique
  - Knowing your capabilities and limitations as a driver & making good, safe decisions
  - Changing a tire
  - Managing a vehicle’s fluids
  - Knowing how to get a vehicle unstuck
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**Vehicle Classes:**

The Rebelle Rally is open to stock vehicles. Vehicles must be street legal. Vehicles must be plated, and able to travel at posted speed limits on all roads including Interstates.. Items such as roll cages and harnesses are not required. Skid plates and reinforced bumpers are good options. Please contact the rally staff to inquire about specific vehicle questions.

4x4

4-wheel drive vehicles with a two-speed transfer case (low range)

- Examples: Jeep Wrangler/Rubicon, pickup trucks with SUVs including Toyota Tacoma 4x4, Chevy Colorado, Land Rover / Range Rover

Crossover

Unibody construction and two-wheel or all-wheel drive (no low range)

- Examples: Subaru Forrester/Outback, Mitsubishi Outlander, Toyota RAV4, etc.

For vehicles in question, please contact the rally staff.

What will be covered in Technical Inspection?

This is an important section that takes place on October 13<sup>th</sup> in South Lake Tahoe. This will allow us to meet with you to distribute necessary items, install Iritrack, check for required items, register for fuel service, etc. This will begin at approximately 12 noon and finish by 5 pm.

### **What is the competition format?**

#### **Competition Overview:**

We have designed an interesting course that is fun to drive (in our book!) and respectful to our desert environment. Our goal is that when you finish, you have tested and sharpened your driving skills, and definitely sharpened several different types of navigation skills. The Rebelle Rally combines multiple types of navigation/driving challenges including the following items:

- Navigation to checkpoints (CPs)
- Checkpoint accuracy
- Regularity type sections between CPs
- Bonus checkpoints (placed to force strategic decisions)
- Route book reading (including pace notes/tulips) & management
- Plotting checkpoint Latitude and Longitudes
- Plotting distance and heading
- Route choice
- Map reading

The primary tools are compass, map, plotter, ruler, calculator, and route book. We recommend using a TerraTrip. Competitors will have a set time for the day with the final checkpoint closing at a specified time. If a CP is missed or cannot be found, a team will continue forward to the next CP. Competitors cannot go back to a missed CP or check off CPs out of order. There will be more than one type of CP score and regularity sections. Bonus checkpoints will exist. Penalty points are subtracted from the overall score. The team with the highest score is the winner of the Rebelle Rally. There are no tie-breakers. Teams with the same score will receive the same final standing. (There can be two winning teams.) No team will be eligible to win if they have been penalized for outside assistance. In the unlikely occurrence all teams receive outside assistance, the winner will be the team with the highest score. The rulebook with scoring information and penalty details will be available and distributed no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Prior to the event, the route is only known by the course and land management officials and not published until the day of competition.

### **Tracking & Safety**

Your safety is a top priority. Teams will receive an Iritrack device. This is a tracking device that will be installed at Technical Inspection. This allows the course officials to track your vehicle. There is a sat phone feature that enables you to call the safety officials in case of an emergency, and for rally officials to communicate with you. If teams cannot find the evening Base Camp, competitors will be contacted after the close of the final CP and assisted back to the Base Camp.

### **I have a medical condition.**

You will need a letter signed by your doctor within 1 month of competition stating you are medically cleared to participate. You are responsible for bringing your personal medication.

There is a medical team at the Base Camp, and EMTs on course. We also have immediate communications to local and regional medical/safety teams including air service. All teams are required to carry 1 First Aid kit in the vehicle. It should be easily accessible. Although not required, it is always a good idea to take a Red Cross First Aid & CPR course, as it can help you in your future adventures.

### **How Should I Prepare for the Rally?**

Navigation: The Rebelle Rally offers an introductory navigation course webcast and online supporting materials. Courses will be held starting in April and continue through September. A schedule will be posted online. We encourage you to do additional training to sharpen your skills. Please check our forum regularly for training information. Also, we recommend checking with your local REI for a map and compass class, and checking your local area for orienteering clubs, as these outlets can be great practice for getting to "know where you are and where you are going."

Driving: Driving courses are offered in Reno, Nevada by Rod Hall DRIVE. This is within close proximity of the start. They will also offer driving courses and refreshers just prior to the start of the rally.

Please contact them directly for information and inquiries.

Rod Hall DRIVE  
Contact: Mike Winkel  
775.742.0988

Other excellent providers of off-road driving instruction include:

Barlow Adventures  
Contact: Nena Barlow  
(928) 282-8700

The 4x4 Center (Vermont)  
[www.the4x4center.com](http://www.the4x4center.com)

#### **How does the mechanical/vehicle assistance work?**

All teams have a designated mechanics team provided by the rally. You can use the mechanic services at the base camp at night to check and fix your vehicle as needed. Please bring a case with your necessary vehicle spares.

#### **What if my car breaks down on course?**

If your car breaks down on the course and you cannot fix it or limp it to the Base Camp, use your Iritrack to call rally officials. A team of mechanics will come to your vehicle, assess the problem, and fix it if possible. If it cannot be fixed in the field or at the Base Camp, we will call a tow company. The tow company will tow the vehicle to the nearest primary city (Reno, Las Vegas, Riverside, San Diego, etc.). You will stay with your vehicle until it is repaired. You will have a rally point of contact. You will stay in communication with that point of contact and inform them of progress and your schedule. You can come back to the rally to continue the competition (although, you will have missed checkpoints) regardless of what day you return. Towing and repairs that are done in a city, and not at the rally, and your expenses while away from the rally, will be paid for by the particular team.

#### **Can I bring my own mechanic?**

No. However, if your mechanic has interest in volunteering services during the rally, this can be submitted for review by the rally. The mechanic would become a part of the mechanics team and work on other vehicles as well as yours. However, your vehicle would not be placed in a priority system. The lead mechanic oversees assignments.

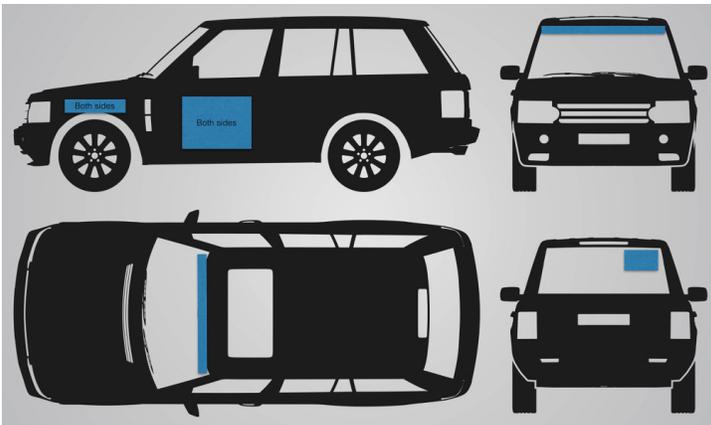
#### **Fuel?**

A fuel truck will be onsite at the Base Camps and predetermined locations on the Marathon Stages. Competitors will fuel in the evening or prior to morning departure. You are not allowed to carry jerry cans of fuel. You are allowed a properly ventilated accessory fuel tank.

Vehicles must be able to drive at least 300 miles on one tank of fuel.

#### **Can I decorate my car?**

YES! We encourage it - from stickers to partial and full wraps - it allows you to show off your sponsors and add your personal touch to your team and vehicle. Vehicle wraps can also help protect the paint from pinstriping. However, please refer to guidelines as the rally will have specific locations for required rally decals (including rally sponsors). Rally decals will be applied by rally staff at technical inspections.



#### **Can I rent a car?**

Prepared vehicles can be rented. The following companies are familiar with the rally and have specific Rebelle rental packages:

Rod Hall DRIVE  
Contact: Mike Winkel  
775.742.0988  
Vehicle Types: Jeep Wrangler – stock

Barlow Adventures  
Nena Barlow  
(928) 282-8700  
Vehicle Types: Jeep Wrangler – with modifications

**What devices are not allowed?**

You may not have a device that will enable you to communicate in real time or show GPS maps. Cell phones and GPS/Internet enabled devices are not allowed. These items should be enclosed in a case, locked or taped up, and display your team number. They will be collected after you arrive at the first Base Camp, kept in a safe location, and returned to you as soon as you cross the finish line on the final leg. They will be distributed to you if you must leave the rally due to an emergency or vehicle repair in a different location. However, GoPro cameras are allowed, along with other digital cameras.

**Can I use my cell phone once I stop driving during the day?**

You cannot use your cell phone until after the event. However, there will be available phones at the Base Camp for emergencies, and important calls. You will check in with rally staff to use the phone.

• **Base Camp / Food & Beverage / Weather / Medical**

**Where will we camp?**

The rally will have several Base Camps along the route. This is a traveling support village complete with toilets, showers, food, medical staff, mechanics, event staff, and competition officials. You will place your tent in a marked area. On loops that return to the same Base Camp, we recommend keeping your sleeping bag and other items with you for safety purposes. We cannot guarantee the security of personal items left behind in the Base Camp.

On the Marathon stage, you will self-camp at a designated location. This means that you will have other teams around you along with some rally staff. However, you will not have the amenities and services of Base Camp.

**What is the general schedule like?**

5 am - Wake Up  
5 am - Breakfast Open  
6 am - Competitor Briefing  
6:45 am - Line Up | Depart @ 7:00  
5-7 pm – Base Camp Arrivals  
7 pm – Dinner  
10 pm - Quiet Hours

**Can I bring my own food?**

You can bring your own food. However, dinners and breakfasts will be prepared in the Base Camp, buffet style. On the Marathon Stage, dinner and the following breakfast will not be served. We will provide ration packs for your team that will suffice for lunch and for your Marathon dinner. Of course, you are not limited to rations on the Marathon, and this is a great chance to cook out under the stars. So if you like, plan your menu and enjoy! We do encourage you to bring your favorite snacks.

**What about drinking water?**

We supply drinking water daily to each competitor. Please ensure you bring reusable water bottles (we recommend 2 large bottles per person). You will also bring a water reservoir for storing additional potable water. We ask that you refrain from bringing disposable plastic bottles!

**I have food allergies.**

Each breakfast and dinner in Base Camp will be prepared by Rebelle F&B service, overseen by our chef. Prior to the rally, you will submit a Rebelle competitor sheet that will include key items such as emergency contacts, allergies, food allergies, etc. Competitors will be offered selections that accommodate concerns such as dairy and gluten intolerance, etc. However, we do recommend you bring your favorite snacks or other food items you might like or work with your dietary restrictions.

**Will the Base Camp serve alcohol?**

Given the nature of the event, alcohol is not served in Base Camp. Alcohol will be served at the opening reception and closing ceremony gala.

**What will the weather be like?**

While I wish we could predict the weather, be prepared for just about anything. We will be traveling north to south. The temperatures should be moderate. Lows can range in 30s-40s in the north and the 50s-60s in the south. Highs tend to average between the 60s to 80s.  
Please expect wind.

**What if it rains?**

Then we will get wet, muddy, and possibly stuck more than once. We will monitor and communicate with teams from a safety perspective. Remember, the core of this rally is the competition. Despite some of the amenities, it is not a luxury travel trip.

• **Marketing / Media / Social Media**

Daily press release - Each day, we will post and email a daily recap including images, etc.

Live webcast - We are currently planning a live webcasts for a minimum of 5 episodes. We will include updates, footage, and team interviews.

Social - Social media will active each day.

We will have journalists on the rally, but are limited in availability.

**How can I get pictures of our team and vehicle in action?**

You can take your own images with your camera. However, we will have a minimum of 4 awesome photographers on the course taking images and posting them online for purchase.

You have two options –

1. Buy a guaranteed package of 25+ images and this includes personal and commercial uses. That's right, your sponsors can use these photos for media AND commercial uses. The material must not infer the team sponsor is a rally sponsor.
2. Purchase images individually after the rally. The website will give you an option for standard use which includes a standard use license (personal, social media, press) or a commercial use license (advertisements, etc.).

**How will I keep my social media up to date?**

We recommend you appointing someone near to you who can post images, updates, etc. Our team will send out rally updates with images, standings, and reports from the day that can be useful for their reports and posts. They can also repost official images from the rally on social media if they agree to tag @rebellerally and hashtag #repost. There will be live tracking of the teams and we encourage your person to watch the tracker.

**Can I bring my own video, photographer, documentary team?**

We do not have the space to accommodate this request. We will have videographers working on the production. A video package can be purchased if pre-arranged. Any commercial project requests must be submitted in writing to the rally outlining intent, distribution, storyboard.

• **Equipment / Packing**

**Recommended Vehicle Spares:**

Please note, this is not a race. However, you might encounter vehicle problems that are driving induced, or maintenance issues unrelated or unforeseen. You must bring your spares with you in a case you can fit in your vehicle (tires secured and/or mounted). Please note that if you break a part that you do not have, the mechanics will work to source the part (the part is at your expense). It is not guaranteed that can be found in an immediate timeframe. Please check with your personal mechanic to determine necessary parts for your vehicle. We have outlined the common parts below that can be problematic on an event of this nature.

2 spare tires on wheels

Belts (including timing belt)

Fuses

Fuel filter

Front and rear shock absorbers

Tie rods

Clutch cable

Hoses

Fluids

**Can you recommend a general packing list? (This is a general sample recommendation)**

Camping	Clothing	Toiletries	Vehicle
Tent	Jackets-light/rain/warm	Tweezers	Tool kit
Sleeping Bag	T-Shirts	Nail clippers	Tire compressor & tire gauges
Sleeping Pad	Comfortable-durable pants	Hygiene products	Fire Extinguisher
Pillow	Sweats/tights/leggings	Sunscreen	Tire plug kit
Camp Towels	Long sleeved tech shirt	Toilet paper-we recommend camping paper in ziploc	Extra valve cores
Headlamps	Shoes: boots, flip flops, running shoes	Lip balm	Duct tape
Flashlight	Scarf	Dental floss	Zip ties
Ziploc Bags	Beanie (it can get cold)	Baby wipes	Bungee cords & Ratchet straps
Thermos	Dependable watch	Extra tooth brush & tooth paste (you don't want to lose it!)	Helmet (requirements to be announced)
Batteries	Gala dress	Vitamins	MAXTRAX
Cup for hot liquids	Gala shoes	Necessary Rx medications	Tow strap with shackles
Reusable Water bottle	Baseball/trucker hat		Jumper cables
			Tire jack
			Choice of spares (see list below)
			Flag/Whip (for dunes)

**What documents do I need to complete?**

Competitor Info – Basic (due at the time of registration)

Competitor Info – Complete (due on September 1, 1016)

Participant Agreement with Waiver (signed upon registration and signed again onsite).

Present a signed letter within 1 month of the event from your doctor stating you are medically cleared.

All women who meet the criteria, are medically cleared, and over 18 years of age are invited to participate. Please note, all briefings and printed materials are in English. If you request assistance or additional information, please contact the rally staff.

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