



## The 2017 Polaris RZR Mint 400 presented by BFGoodrich Tires 2017 Mint 400 Media Guidelines

Welcome to the 2017 Mint 400! Please note, submission of a Media Credential Request Application does not guarantee media credentials. The Mint 400 will review all credential requests and reserves the right to approve or deny any application. The Mint 400 and/or Best in the Desert Staff reserve the right to remove credentials onsite if any policies or procedures, safety or otherwise, are violated. The Mint 400 is committed to safety of the entire venue, of our racers, spectators and media. Safety is of the utmost concern; therefore, we ask you to respect the following guidelines to help ensure the longevity of desert off-road racing. Allowing media access to The Mint 400 race is a privilege, not a right, and your access can be revoked at any time.

**\*\*If you are a media group, a form must be filled out for each individual\*\***

**No media credential requests will be accepted onsite.** No exceptions.

Media members must be 18 years of age or older.

Media credentials are non-transferable, no exceptions.

Credentials are required to shoot on course during Time Trials and The Mint 400 race. You do not need credentials to shoot any of the Mint 400 festivities or from spectator areas on race day. Competitor team members may NOT leave the designated pit areas to document the race.

### **Credential Fee**

The cost for media credentials is \$125 cash and is non-refundable under any circumstances.

### **Credential Pickup**

There is NO onsite media registration at The Mint 400 whatsoever. You must submit an application online.

Credentials are required to shoot on any part of the course AND during Time Trials and The Mint 400.

You do not need credentials to shoot any of the Mint 400 festivities or in spectator areas on race day. You must be present and show a valid government issued ID to receive your credentials. They may not be picked up by a third party as you will need to sign important waivers in person at the time of pick-up.

To pick up yours credentials before Time Trials, visit the media booth inside **LOCATION TBA** Thursday morning between **TIME TBA**. (Same location as the drivers Time Trial registration).

Credential pickup for those NOT shooting Time Trials is Friday, March 3rd from 9am to 5:00pm at the media table inside The Grand Ballroom, at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino. \$125 cash is due at the time of pickup, no exceptions. You will be issued a "Guest Media" vest, wristband, lanyard, and two media placards for your vehicle. Place the car placards in your front and rear windows prior to entering The Mint 400 race area. You must have your credentials to access the media parking areas and the Mint 400 racecourse.



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### **Release Waiver**

Each individual approved for media credentials must sign the required Best In The Desert Release Waiver AND The Mint 400 Release Waivers in person before credentials will be issued. Please bring a government issued photo ID with you.

### **Mint 400 Media License**

Each individual approved for media credentials must sign the Mint 400 Media License Agreement in person before credentials will be issued. Media licensing is strictly enforced at this event. All members of the media will be required to read and sign the Best in the Desert Safety Guidelines.

### **Aerial Drone Policy**

There is absolutely **NO** flying of unmanned, radio controlled “drones”, “quadcopters”, or “helicopters” at The Mint 400. This is in keeping with the 2017 Best in the Desert Media policy, BLM regulations, and Clarke County FAA requirements.

### **Mandatory Helicopter Pilots Meeting**

There is a mandatory helicopter pilots safety meeting on Friday March 3rd at 5pm, inside The Grand Ballroom at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino. The Mad Media television helicopters shall have the right of way in all flying conditions during the race.

### **Mandatory Media Safety Meeting**

There is a mandatory media safety meeting on Friday, March 3rd at 6pm at “The Grand” ballroom at the Golden Nugget. Attendance will be taken. We will review safety guidelines, discuss media rights, and offer suggestions for shooting locations. You must be credentialed to attend this meeting.

### **Mandatory Safety Vests, Media Credentials, Wristbands, and Media Placards**

All media personnel must wear the supplied Mint 400 safety vest on the course. No media will be allowed to wear personal vests. Failure to do so will result in revocation of your media credentials and you will be required to leave the course. This is a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Directive AND IS NOT OPTIONAL. Your 2017 Mint 400 Guest Media Vest is paid for with your credential fee. They do not need to be returned. In addition to your mandatory safety vest you must wear the issued wristband and credential at all times. Please display your supplied media vehicle placards on the front and rear windshield of your vehicle at all times. When you enter the media areas ALL persons in your vehicle must be credentialed media. NO EXCEPTIONS.



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### **Media Classes – “Guest Media” and “Mad Media”**

There are two classes of media at The Mint 400 - “Guest Media” which includes any/all media who are pre approved professionals credentialed by The Mint 400 wearing a Guest Media vest AND the “Mad Media” television film crew and photographers. The Mad Media film crews have additional access to areas NOT permitted to Guest Media and shall have the authority to request that Guest Media move if they are deemed to be unsafe, or obstructing television cameras view of the race course. Guest Media shall comply with requests from the Mad Media film crews or have their credentials taken and be asked to leave the racecourse. No exceptions.

Guest Media may be asked to move from a specific location for any reason, by BITD staff, BLM personnel, and/or Mad Media crew. Media credentials may be revoked (with no refund due), for any reason at any time including but not limited to: unprofessional behavior, unsafe behavior, and/or ignoring the requests of safety workers and/or BLM or BITD officials.

### **Race Teams**

In the interest of fairness to all race teams, NO RACE TEAM PERSONNEL are eligible for Media Credentials allowing them access to the racecourse. No exceptions. Race team members may NOT leave the designated pit areas to photograph or film the race.

### **Safety and Best Practices for Photographers and Videographers**

Per BITD media requirements, ALL MEDIA are required to stay back AT LEAST 50 FEET from the racecourse at all times. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STAND IN THE RACECOURSE FOR ANY REASON. If you are found on the course or within 50 feet of it by a Best in the Desert Official, or BLM official, your media privileges will be immediately revoked and you will be required to leave the event.

You are also not permitted to drive on any part of the racecourse at any time. No Exceptions. Tampering with any Best In The Desert race course markings, for any reason WILL NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the event, and you will be banned from any future Best In The Desert events.

Your course access for coverage of the race is governed by Best in the Desert and the BLM. You MUST ADHERE to these rules, or you will be removed.



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### Access to The Mint 400 Time Trials on Thursday, March 2nd

If you are planning to shoot Time Trials on Thursday March 2nd, you must be credentialed.

To pick up yours credentials before Time Trials, visit the media booth inside **LOCATION TBA** Thursday morning between **TIME TBA**. (Same location as the drivers Time Trial registration).

\$125 cash is due at the time of credential pickup, no exceptions! You will be issued a “Guest Media” vest, wristband, lanyard, and two media placards for your vehicle. Place the car placards in your front and rear windows prior to entering the Time Trials area. You must have your credentials to access the Time Trials parking area and the Time Trials course. Do NOT drive your vehicle into the open desert! Remain on marked roads always! DO NOT PARK ON VEGETATION OR YOU WILL BE TICKETED BY THE BLM.

Park your vehicle in the designated Time Trials parking area and walk to areas that are safely accessible to the Time Trials racecourse.

Use common sense when picking your spot to film or shoot from. The outsides of turns are very dangerous! Do not under any circumstances stand on the outside of a turn or cross the racecourse when a competitor is on course.

### Access to The Mint 400 Racecourse on Saturday, March 4th

Prior to driving out to the racecourse please tape your media placards to the front and rear window of your vehicle. Please put on your media vest and be prepared to show your wristband and credential badge. Everyone in your vehicle must have a vest, wristband, and credential – no exceptions.

You will be given a map that shows you where you may park your car to access the racecourse.

Please do NOT deviate from the marked roads and parking spots indicated on this map.

You may park in the spectator areas at no additional charge with your media vehicle placard.

You may access the racecourse from spectator areas, however please do your best to avoid blocking the view of those spectating.