



2023 BFGoodrich Tires Mint 400 Final Racer Information

February 27th, 2023 @ Noon PST

29 Things to Know Before Hitting the Road to The Mint 400

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 this single page, so you can reference it at any time. It will be updated constantly as information becomes available. Please refer to this page for any questions you may have prior to reaching out. If we know it, it's here: <https://themint400.com/racerinfo/>

2) Adding Additional Drivers & Changes to Information on the Entry List

Thank you to those who registered all their drivers and made the Entry List shirt. These can be purchased at our merchandise booths on Fremont Street and in Primm. This is different from the Racer Shirt that each banded racer will receive at onsite registration.

There are a lot of you that do not currently have co-drivers or additional drivers registered. Please, PLEASE take care of all of your additions and changes ahead of time, so onsite registration is a breeze! **Again, please do this ahead of time.**

Need to add additional drivers? Remove a teammate? Picked up a sponsor and want to add them to the entry list? Need to update your race number?

Any change that needs to be made to your event registration (or profile information) will be made by YOU through your dashboard. Complete details can be found here: <https://themint400.com/registration-changes/>.

3) Registering Your Pit Crews

New to 2023, Drivers of Records are required to register everyone in their pit, prior to the event. **Every person entering a pit must have a "Pit Crew" Wristband.** Racers do not need a pit crew wristband.

[Click here](#) to purchase a Pit Crew Wristband.

- Pit Crew Wristbands **will** grant you access into the Start/Finish Line Midway in Primm, NV, so you do not need to purchase Midway tickets.
- Pit Crew Wristbands **will not** grant you access to the Jean Spectator Areas in Jean, NV. Support crews are not allowed in Jean spectating areas. Failure to follow these simple rules may result in penalties assessed to your race team.

Youth Parents – You do not need to register yourselves as Pit Crew. You will just need a Waiver wristband as normal.

4) Onsite Registration

All registered racers must check in at Driver Registration located inside the **EI Cortez Fiesta Room** to receive their Driver Band and other additional information. The Fiesta Room is located in the Southeast corner of the first floor, right next to "Ike's Bar". Registration is open from 9:00am-6:00pm on Thursday, March 9th.

Registration will close promptly at 6:00pm.

EI Cortez Fiesta Room inside EI Cortez Casino & Hotel

600 E Fremont St
Las Vegas, NV 89101

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

The instructions for the Off-Road Festival race vehicle off/on load are simple. All vehicles must offload and onload at the Zappos Parking Lot. You will be escorted by Las Vegas Metro in groups from the staging area to the start of tech under the canopy, then again from the end of the Off-Road Festival back to the staging area.

This includes Youth Racers. If you are caught driving without a police escort you will be issued a ticket and subject to race penalty.

Complete details, including a map of the Tech Route, can be found [on this page](#).

Zappos Parking Lot Address:

301 N 7th St
Las Vegas, NV 89101

IMPORTANT! There is no parking in this parking lot overnight Wed or Thurs. Last year several rigs were left there on Thursday night. Any vehicles left in the parking lot after 9pm will be towed at the owner's expense!

6) Pit Information Guide

A complete breakdown of how the pits will work at The Mint 400 can be found [on this page](#).

Any vehicle entering a pit must have a pit pass for the correct day.

Any person entering a pit must sign the [event waiver](#) and have a [Pit Crew Wristband](#).

There is no overnight camping in any pits, including the motorcycle pit. All pits at The Mint 400 are considered "hot pits". Meaning, they are designated for race teams who are actively racing, and should be used for pitting operations only.

If you need to reserve a campsite, please do so here: <https://themint400.com/camping/>

7) Vehicle Pit Passes

Any vehicle entering a pit must have a pit pass for the correct day.

There is only one vehicle pit pass for each race day.

The **Friday Vehicle Pit Pass** will get you into all three pits on Friday.

The **Saturday Vehicle Pit Pass** will get you into all three pits on Saturday.

How many do you get? Where do I get them? That is all covered in the [Pit Information Guide](#).

Cars/Trucks - Each Driver of Record will be issued (6) vehicle pit passes at on-site registration.

Motorcycles - Each Rider of Record will be issued (4) vehicle pit passes at on-site registration.

You cannot get vehicle pit passes at the entrance of the pits.

You cannot get vehicle pit passes at any of the waiver wristband locations.

8) Pit Crew Wristbands

Any person entering a pit must have a **Pit Crew Wristband**. **New to 2023**, Drivers of Record are required to register everyone in their pit, prior to the event. This includes children, who must have an adult with them at all times.

Teams needing pit access on race day must ensure all pit crew members have signed their waiver and get their Pit Crew Wristbands prior to entering the pit entrance.

- Pit Crew Wristbands **will** grant you access into the Start/Finish Line Midway, so you do not need to purchase Midway tickets.
- Pit Crew Wristbands **will not** grant you access to the Jean Spectator Areas. Support crews are not allowed in Jean spectating areas. Failure to follow these simple rules may result in penalties assessed to your race team.

Youth Parents – You do not need to register yourselves as Pit Crew. You will just need a Waiver wristband as normal.

[Click here](#) to purchase a Pit Crew Wristband.

9) Waivers

Registering your Pit Crew Members is NOT the same as signing our event waiver. All racers, crew members and anyone entering any pit *must sign our event waiver*, in addition to obtaining a Pit Crew Wristband, and be part of a race team. This includes children, who must have an adult with them at all times.

Adult Waiver: The adult event waiver is now available to sign [on this page](#). Please take care of this now.

Minor Waiver: The minor event waiver is only available to sign in person, accompanied by their legal guardian.

Teams needing pit access on race day must ensure all pit crew members have waiver wristbands **prior to arriving at the pit entrance.** Please do not get in line to enter the pit until this is complete.

10) Waiver and Pit Crew Member Wristband Pick Up Locations

You can pick up your waiver wristband in person at the following events:

- Parade Staging (Wednesday, March 8th)
- Driver Registration (Thursday, March 9th // 8am-5pm // El Cortez)
- *Terrible Herbst Gas Station (Friday, March 10th // 7am-10am // West of 15 Freeway)
 - 1 Goodsprings Rd, Jean, NV 89019
- *Terrible Herbst Gas Station (Saturday, March 11th // 7am-10am // West of 15 Freeway)
 - 1 Goodsprings Rd, Jean, NV 89019

- Main Pit Entrance (Friday, March 10th)
- Main Pit Entrance (Saturday, March 11th)

*Please note – Terrible Herbst Gas Station will be the only pickup location for wristbands in Jean, NV on Friday and Saturday. **You can not get these WRISTBANDS at the entrance of the remote pits.** Period.

11) Timing & Scoring Transponders

Timing & Scoring Transponders are mandatory for all classes. Transponders are rentals and **must be returned to post race tech after your race.**

Rental Cost: Your Timing & Scoring Transponder fee is included in your entry fee.

How to Get Your Transponder: Your transponder unit will be assigned at onsite registration and will come with two heavy duty zip ties. You are responsible for mounting your transponder to your vehicle prior to your vehicle arriving at Technical Inspection. Details on how to properly mount your transponders will be provided to you at onsite registration. Our staff will be at Technical Inspection, to verify you have mounted your transponder in the correct position.

Transponder Return: Please return your transponders to **Post Race Technical Inspection by the exit of the main stage.** Please do not hand them to the staff working the finish line. It is still your responsibility to make sure the unit is returned. If you do not finish the race, please return the units to Post Race Technical Inspection in Primm, NV.

12) YB Tracking Units (Adult Classes Only)

Tracked Classes: Limited Race, Unlimited Race and Motorcycle Race

Non-Tracked Classes: All Youth and Short Course Classes

Rental Cost: Your YB tracking unit is part of your entry fee.

How to Get Your Tracking Unit: Our staff will install your tracking unit at Technical Inspection.

Tracker Return: Please return your trackers to **Post Race Technical Inspection by the exit of the main stage.** Please do not hand them to the staff working the finish line. It is still your responsibility to make sure the unit is returned. If you do not finish the race, please return the units to Post Race Technical Inspection in Primm, NV.

13) Transponder and YB Tracking Unit Security Deposit

On Monday, March 6th we will apply a \$200 hold to your stored payment method on your Off-Road Racer Profile. **This is not a charge**, simply a *hold* to make sure you return your transponder after your race.

If you do not return your tracker and transponder units to the Awards Ceremony at the Start/Finish Line by 9am, **this hold will turn into a charge.** If you are unable to return your transponder and YB tracker onsite, the return shipping addresses are as follows:

Tracker Return Shipping Address:	Transponder Return Shipping Address
The Mint 400 Attn. Kilian Hamlin 29755 Kirsten Lane Vista, CA 92084	LiveTime 3765 Creamery Rd, Suite 3 De Pere, WI 54115

These units are needed for other events! Late fees will be assessed for unreturned trackers:

- \$175 refund for trackers & transponders received by March 17th, 2023
- \$150 refund for trackers & transponders received by March 24th, 2023
- \$100 refund for trackers & transponders received by March 31st, 2023
- \$50 refund for trackers & transponders received by April 7th, 2023

THE COST TO REPLACE A TRACKING UNIT IS \$1,000.00

14) 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.

Neck restraints, helmet apron (or head sock) and shoes will be checked at Technical Inspection for all racers.

It is your responsibility to make sure you meet all [General, Technical and Class](#) specific requirements.

Please contact Bill Savage at tech@themint400.com with any Technical Inspection questions.



15) Drivers Meeting

The in person, mandatory drivers meeting is set for **3pm on Thursday, March 9th** inside the Llama Lot on the corner of 10th and Fremont Street. Attendance is **mandatory** by all teams and we will be taking attendance. Details on how to fulfill your attendance requirements will be given at the drivers meeting.

16) Final Race Format / Start & Finish Procedures

Please visit the final race formats, start format, start intervals and finish procedures [on this page](#).

17) Race Course Files

All official course files will be available to download [on this page](#) on Sunday, March 4th at 6:00pm under your respective race.

18) Pre-Running & Testing

There is no pre-running allowed at The Mint 400. Testing race vehicles in Ivanpah Valley and/or on the Mint course may result in a ticket and/or impounding of your race vehicle. BLM will be in the area daily starting this week. Anyone caught doing so will receive a time penalty. If you need to test your race vehicles, please do so in Barstow or in North Vegas at APEX.

19) Course Marking Guide

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://themint400.com/course-marking-guide/>

20) Weatherman Radio Frequency

Race-day communications will be broadcasted on Weatherman Relay. Please make sure you have this frequency programmed into your radio. If you do not, please visit the PCI trailer during the tech to have your radio programmed. Please take a moment to instruct your staff on proper radio etiquette!

Weatherman Radio Frequency = 151.625

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 this channel to call for immediate assistance or request retrieval.

21) Staging & Race Start Times

Staging & race start times have been added to the [Schedule of Events](#). **Please be on time!**

All race staging, **including the youth races**, will happen inside the Primm Short Course track. Our staff will be onsite to get you into position.

If you are camping in the VIP or General Campground, YES - you may drive your vehicle over to the staging area.

22) Qualifying Details (*Class 10, Class 1, Unlimited Truck SPEC, Unlimited Truck & Legends*)

Staging Access: You will receive a "Q" parking pass to enter the Car/Truck Staging Area on Friday. This goes on your Chase Truck and will be given to you at onsite registration.

Qualifying Drop Off = West of Primm Short Course, just after the Pit Entrance.

Qualifying Pick Up Location = West of Primm Short Course, just after the Pit Entrance.

<p>Group 1: Class 10 & Unlimited Truck SPEC</p> <p>11:00 AM - Group 1 Staging 12:00 PM - Group 1 Site Lap 12:30 PM - Group 1 Qualifying</p>	<p>Group 2: Class 1, Unlimited Truck Legends & Unlimited Truck</p> <p>12:30 PM - Group 2 Staging 1:30 PM - Group 1 Site Lap 2:00 PM - Group 2 Qualifying</p>
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Course Cutting: There will be several corners marked with cones to prevent short coursing. You must stay between the cones at those spots or you may be subject to a time penalty.

Click here for all Qualifying specific rules & information: <https://themint400.com/racerinfo/qualifying/>

23) Camping

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24) Helicopter Registration

Anyone wishing to fly a helicopter during the race **MUST** pre-register their helicopters [on this page](#). The Mint 400 TV helicopter will be the only bird allowed over the qualifying course while it is hot.

25) Finish Line Etiquette

When you leave the course after completing your final lap you will bear RIGHT just after the start/finish gate and enter the finish line corral. This will be a complete U turn so please SLOW DOWN when exiting the course.

We will be greeting you with cold water, Belching Beaver Mint 400 beer (21+) and sliders provided by AHBEEF. 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!

26) 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.** 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. (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: <https://themint400.com/protest/>

Please note - Unsportsmanlike conduct at our finish line or in the Midway 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.

27) Live Stream, Tracking and Live Scoring

You can follow our live stream, live scoring and tracking on both Friday and Saturday at TheMint400.com/live. Please share this link with your friends and family so they can follow you battle it out on race day!

We have two remote timing gates placed in the Gene Hirst Pit and the Gonzo Pit. This creates three sectors for the Car/Trucks and two sectors for the motorcycles. This gives you **real corrected time scoring updates** when you pass over each gate.

Start Line —> Gene Hirst Pit
Gene Hirst Pit —> Gonzo Pit
Gonzo Pit —> Finish Line

28) Racer Bios for Live Stream Information.

We want to talk about you in our live stream!

- How did you get into racing?
- How long have you been racing?
- How many times have you raced The Mint? Ever won it?
- What are your race wins?
- What's your favorite racing memory?
- Etc...

Your Off-Road Racer Bio section is your chance to tell us some information about yourself, so we can talk about your race program in the live stream. You can update your Bio Section within the dashboard of your Off-Road Racer Profile. Just scroll all the way to the bottom and click "**Update Bio**".

29) 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 with volunteering, please feel free to reach out to our Race Operations Manager Jason Prichard (Jason@themint400.com) for additional info on volunteer opportunities.

Thanks for choosing to race The BFGoodrich Tires Mint 400... best of luck and see you at the finish line with a cold Belching Beaver Finisher Beer!

- The Mint 400