

TRANSGOTHICA® regulation

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. TRANSGOTHICA® is a sports-recreational event for cross-country motorcycles, quads, and vehicles. The brand TRANSGOTHICA is for: TRANSGOTHICA MARATON OFFROAD®, BAJA GOTHICA® and GOTHIC TROPHY®. In these regulations named TRANSGOTHICA®
2. TRANSGOTHICA® popularizes motor travel in Poland. It promotes regional routes and tourist resorts. It encourages an active lifestyle, leisure and European integration of off road sports circles.
3. Dates: 03-08.06.2013 - TRANSGOTHICA MARATON OFFROAD.
4. TRANSGOTHICA® is an ORE trademark.
5. ORE is the Organizer of the TRANSGOTHICA®, hereinafter referred to as the Organizer.
6. The official mail address is:
TRANSGOTHICA MARATON OFF ROAD
ul. Lokietka 15/3
81-735 SOPOT
POLAND
7. The Organizer is responsible for planning routes with an appropriate level of difficulty for each class, obtaining all required permits from the landowners or other organizations, whose involvement in the event is required by law, providing technical, administrative and referee assistance, providing the required equipment to monitor the participating cars, ensuring safety conditions during the event.
8. The program of the event is announced on the official website: www.TRANSGOTHICA.pl.
9. TRANSGOTHICA® takes place in accordance with:
 - a. these rules
 - b. Polish traffic laws
 - c. the principles of environmental protection.
10. The official language of TRANSGOTHICA® is Polish. In the case of any lack of agreement between the rules in Polish and in English, the rules and regulations in Polish take precedence.

II. TERMINOLOGY

1. **Stage:** any part of the TRANSGOTHICA® separated by a finish at the bivouac; a route made up of Starts, Super Stages (SS), Links and Finishes
2. **Link:** a route between the Super Stages, on public roads, with time limits.

3. **SS Super Stage:** a marked section of a stage described and featured in the Road Book (RBK), between the Start and Finish of SS, on which there are situated Check Points (CP). At the start and finish of every SS there are Control Points of Time (CPT). The time of completing the SS is measured and is the basis for the classification.
4. **CP Control Point:** Specially marked point on the route of a stage or SS in which crews confirm the completion of a particular section.
5. **CPT Time Control Point:** the point at which time is measured found at the start and finish of a stage, and at the start and finish of every SS.
6. **BB between the bands:** course marking by the tapes/bands on the left and right side which shows the direction to be driven without measuring distance.
7. **AB around the bands:** course marking by the piece of tapes/bands which shows the direction to be driven without measuring distance.
8. **AZT Azimuth** – driving with azimuth direction.
9. **MAP** - driving with the map.
10. **Roadbook (RBK):**
 - a. Each team will be equipped with printed notes concerning the route of the TRANSGOTHICA® .
 - b. It is compulsory to follow the RBK.
 - c. The distance in RBK are measured with 10 m approximate.
 - d. The placing of CP and CPT are marked in RBK.
 - e. Roadbook RBK can be also a Competition Card.
11. **MTA Maximum Time Allowed** fixed time to complete a Super Stage (SS) . The MTA will be announced by Organizer.
12. **Penalty time:** time added for any infringement of the Regulations
13. **TC Technical check** : Checking the compliance of a vehicle and its equipment with the Regulations, as defined in the safety requirements, checking the insurance policy, the vehicle registration and correct placing of the stickers. It is compulsory to pass the check under pain of being refused entry. During the TC the presence of a least one crew member is obligatory.
14. **Briefing:** a meeting of the competitors with the TRANSGOTHICA® Commander and Main Referee before the start of every stage. The participation of at least one crew member is compulsory.
15. **The participant** of a stage or SS is a crew which start under its own resources or with the help of other participants of the same stage .
16. **Crews:** shall be a minimum of two people in all cars and UTVs, or only Driver on motorcycles and quads.
17. **Tariff:** this is the worst result in a stage or SS (time taken plus penalties) increased by 30%.
18. **Competition Card CC:**
 - a. Each crew gets a Competition Card CC at the start of each stage.
 - b. It is a document which confirms that the crew has started, the starts of SS, CPT, CP and the finish of the stage.
 - c. Crews are obliged to present the sealed Competition Card CC as soon as possible after completing the stage.
 - d. The loss of the Competition Card CC for a specific stage carries penalties.
 - e. All changes made by the participants on the Competition Card CC are treated as an attempt to cheat and result in exclusion.
19. **Outsource servicing** - physical help to the crew during the SS in any form: repairing or servicing the car, the winch, delivering the parts, the tools, the fuel, the equipment, like straps, snatches, and also help with driving the route, navigating given by the persons which are not participating as competitors in this particular Stage. The mutual help is permitted between the crews participating as competitors in the SS.

20. **Refueling** - the possibilities to refuel are announced on official table before start of the stage.

III. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Each crew wishing to take part in TRANSGOTHICA® is required to complete an entry form available at www.TRANSGOTHICA.pl and to pay an entry fee.
2. The entry fee is for:
 - a. entry to TRANSGOTHICA ® route,
 - b. competition on the special stages
 - c. promoting materials from organizer
 - d. gifts from sponsors
 - e. team's promotion on www.transgothica.pl,
 - f. information and bulletins ,
 - g. the map with route's drafts,
 - h. medical service,
 - i. entry to the camps with parking, water, energy,
 - j. entry to the prize giving ceremony.
3. The entry fee for assistance cars is compulsory.
4. The service fee includes:
 - a. the entry to the camps with parking, water, and energy
 - b. entry to the prize giving ceremony for 2 prs.
5. Reservation of the room in the official Camps is possible by the TRANSGOTHICA® OFFICE. If so, You will pay for it by yourself at the reception desk. Most information about the accommodation will be published on www.TRANSGOTHICA.com.
6. The entry fee includes an environmental charge, private premises entry, the use of private land etc.
7. The completion of an entry form and payment of the entry fee indicates that the participant accepts the conditions of these rules and regulations.
8. The application will be considered accepted after the receipt of the entry fee and confirmation by the Organizer.
9. If an application is not accepted, the Organizer is obliged to inform the applicant in writing within 10 days of the arrival of the entry fee. If no letter of refusal is written within this period the entry will be considered accepted.
10. The Organizer reserves the right to refuse applications for participation in the TRANSGOTHICA® without giving reasons.
11. In case of renouncement by a registered letter, before administrative checks, the entry fee will be refunded as follows (date of mail reception):
 - a. 6 months before start : with 20 Euro deduction
 - b. 4 months before start : with 30% deduction
 - c. 1 month before start: with 60% deduction
 - d. in one month before start : no refund at all.
12. If the number of crews exceeding the specified limit, the following conditions will be taken into account when granting the right to start in the TRANSGOTHICA®:
 - a. the date of entry fee,
 - b. the results in BAJA GOTHICA® and GOTHIC TROPHY®,
 - c. other circumstances.
13. Passing a Technical Check (TC) is a necessary condition to take part in TRANSGOTHICA®.
14. To enter the TRANSGOTHICA® as a competitor - it is required to be over 18.

15. To enter the TRANSGOTHICA® as a driver, a suitable license to drive the entered vehicle is required.
16. Alternating between Driver and Co-driver for any Stage of the Event is permitted
17. Participants are obliged to:
 - a. Should be in good health when entering the TRANSGOTHICA® , without any encumbrance to their ability to drive or participate in physical exertion,
 - b. avoidance and prevention of situations which could endanger participants, the Organizers, or third parties and their property
 - c. Mutual assistance in the event of an accident or other dangerous situations and informing the Organizers and medical/ rescue services of such a situation.
 - d. Environment protection.
18. During the entire event participants must abide by the Regulations, the recommendations of the Organizers, referees, stage leaders and other designated persons authorized by the Organizers.
19. Every participant carries the civil and penal responsibility for any damage caused by him or her or by anyone using his or her vehicle.
20. The bivouac zone is a part of the TRANSGOTHICA® terrain and should be treated with the same respect in regard to environmental protection and road behavior as the TRANSGOTHICA® itself.
21. In case of disagreements between participants and third parties, the Organizer will do all in his Power to protect the good name of the TRANSGOTHICA® .
22. Participation in the TRANSGOTHICA® may be dangerous and participants take part in the TRANSGOTHICA® at their own risk, as confirmed by their signatures in the Declaration.
23. By signing the Declaration, Participants also resign from taking any legal action against the Organizer. Failure to sign prohibits participation in the TRANSGOTHICA® and the entry free will not be refundable.
24. In no case will the Organizer take responsibility, or be drawn into responsibility, for damage or loss to persons or goods caused by participants, whether their own goods or those of third parties.
25. The Organizers do not take any responsibility for problems arising from the poorhealth of participants
26. All participants are required to read the TRANSGOTHICA® Regulations and to show their agreement and understanding by signing the Declaration.
27. The Organizer reserves the right to cancel the event without giving reasons. In such circumstances the whole entry fee shall be returned to registered participants.
28. The Organizer takes no responsibility for any costs incurred by participants as a result of the cancellation of the TRANSGOTHICA® .
29. The Organizers reserve the right to introduce all and any essential changes to the event, caused by acts of God, for reasons of safety or requirement of law, even to the extent of the complete cancellation of the event should such a step is deemed essential in response to exceptional circumstances, without bearing any responsibility for losses.

IV. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Vehicles of total weight up to 3,500 kg are allowed to take part.
2. Vehicles must be registered and possess a valid certificate of technical examination as well as valid civil responsibility insurance for min. time to finish TRANSGOTHICA®
3. Vehicles and equipment must also meet the following safety requirements, what is an aspect of technical check before and during the TRANSGOTHICA® :
4. Safety regulations:

- a. Tires
It is forbidden to use farmer tires, low-speed and self made product
- b. Helmets
All helmets must have valid homologation as cars or motorcycles helmet. During TC helmets must be placed next to motorcycles and quads and inside the car. Participants in cross country vehicles are obliged to wear helmets at all times during SS and participants riding motorcycles or quads - during the whole stage when in motion.
- c. Protective clothing
It is compulsory for competitors riding motorcycles or ATV/quads to wear protective clothing with back, shoulder and knee pads as well as appropriate footwear.
- d. Safety belts
Cars and UTV vehicles have to be equipped with safety belts with homologation. Factory standard seatbelts are permitted in unmodified cars with closed chassis/ cockpits. Crews are released from the obligation to use safety belts when fording water or when traversing bogs or swamps.
- e. Safety cages
It is recommended that safety cages be used in all types of cars. Participants are permitted to enter the TRANSGOTHICA® without a cage only in the case of unmodified cars with closed chassis/ cockpits.
- f. Fire extinguishers
Each car has to be equipped with at least two 2kg fire extinguishers. Each ATV, UTV has to be equipped with at least one 1kg fire extinguishers. The extinguishers must be fitted permanently and easily reachable for rapid deployment by the crew. Extinguishers must be approved with a valid expiry date.
- g. Seats
It is recommended that bucket seats be used in all types of cars. It is permissible to use factory standard seats in the case of unmodified cars with closed chassis/ cockpits.
- h. Towing points
Every vehicle is obliged to have permanently mounted towing points, at least one at the front and one at the back of the vehicle appropriate for its weight and type. Towing points and hooks must be visible and appropriately marked (red).
- i. Windshields
In all participating vehicles the front windscreen must be reinforced and marked appropriately. If the windscreen is not marked as being laminated an additional transparent foil must be applied to the interior of the windscreen. In the case of cars with open chassis the windscreen must be elevated and permanently mounted and with a suitably rigid frame. In the case of vehicles with no side windscreens, safety nets are recommended to protect against branches.
- j. Power Switch
Each car must be equipped with at least one main power switch. The external power switch must be located close to driver and co-driver. The switch must cut off power sources, without the GPS and monitoring equipment. This requirement does not apply to factory standard electrical installations, in which no modifications have been made.
- k. Fuel system
In compliance with FIA regulations the fuel used in motor sports is petrol or diesel oil. Vehicles with gas installations can be admitted to the TRANSGOTHICA® , only after special permission. Fuel pipes connectors must be provided with standard valves. The fuel tank venting system must include a self protecting mechanism to prevent fuel leakage in the event of the car turning over. The filler hole must not protrude beyond the body work. The fuel cap must fulfill the producer's requirement for the integrity of the

seal and its resistance to damage. In the event that the filler Neck extends beyond the bodywork it must have additional protection against accidental opening and damage.

- I. Dividing wall :
It is obligatory to install a dividing wall between the cooling system and the cockpit, between the fuel tank and the cockpit, between the battery and the cockpit so that in the event of leakage the crew will not suffer burns. Coolant system pipes in the cockpit must be metal, with flexible connectors-outside the cockpit. Fuel feed pipes must not run through the cockpit.
5. Other equipment - vehicles must be equipped with:
 - a. an emergency warning triangle
 - b. a first aid kit
 - c. a tow rope of min 6metres
 - d. "Servicing mat" – Each vehicle must be equipped with a „servicing mat" so that the vehicle can be serviced in an environmentally friendly way.
 - e. trip meter
 - f. GPS or compass
 - g. mobile phone
6. Crews must place the stickers provided by the Organizers on their vehicles according to the instructions.
7. During the TRANSGOTHICA® , unauthorized stickers, advertising and branding from companies in competition to TRANSGOTHICA® or its sponsors are not permitted on the vehicle and the display of such is under pain of penalties.
8. The Organizer reserves the right to determine the meaning of 'competition' in this context.

V. THE ROUTE

1. All crews must observe the rules of the Polish Act concerning Road traffic (Dz. U. z 2005r. Nr 108 .908 with later changes).
2. The driver of a vehicle is fully responsible for all matters resulting from the movement of the vehicle he or she is driving. He should avoid and prevent of situations which could endanger participants, the Organizers, or third parties and their property.
3. The Link times are issued by the organizer for safety low average speed, to avoid any traffic incidents.
4. All special sections (SS) are open to the local traffic, even if they are not following the public roads. The special section may use the public roads where all crews must observe the rules of the Polish Act concerning Road traffic. The stages are not traffic – free.
5. During the TRANSGOTHICA® participants must follow the directions indicated in the roadbook.

VI. CLASSIFICATION

1. During the TRANSGOTHICA® the different classifications are made as follows:
 - a. **MOTORBIKES**
 - b. **QUAD 2K - ATV 2x4**, up to 700kg, driver
 - c. **QUAD 4K - ATV 4x4**, up to 700kg, driver
 - d. **UTV**, ATV 4x4, driver and co-driver
 - e. **SPORT (T1 i TH)** - cars up to 3500kg, like T1 or TH according to the rules FIA with the passport for the car, (TEAM: driver and co-driver)
 - f. **SPORT upto 2000 (T1 i TH)** - cars up to 3500kg, engine up to 2000 cm3, T1 or TH according to the rules FIA with the passport for the car, (TEAM: driver and co-driver)

- g. **SERIAL (T2 and serial)** - cars up to 3500kg, T2 according to the rules FIA with the passport for the car, or not modified car (TEAM: driver and co-driver)
 - h. **SERIAL upto 2000 (T2 and serial)** - cars up to 3500kg, engine up to 2000 cm³, T2 according to the rules FIA with the passport for the car, or not modified car (TEAM: driver and co-driver)
 - i. **OPEN** - other cars up to 3500kg, (TEAM: driver and co-driver)
 - j. **OPEN upto 2000** - other cars up to 3500kg, engine up to 2000 cm³, (TEAM: driver and co-driver)
2. The vehicle belonging to the class declared by the crew, type of the vehicle.
 3. The class will be open if there are registered min. 5 crews.
 4. Starting order to the prologue is according to the starting numbers..
 5. Starting order to the first Stage is by the prologue's results. ...
 6. Starting order to the next stage is by results after previous stage. In the case of the same results of two or more crews – the starting order is establish according to the better result on previous stage.
 7. Starting order is announced by the Office.
 8. Any crew that arrives late is relegated to the end of the starting order
 9. The starting times for SS are as follows: The time of the start of the first SS is the starting time of the stage plus the link time given in the roadbook.
 10. The time of start of the next SS is decided as follows: time recorded at the finish of the previous SS plus link time to the following SS given in the roadbook.
 11. If the finishing time from the previous SS is missing, the start time is given by referee at the start of the this SS.
 12. The limits of opening and closing of the sections and transit times are given in the roadbook.
 13. The TRANSGOTHICA® Office only accepts written appeals.
 14. The appeals are reviewed by the Sports Commission consisting of the TRANSGOTHICA® Commander, the Technical Director and the main referee with the attendance of the appealing person.
 15. Appeals must be lodged not later than 60 minutes after publication of unofficial results of the stage which is the subject of the appeal.
 16. Every appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of PLN 200 which will be returned in the event of a successful appeal.
 17. Any appeal without the specified deposit is not valid.
 18. The review of an appeal will be done before the official results of the stage are published.
 19. The TRANSGOTHICA® Office publishes the result on its official notice board.
 20. Complaints concerning damages, personal loss and lost property will not be taken into consideration.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

In order to minimize environmental damage, it is forbidden to pollute the environment with operational fluids or other waste materials under pain of penalties.

It is obligatory to use protective straps when using a winch in order to minimize the damage to trees under pain of penalties.

Any traffic on the route of a stage, with the exception of those parts on public roads, is forbidden 24 hours before the start of the stage and 24 hours after its finish, under pain of penalties, with the exception of assistance given to persons or crews still involved in the stage.