



500km WINTER EDITION 2027

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**An International Historic Vehicle Event organised under the auspices of FIVA,
with the support of Združenie zberateľov historických vozidiel Slovenska
FIVA National Authority for Slovakia.**

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REGULATIONS – 500km WINTER EDITION 2027

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE EVENT

The event is organised by Design Veteran Car Club in accordance with the regulations and code of the international organisation FIVA. The event takes place on public roads and all participants are required to comply with applicable traffic regulations. Throughout the entire event, all participants must carry valid documents required for driving the vehicle, valid vehicle documentation, as well as all identification materials issued by the organiser for the competition vehicle. These include, in particular, the start numbers displayed on both sides of the vehicle, the plastic start number displayed at the front of the vehicle, and two stickers bearing a QR code. Each crew participates in the event at its own risk. The organiser shall not be liable to participants for any personal injury, damage to property or other loss or damage incurred in connection with participation in the event. All crews are required to comply with the instructions of the organiser and with all applicable traffic and safety regulations in force in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

COMPETITION VEHICLES

The event is open to passenger cars manufactured up to and including 1950, as well as vehicles of model years 1951-1971. The organiser reserves the right to select the vehicles admitted to the event and to grant individual exceptions. Vehicles will be classified into individual categories with regard to their type, character, performance and other relevant parameters.

ENTRIES

The entry form will be published on the official website www.500km.sk. Entries for the event may be submitted from September 24th.2026. The closing date for entries is October 25th. 2026. After the closing date, the entry form will be removed from the website and the organiser will select the vehicles admitted to the event. The maximum number of participating crews is 40. Each crew must submit, together with the entry form, a current photograph of the vehicle in the required format and a brief description of the vehicle, including its history, interesting facts, previous owner and other relevant information. After submitting the entry, the crew will receive confirmation that the entry has been received. No later than November 2nd. 2026, the organiser will send to all selected crews the variable payment reference required for payment of the entry fee for the 500km WINTER EDITION 2027. The entry fee must be paid no later than November 13th. 2026. Once the payment has been credited to the bank account of Design Veteran Car Club, the crew will be included in the official starting list. If a crew withdraws from the event no later than November 20th. 2026, the entry fee will be refunded in full. In the event of withdrawal after this date, the entry fee is non-refundable.

ENTRY FEE

Vehicle – two persons: **EUR 2.300**
Each additional crew member: **EUR 900**

The entry fee includes:

- accommodation for 3 nights at the four-star Grandhotel Starý Smokovec, Starý Smokovec, High Tatras;
- breakfast throughout the entire stay;
- dinners on all evenings of the stay, served at the hotel;
- lunches during the individual competition stages, including refreshments along the route;

- drinking water during the individual stages;
- wine as part of the evening programme;
- a selection of premium spirits as part of the final evening programme;
- access to the hotel wellness facilities;
- secure parking for competition vehicles in enclosed underground garages in Starý Smokovec throughout the entire rally;
- parking for towing vehicles and trailers in a designated parking area;
- trophies for the winning crews;
- gala evenings with catering;
- full organisational and event management services throughout the entire event;
- recovery and towing of a competition vehicle in the event of a breakdown to Starý Smokovec, the rally starting venue;
- 500km WINTER EDITION 2027 starting package for each crew.

PAYMENT OF THE ENTRY FEE

The entry fee must be paid by bank transfer to the following bank account:

Account holder: Design Veteran Car Club
Address: Zámocká 47, 811 01 Bratislava, Slovakia
Bank: Tatra banka, a. s., Hodžovo námestie 3, 811 06 Bratislava, Slovakia
Account number: 2949050695/1100
IBAN: SK20 1100 0000 0029 4905 0695
SWIFT/BIC: TATRSKBX

STAGES

The event consists of two competition stages. The route avoids motorways and other high-speed roads. The rally is conducted on public roads and in regular traffic, in accordance with the road book, which crews will receive during registration at Grandhotel Starý Smokovec, Starý Smokovec, High Tatras, on January 28th. 2027.

IStage I – Through the High Tatras	Friday, January 29th, 2027	105 km
Stage II – Winter Concours d'Elegance	Saturday, January 30th. 2027	40 km

STAGE I – THROUGH THE HIGH TATRAS

Crews will drive along mountain roads in the High Tatras and surrounding areas. The roads will be specially prepared for historic vehicles and no salt will be used as a road de-icing material. The stage will also include an approximately 8 km long section closed to regular traffic and accessible exclusively to competition vehicles. The stage will be driven according to a tulip road-book, with several passage controls that crews must pass in the prescribed order. Passages through the passage controls will be electronically recorded in the 500km WINTER EDITION application and subsequently evaluated.

STAGE II – WINTER CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Crews will travel along mountain roads to a closed circuit specially prepared for historic vehicles. The circuit will have a compacted snow or ice surface. All crews will complete practice runs followed by timed runs on the closed circuit. The circuit driving will be conducted as a regularity run. The detailed rules and requirements will be specified in the road book. Stage II will also include a historic vehicle exhibition and Winter Concours d'Elegance.

TIME CONTROLS (ČK) AND PASSAGE CONTROLS (PK)

The competition includes time controls, passage controls and, where applicable, mandatory stops with designated arrival times at individual control points along the route. Time controls located along the route are marked with a yellow control board bearing a clock symbol and are indicated in the road book. The crew is required to pass the time control and have its passage time recorded within a 5-minute time window, which begins at the designated control time. Arrival before the beginning of the designated time window does not constitute a valid completion of the time control. Passage controls are marked with a control board bearing a stamp symbol. The crew is required to have its passage through the control recorded. All passages through controls are also recorded electronically by scanning the QR code located on the vehicle. Hidden controls may also be placed along the route for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the prescribed route. Failure to complete or missing a time control, passage control or hidden control will result in penalty points being awarded in accordance with the competition regulations. The designated arrival and departure times will be stated in the driver's cards provided to crews during administrative registration. For the final classification of the 500km WINTER EDITION 2027, the data recorded in the electronic application shall be decisive.

SPECIAL TESTS AND TIMED SECTIONS

Stage I – Through the High Tatras

Stage I will include a special Kärcher Heritage Stage skill test on a timed section of a closed mountain road between the villages of Osturňa and Podspády. The specifications and scoring rules for this test will be provided in an appendix to the road book.

Stage II – Winter Concours d'Elegance

Stage II will include a special regularity test for all crews on a closed circuit in the vicinity of Štrbské Pleso. The circuit will also host the Concours d'Elegance, together with an exhibition of historic vehicles. The specifications and scoring rules for this test will be provided in an appendix to the road book.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

- Vehicles manufactured up to and including 1950
- Vehicles of model years from 1951 to 1971

SPECIAL AWARDS

- AUDI Winter Experience 2027
- Kärcher Heritage Stage 2027

SCORING

The winners of the individual categories will be the crews with the lowest number of penalty points accumulated for time controls and passage controls, hidden controls, failure to comply with designated stops and departure times, as well as the results achieved in the special tests in the individual stages. One crew in each category will be awarded first place. The AUDI Winter Experience 2027 Special Prize and the Kärcher Heritage Stage 2027 Special Prize will be awarded to the crews with the best results in each of the special tests.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Vehicles must be presented for technical and administrative checks in fully operational and roadworthy condition.

Date of technical and administrative checks:

January 28th. 2027, Grandhotel Starý Smokovec, Starý Smokovec, High Tatras. Crews will be informed of the detailed schedule for the checks after being included in the official starting list of the 500km WINTER EDITION 2027. The organiser reserves the right to exclude a vehicle from the event if serious technical defects or malfunctions are identified. The competition crew consists of the persons listed in the official starting list. Any change to the information provided in the entry form, whether before the start of the event or during the event, must be reported to the organiser without delay. Failure to comply with this obligation may constitute grounds for disqualification of the crew.

During the technical and administrative checks, the following documents must be presented:

- valid driving licence;
- proof of valid compulsory third-party motor vehicle liability insurance;
- vehicle registration certificate with a valid technical inspection (MOT) or a historic vehicle registration document with a valid test certificate.

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION

Upon registration, each crew member will receive an identification badge and participant wristband. These identification items grant access to areas designated for the event. The participant wristband also serves to identify participants when entering areas where refreshments and catering are provided for participants. For these reasons, every participant is required to carry the identification badge and wear the participant wristband throughout the entire event.

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

Each competition vehicle will be assigned a start number and other mandatory identification materials by the organiser. These must remain fixed on the vehicle throughout the entire event.

The vehicle must be identified as follows:

- start number on both sides of the vehicle;
- start number on both front wings/fenders;
- plastic start number on the front of the vehicle;
- two QR-code stickers.

The crew is responsible for ensuring that the vehicle remains properly identified with the assigned start numbers and all other required identification materials throughout the entire event. A vehicle that is not properly identified will not be included in the classification. The start number also determines the vehicle's starting order. The start number or any other identification material issued by the organiser may not be removed, transferred or used on another vehicle without the organiser's prior consent. In the event of a breakdown of the competition vehicle which cannot be repaired during the event, the crew may, with the organiser's consent, continue the rally in a replacement vehicle. Such a crew, however, will no longer be eligible for classification and will not be included in the overall results of the event. For the remainder of the event, the crew may participate only in "Guest" status.

CODE OF ETHICS

Throughout the entire event, crews may use only the instantaneous speed indicator (speedometer) that forms part of the original equipment of the historic vehicle. The use of any electronic measuring devices is expressly prohibited. Crews are required to comply with the competition regulations and may not use any measuring or navigation equipment other than that expressly permitted by these regulations. The organiser is entitled to inspect competition vehicles at any time during the event in order to verify that unauthorised measuring devices or other prohibited aids are not being used in or on the vehicles. For the 500km WINTER EDITION 2027, the use of winter tyres, spike tyres, snow chains and other traction-enhancing devices is permitted.

PROTESTS

The organiser will accept protests upon payment of a EUR 250 deposit. The full amount of the deposit shall be forfeited if the protest is found to be unsubstantiated or cannot be proven. The decision of the organiser shall be final and no appeal may be lodged against it.

RECOVERY SERVICE

Recovery vehicles will be available along the route throughout the event. In the event of a breakdown of a competition vehicle, a recovery vehicle may be requested using the contact telephone numbers provided in the road book. The recovery vehicle will tow the competition vehicle to the starting venue in Starý Smokovec, High Tatras.

CATERING AND REFRESHMENTS

As part of the entry fee, catering and refreshments are provided for all participants throughout the entire event. The entry fee includes breakfast in the hotel, lunch during each competition stage, including refreshments at designated stops along the route, as well as dinner each evening. Water will be provided to participants during the individual stages. The evening programme also includes the serving of wine, while premium spirits will be served as part of the final evening programme. All of the above catering and refreshment services are included in the entry fee. Any other beverages not specifically listed in these regulations shall be paid for individually by the participants.

ACCOMMODATION

All crews will be accommodated for:

3 nights, from January 28th. to January 31st. 2027, at the four-star Grandhotel Starý Smokovec, Starý Smokovec, High Tatras.

PARKING FOR TOWING VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

Parking for towing vehicles and trailers will be provided for participants at a designated parking area in Starý Smokovec.

Parking address: Starý Smokovec 77, 062 01 Vysoké Tatry, Slovakia GPS: 49.136252, 20.217635. The parking area is secure and equipped with a CCTV surveillance system. Parking for towing vehicles and trailers must be arranged in advance with the organiser by e-mail at info@500km.sk. Throughout the entire rally, from 28th. to 31st. January 2027, competition vehicles will be parked in a secured, enclosed underground car park at Hrebienok Resort, located approximately 100 metres from Grandhotel Starý Smokovec.

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