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 **MARUTI SUZUKI**

**ROCK
ROAD**

4 x 4 M A S T E R S

**Rules & Regulations
Qualifiers**



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1. Maruti Suzuki Rock N Road 4X4 Masters

- 1.1. The Maruti Suzuki Rock N Road 4X4 Masters comprises of a series of off-road driving competitions across India (the “Qualifiers”) followed by a final off-road driving competition (the “Finale”). The winners (or the runners up in case of unavailability of the winner) of each class from the Qualifiers will be invited to participate in the Finale and will stand to win the overall grand prize.
- 1.2. Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (“MSIL”) is the promoter and principal sponsor of the Maruti Suzuki Rock N Road 4X4 Masters and owns its trade mark and related intellectual property.
- 1.3. Cougar Motorsport Pvt. Ltd. (the “Organisers”) has been appointed by MSIL to organize and manage all activities related to the Maruti Suzuki Rock N Road 4X4 Masters.

2. Event Format

- 2.1. The Rules & Regulations described herein are for the Qualifiers (each of which is hereinafter referred to as the “Event”).
- 2.2. The Event is open for participation with Maruti Suzuki Jimny vehicles only.
- 2.3. The total number of entries in the Event is limited to forty (40), on a first come first served basis, subject to clause 2.7 and 18.1.
- 2.4. Each entry will consist of 1 vehicle with a single (driver only) crew member.
- 2.5. The same vehicle may be used for a separate entry with a maximum of 1 other driver.
- 2.6. The Entry Fee for each entry will be INR: Rs 3,500, inclusive of taxes.

- 2.7. Each competitor is eligible to participate in only one Qualifier event.
- 2.8. The competition will comprise of a series of obstacles (the “Special Stages or SS”) to be completed in a given order over 2 days. The obstacles will be distributed in an open ground. These will be run on a dirt surface.

SS results will determine the overall winner in each class. Scoring will be a combination of elapsed time, less any penalties incurred by competitors, as specified, in the competition rules. SS will be varied, with a major emphasis on safety and will be designed to test driving skills first and foremost.

3. Event Schedule

Note: The event schedule is subject to changes and prevailing weather conditions.

Day	Time	Activity
Day 1	0730 hrs. - 1730 hrs.	Event HQ
	0730 hrs. - 0900 hrs.	Vehicle Scrutiny
	0900 hrs.	Compulsory Drivers Briefing
	0930 hrs. onwards	SS 1 - 4
Day 2	0930 hrs. onwards	SS 5 - 8
	1630 hrs.	Results & Certificates

4. Vehicle Classes and Scrutineering

4.1. There will be Two Classes as below. There will be no Overall Ranking.

- Stock Vehicles
- Modified Vehicles

Note: The Organisers reserve the right to amalgamate classes where there are less than 3 competitors. Prior notice will be given. In the event the classes are amalgamated, the first two winners from the amalgamated class will be invited to participate in the Finale.

4.2. Vehicles are required to be available for scrutineering at the designated time and place. A competitor's representative must be present during these checks.

4.3. Vehicle must be presented in a ready to start condition including all compulsory equipment, Drivers Licenses, Insurance Papers and Registration Papers and authority letter from registered owner of the vehicle in case the owner is not part of the crew.

4.4. The Organisers emphasis is on the safety aspects of the vehicle and its condition to successfully complete the event. It is the competitor's responsibility that the compulsory equipment is in good working order and that they are self-sufficient to complete the event. Scrutinizing may again take place at any time in between two SS, start or at the end of an SS on grounds of safety. Any vehicle or equipment that is deemed not to be in good condition will be excluded/disqualified.

5. Vehicle Specifications

5.1. This event is open to all road registered Maruti Jimny vehicles.

5.2. Vehicles without any performance enhancements or modifications

will be classified as stock vehicles. Vehicles with accessories that do not enhance performance and tyre size upgrades up to 215/R15 and/or swaps to AT will continue to be classified as stock.

5.3. Vehicles that have undergone any performance enhancements or modifications post purchase, including but not limited to suspension, exhaust systems, air intake systems, software, bumpers, body parts and tyre size upgrades beyond 215/R15 and/or swaps to MT will be classified as modified vehicles.

5.4. The Organisers will have the final decision on classifying a vehicle as stock or modified.

6. Compulsory Equipment

6.1. ISI / FIA / FIM Standard crash helmet.

6.2. Safety Harness (Seat Belts). The normal seat belts provided in the vehicle by the manufacturer are sufficient.

6.3. Laminated windscreen.

6.4. Doors and window glasses.

6.5. Working lights, indicators, wipers, and horn.

6.6. Two towing eyes, one at the front and one at the rear

6.7. Brakes and tyres must be in good condition. The scrutineers will have the final decision on this.

6.8. It is not permitted to install / carry an auxiliary fuel tank in the vehicle

6.9. Jack and spare wheel assembly

- 6.10. A comprehensive 'First Aid Kit (As supplied by the manufacturer)
All equipment on board must be secured to remain in place while the vehicle is in motion.

Refer to Appendix 1 for a sample Scrutiny Check List.

7. Recommended Equipment

- 7.1. 1 x pair finger enclosed leather or material gloves.
7.2. Recovery Kit (D shackles & rated tow strap)

8. Advertising

Competitors are allowed to fix any kind of advertising to their vehicles provided that:

- 8.1. Prior written permission is addressed to the Organisers.
8.2. It is not illegal or offensive.
8.3. It does not encroach into areas reserved for event sponsors, competition numbers and event labels.
8.4. Failure to put on event sponsors advertising will result in penalties imposed by the Organisers.
8.5. Both front doors and bonnet will have mandatory competition number stickers.

9. Regulations for Special Stages (SS)

- 9.1. Starting order for the day 1 SS's will be in the order of competition numbers and for the day 2 SSs in order of points obtained on day 1. Competitors must start in their designated order, unless the

Organisers grant prior permission for a change in the running order. Competitors waiting at an SS may be redirected by the Organisers to attempt any other SS to reduce waiting time. Any vehicle not ready to start at the time the previous vehicle leaves the SS may be deemed a non-starter and a DNS would be recorded against his/her name. Vehicles must be driven in and out of start and finish garage by the competitors themselves.

- 9.2. Driver is the only person allowed in the competing vehicle during an SS. Use of communication equipment between the Driver and any other person is prohibited. The driver must have a current Driver's License issued by any motor authority that is recognized under the Motor Traffic Act in India. Driver must wear fully enclosed footwear, sleeved shirt, long pants, securely fastened helmet, and seat belt while in a moving vehicle during an SS.
9.3. Competitors must complete the event and all SS, using the original tyres and equipment as with the vehicle at the time of scrutineering. Replacements must have the approval of the Organisers.
9.4. Timing will be done by the Marshal in charge of the SS, in the event of any difference in the timing done by the Competitor and the Marshal, the timing taken by the Marshal shall be taken as the final timing of the SS.
9.5. Timing of the SS will cease when the vehicle (to the rear of the front doors) has come to a complete stop in the finish garage. Neither the spare wheel nor any equipment can be abandoned and must be on the vehicle and not dragging on the ground at the finish of an SS. Any item provided in the SS must be restored to its original position.

NOTE: Entry into the finish garage is to be forward unless directed otherwise. Competitors shall not move from the finish garage until directed by an official.

- 9.6. SS can be marked by pegs, bunting or stated as a formed track. Breaking bunting or knocking down peg will result in penalties. Specially designated pegs or bunting marking an SS, if broken will incur a 30-point penalty. The Organisers reserve the right to replace any broken tree with a marker should this happen. A DNF will be recorded if 4 wheels of the vehicle cross the course boundary to gain an advantage.
- 9.7. Competitors may walk the track and watch other vehicles negotiating through an SS unless it is specifically prohibited for that SS. They must however be ready to start at the time the previous vehicle leaves the SS. Competitors in the first batch of vehicles for the day in an SS may be offered to walk the track along with an Official as and when allowed.
- 9.8. Competitors must prevent deterioration of the track from excessive wheel spin especially while driving on soft surfaces like mud and slush.
- 9.9. Competitors when directed by a SS Marshal or Official must immediately remove themselves and their vehicle from the course.
- 9.10. Use of finger enclosed gloves is compulsory for handling recovery equipment.
- 9.11. The Organisers, reserve the right to modify or add Supplementary Rules and Regulations, and decide on matters not specifically covered in these Rules and Regulations and allocate the penalty points at their discretion provided however that no penalties shall be imposed or rules changed retrospectively and no rules shall be amended without prior notice to all competitors.

10. Special Stage (SS) Penalties

- 10.1. Competitors that do not present their vehicle and start an SS will receive a DNS with 0 points.
- 10.2. Competitors that reach the designated SS marker but do not complete the SS within the allocated time will receive a DNF with 20 points.
- 10.3. If 4 wheels of the vehicle cross the course boundary to gain an advantage, the competitor will receive a DNF with 20 points.
- 10.4. Ten (10) Points penalty without warning:
 - 10.4.1. Failure to wear seat belt correctly.
 - 10.4.2. Failure to wear helmet correctly.
 - 10.4.3. Abandoned or Unrestored recovery equipment or spare wheel.
 - 10.4.4. Breaking bunting or knocking down peg.
 - 10.4.5. Failure to follow course/event directions or rules.
 - 10.4.6. Failure to stop when signaled to stop by a Marshal.
- 10.5. Ten (10) point penalty after one warning is given:
 - 10.5.1. Handling recovery equipment without finger enclosed gloves.
 - 10.5.2. Failure to wear proper clothing.
 - 10.5.3. Continuing any unsafe practice.
 - 10.5.4. Excessive wheel spin and failing to recover on direction.

Note: Some SS may have added penalties, if this is the case, competitors will be advised prior to the start of the SS.

11. Other Penalties

After an official warning a minimum forty (40) point penalty up to event disqualification will apply for:

- 11.1. Verbal abuse directed towards Marshals, Spectators or Competitors.
- 11.2. Seeking favor, influence, interference with Marshal's duties.
- 11.3. Usage of communication equipment, taking outside assistance for spotting, recovery, or repair.
- 11.4. Tampering with other competitors' vehicle.
- 11.5. Consuming alcohol or narcotic drugs during the SS.
- 11.6. Littering the campsite or trail.
- 11.7. Competitors and support teams must drive competition and support vehicles on public roads and event sites with utmost caution and within speed limits. No speed testing of vehicles will be allowed at any venue. Riding of support crew on the outside of the vehicle will invite penal action.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. Competitors that complete the SS will be allocated points in order of merit from fastest to slowest as follows:

1st	100	11th	66	21st	45	31st	35
2nd	95	12th	63	22nd	44	32nd	34
3rd	90	13th	60	23rd	43	33rd	33
4th	87	14th	58	24th	42	34th	32
5th	84	15th	56	25th	41	35th	31
6th	81	16th	54	26th	40	36th	30
7th	78	17th	52	27th	39	37th	29
8th	75	18th	50	28th	38	38th	28
9th	72	19th	48	29th	37	39th	27
10th	69	20th	46	30th	36	40th	26

- 12.2. Timing will be scored to the 10th of a second.
- 12.3. Stage awards will be calculated on the basis of the highest points scored. Penalties will be deducted for infringements including from DNF scores.
- 12.4. If 2 or more competitors finish an SS with the same elapsed time, they shall be awarded equal points and placing in the SS. The competitor with the next fastest time shall be placed according to their own finishing positioning in that SS. The placing left vacant due to the tie will not be allocated.
- 12.5. In case of a tied score in major awards, the winner will be decided by a count back. The winner being the one with the least amount of penalties incurred. If this fails to break the tie, then both will be tied as winners in their placing.

13. Protest

- 13.1. Written protests on day 1 provisional scores will only be accepted from a competitor handed directly to one of the Stewards within 1/2 hour of the morning briefing on the following day. Unless a decision on a valid protest is pending with the Stewards, the day 1 scores will be considered as final when the day 2 provisional scores are put up.
- 13.2. Written protests on the day 2 provisional scores will only be accepted from a competitor handed directly to one of the Stewards within 1/2 hour of their being declared.
- 13.3. Vehicle related protests must be received by the end of day 1.
- 13.4. All protests must be submitted with a fee of INR 6,000 (Indian Rupees Six Thousand) which shall be forfeited if the protest is dismissed.
- 13.5. The Club Steward along with the two Independent Stewards shall be required to judge on any formal protest and must have a 2/3rd majority for the protest to be upheld.
- 13.6. A pre-selected representative of the competitor will be allowed to sit in on any protest proceedings, but will have no voting rights.

14. Recovery/Prohibited Behavior/Breakdown Assistance

- 14.1. The Organisers may at their sole discretion exclude a competitor who is deemed unfit for reasons of health or consumption of/under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 14.2. No competitor shall seek favour from, influence, manipulate, obstruct, or interfere with the duties of any member of the organisation.

- 14.3. No competitor will interfere or tamper with any other competitor's vehicle.
- 14.4. SS Manager will be in charge of any recovery operations in the SS by either controlling the recovery personally or by nominating an official as the recovery leader. In the interest of safety all competitors must abide by the recovery leader's instructions. Only one recovery leader will be nominated for any situation.
- 14.5. In the event of a vehicle breakdown or disability, the Organisers will assist in getting the vehicle to the nearest accessible track whereupon it will be the competitors' responsibility to arrange the necessary repairs and to rejoin the event. If the repairs are not possible, they shall be deemed as non-finisher.
- 14.6. No other assistance shall be expected from the Organisers. Competitors are expected to be self-reliant during the event.

15. Sportsmanship

- 15.1. The goal of the event is to promote a respectable adventure sport and sponsoring companies in a professional light.
- 15.2. If a competitor (including support crew) promotes unsportsmanlike conduct, is rude or abusive to officials, landowners, fellow competitors, local authorities, sponsors, destroys property, displays drunken or disrespectful behavior, they may be disqualified from the current event or future events.

16. Environment

These rules have been included to ensure we all participate in a world class event that is at the forefront of environment conservation,

by abiding with globally accepted environmental practices when travelling through and camping on public land. Penalty points will be imposed on entrants for breach of any environment rules stated herein and elsewhere, including a breach by their support crews:

- 16.1. Campsites, assembly, holding and work areas, are to be left clean. Take all your own rubbish, and maybe that of other people. Do not bury any rubbish.
- 16.2. Where toilets are not available, ensure you dig a hole and bury "night soil" at least 100 meters away from camp sites and watercourses. Failure to comply with this requirement, will be immediate disqualification from the event.
- 16.3. In the event of driving on a beach, ensure that you keep to the marked tracks and do not drive over or damage vegetated sand dunes. When in the jungle do not cut down or damage standing trees or plants. Ensure you drive on the marked tracks and if you encounter fallen trees etc, that block the track, rather than trying to drive around them, remove them off the track.

17. Media Crisis Management

The media has a right to report news that they see fit. It is important that anything we do reflects positively on our chosen recreation of off-road activities and ensures we are viewed as a responsible organisation. Potential adverse media or public interest generated by an incident at the event, could threaten the reputation of the event or organisation in the future. An incident is defined:

- A situation caused by a direct result of event activities.
- Affects the safety of any person engaged in event activities.
- A situation, which exposes any deficiency in safety or environment protection procedures

It is the Organisers aim to ensure a safe and incident free event. However, with any type of motor sport there is an element of danger and unplanned incidents are not unusual. Any incident has the potential to become a media crisis e.g., personal injury, vehicle accident or environmental concerns. Competitors are advised to leave all media questions to the Organisers. After they have been briefed on all aspects of the crisis, the Organisers will issue a statement on the incident and focus attention on the positive steps being taken to resolve the incident.



18. Rights of Organisers

- 18.1. The Organisers can refuse any entry, without giving any reason whatsoever.
- 18.2. The Organisers can abandon, cancel, postpone, or shorten the event without due notice in the event of any unforeseen circumstances. No claims whatsoever of any kind shall be entertained due to the abandoning, cancelling, postponement or shortening of the event. The entry fee, if any, will be refunded in case the event is cancelled.
- 18.3. The Organisers can exclude any person or vehicle, which fails to meet the event guidelines as set out in these Rules & Regulations.
- 18.4. The Organisers can cancel any SS at any time including when some competitors have already completed the section for any reason whatsoever.
- 18.5. The Organisers can disqualify any competitor who fails to abide by any rules set out in these Rules & Regulations and any supplementary amendments or any instructions from the event officials. If this occurs there will be no refund of entry fee.

19. Indemnity & Insurance

- 19.1. Cougar Motorsport Pvt. Ltd., its founders, directors, shareholders, sponsors, affiliates, sub-contractors and suppliers and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, servants and agents (the "Organisers"), Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., its founders, directors, shareholders, sponsors, affiliates, sub-contractors and suppliers and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, servants and agents, event sponsors, land owners and anyone appointed by the Organisers will not be held liable in any accident, causing injury or damage to the competitors or their vehicles during the course of the event, including loss of personal belongings.
- 19.2. The Organisers, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., its founders, directors, shareholders, sponsors, affiliates, sub-contractors and suppliers and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, servants and agents, event sponsors, land owners and anyone appointed by the Organisers will not be held liable for any breach of any laws or regulations. The competitors will be entirely responsible for any accidents or breach of laws in which liability may arise and shall indemnify the Organisers, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., its founders, directors, shareholders, sponsors, affiliates, sub-contractors and suppliers and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, servants and agents, event sponsors, land owners and anyone appointed by the Organisers by signing the indemnity form, before the start of the event. Failure to do so renders the participant ineligible to start with no refund of the entry fee.
- 19.3. Competitors will have no claim whatsoever against the Organisers, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., its founders, directors, shareholders, sponsors, affiliates, sub-contractors and suppliers and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, servants and agents, event sponsors, land owners and anyone appointed by the Organisers. It is the Competitors own responsibility to have in force, a valid insurance coverage against third-party liability.
- 19.4. All competitors will be covered by personal accident insurance of INR 5,00,000 for the duration of the event. This policy covers death and permanent total disability up to 100% sum-insured, permanent partial disability as per schedule, medical expenses up to 10% of sum-insured or 40% of valid claim whichever is less.
- 19.5. All competitors are advised to take own additional insurance coverage for mishaps or illness for pre and post event days.
- 19.6. Competitor attention is drawn to the fact the regular vehicle insurance does not cover the vehicle during motorsport use. They are advised to get an endorsement for the same at their own risk and cost.

APPENDIX 1
Sample Scrutiny Card

		<p>SCRUTINY CARD</p>	
Competition No:		Registration No:	
Driver:		Tyres Size/Type	
Vehicle Variant:		Class	Stock <input type="checkbox"/> Modified <input type="checkbox"/>
ELECTRICALS		DRIVETRAIN	
BRAKE LIGHT		WORKING 4X4	
HORN		SPARE TYRE / SECURE	
HEAD LAMPS		BRAKES	
BATTERY TERMINALS SECURE			
INDICATORS		COMP STICKERS CONFORMITY	
TAIL LAMPS		SIDE DECALS & COMP NO	
REAR LAMPS		BONNET DECAL	
WINDSCREEN WIPERS		SPONSOR STICKERS	
		NO OFFENSIVE BRANDING	
BODY/CHASSIS			
LAMINATED WINDSCREEN		OCCUPANT PROTECTION	
WINDOW GLASSES		SEAT BELTS	
ENGINE BAY FIREWALL / BULK HEAD		HELMETS	
DOORS		1 PR FINGER ENCLOSED GLOVES	
DECLARATION			
<p>I declare that all information given in this form is true and correct and if any information is found to be incorrect, I agree to accept any disciplinary action taken by the Organisers.</p> <p>I declare that the modifications to my vehicle comply with the standards laid down in the Rules & Regulations and I take full responsibility for the same. I understand and confirm that the acceptance of my vehicle or any exemption granted by the Organisers does not make them responsible or liable for my safety.</p> <p>I am participating in this event on my own accord.</p> <p>I confirm all details supplied are correct and if incorrect class is entered, I understand that all Special Stage points will be stripped and any awards forfeited. The English Version of the Rules and Regulations is the official document to be used for reference for any protest or ruling.</p>			
SIGNATURE of Competitor: _____		Scrutineer: _____	
Date: _____		Pass/Fail _____ Date: _____	