



In addition to the General Conditions of Entry to the Dakar, the Bike and Quad categories are subject to a special selection procedure.

For the Dakar Rally 2025, the number of participants in the Bike & Quad categories is limited to 130.

1. Eligibility criteria for the Dakar 2025 selection process

To be eligible to take part in the Dakar 2025 rally, riders must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- **To have taken part in at least one Road to Dakar race in the two years preceding the selections date, July 15, 2024 (i.e. between July 2022 and July 2024).**

The Road to Dakar is a series of races whose format and level of difficulty meet the Dakar selection criteria. Participating in several of these races increases a rider's chances of selection. Consult the [Road to Dakar calendar](#) on competitors.dakar.com to find out which races have been awarded the Road to Dakar label.

OR

- **To have taken part in at least one Dakar rally in the five years preceding the selection date, July 15, 2024 (i.e. from Dakar 2020 inclusive to Dakar 2024).**



2. Selection process

- A. All candidates (except RallyGP) are invited to fill in a selection questionnaire when opening the registration file. It will provide the organizer with information about their experience in Bike/Quad racing.**

The points scale below will be applied to the riders' track records, and will be used to assess their level of experience according to the races in which they have taken part.

	From Dakar 2020 and after	Before Dakar 2020
Dakar rally	18 points	0 point

	From July 2022 and after	Before July 2022
W2RC round*	12 points	4 points
Road to Dakar race*	12 points	4 points
Rally-raid of 5 days or more, desert/dune profile	4 points	2 points
Other rally-raid of 5 days or more	2 points	0 point
Round of the FIM Baja World Championship	2 points	0 point

* Except BP Ultimate Rally-Raid (**6 points**) and 1000 Desert Race Upington (**8 points**)

To be awarded points for a race, riders must have taken part in and finished that race (provide rankings).



Awarding of bonus points:

Riders who finish within 1.3 to 1.5 times (depending on the rally) the time of the Rally2 category winner will be awarded 3 bonus points.

This bonus is only applicable to W2RC rounds and Road to Dakar races run from July 2022.

- B. “Rookies” (riders who have never taken part in the Dakar Rally in the Moto/Quad category) must, in addition to the questionnaire, send a file presenting their Dakar project to dakarcompetitors@aso.fr.**

This file must include the following information:

- Rider’s project (history, motivations, objectives, organization)
- Level of regular bike riding (leisure and competition)
- Track record in Bike and other sports (Copy of rankings)
- Whether or not attached to a support team
- Rider promotion (Communication/Visibility)
- Physical fitness through sports (excluding rally-raid)

Discover a sample selection file [here](#). Candidates are free to adapt it to their own projects. Please note that this file is given as an example and is not a guarantee of selection.



3. Selection of the application

Selection is based on an overall assessment of riders' skills, experience and ability to cope with the technical and physical challenges of the race.

The following criteria will be taken into consideration:

- 1. Riders' level of experience**, in particular through the number of points obtained in the selection questionnaire
- 2. The riders' fitness**, through rally-raid and other sports.
- 3. The riders' project**, through their story, their motivations, their objectives for the race and their promotion.

Only the Dakar Rally Selection Committee can decide on the admission of candidates. It reserves the right, at its own discretion, to accept or refuse any entry.

RallyGP riders (riders on the FIM RallyGP list) are exempt from the selection process.