



## The 2017 Polaris RZR UTV World Championship powered by Monster Energy 2017 Media Guidelines

Credentials are required to shoot on the UTVWC racecourse during any/all racing on Saturday, April 15th. This includes all motorcycle, quad, and UTV races. Credentials are not required to shoot contingency or any of the other UTVWC events. There is NO MEDIA allowed at the "Poker Fun Run".

Submission of a Media Credential Request Application does not guarantee media credentials. The UTV World Championship media staff (hereafter referred to as UTVWC) will review all credential requests and reserves the right to approve or deny any application. The UTVWC and/or Best in the Desert Staff reserve the right to remove credentials onsite if any policies or procedures, safety or otherwise, are violated. UTVWC is committed to safety of the entire venue, racers, spectators and media. Safety is of the utmost concern; therefore, we ask you to respect the following guidelines to help ensure the longevity of desert off-road racing. Allowing media access to The UTV World Championship is a privilege, not a right, and your access can be revoked at any time.

**\*\*If you are a media group, a form must be filled out for each individual\*\***

**No media credential requests will be accepted on site.** No exceptions.

Media members must be 18 years of age or older.

Media credentials are non-transferable, no exceptions.

### **Credential Fee**

*The cost for media credentials is \$100 cash and is non-refundable under any circumstances.*

### **Credential Pickup**

There is NO on site media registration at The UTVWC whatsoever. You must submit an application online.

Credentials are required to shoot on any part of the racecourse.

You do not need credentials to shoot any of the UTVWC festivities or in spectator areas on race day.

Credentials should be picked up in Don's Celebrity Theater inside Riverside Resort & Casino between 9am and 5pm on Friday, April 14th. A media check-in table will be set-up in the same room as drivers registration in Don's Celebrity Theater inside Riverside Resort & Casino.

\$100 cash is due at the time of pickup, no exceptions! You will be issued a "Guest Media" vest, wristband, lanyard and two media car placards. Place the car placards in your front and rear windows prior to entering the UTVWC race area.



### **Release Waivers**

Each individual approved for media credentials must sign the required Best In The Desert Release Waiver AND UTVWC release waivers in person before credentials will be issued. Please bring a government issued photo ID with you. All members of the media will be required to read and sign the Best in the Desert Safety Guidelines.

### **UTVWC Media License**

Each individual approved for media credentials must sign the UTVWC Media License Agreement in person before credentials will be issued. Media licensing is strictly enforced at this event.

### **Aerial Drone Policy**

**There is absolutely NO flying of unmanned, radio controlled “drones”, “quadcopters”, or “helicopters” at The UTVWC. Either by media OR the public.** This is a 2017 Best in the Desert Media Policy, BLM regulation, and FAA guideline.

### **Helicopters**

If your team would like to utilize a helicopter for either spectating or race chase/logistics please contact Joshua Martelli (josh@utvunderground.com) PRIOR to the event. No unregistered helicopters are allowed at this event.

### **Mandatory Media Safety Meeting**

There is a mandatory media safety meeting on Friday, April 14th at 6pm in the same hall as the drivers meeting and drivers registration in Don's Celebrity Theater inside Riverside Resort & Casino. Attendance will be taken. We will review safety guidelines, discuss media rights, and offer suggestions for shooting locations. You must be credentialed to attend this meeting.

### **Mandatory Safety Vests, Media Credentials, Wristbands and Media Placards**

All media personnel must wear the supplied UTVWC safety vest on the course. No media will be allowed to wear personal vests. Failure to do so will result in revocation of your media credentials and you will be required to leave the course. This is a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Directive AND IS NOT OPTIONAL. Your 2017 UTVWC Guest Media Vest is paid for with your credential fee. They do not need to be returned. In addition to your mandatory safety vest you must wear the issued wristband and credential at all times. Please display your supplied media vehicle placards on the front and rear windshield of your vehicle at all times. When you enter the media areas ALL persons in your vehicle must be credentialed media. NO EXCEPTIONS.

### **Media Classes – “Guest Media” and “Mad Media”**

There are two classes of media at The UTVWC. “Guest Media” which includes any/all media wearing a Guest Media Vest – pre approved professionals credentialed by The UTVWC, AND the “Mad Media” television film crew and photographers. The Mad Media film crews have additional access to areas NOT permitted to Guest Media and shall have the authority to request that Guest Media move if they are deemed to be unsafe, or obstructing television cameras view of the race course. Guest Media shall comply with requests from the Mad Media film crews or have their credentials taken and be asked to leave the racecourse. No exceptions.



Guest Media may be asked to move from a specific location for any reason, by BITD staff, BLM personnel, and/or Mad Media crew. Media credentials may be revoked (with no refund due), for any reason at any time including but not limited to: unprofessional behavior, unsafe behavior, and/or ignoring the requests of safety workers and/or BLM or BITD officials.

#### **Race Teams / No Credentials**

In the interest of fairness to all race teams, NO RACE TEAM PERSONNEL are eligible for Media Credentials allowing them access to the racecourse. No exceptions. Race team members may NOT leave the designated pit areas to photograph or film the race. This is a 2017 Best in the Desert media policy.

#### **Safety and Best Practices for Photographers and Videographers**

Your course access for coverage of the race is governed by Best in the Desert and the BLM. You MUST ADHERE to these rules, or you will be removed.

You will be given a map that shows you where you may park your car to access the racecourse. Please do NOT deviate from the marked roads and parking spots indicated on this map.

Prior to driving out to the racecourse please hang your media placards on your front and rear window. Please put on your media vest and be prepared to show your wristband and credential badge. Everyone in your vehicle must have a vest, wristband, and credential – no exceptions.

Per BITD media requirements, **ALL MEDIA are required to stay back AT LEAST 50 FEET from the racecourse at all times.** YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STAND IN THE RACECOURSE FOR ANY REASON. If you are found on the course or within 50 feet of it by a Best in the Desert Official, or BLM official, your media privileges will be immediately revoked and you will be required to leave the event.

You are not permitted to drive on any part of the racecourse at any time. No Exceptions. Tampering with any Best In The Desert racecourse markings, for any reason WILL NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the event, and permanent ban from any future Best In The Desert events.

Do NOT drive your vehicle into the open desert! Remain on marked roads always. DO NOT PARK ON VEGETATION OR YOU WILL BE TICKETED BY THE BLM. To access the racecourse during the event park your vehicle on access roads and walk into the racecourse.

Use common sense when picking your spot to film or shoot from. The outsides of turns are very dangerous! Do not under any circumstances cross the racecourse when a competitor is on course. PICK UP YOUR TRASH. The UTV World Championship is a LEAVE NO TRACE EVENT. Help us protect this fragile ecosystem and keep this area open to OHV and off road racing. Please pack out all of your trash.

PLEASE NOTE: Driving UTV's on public roads is illegal in Nevada. It does NOT matter if they are registered as on-road vehicles in Arizona, or other states. You WILL be ticketed and may be towed if pulled over for driving UTV's on roads in Laughlin.