



COPA 2013 TT XTREM

The X-TREM CHALLENGE ANDORRA 2013 has been set up for success.

For the sixth consecutive year, Sant Julià de Lòria will be in the spotlight of the 4WD X-Trem events' fans from all over Europe. From next Friday (11th October) on, the Andorran city will live intensely through the XTREMCHALLENGE ANDORRA consisting of 34 teams divided into two categories: Proto with 20 teams and Prepared with 14 teams. All together 7 different nationalities which clearly showcases how very popular the Andorran event is in the international calendar. The event will have the full support of the Automobil Club d'Andorra for the organisational tasks, more precisely the administration side of the Andorran Challenge, and of the Comú (Townhall) of Sant Julià de Lòria.

The presentation of the Challenge Andorra 2013 was held in the offices of the Comú of Sant Julià de Lòria by Mr Oliver Alís (Minister for Sports of Sant Julia de Loria), Mr Antoni Sasplugas (Secretary general of the Automobil Club d'Andorra) and Mr Ramón Pujol (Director of the event). Both Mr Alís and Mr Sasplugas emphasised the consolidation of the Andorran X-Trem as one of the main European events and thanked all the volunteers who had started working several days before the beginning of the race to make sure everything will be at its best when the teams start racing.

Mr Ramón Pujol, who thanked all the institutions and sponsors for their help, also said: *This year we have tried to create zones more physically demanding so the work of the navigator will be even more crucial. What's more we are hoping for good weather conditions, so the zones will be dry, which will increase the participants' confidence and will encourage them to try riskier manoeuvres.*

For this year's Andorran Challenge, many teams have been placed on the waiting list. As usual the registration period was closed before its deadline because the spots were all taken (50 teams went through the registration process).

Some noteworthy participants are the Reul brothers from Belgium, winners in 2010, and the three British teams, which have decided to compete in the Andorran X-Trem spurred on by other British teams that raced in previous years. For the first time in this event there will also be two Portuguese teams with a highly competitive level; there's no doubt Azevedo-Cameirao and Queiro-Ferreira will be amongst the leaders.

As far as the route is concerned, there won't be many changes. Canòlich will be the focal point of the event once the competition has started. From 3:30pm on Friday, the participants will have to go through 6 zones in less than 15' each. For the two night zones (Friday and Saturday from 11 pm), the teams will have to find up to 20 waypoints and get through 6 zones in less than 30' each. There will also be 41 zones raced during the day (Saturday and Sunday from 10am) with very different levels of difficulty and thus with different set times and points.

It is worth mentioning that the zones have been established between Bissisarri, the Coll de la Gallina and the route to Aixàs.

The most multinational event of the **Copa TT X-Trem Andorra** will also have decisive consequences in the rankings of both categories, Proto and Prepared. In the **PROTO** category, the consequences were already obvious when the participants' list of the Challenge Andorra was published. Obviously Ramón Pujol and Albert Cabanes (organisers of the event in Sant Julià) were not on the list so Jaume Guardiola became the winner of the Proto category. In the **PREPARED** category, the winner will be decided in the event's zones. The main fight for this last title of the Andorran TT Cup will be between Ernest Raventós (champion in 2012) and Josep Betriu.

The fans that would like to see all the teams will have their first chance, which could also be there only one, next Friday (11th October) between 8am and 12:30pm in the city center of Sant Julià de Lòria (Praking Volvo) where the teams will go through the technical and administrative verifications. As usual, during the technical verifications, more precisely during the angle test and the test of the ramp travel index, fans can see the first spectacular scenes of the weekend.

Press service.

Provisional classifications of the COPA TT XTREM 2013:

Pos	Proto		Preparado		Serie	
1	Jaume Guardiola	24	Ernest Raventós	27	Joel Martinez	25
2	Ramón Pujol	15	Jordi Betriu	23	Aitor Punzano	20
3	Albert Cabanes	15	Felip Estaban	16	Clement Rançon	15

