

Bastogne 101

7th & 8th July 2018

The Event

Side by Sides (called SSV's in Europe) join in with a two day Enduro event held for quads at Bastogne in South East Belgium called the European Quad Trophy. The Side by Side races are separate to the quad races and we will be racing for the overall SXS trophy on the day. Races consist of 2x one hour enduro's plus a half hour night race.

We can run with or without a passenger.

Competitors **under the age of 18 years**, must have a Parent available at registration to guarantee their entry.

The full address is:

Circuit Sans Souci
Rue Sans Souci 39
6600 Bastogne
Belgium

It is located off the N854, north of the town (see map). From motorway E25, take the Liege-Arlon exit, junction 53 Clervaux. Then Follow the signs.



The track is similar in terrain to our short circuit events but about 4km long with plenty of jumps.

There are three races totalling two and a half hours of track time (see schedule).

****You will need to bring your MCF Licence to prove you are medically fit to race****

****You will also need to bring a form of ID card (i.e. driving licence) to leave with the organisers as a transponder deposit****

It is advisable to bring your own spares. If you have parts you normally have problems with like belts, drive shafts, clutches etc., please arrange to have these with you or available. There will not be a parts van on site!

You will also need to bring/buy your own fuel ahead of time as you do at home.

**** Please check Ferry/Eurotunnel terms and conditions, most companies will not let you cross the channel with full fuel cans. ****

Please enter through the SXS website. <https://sxsracing.co.uk/events/>

And speak to Colin 07880 334883 or Andy in the SXS Office 01924 460076, if you have any queries.

Rules and Regs

The Rules and Regulations are the same as our own racing in the UK, **with the exception and particular attention to the following:**

VEHICLES

- 1) **ALL** vehicles must run stock exhausts.
- 2) **ALL** vehicles must run front and rear lights for the night race and in poor visibility.
- 3) **ALL** vehicles must also run a rear brake light in all races as well as the above.

RACE CONDUCT

- 1) We must all attend the mandatory Safety Briefing. It is for **ALL** Drivers/Mechanics/Stewards and anyone who is on or around the track for the weekend. It will be in English. We will sign on (confirming we have attended the briefing) and will receive a wristband. Without this we will not be allowed on track!
- 2) Any one on track **MUST** also wear a high visibility jacket. Please see the organisers for more information.
- 3) Any moving vehicles in the paddock are to be at walking speed at all times.
- 4) All repairs must be done in the designated pit lane or well clear of the race track in a safe place. Otherwise if you stop on track, you must wait till the end of the race for recovery.
- 5) Entry back in to the paddock with a moving vehicle, while the race is live, is prohibited.
- 6) Any breach of regulations will be dealt with by the Clerk of the Course and their decision is final.

We are expected to behave and conduct our racing in the same manor (or higher) than we do at home. Please remember we are guests at all times and forging good relationships with the European racing community is of benefit to our own sport.

Camping

Previous years, the pits and camping were alongside the track and the ground slopes in a few areas. It is advisable to bring levelling chocks.

Fast food is available along with porta toilets and (cold?) shower facilities. Tents are allowed and there will be access to fresh water.

The last three years it has got to 28 degrees so remember your sunscreen!

The town is small and not far away (see map) if you need provisions/restaurants, but bringing your own or finding a Supermarché on the way are advised options.

Getting there

You will need to book your own ferry/tunnel crossings ahead of time, based on your type of vehicle/trailer.

Previous years, Calais to Bastogne took about 5hrs in a lorry, with a short stop half way.

P&O Channel Crossings

When travelling with P&O: if you have fixed appliances in your vehicle it will count as a motorhome, you will need to measure your vehicle and any trailers separately. When measuring your trailer length, measure from the rear bumper of your tow vehicle to the end of the trailer.

If using other companies, you'll need to check their T&Cs.

****Most ferries do not let you take containers full of fuel on board – fill up with race fuel in France.****

Aim to arrive at the port 45mins-1hr before departure as it gets busy that time of year, and don't queue with freight, you can head in on the RH lane with the cars.

Remember this event is abroad, make sure you have passports, vehicle documents and conform to European road laws etc. You may also want to think about European insurance and breakdown for your support vehicles.

Remember France/Belgium are 1hr ahead of the UK!

*****NEW INFORMATION*** ***RE: HGVs OVER 3.5 TON*****

Last year it was brought to our attention that all HGV's over 3.5 ton travelling in Belgium must have a working On Board Unit (OBU) to pay the HGV Viapass road tolls/taxes. See <https://www.viapass.be/en/about-viapass/> and <https://www.satellic.be/en-UK> for more information. This is a goods vehicle taxing method and if you clearly are not a motorhome (i.e. are a lorry/a converted lorry) and are clearly over 3.5 ton you will need to purchase one of these boxes or have proof on you that you are exempt. Last year one of our SXS team was fined €2400 on the spot for not having an OBU or correct paperwork to say he was classed as a motorhome!!

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!

OUT LINE OF WEEKEND BASED ON PREVIOUS YEARS SCHEDULE

Friday

Travel from the UK to France

Drive to Bastogne in Belgium, arriving around 5/6pm

Sign on and relax/tinker/walk track

Saturday

08.00 - 10.00 – Technical Control

12.00 – Drivers Briefing

12.30 – Parade of vehicles (Local roads are closed, we drive our SXS's in convoy with about 70/80 quads through the town – you do not need no. plates, insurance etc. to do this at this time as it is an organised parade. **At all other times if taking your SXS on the road you must be 100% roadworthy and legal!!**)

15.30 – SXS Qualifying (30 minutes)

18.30 – SXS Grid Line Up

19.00 – SXS Race 1 (1hr)

0.00 – SXS Grid Line Up

0.30 – SXS Race 2 (30 minute night race – **YOU WILL NEED YOUR LIGHTS/LIGHT BARS!**)

Sunday

11.15 – SXS Grid Line Up

11.45 – SXS Race 3 (1hr)

Pm – Presentations and chilling out

You are free to leave when ever you wish, previous year's most of us stayed the night and left Monday morning.

Monday

Am - Set off for France and crossing back to the UK.