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## SIDE BY SIDE : A THREE-STEP PROGRESSION

### Key points :

- The SSV/UTV vehicles, which now have their own category on the Dakar, will be renamed Side by Side beginning with the 2018 edition.
- A.S.O. issued new regulations making the category more accessible
- These regulations will be applied based on a calendar allowing T3.3 drivers and crews to take their time to make their conversion.

In 2017 a new stand-alone category was introduced on the Dakar. The light-weight SSV/UTV vehicles have become better and better adapted to the demands of the event. They now represent an ideal way for those teams in the process of preparing an experience in the sport. After confirming the sporting viability of this category, a three-year plan has been established to provide the means of its development, while conserving the interests of the competitors who have already invested in the past few editions. This category will now be called Side by Side, or SxS in its abbreviated form. The undertaking of enhancing the category and the advancement of the vehicles, originated and supported by Polaris, Yamaha and Can-Am, is expected to undergo a significant development according to the clear trends that appeared on the market already several years ago.

### Side by Side category calendar:

#### 2018 / A single classification

- The Side by Side vehicles meeting the criteria of the new regulation
- All existing T3.2s : light vehicles under 1050cc which meet FIA standards.

#### 2019 / Coexistence of two distinct classifications

- One for new-generation Side by Side vehicles
- An "Open" classification with existing T3.2s

#### 2020 / Side by Side only

- Only the new Side by Sides will be eligible to compete in the category. T3.2s will return to the "Car" category.

### Main criteria for eligibility in the Side by Side category: Production vehicles, production of a minimum of 500 per year. "Two passenger" vehicles only.

- FIA approved safety roll cage
- Maximum 130L tank that can be lengthened under the seats.
- Open Chassis, except roll cage (standard dimensions and position).
- 2700mm maximum wheelbase
- Production engines, turbos allowed, maximum 1050cc engines.
- Maximum speed of 130kph
- Minimum weight of 850kg

Regulations available [HERE](#)

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