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This clarifies Section 4 of Bulletin 4 (GPS Statement of Accuracy, 25/4/2026).

4. POLICY ON DISTANCE DISPUTES — CLARIFICATION

In light of the accuracy limitations described in Bulletin 4, and in order to maintain a fair and transparent results process, the following clarifies handling of distance results for Rhino Charge 2026.

For Overall Results Used to determine scores for Overall, Overall Class M, Overall Class U, Classic Charge, Coupes Des Dames, Highest 1st Placed Entrant

Results Processing

- (a) All recorded distances will be rounded to the nearest 100 metres prior to any comparison being made. Standard mathematical rounding rules apply: a remainder of 50 metres or more rounds up; a remainder of less than 50 metres rounds down.
- (b) Rounded distances are then compared directly. The vehicle with the shortest rounded distance, having visited the required number of checkpoints in the prescribed manner, is declared the winner of that results category.
- (c) In the event that two or more vehicles record identical rounded distances, the tiebreak shall be the elapsed time taken to cover that recorded distance. The shorter elapsed time prevails, in accordance with rule N4b.

Disputes

- (d) The Stewards and Clerk of the Course will not consider any distance dispute where the claimed discrepancy would not alter the rounded result. In practice, a dispute must demonstrate a difference of 100 metres or more in overall recorded distance in order to be admitted at first instance.
- (e) Any dispute that does not meet this threshold will be dismissed at first instance and will not proceed to a formal hearing.
- (f) The Organiser acknowledges that differences below this threshold may have implications for competitive bragging rights; however, such differences fall entirely within the measurement uncertainty of the system and cannot be adjudicated with confidence.
- (g) Competitors are reminded that under rule N4b: "The overall winner will be the entrant who visits the most Checkpoints in the prescribed manner. Where the number of Checkpoints visited by two or more competitors is equal, the advantage will go to the entrant who has covered the shortest distance. If the distance covered is still equal, the overall time taken to cover the recorded distance will be the tie break."

Worked Example

The following example illustrates how the rounding and tiebreak mechanism operates in practice. Three vehicles have visited an equal number of checkpoints and their raw recorded distances are as follows:

Vehicle	Raw Recorded Distance	Rounded to Nearest 100 m	Elapsed Time	Position
Car 1	29.50 km	29.5 km	9h 30m	1st
Car 2	29.58 km	29.6 km	9h 28m	3rd
Car 3	29.62 km	29.6 km	9h 25m	2nd

Car 1 records the shortest rounded distance (29.5 km) and is placed first outright. Cars 2 and 3 both round to 29.6 km and are therefore tied on distance. The tiebreak is elapsed time: Car 3 at 9h 25m places ahead of Car 2 at 9h 28m.

Note: On raw distance alone, Car 2 (29.58 km) would have finished ahead of Car 3 (29.62 km). After rounding, both vehicles are equal and the time tiebreak reverses that order. This is the intended and correct application of these rules.

For Segment Results. (Tiger Lines and the Gauntlet)

Segment Results (Tiger Lines and the Gauntlet)

- (a) Segment results will be rounded to three decimal places (eg 2.161 km).
- (e) Where two or more vehicles record identical rounded distances within a segment category, the tiebreak shall be the elapsed time for that segment, measured from the moment the vehicle enters the start of the segment to the moment it exits the end of that segment. Overall event time is not used for segment-level tiebreaks.

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