

ESI 2019 Post event feedback – Official response

Based on the feedback received till date, we are really glad that we could improve the overall event experience for teams participating in ESI. We appreciate the response we got from the teams on the areas where we can improve and the fields where we got better from previous year event experiences. Here we are publishing the whole feedback in brief.

Points of Improvement:

- Endurance race accessibility

The track for ESI 2019 was different from previous years as it was multi-level due to natural terrain layout & this proved recovery difficult in 2 sectors. Although response time to a topple / stuck vehicle was almost immediate, due to nature of the undulating terrain, there was a delay in certain sectors. This was expected and teams were briefed on this during Endurance briefing.

All cars were recovered either manually or through cranes except the unfortunate case of Team#66. This team suffered a hub failure in one of the corners where the crane could not reach and the nature of failure meant the car could not be pushed back to a position where the crane has access. This led to unfortunate retirement of the team from the endurance.

This could not have been fixed on spot and the organizers regret being in a position where they could not help 1 team out of all teams taking part in endurance.

This has been taken into consideration & the necessary changes would be implemented in the track layout for ESI 2020. However, we would like to commend the members of Team#66 for displaying the spirit & maturity to not take this incident as a intentional incident.

- Event management

Dynamic slotting – the concept of this was long debated and finally implemented at ESI 2019. This was the first time any competition went ahead with a step like this and this led to no waiting lines at any of the dynamic events.

However, there were some instances the teams had to wait to clear brakes as they had cleared TI quickly and first session slots at statics next day.

To avoid the empty slots in the dynamic events, the slotting system will be improved with more cars being accommodated in each slot & teams would be allowed to choose their own static slots.

- Insurance

One of the common concerns among some teams was the insurance requirement for participating members of the event. This was a last moment addition and we understand might have put teams through difficulty in arranging funds at the last moment. However, this is done to ensure everyone is covered with the adequate insurance & should there be any unfortunate incidents no one would be suffering due to lack of exact type of insurance.

For ESI 2020, the insurance amount will be notified to teams at the start of the year during registration phase and as with ESI 2019, would only be payable onsite for the members who are present onsite.

- Safety

Although the ambulance was not present on-site other than endurance day, the outpatient department of the hospital was informed of the event and when someone required medical assistance, they were attended to.

However, the organizers have taken steps to ensure that regardless of the proximity of the event site to the hospital, an ambulance with doctors would be available onsite on all days of the event.

Further, it has also been noticed that was too much interference from the students of the other educational institutions located within the campus & this proved to be a safety issue.

For ESI 2020, we are in talks with venue owners to shut down the campus and deploy additional security to prevent walk in visitors. Also, the Technical Inspection bays would be relocated to the Team pit area & hotpits would be relocated to the brakes area. This would create a far more compact layout & remove the necessity of travelling long distance between each section of the event.

Point of General Concern:

- Prize money

ESI 2019 had no prize money and this seemed to be a point for some teams. The feedback received after ESI 2018 was that the entry fee seemed too high for participants. Hence, it was decided to reduce it & there was a 20% reduction in entry fees for all teams for ESI 2019 (registration fees 60,000/-) when compared with entry fee from 2016 through 2018 (registration fees 75,000/-).

Although this helps all teams participating in the event, this idea seemed unpopular as this reduction in entry fees meant removing prize money as well.

Post ESI 2019 event, the decision taken by the organizing committee is to reinstate the prize money for ESI 2020. Exact details of which will be published at the time of registration opening.

Points of Immediate action:

It has come to our attention that certain fake accounts are circulating derogatory comments and rumors on social media. There are some students from certain teams who have engaged in personal attacks as well.

This has been duly forwarded to our legal team and action will be taken against defamatory comments made on social media unless they are not taken down at the immediate effect.

If you have any concerns which are not addressed above, please feel free to write to us at complaints@endurostudent.in & we would try & respond to your queries as soon as possible.

We would like to sum up this response on a positive note by putting the basic idea on the table that event like ESI is conducted for students to learn. We always welcome more feedback and ideas on how can we improve the learning experience of students in context of Design Knowledge, Cost analysis and Business acumen within engineering student community.

The event is no more than a accumulation of energy and enthusiasm of all student teams taking part in the event so we encourage teams to work with the organising committee in the best spirit and provide detailed and genuine feedback which can be taken into effect from upcoming events considering their feasibility.



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