

ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE

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Under the patronage of **His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Ruler's Representative in the Al Dhafrah Region, the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge is one of the world's most prestigious and longest-running cross-country rallies.

Founded in 1991 by Emirati motorsport pioneer **H.E. Mohammed Ben Sulayem**, **FIA President,** and organized by the Emirates Motorsports Organization (EMSO), the event has become a true icon of international rally-raid competition.

Each year, the world's leading drivers and riders are drawn to the spectacular yet unforgiving dunes of the Rub' al Khali, the largest continuous sand desert on Earth, testing their skill, endurance, and respect for one of the **region's most remarkable natural environments.**







PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY IN THE EMIRATE OF ABU DHABI

The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge is committed to protecting the unique biodiversity of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. As competitors, your awareness and actions play a vital role in protecting this environment.

Please remain strictly on the designated routes at all times, avoid driving over vegetation, and never disturb wildlife or their habitats. Off-route driving can damage sensitive desert flora, disrupt animal movements, and leave lasting impacts on the landscape.

By respecting the environment and following all environmental instructions and marshal guidance, you contribute directly to safeguarding the biodiversity and natural heritage of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, helping to preserve these remarkable desert environments for future generations.

Thank you for helping us protect the desert and ensure the sustainable future of the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge.



ALL COMPETITORS AND TEAM MEMBERS MUST AT ALL TIMES RESPECT THE FIA / FIM AND ORGANIZER'S ENVIRONMENTAL RULES

- **It is compulsory to use an environmental mat** (or other effective and approved system) to prevent soil and water contamination at events.
- The **environmental mat** must be composed of an absorbent upper part and an impermeable lower part and must be used:
  - Wherever work on vehicles/motorcycles is allowed by the organizers.
  - In the Parc Ferme.
  - In the paddock at all events.
  - Under all waste oil and fuel containers provided by the organizers.
  - At all official refueling points.
  - Under all thermic powered generators and power washers.
- Cleaning of vehicles/motorcycles, equipment and parts, where permitted by the regulations, must only be carried out at places with cleaning facilities.
- **Only water without the addition of chemical products** (for example detergent, even if it is eco or biodegradable) is permitted.

  Each participant and/or team member is responsible for the waste generated by his team during the event.
- **Organizer's containers for waste must be used as directed.**
- **Respect all other rules and guidelines of the event.**



START OF STAGE 1 AT AL AIN OASIS, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Al Ain Oasis is the largest oasis in the UAE. Consisting of 147,000 date palm trees and 100 other plantations, Al Ain Oasis is a lush escape from the desert.

The significance of Al Ain Oasis comes from the fact that **it was inhabited almost 4,000 years ago**, making it one of the world's oldest permanently inhabited settlements. The oasis is even home to the falaj system, an ancient irrigation method. For this reason, it was marked as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Al Ain Oasis covers about 1,200 hectares of land and is essentially filled with serene pathways and lines of date palm trees and other plantations.

As competitors, you are kindly requested to respect this unique natural and cultural heritage.



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EVENT MAPS



SERVICE PARK IN AL AIN

Click for location: Al Ain Municipality

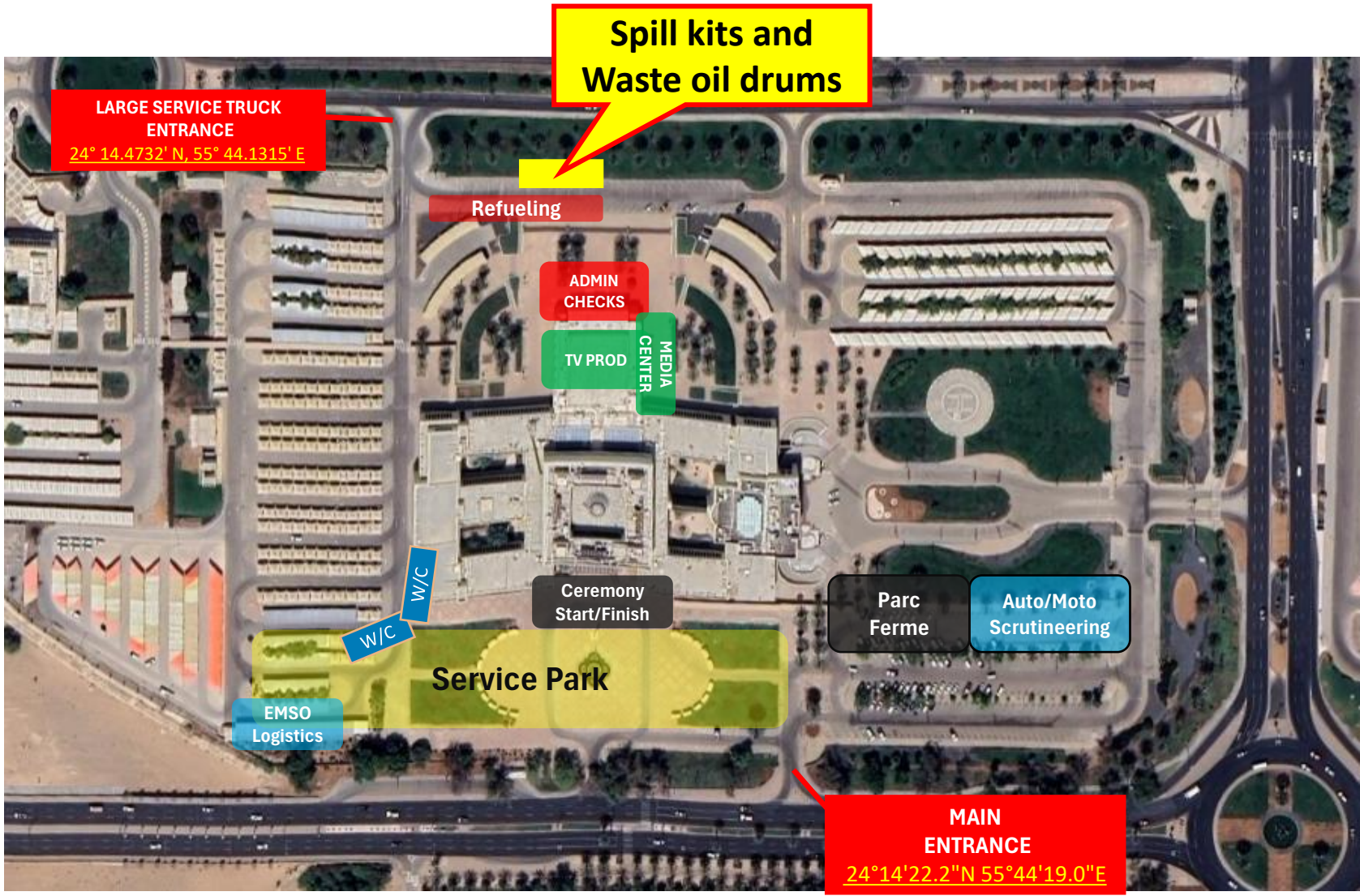
WASHROOMS IN THE SERVICE PARK - Open 24/7

Two (2) containers with separate bathrooms for men and women will be provided at the service park.

WASTE BINS

Waste bins will be placed on various locations across the service park.

Tadweer, the ADDC Sustainability Partner will be responsible for waste management at the service park.





SERVICE PARK IN MADINAT ZAYED

Click for location: Madinat Zayed Service Park

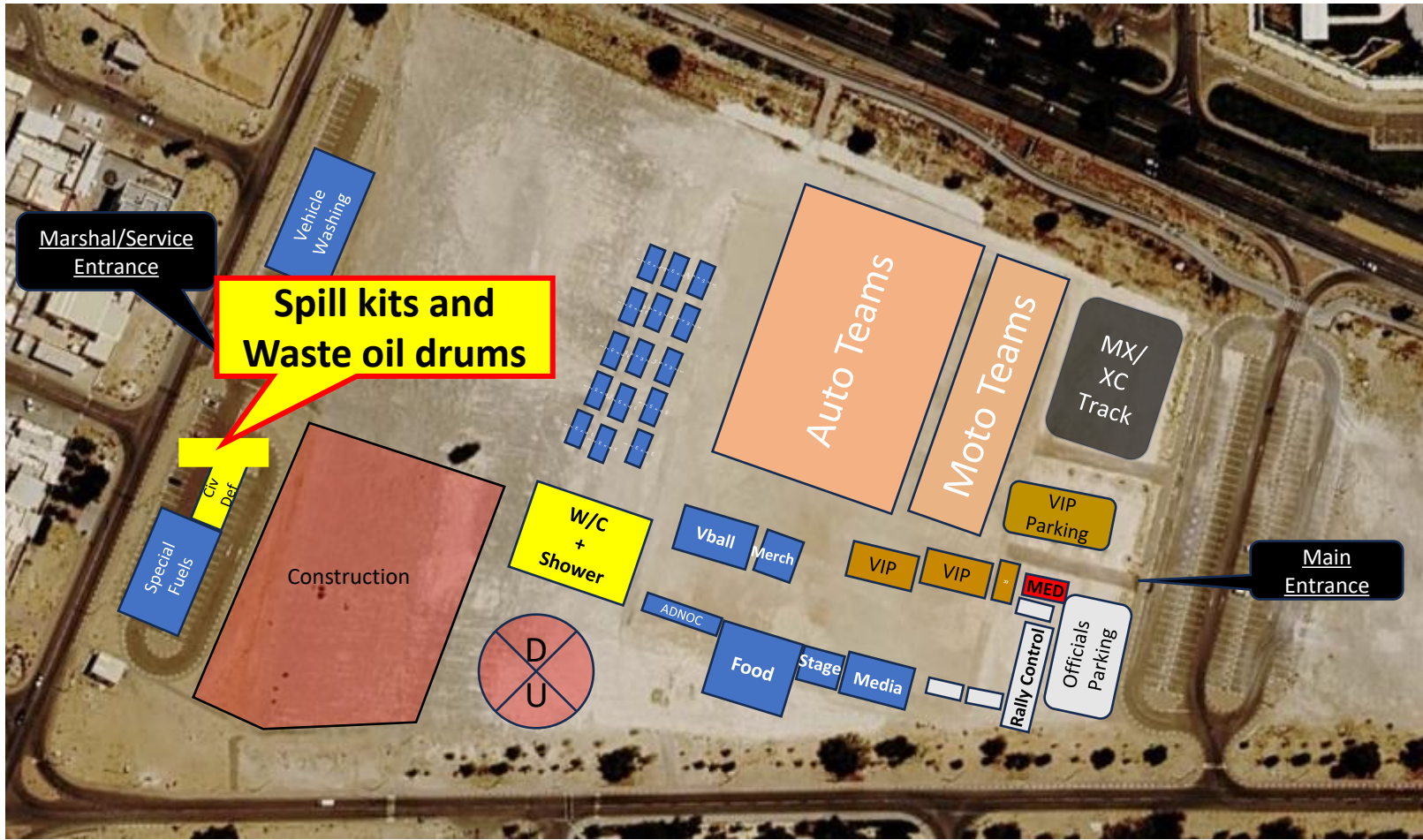
WASHROOMS IN THE SERVICE PARK - Open 24/7

Two (2) caravans will be provided at the service park for women, and two (2) caravans for men, with the following facilities each: 4 showers, 5 toilets.

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DEDICATED CAR/BIKE WAS AREA CLOSE TO THE SERVICE PARK IN AL AIN

Service Park location: Al Ain Municipality

Car wash locatoin: ADNOC Auto Car Wash, Al Madeena

Thea nearest car was service is available 5 km from the Al Ain Municipality and is open 24h.

DEDICATED CAR/BIKE WASH AREA IN MADINAT ZAYED SERVICE PARK

Service Park location: Madinat Zayed Service Park

Vehicle washing is permitted **only in the designated wash area within the service park**. Only clean water may be used.

The use of any chemical products, including detergents, soaps, and eco-friendly or biodegradable cleaning agents, is strictly prohibited.

- **Vehicle washing is not permitted in Al Ain Service park.**
- **To protect the environment and comply with ADNOC site and organizer's regulations, all competitors and team personnel must use only the designated washing facilities and follow the prescribed procedures.**



REFUELING

Refueling will be carried out exclusively by authorized personnel from the official fuel provider ADNOC Distribution.

All refueling operations will be conducted in accordance with applicable UAE environmental standards and regulations, with strict safety and environmental procedures in place to ensure responsible and sustainable operations throughout the event.





WASTE OIL COLLECTION AND SPILL KITS IN THE SERVICE PARK

Location: AL AIN SERVICE PARK REFUELING AREA
Location: MADINAT ZAYED SERVICE PARK REFUELING AREA

WASTE OIL

One 4-drum spill pallet with 4 drums for waste oil, using rotational molding process, will be placed in the service park.



This pallet has the characteristics of sturdy structure, forklift operation, non-slip, and suitability.

When leakage or spillage occurs during dispensing, all the leaked liquid will automatically flow into the tray or the platform along the tray or the platform grid.



SPILL KIT

One spill kit will be placed at the service park, next to the waste oil collectors.



MEASURES OF NOISE EMISSIONS

The event will be conducted within the operating hours permitted by the relevant authorities and in compliance with applicable local noise regulations.

The Organizer will secure all necessary permits and approvals to ensure that event activities are carried out responsibly and with due consideration for surrounding communities and the environment.







SOCIAL IMPACT

ADDC delivers significant social benefits by bringing together local communities, international competitors, volunteers, and partner organizations in a shared celebration of sport, culture, and adventure.

The event promotes the Emirate of Abu Dhabi as a global destination, supports local businesses and tourism, and creates opportunities for employment, skills development, and volunteer engagement.

Through educational and sustainability initiatives, **ADDC also raises awareness of environmental stewardship and responsible desert use**, inspiring participants and spectators to help preserve the region's unique natural and cultural heritage for future generations.



IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Regulations and Guidelines are available on the ADDC website, and on the official digital notice board Sportity, under the “Sustainability” section:

FIM Environmental Code

FIA Environmental Policy

EMSO Sustainability Code

EMSO Sustainability Policy

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TADWEER GROUP, Official Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge Sustainability Partner

Tadweer Group, part of ADQ, an Abu Dhabi-based holding company, is leading the way in promoting sustainable waste practices and establish new benchmarks for the circular economy.

Their strategic vision is aimed at revolutionising waste management by unlocking the value of waste.

As the sole custodian of waste management in Abu Dhabi, Tadweer Group is committed to deploying advanced technologies and fostering strategic partnerships in support of the UAE's sustainability objectives, working towards its goal of diverting 80% of Abu Dhabi's waste away from landfill by 2030.

In addition to its commitment to Abu Dhabi, Tadweer Group has ambitious international goals, striving to make significant contributions to sustainable waste management beyond the UAE.

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FOR YOUR COOPERATION
IN PROTECTING THE
UAE NATURE.