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Securing a suitable Service Park for an event of this scale is becoming increasingly difficult each year. The 2026 event has been no exception — in fact, it has been the most challenging year to date in securing appropriate facilities.

Landowners, venue operators and local authorities are placing greater emphasis than ever on environmental responsibility, safety standards and post-event condition of the venue. The continued use of Service Park facilities for this rally depends entirely on the professionalism and conduct of competitors and service crews.

The future of the Rally of the Lakes relies on your cooperation.

This year, a professional cleaning and environmental monitoring company has been engaged to oversee the condition of the Service Park throughout the event. Their role is to monitor compliance with environmental protection measures and to ensure that all required prevention systems are correctly implemented.

All service crews must ensure that:

- All preventative ground protection measures are fully in place before work begins.
- Spill prevention systems are actively maintained throughout the event.
- Waste is properly managed and removed.

We cannot emphasise strongly enough:

If a spillage occurs — even accidentally — it must be reported immediately to a Service Official or the Environmental Team.

Early reporting allows immediate containment and significantly reduces damage. Failure to report a spill will be treated as a serious matter.



The organisers are committed to delivering a top-class event, but access to future Service Parks depends entirely on maintaining the highest environmental standards.

We ask for your full cooperation and professionalism throughout the weekend.

SERVICE PARK, ENVIRONMENTAL & OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS

This communication applies to all:

- **Service Parks**
- **Remote Service Areas**

- **Refuel Zones**

- **Regroup Areas**

Compliance with this Article is mandatory for all competitors and associated personnel.

General Responsibility

Each competitor is strictly responsible for ensuring that:

- **No contamination or environmental damage occurs**
- **All operational safety requirements are observed**
- **All team personnel comply with these regulations**

Contamination includes, but is not limited to:

Fuel, oil, lubricants, coolant, brake or hydraulic fluids, cleaning chemicals, degreasers, and any other automotive or hazardous substance.

Competitors are responsible for the conduct and actions of:



- **Service crews**
- **Team personnel**
- **Contractors**
- **Guests**

Any breach by associated personnel shall be deemed a breach by the competitor.

Mandatory Environmental Protection Upon Set-Up

Immediately upon occupying a service space, competitors must implement all required environmental protection measures.

Before any mechanical work is carried out:

- **A double-layer impermeable groundsheet system must be installed beneath the full footprint and working area of the vehicle.**
- **Groundsheets must be intact, undamaged and of sufficient size.**
- **Absorbent material must be positioned around the perimeter to prevent fluid run-off.**

No work may commence until these measures are fully in place. Failure to comply at initial inspection constitutes a serious matter.

Spill Prevention & Control

Any spill, regardless of size, must be:

- **Immediately contained**



- Fully cleaned
- Reported to the Environmental Team

Spills must not be:

- Washed into drains
- Allowed to enter soil or grass
- Directed onto public roads
- Concealed without proper clean-up

Waste Management

All waste fluids must be:

- Collected in sealed containers
- Removed from the venue by the competitor

It is strictly prohibited to dispose of any fluids into:

- Public bins
- Drains or gullies
- Soil
- Service Park surfaces

All contaminated materials (pads, cloths, gloves, filters, packaging etc.) must be removed from the venue.

No hazardous waste may be left onsite.

Generators & Electrical Equipment Generators must be:

- Safely positioned
- Properly ventilated
- Operated without creating hazard



Generator fuel must be stored in approved containers.

Electrical cables must be routed to prevent trip hazards.

Service Area Layout

All teams must operate strictly within their space.

It is prohibited to:

- Block access lanes
- Obstruct emergency routes
- Extend equipment beyond allocated boundaries

All equipment must remain contained within the assigned area.

Environmental Conduct

No litter, tyres, packaging, food waste or general refuse may be left behind.

In view of unacceptable conditions in previous years, enhanced enforcement will apply at this event.

Inspection & Authority

Compliance will be monitored by:

- Service Park Officials
- Environmental Team
- An appointed **Judge of Fact – Service Area / Environmental Control**

Judge of Facts for Service Area

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