



AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST DESERT RACE
KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND JUNE 2024

2024 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE | SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

7 - 10 JUNE 2024

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA PERMIT # 824/1006/01

1. TITLE AND EVENT

The event will be known as 2024 Tatts Finke Desert Race (**The Event**) and will be a **National Championship Long Course Off Road Event** conducted between Alice Springs and Finke (Aputula Community) in the state of Northern Territory on Friday 7, Saturday 8, Sunday 9 and Monday 10 June, 2024. The *Event* will be Round 2 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship.

2. AUTHORITY AND PERMIT

The *Event* will be held under the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport Australia, General Conditions for All Titles, the Off Road Standing Regulations (ORSR), the 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations, these Supplementary Regulations and any Further Regulations, Instructions or Bulletins which may be issued by the Organiser or the Stewards

The Event will be conducted under and in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S, Motorsport Australia Safety 1st, Legal and Integrity and Risk Management Policies, which can be found on the Motorsport Australia website at www.motorsport.org.au.

Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia in relation to the Event. Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia Insurance Handbook, available at www.motorsport.org.au. It is strongly recommended that Competitors give consideration to taking out additional insurance, including income protection insurance.

The Motorsport Australia permit number for the event is # 824/1006/01

3. SPONSOR

The major sponsor of the *Event* will be The Lott by Tatts.

4. PROMOTER

The *Event* will be promoted by the Finke Desert Race Incorporated ABN 29 226 543 617, which has appointed the Organising Committee listed below.

The official event address, to which all correspondence must be sent, will be:

The Event Secretary, Finke Desert Race Incorporated via email: admin@finkedesertrace.com.au.



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5. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organising Committee of the event will be:

Antony Yoffa	Kelsey Branford	Leanne Southam
Glen Auricht	Josh Clarke	Emma Williams

Official Contact Details:

Finke Desert Race Incorporated
 PO Box 283, Alice Springs, NT, 0871
 Phone: 08 89528886
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6. Motorsport Australia

ROLE:

Chief Steward	Ross Makela	
Steward	TBA	
Steward	TBA	
AORC Manager	Adrian Coppin	0415 508 244
AORC Sporting Delegate	Michael Clements	0418 804 105
AORC Course Checker	Campbell Smith	0409 644 345
AORC Safety Delegate	Belinda Howard	
AORC Medical Delegate	Dr Rik Hagen	
AORC Technical Delegate	Fred Severin	0418 850 826
AORC Competitor Relations Officer	Michael Clements	0418 804 105
AORC Results Manager	Jeremy Beck	

7. PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

Position	Official	Licence No.	Contact Phone Number
Clerk of the Course	David Stuart	1149398	0416 118 216
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Kelsey Branford	1032294	0408 087 216
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Marilyn Emmins	9884640	0418 301 512
Secretary of the Event	Marilyn Emmins	9884640	0418 301 512
Event Results Manager	Andrew Davis	23004752	0419 815 685
Critical Incident Co-Ordinator	Antony Yoffa	23002182	0417 851 398
Critical Incident Controller	David Stuart	9884640	0416 118 216
Chief Scrutineer	Mark Crosby	1146715	0408 212 390
Medical Response Coordinator	TBA		
Spectator Safety Officer	Josh Clarke	22003250	0400 937 136
Media Manager	TBA		



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8. ENTRY DETAILS

Entries open on **Tuesday 27 February 2024 and close at 5.00pm on Friday 17 May 2024.**

The fee for entries received by 5.00pm on Sunday 26 April 2024 will be **\$2270.00** for all Competitors who are not previous Finke Kings of the Desert.

Base Fee	\$919.00
National Off Road Permit Fee	\$748.00
AORC Promotional Fee	\$95.00
Medical Support	\$248.00
Rally Safe	\$260.00
Total (inc GST)	\$2270.00

The fee for entries received after Friday 26 April 2024 until the closing date will be \$2435-00(GST inclusive) for all Competitors. This fee includes Australian Off Road Championship promotional fee that is collected by the Organisers and remitted to Motorsport Australia.

No entries will be accepted after 5.00 pm (CST), Friday 17 May 2024. Second Navigators may compete, providing they are properly nominated on the entry form and an additional fee of \$95.00 is paid.

CAMPING

Finke Campground – In conjunction with the Central Land Council acting on behalf of the traditional owners at Aputula, the Finke Desert Race Committee will collect a fee for camping within the overnight Finke Race Camp which is located on the Aputula Aboriginal Land Trust. The proceeds will be used both for the protection of sacred sites and to benefit the landowners. This is no different to paying a fee when camping on private property. Crew passes will also have a camping levy included. We appreciate the understanding of competitors.

RALLYSAFE

The RallySafe management system will be used at this Event. Competitors must have the RallySafe fitting / mounting kit installed in their competition vehicle prior to collecting their RallySafe unit. No kits will be available at the Event. The RallySafe unit must be collected from the Finke Desert Race Registration Centre, Finke Start/Finish Venue, South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs from Wednesday 5th June and Thursday 6th June 2024 between 11:00am and 6:00pm. The unit must be fitted by the competitor and checked by RallySafe personnel, no later than 8.30 pm Friday 7th June.

All vehicles will also be supplied a Transponder for Timing at Scrutineering on Friday 7th June.

Logbooks will be returned when the RallySafe unit and transponder are returned to the club.



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ENTRY LIMIT

Entries are limited to **165** and acceptance will be determined in order of receipt. All entries must be made via the official on-line entry available at www.finkedesertrace.com.au and must be accompanied by the requisite Entry Fee.

Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the relevant payment fee.

Refunds of entry fee after Friday 26 April 2024 will be at the discretion of the *Organiser*. Any refunds granted up to Friday 17 May 2024 will incur an administration fee of \$220. There will be no refunds of entry fee or part thereof after Friday 17 May 2024.

All payments are to be made via the online entry system at www.finkedesertrace.com.au.

The Organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry in accordance with the provisions of the *NCR* of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual.

The *Organiser* reserves the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the *Event* as may be decided by the Clerk of the Course in conjunction with the Stewards of the *Event*. In the event of a cancellation a \$220 administration fee will be deducted from any refund given.

The *Organiser* reserves the right to abandon, cancel or postpone the *Event* in accordance with the *NCR* of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual (or to cancel the *Event* if less than 70 entries are received by close of entries). The *Organiser* reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason - refer to the *NCR*.

Classes recognised by Tatts Finke Desert Race for the purpose of awards are:

Pro Buggy, Prolite Buggy, Sportslite Buggy, Super 1650 Buggy, Performance 2WD, Extreme 2WD, Production 4WD, Extreme 4WD, SxS Pro, SxS Sport.

Class description is as per Specific Requirements for Off Road Vehicles 2024 Manual of Motor Sport

9. DOCUMENTATION AND SCRUTINY

9.2 DOCUMENTATION

To participate in the 2024 Polaris Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship's (AORC) Finke Desert Race, an applicant must complete an application for a Motorsport Australia Off Road Special endorsement.

To qualify for a Motorsport Australia Off Road Special endorsement each applicant must satisfy one of following criteria:

1. Competed in a minimum of two AORC rounds within the last 24 months
OR
2. Has scored AORC outright points in a round of the previous season
(No minimum number of points required)
OR
3. Must meet 100 points by fulfilling the following criteria:



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- a. 50 points, per Finke Desert Race event competed at in the last five years.
- b. 25 points, per AORC event competed at in the last five years.
- c. 10 points, holding a current Motorsport Australia Off Road Licence for more than three years.
- d. 5 points, holding a current Motorsport Australia Off Road Licence for less than three years.

Notwithstanding the above criteria, participation may be permitted on a case-by-case basis where the individuals satisfy Motorsport Australia that the following requirement(s) have been met:

A. Observed at two local Motorsport Australia Off Road Events having demonstrated a high level of vehicle control and course awareness in the past three years.

A submission to offroad@motorsport.org.au with endorsements from the event's Clerk of the Course must be received four weeks prior to the *Event*. Once a competitor has expressed their intent to compete at the *Event* their eligibility status will be cross-checked with Motorsport Australia.

If eligible, a competitor will be issued an 'Off Road Special' endorsement which is valid for that year only. A 'Letter of Competition Participation' will also be accepted and can be obtained through the administration by contacting offroad@motorsport.org.au.

Motorsport Australia reserves the right to exercise their discretion when issuing an 'Off Road Special' endorsement to competitors who have demonstrated their competence in an event such as the Finke Desert Race.

Evidence of the following documentation must be provided to the *Organiser* prior to entries closing on Friday 17 May 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Competition licences (minimum of Off Road Special or Off-Road Navigator), Motorsport Australia Pass Books, Motorsport Australia vehicle log books, current Motorsport Australia affiliated club membership cards, and Competitor (if not the Driver) licences (if applicable).

Mandatory written proof of current ambulance cover is required at Registration, this applies to all competing Crew and nominated Pit Crew. Those interstate Competitors who do not have or cannot prove such cover; will be able to purchase a 30-day cover from St. John Ambulance on Telegraph Terrace Alice Springs. It is mandatory for a Crew Member involved in an accident to report to the nearest *Event* Medical Officer for examination, notwithstanding the severity of the incident.

Motorsport Australia vehicle logbooks will be collected at registration and held until the *Event* transponders and RallySafe units are returned by the conclusion of the *Event*.

9.1 SELF-SCRUTINY

Each competitor is required to complete and return their "vehicle compliance self-scrutiny statement and their Self-scrutiny vehicle check list" by the close of entries on Friday 19 May 2024 Incomplete or incorrect declarations may affect you starting the *Event*.

Competitor apparel and vehicle safety audits will take place at the *Event's* Scrutineering Night on Friday 7 June 2024. Scrutineering will commence at 4.00pm and concludes at 9.00pm. Scrutiny venue is located at the Finke Desert Race Start Finish Line Precinct, South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs. The following items **MUST** be produced at Scrutineering – competition vehicles, competition apparel, footwear, helmet and Competitors ID tags.



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Once examined, all vehicles will be impounded until the conclusion of Pre-Event Scrutiny for media and public display purposes. The Clerk of the Course will advise when vehicles may be moved, after 9pm only. There will be no exceptions.

Logbooks will be collected during Registration and held by the organisers until they have been signed off when the review of "Self-Scrutiny Statement of Vehicle Compliance" has been completed and found to comply with requirements and will be returned upon return of transponder / RallySafe.

10. CREW BRIEFINGS

All briefings will be conducted in line with current AORC Sporting Regulation.

Refer Article 10 of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations.

A briefing for competing Crew will be conducted one hour and fifteen minutes prior to the first vehicle's start time on Race Day 1 – Sunday 9 June 2024 commencing at 6.15am. All crew members are required to attend.

There will be no briefings on Prologue Day (Saturday 8 June 2024) or Race Day 2 (Monday 10 June 2024) unless it is deemed necessary due to a change in *Event* proceedings or conditions at which time a bulletin will be issued.

The briefing will take place at Start/Finish Line – Alice Springs (Race Day 1 and if required on Prologue Day). If required on Race Day 2, Briefing will be at the Start/Finish Line Finke. Attendance at each Crew Briefing by each entered Crew Member (Driver, Co-Driver, Navigator) is compulsory with each competing Crew Member required to sign on. Sign on will commence 20 minutes prior to Crew Briefings.

Sign on is compulsory and will be at the following times:

- 6.25am to 6.45am – Saturday 8 June 2024 (Prologue)
- 5.45am to 6.05am – Sunday 9 June 2024 (Race Day 1)
- 6.25am to 6.45am – Monday 10 June 2024 (Race Day 2)

Cases of non-attendance are to be referred to the Stewards by way of a formal charge, which may result in a penalty.

11. RUNNING DETAILS

11.1 REGISTRATION

All Competitors must register at the Finke Desert Race Registration Centre; Finke Start/Finish Venue, South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs, from Wednesday 5 June and Thursday 6 June 2024 between 11.00am and 6.00pm. Competitors must produce their current Motorsport Australia Off Road Competition Licence, current Motorsport Australia affiliated car club membership card and Motorsport Australia vehicle logbook. All Crew listed on the entry must sign on and produce proof of ambulance cover through presentation of relevant insurance.

11.2 GENERAL

The *Event* will be conducted in two (2) sections of approximately 223 kilometres in length. The total competitive distance will be approximately 446 kilometres. The competition will start at 7.30am on Sunday 9 June 2024 and will be preceded by a prologue to determine starting positions.



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The course will be from Alice Springs to Aputula Community (Finke). The event will consist of Competition from Alice Springs to Aputula Community (Finke), which is approximately 223 kilometres in length, and return. This occurs on a prominently marked course of various types of terrain, including sand, clay, river/creek crossing, stony sections and dirt tracks. There are also numerous large trees and other obstacles close to the edge of the track. Competitors should also note that Spectators Camp the entire length of the track and their presence should be considered. Due to the nature of the track, the dust hazard needs to be considered.

The Start/Finish Line is located approximately 1.5 kilometres from the airport turn off on the South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs, NT. The return leg is over the same course in reverse. Competitors may camp overnight at Finke and are responsible for their own camping equipment. Amenities at Finke are extremely limited, and Competitors should be prepared for extreme weather conditions. There is also **limited mobile service/coverage in Finke**. Toilet facilities are provided but no shower facilities are available. Limited catering may be available to competitors and nominated crew but this is not guaranteed.

11.3 RECONNAISSANCE

The 2024 Tatts Finke Desert Course is an open and public road every day of the year and is only closed for the event proper at 6:00am to 6:00pm on Sunday 9 June 2024 and Monday 10th June 2024. The course may be driven by licenced drivers at any time in vehicles that are registered or able to be registered in the Northern Territory.

ATV's or UTVs with special registration in other states are **NOT** applicable in the Northern Territory. State and federal road rules apply.

To check your registration is valid in the Northern Territory, please visit www.mvr.nt.gov.au or call 1300 654 628.

Where it is established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Promoter that an entrant in the Event has at any time driven an unregistered motor vehicle, whether or not they are licensed to drive that motor vehicle, on the Finke Desert Race *Course*, or has done so dangerously, will have their *Event* entry cancelled without refund.

11.4 PROLOGUE

The prologue will be held on Saturday 8 June 2024 starting at 8.00am. Vehicles will depart one at a time at one-minute intervals. The length of the prologue will be approx. 8 kilometres. Competitors will start the prologue in an order advised by the Sporting Director based on anticipated speeds within class, and prologue start times will be issued as per 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations. Competitors who do not complete the prologue may apply to the Organisers to be seeded. The closing time for applications for seeding will be 11.15am.

A sighting lap for prologue will commence at 7.10am **SHARP**. Competitors are to make their way to the prologue start line in either race vehicles (in full racing attire) or in a private suitable 4WD. Race vehicles will leave before private 4WD vehicles.



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11.5 START TIMES

Race Day 1 – Vehicles will start in order as determined by prologue. First vehicle will depart at 7:30am. The first ten vehicles, as determined by prologue, will start one at a time at two-minute intervals. Vehicles in positions 11 to 20 will start one at a time at 1 minute and 30 second intervals. 21 to 76 will start one at a time at 30 second intervals. The remainder of the field will start two at a time at thirty second intervals.

Race Day 2 – Vehicles will start in order as determined by corrected time from Race Day 1. First vehicle will depart at 7:15am. Vehicles finishing within twenty minutes of the leader will start on corrected time. The remainder of the field will start one at a time at one-minute intervals.

11.6 PASSAGE CONTROLS

Competitors will not be required to stop at any passage control unless instructed by an Official, or unless stopping to report an incident. It is the Competitors' responsibility to notify officials of any assistance they may require from their Crew. This information will be available at the Competitors Information Centre at the Start/Finish line and at Race Control, Finke. In addition to notifying the nearest Official (be it, checkpoint, fuel stop or sweep vehicle), all Competitors must sign off with the Competitor Relation Officer at Finke or Alice Springs Checkpoints upon their return. The only exception to this is where a Competitor is in the care of Medical Personnel. Failure to notify relevant Official will result in the competing team being removed from the section results.

11.7 REFUELING

Refer Article 5.10 of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations and Article 4.6 (c) of the Off Road Standing Regulations

No fuel is available at the Start/Finish Line – Alice Springs.

Only Opal and diesel fuel is available at Finke (Aputula Community).

Race fuel package may be purchased from the Club for the cost of \$70.00 per fuel stop, per day. This cost includes fuel and transportation. Refuelling stops will be manned by volunteers and whilst every effort will be made to complete refuelling in a timely manner, the Club takes no responsibility for delays. Competitors will be refuelled on a first come, first served basis. Fuel will be provided at the following points:

- Fuel Stop 1 (62 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – both days
- Fuel Stop 2 (115 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – both days
- Fuel Stop 3 (169 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – both days

No personal fuel containers will be carried to Fuel Stops 1, 2 and 3. Fee is set at a standard rate and will not be adjusted. No refund will be given if Competitor fails to make refuelling points.

Fuel must be 'Commercial Fuel' or 'Diesel Fuel' in accordance with General Requirements Schedule G and Off Road General Requirements GR27 of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual.

Attire for Crew shall comply with Article 4.6 (c) of the Off-Road Standing Regulations of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual.

11.8 GEAR (NOT FUEL) TRANSPORT COSTS - \$70.00

A gear package is available at a fee of \$70.00. Goods will be transported to:

1. Fuel Stop 1 – minimal spares e.g. tyres.
2. Fuel Stop 2 – minimal spares e.g. tyres.
3. Fuel Stop 3 – minimal spares e.g. tyres.
4. Finke checkpoint – Minimal (at the discretion of the transporters), fuel, swag/tent, spares and personal effects.



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The location and times of gear drop off and collection will be confirmed closer to the event and listed in the official Competitor Information Guide. Competition numbers must be marked on all items. Although every care is taken to secure Competitor's goods, no responsibility is taken, and no compensation will be paid for items lost or stolen.

11.9 RESTARTING

Competitors not completing any section may make application to the Clerk of the Course to start a subsequent section. If permitted to start a subsequent section, they will be required to report to the starter at their allocated time. Cut-off times for receipt of such applications will 4.00pm, Sunday 9 June 2024.

11.10 ALLOWED TIME

To be classified as a finisher, a Crew must complete a section within the time allowed as follows:
Section 1 (Race Day 1): The course will be closed at Bundooma 2 hours 15 minutes after the allocated departure time of the last Competitor from the Start/Finish line.
Section 2 (Race Day 2): The course will be closed at Bundooma 2 hours after the allocated departure time of the last Competitor from the start line at Finke.

Total Elapsed Time: The total elapsed time for each day will be 4 hours from the Competitors start time. Should a competitor exceed this, the competitor will be deemed Out of Time (OOT).

12. PENALTIES

12.1 In addition to the penalties provided for in Article 20 of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations, the following penalties may be applied by the Stewards of the Event for the actions indicated.

- Non-attendance at Crew Briefing – penalty will be at Stewards' discretion.
- Driving an unregistered vehicle or permitted vehicle on the racetrack outside of the organised Reconnaissance – penalty at the Stewards' discretion.

13. PROTESTS

Protests, if any, must be lodged in accordance with the NCR.

The following are deemed to be Judges of Fact: Control Officials, Starter and Timekeepers will be deemed Judges of Fact regarding Start Procedures and Jumping the Start, Following the prescribed course, Direction of travel and Timing. RallySafe will be deemed a Judge of Fact for Push to Pass.

Crews are reminded that, in accordance with the NCR, there is no right of protest or appeal against the decision of a Judge of Fact.

14. PIT AREA, PADDOCK AREA

Refer to Article 15 (b) and (c) of the Off-Road Standing Regulations in the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual.

- Pit and competing Crews must display their passes on the outside of garments at all times whilst in the Pit Area.
- Smoking and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted in the Pit or welding area.
- No unauthorised persons, including persons under the age of 16, are permitted in the Pit Area.



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- Crew Members are reminded of their responsibility regarding the wearing of passes at all times and of the entry of unauthorised persons into their Pit Area.
- Welding may only occur in the area designated for this purpose.
- The Pit and Paddock Areas will be clearly signed and fenced.
- Entry in and out of the Pit Area must be via the designated entry point/s.

Breaches of these Regulations may be referred to the Stewards by way of a formal charge, which may result in a penalty.

LAND OWNERS

LAND OWNERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR PERMISSION FOR THE EVENT TO PROCEED AND YOU DRIVE ON THEIR PROPERTY THANKS TO THEIR GOODWILL. PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE. It is expected that Competitors will instruct their Crew to remove all litter, including fuel, oils, carpet, etc. from their camps and extinguish all fires.

APUTULA TOWNSHIP AND CAMPGROUND

All relevant road rules apply at Aputula Community, including the camping area. Helmets and seat belts (as applicable) must be worn at all times. Competitors and Crew are asked to respect Sacred Site areas within the Aputula Aboriginal Land Trust at Finke, this includes areas near the camp ground.

These areas will be marked and are not to be accessed by visitors to the community

Campers found within these areas will be required to move. No competing vehicles are permitted to be driven in any spectator area. This applies to the Finke and Alice Springs Start/Finish venues. There is very limited mobile phone service at Aputula community and none in the Finke campground.

ALCOHOL

Finke Township (Aputula Community) is a dry community and alcohol is prohibited within the Aputula Aboriginal Land Trust.

NO ALOCHOL IS TO BE CONSUMED WITHIN THE APUTULA COMMUNITY INCLUDING THE CAMPING AREA AND FINKE RIVER BANKS

15. GENERAL PRESCRIPTIONS

15.1 RECOVERY

Where a vehicle breaks down during an event, Competitors may recover the vehicle only after the official road closure expires at 6.00pm (until 6.00am) on both race days. At no time may any part of the course be used to recover the vehicle, nor may any part of the course be traversed to access the vehicle for recovery outside of these times. Finke Desert Race Track utilises a public road which is officially closed to all but race vehicles and official vehicles. Vehicles other than these are not, by law, permitted on the track and Drivers may be prosecuted by Northern Territory Police should they not adhere to this ruling.

15.2 SWEEP VEHICLES

Sweep vehicles will traverse the course prior to and following competition. These vehicles are identifiable by signage e.g. OSV1, OSV2 etc.



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15.3 INCIDENT REPORTS

Incident Reports are to be completed on the prescribed form and handed to the Checkpoint Official at Finke (Aputula) on Race Day 1 or the Clerk of the Course on Race Day 2. Vehicles which are involved in an accident involving damage will be re-examined by the Chief Scrutineer or their delegate before being permitted to take further part in the competition.

All Competitors must make every possible effort to allow faster vehicles to overtake, pulling to the side and stopping if necessary. Competitors are to make clear their intentions to overtake, by both sounding their horn and flashing headlights when approaching slower vehicles. For Regulations relating to lighting, refer to the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual, General Requirements for Off Road Vehicles. It is the Competitors' responsibility to notify officials of any assistance they may require from their Crew. This information will be available at the Start/Finish Line Alice Springs and at Finke Checkpoint. It is the responsibility of Crew to check with Officials at Finke or the Start Finish Line Alice Springs for any information regarding Competitors. Officials are not responsible for finding Crew.

15.3 COMPETITOR SIGN OFF

It is compulsory for any Competitor who withdraws during the event to register their withdrawal at either the Alice Springs Start/Finish Line or Finke Checkpoint at the first available opportunity, stating the reason for withdrawal. Any Competitor failing to do so may be charged and referred to the Stewards.

The only exception to this is where a competitor is in the care of medical personnel. Please note that the *Organiser* is under no obligation to recover machinery that has failed to finish the *Event*. Whilst volunteers will endeavour to assist Competitors by recovering machinery, they are under no obligation nor have any responsibility to do so nor are they accountable for the safety/condition of said machinery.

Competitors who break down along the course are to notify the nearest checkpoint or official sweep vehicle if they require a message to get to their Crew either in Alice Springs or Finke. It is the Competitors' responsibility to notify Officials of any assistance they may require from their Crew. This information will be available at the Start/Finish Line Alice Springs and at Finke Checkpoint. It is the responsibility of Crew to check with Officials at Finke or the Start Finish Line Alice Springs for any information regarding Competitors. Officials are not responsible for finding Crew.

15.4 JUDGES OF FACT

Control Officials, Starter and Timekeepers will be deemed Judges of Fact regarding whether or not a vehicle follows the prescribed course, relative order, time of arrival, and direction of travel, direction of entry into controls, start procedure and jumping the start.

15.5 SAFETY

Refer to Article 13 and 14 of the Off Road Standing Regulations in the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual in relation to:

- Fire extinguishers
- Hot Work Area
- Emergency Procedures
- Procedures in Case of Injury
- Warning Triangles
- Flags



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In addition all vehicles must comply with the following:

- a) All vehicles are required to carry a minimum of one (1) litre of potable water per person.
- b) Fitted and fully functional UHF Citizen Band radios are mandatory in all vehicles. 5-watt handheld radios will be accepted. Nominated channels will be advised.
- c) Competitors/Crew must not ride on vehicles, other than in seats provided.
- d) No vehicle will drive against the prescribed direction of travel on the course.
- e) Competitors are reminded that in the event of an accident, the Off-Road Long Course Emergency Procedure applies. Refer to the Off-Road Standing Regulations in the 2024 Motorsport Australia Manual.

15.6 ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

Integrity

a statement that "Motorsport Australia's National Integrity Framework and any associated policy (including the Australian Anti-Doping Policy, Motorsport Australia's Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy, the Motorsport Australia Alcohol Policy), apply to any activity authorised by Motorsport Australia as published at www.motorsport.org.au.

Any Participant including the holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of alcohol, any drug or other banned substance. In addition to any penalty imposed by Motorsport Australia, a further penalty/s may be applied by Sport Integrity Australia.

a statement that "Consumption of alcohol in any Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day.

Smoking

Smoking (which includes e-cigarettes and "vaping") and any naked flame is prohibited within 3 metres of any refuelling/defueling operation.

16. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS AND MEDIA

16.1 MERCHANDISE

With the awarding of merchandising for 2024 to a Contractor, Competitors are not permitted to sell clothing or other items to the public. Failure to adhere to this instruction will result in the withdrawal of entry or other penalty as deemed appropriate by the committee. Entry into this event constitutes acceptance of this condition.

16.2 IMAGE RIGHTS

All persons participating in the Tatts Finke Desert Race acknowledge that by participating in the *Event*, they authorise the Organiser (Finke Desert Race Incorporated) and its legal agents to reproduce and represent, without any form of remuneration whatsoever, their names, voices, pictures, biography, and more generally their sporting participation in the context of the Tatts Finke Desert Race, and likewise the brand(s) of their bike/car parts and bike/car manufacturers and sponsors, in any form, on any existing or future medium, in any format, for any publicity to the public worldwide, for any use, including for advertising and/or commercial purposes.

16.3 IMAGE AND VISION RIGHTS AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

Any video or digital footage taken by Competitors (in-car or otherwise), shall not be aired on television (free to air or cable) or made available for sale, without the prior written consent of Finke Desert Race Incorporated. Please refer to Article 16 of the 2024 Motorsport Australian Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations.



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16.4 USE OF THE 'FINKE DESERT RACE' LOGO BY COMPETITORS AND THEIR SPONSORS.

Finke Desert Race Incorporated holds the exclusive rights to use the 'Finke' branding.

It is expressly forbidden to use the logo:

- On any submission to seek financial and/or institutional partners.
- On any press presentation material featuring the Competitor or sponsor.
- On any video medium.
- It may not at any time be associated directly or indirectly with any commercial or institutional branding.
- It is strictly prohibited to sell or distribute products partly or wholly bearing the Finke branding.
- On the Driver's/rider's apparel, helmet, and race vehicle.

16.5 MEDIA OBLIGATIONS

All Drivers/crews participating in the 2024 Tatts Finke Desert Race undertake to make themselves available to participate upon request in:

- Any press conference during the Event,
- Any other media-related event prior to, during, and after the Event.

16.5.1 In entering a round of the 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship, Competitors agree to assist the Australia Off Road Championship in the promotion of the Championship and, the 2024 Polaris Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship television broadcast and social media production.

16.5.2 By entering a round of the 2024 Polaris Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship, the Competitor agrees to relinquish any claim or right to any images or vision recorded for the 2024 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship broadcast or social media production, or any other material related to that broadcast or social media production.

16.5.3 Any filming or any other means of recording images or vision for commercial purposes at a round of the 2024 Motorsport Australian Off Road Championship by any Competitor is strictly forbidden unless they have the prior written permission of Motorsport Australia and Finke Desert Race Incorporated.

16.5.4 Motorsport Australia/ and Finke Desert Race Incorporated may provide In-Car camera's to be fitted to selected cars during an event. Competitors must provide access to any Motorsport Australia or Finke Desert Race Incorporated appointed technician, to install and service the camera and associated equipment.

17. SPONSOR'S ADVERTISING

An area 300mm wide x 300mm high must be reserved unencumbered on the bottom of the front bonnet and on each side of 'front door' area for major sponsor's advertising or for promotion of the 2024 Tatts Finke Desert Race.

18. PASSES

Passes will be issued to all nominated Competitors and officials. Passes will allow admittance to: the Scrutineering, venue, the event venue, Presentation and access to the Pit Area. Passes will be issued to all Competitors at Registration. In addition to Competitor passes two (2) passes will be available for Crew. Two (2) additional Crew passes are available for purchase, at a cost of \$95 each – see online entry for details. The maximum number of Crew per car is four (4) people.



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19. GST

The Goods and Services Tax affects the payments of prize money. If you do not provide an ABN or declare the sport is a hobby, the Promoter must withhold 49% of prize money over \$75.00 which is otherwise payable to you. Please select one of the boxes on the entry and if appropriate, provide your ABN to ensure the full amount of prize money is paid to you.

20. AWARDS

Only vehicles on/in the original starting configuration (i.e. frame and engine number must be the original as scrutineered) which complete the prescribed course in the time allotted will be eligible for *Event* awards. Results will be determined by elapsed time to the one hundredth of a second.

20.1 AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Points for the Australian Off Road Championship will be awarded in accordance with Article 14 of the 2024 Motorsport Australian Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations.

Refer Article 6 (b) of the 2024 Motorsport Australian AORC Sporting Regulations with reference to eligibility to receive AORC Points.

19.2 PRIZE MONEY

Five entries constitute a class. For the purpose of *Event* awards, if less than five entries in a class, Competitors will compete for outright honours only.

	Outright Cars		Class
1 st	\$10,000 plus trophy	1 st	\$1,000 plus trophy
2 nd	\$5,000 plus trophy	2 nd	\$700 plus trophy
3 rd	\$2,500 plus trophy	3 rd	\$500 plus trophy

20. GUIDE TO COMPETITORS

A Guide to Competitors may be issued to each Competitor with Further Information. This guide will contain information which does not form part of the regulations of the *Event* but will be of assistance to Competitors. It should be noted that the contents of the Guide for Competitors are of no regulatory value and may not be used as the basis of a protest.

21. MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycles will be competing at this event in accordance with Motorcycling Australia Permit Number MA 3158 and Supplementary Regulations.

This part of the Event is running in accordance with the Motorsport Australia 2+4 Competition Event Guidelines, and Motorcycling Australia Regulations, which a Permit has been approved. As per Motorsport Australia Regulations, there is a separated area for the Motorcycle Pit Area and any area that may come close to a car area is cordoned off by bollards ensuring they remain separate. The Motorcycle part of the *Event* has separate Key Officials including the Clerk of the Course and Steward.

- Clerk of the Course – David Stuart
- Deputy Clerk of the Course - TBA
- Steward – TBA



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