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## SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

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# INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

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## Welcome to the 2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race

It's with great excitement that we welcome you to the legendary 2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race, proudly continuing as a premier round of the Australian Off Road Championship. As the ultimate desert racing challenge in Australia, we're thrilled to once again host the nation's finest competitors, dedicated crews, passionate supporters, and enthusiastic spectators in the heart of Central Australia.

### Entry Information

Entries open Tuesday, 4 March 2025 at 0930 ACST (Australian Central Standard Time) through our official website, with standard registrations closing on 27 April 2025 at 1700 ACST. The comprehensive entry fee of \$2,270 covers your base fee, permit fees, promotional fees, essential medical support, and Rally Safe requirements. With a strict limit of 165 competitors, we encourage early registration to secure your place in this iconic event.

Late entries may be accepted until 23 May 2025 with an additional \$165 fee, subject to organiser discretion.

For those needing to withdraw, cancellations received before 1700 ACST on 27 April 2025 will receive a refund minus a \$250 administration fee, while withdrawals before 23 May 2025 may receive a partial refund at our discretion. Unfortunately, no refunds will be available after 23 May 2025.

All competitors must submit complete documentation, including licenses and club memberships, with full payment required at registration. Once entered, you'll receive login details to update your information – please ensure all fields are completed by the entry deadline.

### Track and Vehicle Registration Requirements

We must emphasise important regulations regarding the race track and vehicle requirements. The Finke track, Maryvale Road, and Ghan Heritage Roads are considered public roads every day except during official race days (8-9 June 2025). This has significant legal implications for reconnaissance activities.

If you're planning to preview the track outside race days, you must only use fully road-registered (ADR compliant) vehicles or motorcycles. Interstate conditional recreational registrations for ATVs/UTVs are not legally valid in the Northern Territory, and the NT's conditional registration scheme is strictly limited to specific work-related purposes. NT Police actively patrol these areas and will issue fines to anyone operating non-compliant vehicles. Additionally, competitors or crew members violating these regulations will be referred to the Stewards, potentially affecting race participation.

Behind the scenes, the race committee continues to invest countless hours ensuring the event delivers both the excitement you expect and the safety measures required for Australia's most challenging desert race. Your cooperation with all regulations helps maintain our positive relationships with local authorities and communities, ensuring the Tatts Finke Desert Race continues for generations to come.

We can't wait to see you at the start line for another unforgettable chapter in this iconic event!

Marilyn Emmins  
**Clerk of the Course**



## ARTICLE 1

## EVENT PROGRAM

DATE	ITEM	LOCATION
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4 March 2025 – 0930 Australian Central Standard Time (ACST)</b>	
	Supplementary Regulations Published	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a> and via the sportity app
	Entries Open	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
	Entry List Published	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27 April 2025 – 1700hrs (ACST)</b>	
	Early Entries Close	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>23 May 2025</b>	
	Entries Close	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4 June 2025</b>	
	Competitor Registration Opens (including Rallysafe Distribution) – 1100hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Competitor Registration Closes – 1800hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5 June 2025</b>	
	Competitor Registration Opens (including Rallysafe Distribution) – 1100hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Competitor Registration Closes – 1800hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6 June 2025</b>	
0800hrs	Venue opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
TBC	Media Briefing	TBC
1600hrs	Scrutineering Opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
2100hrs	Scrutineering Closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
2130hrs	Event HQ closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7 June 2025</b>	
0600hrs	Event HQ opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0625hrs	Compulsory Crew Sign On	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0650hrs	RallySafe unit <b>MUST</b> be fitted and switched <b>ON</b>	In Car
0655hrs	Reconnaissance Prologue – Automobile Line Up	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0710hrs	Reconnaissance Prologue Open	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0730hrs	Reconnaissance Prologue Closes – Sweep Departs	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0745hrs	Automobiles line up in Start Order for Prologue	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0800hrs	<b>Prologue</b>	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
1115hrs	Application for Seeding into Section 1 - Close	
1400hrs	Race Day 1 start list published	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
1730hrs	Event HQ closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 June 2025</b>	
0500hrs	Event HQ opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0545hrs	Compulsory Crew Briefing Sign On	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0615hrs	<b>Compulsory Crew Briefing</b>	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0700hrs	Automobiles Line up in Start Order for Race Day 1	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0730hrs	<b>Event Start – Race Day 1</b>	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
1600hrs	Applications for Seeding into Race Day 2 Start Order - Close	
1630hrs	Race Day 2 start list published	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9 June 2025</b>	
0500hrs	Event HQ opens	Finke Checkpoint
0625hrs	Compulsory Crew Briefing – Sign On	Finke Checkpoint
0655hrs	Automobiles Line up in Start Order for Race Day 2	Finke Checkpoint
0715hrs	<b>Event Start – Race Day 2</b>	Finke Checkpoint
	Post event scrutineering commences	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0930hrs	Ceremony – Podium Presentation	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Provisional Event results published	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Event HQ closes 30 mins after the Provisional Results are Published.	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
2000hrs	Presentation Night commences	Alice Springs Convention Centre
2300hrs	Presentation Night Concludes	Alice Springs Convention Centre



## ARTICLE 2 EVENT COMPLIANCE

This Event is to be held under the FIA International Sporting Code, including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport Australia, including Appendices, the General Conditions for all Titles, the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations (ORSR), and the Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship incorporating Motorsport Australia SXS Championship Sporting Regulations including any Attachments and Addendums, these supplementary regulations and any further Regulations or Bulletins and Instruction which may be issued by the Organiser or the Stewards..

The number of the Motorsport Australia Permit authorising the event is: 825/0906/01

This event will be conducted under, and in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S, Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Integrity and Legal, and Risk Management Policies, including, but not limited to:

- Occupational Health and Safety Policy
- National Integrity Framework
- Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Motorsport Australia Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Strategy

The policies and the strategy may be accessed using the following links:

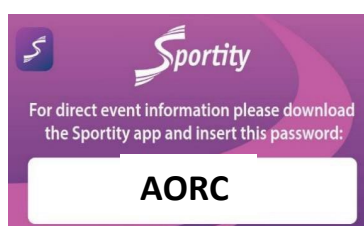
<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/policies>

<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/safety-first>

The organiser and promoter of the 2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race, to take place from Friday 6 June to Monday 9 June 2025, will be Finke Desert Race Inc.

## ARTICLE 3 GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Enquiries	Tracey Meekings Administration Manager <a href="mailto:admin@finkedesertrace.com.au">admin@finkedesertrace.com.au</a>	(08) 8952 8886
Website	<a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>	
Correspondence	PO Box 283 Alice Springs NT 0871	No responsibility will be accepted by the organisers for any correspondence sent to any other address.
Event Headquarters	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs NT 0870	(08) 8952 8886
Media Enquiries	Billy Cooke Media Manager <a href="mailto:bcooke@wildcard-tgi.com.au">bcooke@wildcard-tgi.com.au</a>	Billy Cooke – 0452 461 499
Official Notice Board	<a href="#">The Official notice board will be via the Sportity app and @ event headquarters</a>	



## ARTICLE 4 OFFICIALS OF THE EVENT

Role	Name	Number
<b>Motorsport Australia</b>		
Chief Steward	Ross Makela	0407 136 271
Steward	Terri Woolhouse	0402 155 717
Steward	Phillip Gray	
AORC Manager	Campbell Smith	0409644345
AORC Sporting Delegate	Daniel Rogers	0417 910 675
AORC Course Checker	Campbell Smith	0409 644 345
AORC Safety Delegate	Michael Clements	0418 804 105
AORC Medical Delegate	TBC	
AORC Technical Delegate	Fred Severin	0418 850 826
AORC Competition Relations Officer	Jason Galea	0431 065 072
AORC Results Manager	Jeremy Beck	0411 255 925
<b>Event Organising Committee</b>		
Clerk of the Course	Marilyn Emmins	0418 301 512
Deputy Clerk of the Course	TBC	
Assistant Clerk of the Course - Sporting	TBC	
Secretary of the Event	Kelsey Branford	0408 087 504
Director of Ambulance Services	Andrew Thomas	(08) 8922 6200
Results Manager	Daniel Sawyer	(08) 8952 8886
Chief Scrutineer	Mark Crosby	
Chief Spectator Marshal	TBC	
Event Command/Communications	Antony Yoffa	(08) 8952 8886

## ARTICLE 5 EVENT DESCRIPTION

- A) The Event will be known as 2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race and will be a National Championship Long Course Off Road Event conducted at Alice Springs in the Northern Territory from Friday 6 June to Monday 9 June 2025.
- B) The event will be Round 2 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship and Round 2 of the SXS Motorsport Australia Championship.
- C) The Event will start on Saturday 7 June 2025 with a prologue of approximately 8kms followed by two sections over the following two days totaling approximately 446km.

## ARTICLE 6 EVENT ELIGIBILITY

As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.

## ARTICLE 7 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.

## ARTICLE 8 COMPETITOR AND CREW ELIGIBILITY

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) A compulsory Crew briefing will be held at 0615 on Sunday 8 June 2025 in front of the stage next to the Event Information Office at the Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex.
- C) To participate in the 2025 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:

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## ARTICLE 9 ENTRY FORM, ENTRIES, ENTRY FEE & REFUND POLICY

**A)** Entries are to be made online at [www.finkedesertrace.com.au/competitors/cars](http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au/competitors/cars). Competitors unable to access the online entry form are to contact the Event Secretary. Payment is to be by credit card, as directed on the online entry form. Entries will only be accepted when the Competitor, Driver and Navigator have been nominated on the entry form and payment has been made in full.

**B)** All entries **MUST** include a copy of all required documentation i.e. licences (Motorsport Australia and civil), automobile registration papers and club memberships.

**C)** Entries open at 0930 on Tuesday 4 March 2025.

**D)** Early Entries close at 1700hrs on Sunday 27 April 2025 for all crews.

For Entries received after the 27 April 2025 and up until the close of Entries at 1700hrs on 23 May 2025 will be \$2435-00 (GST inclusive) for all competitors.

**E)** The number of entries will be limited to 165. If this limit is exceeded, preference will be given to higher seeded drivers and/or those who have competed in other AORC events in 2025, and then in order of receipt of completed and paid entry forms. The Organiser reserves the right to abandon, cancel or postpone the event in accordance with the NCR (or to cancel the event if less than 50 entries are received by the close of entries).

**F)** The entry fees (GST inclusive) for the Event are fixed as follows:

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| • Base Fee  | \$919.00 |
| • Motorsport Australia Permit Fee   | \$748.00 |
| • AORC Promotional Fee (organisers must remit to Motorsport Australia within 7 days of the event) | \$95.00  |
| • Medical Support   | \$248.00 |

- Rally Safe

\$260.00  
\$2,270.00

Additional navigator/s may compete, providing they are correctly nominated on the entry form and an additional fee of \$110 is paid.

- G) Entries withdrawn after close of entry and up until 1700hr on Sunday 27 April 2025 will have their Entry Fee refunded less \$250 (Administration fee).
- H) Any entry withdrawn after 1700hrs on Sunday 27 April 2025 and prior to 1700hrs on Friday 23 May 2025, may (at the discretion of the Organiser) have their entry fee refunded less \$250 administration fee. For withdrawals after 1700hrs on Friday 23 May 2025 there will be **NO REFUND**.
- I) If the Event is cancelled less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled start of competition for reasons of Force Majeure, the Organiser may retain up to 25% of the Entry fee in accordance with the NCR.
- J) The Organiser reserves the right to refuse an entry in accordance with the provisions of the NCR.

## ARTICLE 10 INSURANCE

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- A) Certain public, property, professional indemnity, and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia.  
Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia National Insurance Program Handbook, available at [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au)
- B) Service vehicles, management vehicles and reconnaissance vehicles, including those bearing special plates issued by the Organiser, are not to be considered as official participants of the event. They are therefore not covered by the insurance policy of the event and will remain the sole responsibility of their owner.

## ARTICLE 11 RUNNING OF THE EVENT

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- A) The event will start from Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex, at 0730hrs on Sunday 8 June 2025.
- B) The starting system for the event will be in accordance with the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- C) The official time for the event shall be set to Australian Central Standard Time.
- D) Competition in each section will only be available to an automobile:
  - Having finished the previous section; or
  - Having started, but not necessarily finished, the previous section and has requested to be seeded for the next section.
  - Having not started the prologue or previous section and has requested to be seeded for the next section.
- E) Any Crew wishing to start in the next section must advise the Competitor Relations Officer of the intention to restart no later than the time allocated in Article 2 Event Program of these Supplementary Regulations.
- F) Course marking shall be in accordance with the standard signs noted in Article 10 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations.

## ARTICLE 12 SCRUTINEERING

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- A) Prior to starting the event, each automobile must undergo scrutineering in accordance with the requirements of the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) Scrutineering and apparel checks for each *Automobile* and Crew will be held on Friday 6 June 2025 at the Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex, between 1600hrs and 2100hrs.
- C) All signage required by the AORC Sporting Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations must be in place for scrutineering, at which time, a scrutineer will check the signage placement.
- D) Post event scrutineering will be held at Tatts Finke Desert Race, Information regarding post event scrutineering, e.g. route to travel, will be advised by communication to affected teams.



## ARTICLE 13

## RECONNAISSANCE

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- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) A reconnaissance schedule is shown in Article 2 Event Program.
- C) The 2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race 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 8 June 2025 and Monday 9th June 2025.
- D) The course may be driven by any person holding a valid civil drivers licence at any time in vehicles that are registered or able to be registered in the Northern Territory.
- E) Conditional recreational registration of ATV/UTV's offered by another registering jurisdiction is **not valid in the Northern Territory.**

**Interstate registered ATV/UTV's cannot be legally used on a public street or public place in the Northern Territory. This includes the Finke track and Maryvale and Ghan Heritage Roads.**

The Northern Territory's conditional registration scheme is only valid for specific work-related purposes and only then where these tasks cannot be conducted using an Australian Design Rules (ADR) compliant vehicle.

Competitors who wish to conduct reconnaissance of the 2025 Tatts Finke Race course, Maryvale and Ghan Heritage Roads before or after the event, **can only do so in a road registered (ADR compliant) vehicle** or on a road registered (ADR compliant) motorcycle.

Drivers/riders caught operating these vehicles on a public road or in a public place will be issued with a fine by NT Police. Those caught, who are also Finke Desert Race *Competitors* or Crew, will be referred to the Stewards.

## ARTICLE 14

## PIT AREA AND REFUELLING

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- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations and Article 11.10 Refueling of the 2025 Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations.
- B) Pit and competing Crew must display their passes on the outside of garments at all times whilst in the Pit Area.
- C) No unauthorised persons, including persons under the age of 16, are permitted in the Pit Area.
- D) 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.
- E) Welding may only occur in the area designated for this purpose.
- F) The Pit and Paddock Areas will be clearly signed and fenced.
- G) Entry in and out of the Pit Area must be via the designated entry point/s.
- H) Breaches of these Regulations may be referred to the Stewards by way of a formal charge, which may result in a penalty.
- I) Smoking (which includes e-cigarettes and "vaping") and any naked flame is prohibited within 10 metres of any refueling/defueling operation.
- J) The consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the Pit or welding area.

### 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 Apatula Aboriginal Land Trust at Finke, this includes areas near the campground.

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 *Automobiles* 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 at 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. There are significant penalties for anyone caught consuming alcohol in these areas.**

## FUEL DRUMS

**Under no circumstances are used fuel drums to be left in the race camp at Finke. If you take them in (or have them delivered) you are responsible for removing them. Any fuel spills are to be remediated by the user.**

## ARTICLE 15 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

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- A) For consistency, the penalties and other sporting regulations in the AORC Sporting Regulations will apply to all Crew entered in the 2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race (AORC), and any other associated events.

## ARTICLE 16 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND RED FLAGS

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Each Crew must make themselves familiar with these emergency procedures, as outlined in the Supplementary Regulations. Failure to adhere to these requirements will be referred to the Stewards and a penalty may be imposed.

### A) Emergency Procedure

- I. In the case of an accident where urgent medical or fire attention is required, where possible the red “SOS” sign should be immediately displayed to the following *Automobile* and to any helicopter attempting to assist. The Crew, if possible, where an electronic tracking/warning system is in use (e.g. RallySafe) should press the “SOS” button, if available. The system will ask “Medical” or “Fire”? The Crew must press one of the buttons to confirm the situation which will advise Event Command so the correct emergency response can be dispatched. This can be done at any time following an accident, even if the “OK” message has been activated. If possible, the Crew should call the Rally Command emergency number and advise them of their status.
- II. Any crew which has, the RallySafe red SOS screen displayed, the red “SOS” sign displayed to them, or which sees an *Automobile* which has sustained an accident but is not displaying the green “OK” sign must immediately and without exception stop to render assistance.
  - a. Each following *Automobile* must also stop.
  - b. The first *Automobile* on the scene will remain to render assistance.
  - c. The second *Automobile* to arrive at the scene, if necessary, will proceed to inform the next SOS radio point.
  - d. Notwithstanding the above, any person with appropriate training should remain on the scene if the situation demands
  - e. Each subsequent *Automobile* must leave a clear route for emergency vehicles and proceed at a reduced speed, to a maximum of 60kp/h, until the end of the lap, and follow the instructions of any marshals or intervention car drivers.
  - f. Any Crew affected by this procedure will be allocated a time according to Article 5.4 of the AORC Sporting and Technical Regulations
- III. In the event of an *Automobile* stopping on the stage or an accident where immediate medical or fire intervention is not required, must be clearly and actively the “OK” sign to at least the three following *Automobiles* and to any helicopter attempting at assist. Where an electronic tracking/warning system is in use (e.g. RallySafe) the Crew **MUST** press the “OK” button within 1 minute of the *Automobile* stopping,

for any reason. Failure to adhere to these requirements will be referred to the Stewards and a penalty may be imposed.

**B) Red Flag**

In the event of a section needing to be stopped, for any reason, Check Point officials will wave a red flag and the screen of the RallySafe console will turn red and show the message "RED FLAG". On seeing any of these indications the each Crew **MUST**:

- I. reduce speed to less than 80km/h for the remainder of the lap; and
- II. each Crew must immediately confirm receipt of the electronic red flag by pressing the "ACKNOWLEDGE" button.
- III. Failure to comply with this rule will referred to the Stewards and a penalty may be imposed.

## ARTICLE 17 RESULTS AND PROTESTS

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- A)** Provisional results will be published on Sportity and the Event Notice Board. These provisional results will automatically become final 30 minutes after publication, subject to any technical or sporting judicial protest being received by the Stewards within the 30 minutes.
- B)** Protests must be lodged in accordance with the NCR.

## ARTICLE 18 AWARDS

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- A)** As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B)** Only *Automobiles* 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.
- C)** The following Event awards may be presented (if less than five entries in a class, Competitors will compete for outright honours only).

Outright <i>Automobile</i>		Class	
1st	\$10,000 plus trophy	1st	\$1,000 plus trophy
2nd	\$5,000 plus trophy	2nd	\$700 plus trophy
3rd	\$2,500 plus trophy	3rd	\$500 plus trophy

## ARTICLE 19 ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

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- A)** 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 authorized by Motorsport Australia as published at [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au).
- B)** 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.
- C)** **Consumption of alcohol in the Service Park or any section of the competition venue under the control of event officials is forbidden until ALL competition is concluded each day.**
- D)** **The consumption of ceremonial alcohol (podium presentation) is permitted.**

## ARTICLE 20 EVENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

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**A) Registration**

All competitors must register at the Finke Desert Race Registration Centre; Finke Start/Finish/Venue, South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs, from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 between 1100 hours and 1800 hours. Competitors must produce their current Motorsport Australia Off Road Competition Licence, current Motorsport Australia affiliated car club membership card and Motorsport Australia Vehicle Logbook.

There will be no Registration available on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June, unless previously arranged with the Secretary of the

Event.

B) Refuelling

As per AORC Sporting Regulations in conjunction with 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. This can be for one or more fuel stops on the racetrack or at Finke race camp. If you require refueling during the event, please contact the Finke office on (08) 8952 8886 or email [admin@finkedesertrace.com.au](mailto:admin@finkedesertrace.com.au) 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
- Finke race camp (overnight stop) – Sunday only.

No personal fuel containers will be carried to Fuel Stops 1,2 and 3. No refund will be given if the Competitor fails to make any of the refueling points.

C) Gear (Not Fuel) Transport costs- \$70

- a) Fuel Stop 1 – minimal spares eg. Tyres
- b) Fuel Stop 2 – minimal spares eg. Tyres
- c) Fuel Stop 3 – minimal spares eg. Tyres
- d) Finke checkpoint – Minimal (at the discretion of the transporter), fuel, swag/tent, spares and personal effects.

D) Judges of Fact

The Clerk of Course and their deputy(ies) will be deemed Judges of Fact on all issues.

Checkpoint Officials, RallySafe and Timekeepers will be deemed Judges of Fact with regard to whether an *Automobile* follows the prescribed course as well as relative order, time of arrival, direction of entry into controls, start procedure and false starts.

Other Judges of Fact may be nominated on the official event noticeboard with their positions and duties.

Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with the NCR, there is no right to protest the decision of a Judge of Fact.

E) Crew Briefings

A briefing for all competing Crew will be conducted one hour and fifteen minutes prior to the start time of the first *Automobile* on Race Day 1 – Sunday 8 June 2025 commencing at 0615 hours. All Crew Members are required to attend.

There will be no briefings on Prologue Day (Saturday 7 June 2025) or Race Day 2 (Monday 9 June 2025) 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 the Start/Finish Staging Area.

Sign On is compulsory on Saturday 7, Sunday 8 and Monday 9 June 2025.

-0625 – 0645 – Saturday 6 June (Prologue)

-0545 - 0605 – Sunday 7 June (Race Day 1)

-0625 – 0645 – Monday 8 June (Race Day 2)

Non-attendance will be referred to the Stewards and a penalty may be imposed.

F) Commercial Rights and Media

a) Merchandise

With the awarding of merchandising 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.

b) Image Rights

All persons participating in the 2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race acknowledge that by participating in the Event, they authorise the Organiser (Finke Desert Race Inc) and its legal agents to reproduce and represent, without any form of remuneration whatsoever, their names, voices, pictures, biography, and the brand(s) of their */Automobile* manufacturer 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.

c) 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 Inc.

G) Use of the “Finke Desert Race” Logo by Competitors and their Sponsors

Finke Desert Race Inc 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 and video medium
- It may not at any time be associated directly 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/riders apparel, helmet, and *Automobile*.

H) Motorsport Australia Off Road Special Endorsement (AORC) Finke Desert Race

I) Self Scrutiny

Each competitor is required to complete and return there “Vehicle Compliance Self-Scrutiny Statement” and their And their “Self-Scrutiny Vehicle Check List” No Later than Friday 23 May 2025.

J) Start Times

Race Day 1 – Automobiles will start in order as determined by prologue. First vehicle will depart at 0730hrs. The first ten automobiles, as determined by prologue, will start one at a time at two-minute intervals. Automobiles in positions 11 to 20 will start one at a time at one 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 30 second intervals.

Race Day 2 – Automobiles will start as determined by corrected time from Race Day 1. First automobile will depart at 0715hrs. Automobiles finishing within twenty minutes of the leader will start on corrected time. The remainder of the field will start at a time at one minute intervals.

K) 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 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 Competitors start time.



Should a competitor exceed this, the Competitor will be deemed Out of Time (OOT)

#### L) Passage Controls / Signing Off

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 Centre at Finke or Alice Springs Checkpoints upon their return. The only exception to this is where the Competitor is in the care of Medical Personnel.

Competitors are to return their transponders and RallySafe when Signing-Off to receive their Log Book.

Failure to notify relevant official will result in the competing crew being removed from the section results.

## **ATTACHMENT 1      OTHER INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE**

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- Venue Overview map
- Scrutineering Location