



## 2026 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE

*Australia's Ultimate Desert Race*



### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

EVENT:	2026 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE
DATE:	from 5 June 2026 to 8 June 2026 (inclusive)
VENUE:	Start/Finish Line Complex NTP 6333 South Stuart Highway Alice Springs NT 0870
TRACK LICENCE NUMBER:	Temporary Track Licence Number: <b>TBA</b>
MA PERMIT NUMBER:	<b>TBA</b>
EVENT CONTACT	Race Secretary PO Box 283, Alice Springs NT 0871 (08) 8952 8886
EVENT KEY OFFICIALS	Steward – Frank Kraan Clerk of Course – Chris Gray Deputy Clerk of Course – Janice Campbell Race Secretary – Kelsey Branford Chief Technical Officer – <b>TBA</b>

## 1. ANNOUNCEMENT

The Finke Desert Race Incorporated. ABN 29 226 543 617, hereafter called the Organiser will conduct the 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race for Senior solo Enduro motorcycles at the Start/Finish Line Complex, NTP 6333 South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs NT 0870 between 5 June 2026 and 8 June 2026 inclusive.

## 2. JURISDICTION

- 2.1 The abovementioned Event has been authorised by **Motorcycling Australia Limited (hereto referred to as 'MA')** which has issued the **MA** Permit Number (TBA) and is open to holders of current **MA** Senior National Competition Licences.
- 2.2 The meeting will be held in accordance with the current General Competition Rules (GCRs), these Supplementary Regulations, **MA** policies, and any final instructions approved by **MA**. By entering this meeting all parties agree to comply with such rules, regulations, by-laws and instructions.

## 3. EVENT OFFICIALS

The following officials will be overseeing the meeting:

<b>Steward</b>	Frank Kraan	Level	<b>4</b>
<b>Clerk of Course</b>	Chris Gray	Level	<b>4</b>
<b>Deputy Clerk of Course</b>	Janice Campbell	Level	<b>4</b>
<b>Race Secretary</b>	Kelsey Branford	Level	<b>4</b>
<b>Chief Technical Officer</b>	TBA	Level	<b>4</b>

## 4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 The 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race entry process is divided into different sections, each opening to specific entrant groups. **It is important to note these entry windows will only be open for 8 hours on each date. If you miss this window, you will not be able to enter until general entries open on Friday 28 November 2026.**
- 4.2 **Entries will open to 2025 Bike Competitors ONLY on Friday 14 November 2025 from 9am to 5pm (ACST).**
  - i. If you competed in the 2025 event on a bike, you would have received login credentials via email to access the entry portal. This will be sent out to you via email no later than Friday 7 November 2025.
  - ii. If you miss this entry opportunity, but then decide you want to enter, your link will not be reactivated until 9am (ACST) on Friday 28 November 2025 when general entries open.
- 4.3 **Entries will open to Bike EOI Holders ONLY on Friday 21 November 2025 from 9am to 5pm (ACST)**
  - i. If you submitted an EOI for a bike entry, you would have received login credentials via email to access the entry portal. This will be sent out to you via email no later than Friday 14 November 2025.
  - ii. If you miss this entry opportunity, but then decide you want to enter, your link will not be reactivated until 9am (ACST) on Friday 28 November 2025 when general entries open.
- 4.4 **General Entries on Friday 28 November 2025 from 9am (ACST) and close on Friday 22 May 2026 at 5pm (ACST)**

- i. The entry portal will be open to all other entrants under the bike competitor section of the website.

#### 4.5 **Motorcycle Entry Fee:**

Base Fee	\$790.40
MA Permit Fee	\$33.00
MA Rider Levy	\$28.60
Medical Response Levy	\$248.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1100.00</b>

- 4.6 An online application is only the first stage of entry. After the initial application you must then complete the Online Entry Form for your entry to be fully accepted. If you do not complete the subsequent online entry form by Friday 22 May 2026, your entry will not be valid and a refund will be provided less the administration fee.
- 4.7 All competitor and sponsor information must be completed on the Online Entry Form by Friday 24 April 2026 in order to be listed in the official event program. Incomplete forms will not be included.
- 4.8 **All entries will be via on-line entry at [www.finkedesertrace.com.au](http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au). Payments will only be accepted by MasterCard/Visa (as part of the online entry).**
- 4.9 **Refunds** will be granted without question up until 5.00pm (ACST) Friday 22 May 2026 and will incur an administration fee of \$250.
- 4.10 **There'll be no refunds of entry fee or part thereof after Friday 22 May 2026; this also includes any extras purchases, such as fuel, catering, passes etc. as these would have been pre-purchased by organisers.**
- 4.11 The Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry without assigning a reason subject to GCR 3.2.8.2.
- 4.12 Entries are limited to **750** competitors. Should entries exceed 750, those entries will be recorded in order of receipt and placed on a waitlist. Should there be withdrawals; waitlisted competitors will be notified in order of entry receipt. The field will be closed at 5.00pm ACST on Friday 22 May 2026. Waitlist competitors who do not make it into the race will receive a full refund of their entry fee regardless of whether a late entry or not, with NO administration fee applicable.
- 4.13 In the case of postponement or abandonment of the Event, all or any part of the entry fee may be retained by the Organiser, subject to the prior express approval of MA Ltd.

## 5. EVENT DESCRIPTION

- 5.1 The Event will be a Desert Race conducted from Alice Springs to Apatula Community (Finke), (approximately 223kms) and return on a marked track of various types of terrain, including sand, clay, river/creek crossing and dirt tracks. The return leg is over the same track. Total track distance is approx. 446kms. Competitors may camp overnight within the Finke Campground and are responsible for their own camping equipment. Amenities at Finke are extremely limited, and competitors should be prepared for extreme weather conditions. Toilet facilities are provided but no shower facilities are available. Limited catering may be available to competitors and nominated crew, at a nominal cost. Confirmation on catering availability will be made nearer the event.

## 6. ENTRY ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Each rider must hold a current MA Senior National Competition Licence. **One Event Licences are NOT available.**
- 6.2 All competitors must have written proof of full Ambulance cover.
- 6.3 Online Registration will include a tick box where competitors will tick which of the following criteria they meet through self-declaration. Audit of declarations made by competitors will be conducted by the Organiser in conjunction with MA.

- i. Entrant must hold a current MA Senior National Licence as at the close of entries (or by 1 June 2026 in the case of 16-year-olds); and
  - ii. Have previously completed Finke; or
  - iii. Have competed in a MA-recognised **open** local, state or territory event, within the last 5 years (please enquire with the club you raced the event at to determine if it was an **open** event that was sanctioned by MA).
  - iv. Currently compete in national off-road (AORC) or Motocross; (ProMX), or
  - v. Have recently completed other major official off-road events (i.e. Hattah Desert Race, Sunraysia Safari, Condo 750 etc.); or
  - vi. Have competed in an internationally recognised rally (FIM World Rally, Dakar).
- 6.4 Finke first-timers will need to declare this through their Online Registration.
- 6.5 Competitors must be 16 years of age or over as at 1 June 2026. (Please note: The age rule regarding juniors electing to become senior part way through the year applies, refer to MA licence conditions and endorsements document.)
- 6.6 Any competitor under the age of 18 years must have written parental consent and must have a parent/guardian sign them in at registration and at sign-on. Parent/guardian must also complete the parent/guardian permission and third-party indemnity sections on the Contract to participate at registration.
- 6.7 All competitors aged 45 years and over as at 1 June 2026 must have a medical clearance to compete and produce this at registration.
- 6.8 **FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS:** All competitors competing in Finke for the first time must also watch, understand and acknowledge an informational video about the prologue track, no later than Friday 22 May 2026.

If competitors do not watch, understand and acknowledge as per the requirement, your entry will not be valid and a refund will be provided less the administration fee.

6.9 **TRANSPONDERS:**

- Electronic timing will be used throughout the event.
- All motorcycle competitors must supply their own transponder of the correct type.
- The correct transponder is MyLaps MX transponder (Not Car/Motorcycle). They are available for purchase or subscription online at [TR2 Transponder - MX](#) or enquire with your local club.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the transponder is mounted correctly and securely to their machine and is operational for the duration of the event.
- Please note the transponder number when completing your on-line entry form. These details must be included by close of entries on Friday 22 May 2026.
- You must bring your transponder to competitor registration, fully charged and operational, so that it can be electronically tested.
- Failure to have the transponder fitted and operational on your motorcycle may result in no time being recorded for you.

## 7. SPONSOR'S ADVERTISING

- 7.1 All motorcycles must present with an area 200mm wide x 80mm high reserved unencumbered on the bottom of the front number plate, and an area of 100mm wide x 100mm high each side of the petrol tank or radiator shroud, for event major sponsor (Tatts) advertising or for promotion of the Event.
- 7.2 Stickers for Tatts will be included in competitor packs. For those using pre-designed graphic kits, digital logo files are available upon request by contacting the Finke office.

## 8. CLASSES OF COMPETITION

Class	Rider Numbers
2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race Top 30 Place Getters	1 – 30
Class 1 – 251cc and Above Two Stroke	101 – 199 (A01 – A99)
Class 2 – 451cc and Above Four Stroke	201 – 299 (B01 – B99)
Class 3 – Up to 250cc Two Stroke	301 – 399 (C01 – C99)
Class 4 – Up to 250cc Four Stroke	401 – 499 (D01 – D99)
Class 5 – 251cc to 450cc Four Stroke	501 – 599 (X01 – X99 then U01 – U99)
Class 6 – Masters 35 to 44 Years as at 01/06/2026	601 – 699 (M01 – M99)
Class 7 – Seniors 45 to 54 Years as at 01/06/2026	701 – 799 (F01 – F99)
Class 8 – Veterans 55 Years and Over as at 01/06/2026	801 – 899 (H01 – H99)
Class 9 – Women	901 – 999 (Y01 – Y99)

- 8.1 Competitors shall nominate in any one of the above classes.
- 8.2 Five entries constitute a class. For awards, compatible classes may be combined in the case of there being fewer than five entrants in a class. If less than five entrants in a Class, entrants will compete for outright honours only.
- 8.3 Rider numbers will be allocated in order of receipt of entry or otherwise at the absolute discretion of the Organiser. Rider numbers will be advised by the close of entries.
- 8.4 The correct rider number must be displayed in a least three (3) positions on the motorcycle – one on the front and one on each side of the motorcycle.
- 8.5 **Rider numbers must be BLACK NUMERALS on WHITE BACKGROUND for all classes and not be slanted. Number fonts must be clearly visible from at least 20 metres away and must not contain any outlines, patterns or lines.**
- 8.6 Rider numbers will be allocated first as three-digit numbers, with alpha/numeric combinations issued only once all three-digit numbers have been allocated. If there are less than 100 entries in individual classes, competitors will be allocated numbers only. Class 5, “U” series numbers will only be issued once the “X” series is fully utilised.
- 8.7 Motorcycles with illegible numbers will fail scrutineering. Please take note of this if you order graphics. For peace of mind, you may send electronic files of graphics to the Organiser for approval ahead of ordering.
- 8.8 If class entries exceed 100, the Organiser reserves the right to allocate numbers as per the range listed in brackets above.

## 9. PRE-RUNNING

- 9.1 The Finke Desert Race track is a public road every day of the year and is only closed on the Sunday and Monday of event weekend. It is not reserved for any form of pre-running.
- 9.2 Outside of the event days, regular Northern Territory Road rules apply. Only vehicles with valid registration in the Northern Territory are permitted on public roads where regular road rules are in place (ATV or UTVs with special registration in other states are **NOT** applicable in the Northern Territory). We advise you check your registration is valid in the Northern Territory by visiting [www.mvr.nt.gov.au](http://www.mvr.nt.gov.au) or calling 1300 654 628 BEFORE you ride/drive.
- 9.3 **Where it is established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Organiser, that an entrant in the event has at any time from 14 November 2025 until the event, has disobeyed road rules,**

**including riding or driving dangerously, or through the result of their conduct, brings, or is likely to bring, the Finke Desert Race into disrepute, the entrant may be excluded from the Event and/or may be referred to the MA Steward in accordance with the Manual of Motorsport.**

## **10. CREW LICENCES**

- 10.1 All registered Crew must hold a valid MA Crew Licence which is current **for the duration of the event**. Senior National, Annual Crew and One Event Crew Licences are accepted as licencing for Crew members. One Event Crew Licences can be purchased through RiderNet. Members must be 16 years or over to hold a valid Crew Licence.
- 10.2 Each competitor is entitled to 2 pit crew passes as part of their entry. To have pit crew passes provided at competitor registration, competitors must have provided their licenced pit crew's details including, full name, address and contact phone number through the online entry process.
- 10.3 Crew passes entitle the holder to entry into the motorcycle pit areas, Scrutineering, Prologue Day, Race Days 1 and 2 and Presentation Night and camping within the Apatula Land Trust (Finke campgrounds) at Finke.
- 10.4 Additional Pit Crew Passes are available at a cost of \$120 each. **There is no limit to the number of additional crew passes you can purchase.**

## **11. REGISTRATION**

- 11.1 All competitors and crew must register at the Registration Office, Finke Start/Finish Line, South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs during the following times and dates:

**Tuesday 2 June 2026** – 11.00am and 6.00pm

**Wednesday 3 June 2026** – 11.00am and 3.00pm

**Thursday 4 June 2026** – 11.00am to 6.00pm

- 11.2 **PLEASE NOTE: there is NO competitor registration Friday 5 June 2026** unless by prior arrangement requested by emailing [admin@finkedesertrace.com.au](mailto:admin@finkedesertrace.com.au). Permission must be requested before 5.00pm Thursday 4 June 2026. Anyone who does not register by 6.00pm on Thursday 4 June 2026 and who has not requested a late registration will be referred to the Clerk of Course.
- 11.3 MA Senior National Licence **MUST** be presented along with written proof of Ambulance cover.

*PLEASE NOTE:* Interstate competitors without sufficient Ambulance cover (or are unable to provide proof of this cover) will be able to purchase a 30-day cover from St. John Ambulance, Alice Springs. It is highly recommended that competitors who are unsure of their cover through any state system purchase this 30-day cover. Competitors who reside in Queensland must bring evidence of their Queensland address through a driver's licence and/or power bill as proof of Ambulance cover.

## **12. TECHNICAL INSPECTION**

- 12.1 Technical Inspection will begin at 3pm and concludes at 8.30pm on Friday 5 June 2026 at the Alice Springs Start/Finish Line precinct on the South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs.
- 12.2 Any rider who cannot attend during that time should contact the Finke office to request alternative arrangements.
- 12.3 All motorcycles entered must comply with the current GCRs for Enduro competition including sound emission limitations. Noise testing may take place at any time at the discretion of the Chief Technical Officer or the Clerk of Course.
- 12.4 Cameras are permitted as per GCR 10.10.3:

- All camera mounts, including body cameras are subject to approval by the Chief Technical Officer,
- a) **Helmet:** Helmet cameras are not permitted unless the camera is integrated into the helmet, by design of the manufacturer,
  - b) **Body:** Small action cameras may be permitted to be worn over hard body armour only,
  - c) **Motorcycle:** Cameras may be fitted to the Motorcycle provided they are securely mounted.

- 12.5 Technical Inspection for all motorcycles will be conducted under the self-scrutineering criteria approved in conjunction with MA and adopted as per GCR 10.7.1.2. Your self-scrutineering form will be included in your competitor registration pack. All information must be completed on the forms. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. If you would like to have an event official Technical Officer your motorcycle, please select the option in your entry online.
- 12.6 The self-scrutineering forms are to be completed prior to presentation to the Chief Technical Officer, along with the helmet intended for use, at scrutineering. Competition motorcycles must be parked as directed by an official and will be impounded until the conclusion of Technical Inspection. The Clerk of Course will advise when motorcycles may be moved – only after 8.30pm. Non-adherence may result in a 30-second time penalty being applied to the rider's prologue time.
- 12.7 Random technical inspections of motorcycles and riding gear will take place throughout the Event.
- 12.8 Any competitor or motorcycle deemed ineligible by the Chief Technical Officer, Steward or Clerk of Course for any reason whatsoever may be required to arrange a re-inspection with the Chief Technical Officer.
- 12.9 Failure to present to the Chief Technical Officer will mean a competitor is disqualified and the entry fee will not be refunded.
- 12.10 Motorcycles that have passed scrutineering will have an MA decal placed on the front number plate to indicate as such.
- 12.11 In addition to supervising the pulling down and checking of motorcycles after official protests have been received by the Clerk of Course in accordance with the GCRs, the Steward can order that any motorcycle be measured and if this occurs the Chief Technical Officer will supervise a team member to pull down any motorcycle that has taken part in the event. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in this matter being referred to the Clerk of Course for further action.
- 12.12 Motorcycles will not be sealed for later checking after the event. All motorcycles that are to be pulled down and measured will take place at the circuit before the motorcycle is released by the Chief Technical Officer. A member of the rider's team must be always available to carry out any work required under the control of the Chief Technical Officer. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in this matter being referred to the Clerk of Course for further action.
- 12.13 Under no circumstances are motorcycles permitted to be ridden in the spectator area at the Alice Springs start finish venue.

### 13. GEAR (OTHER THAN FUEL) TRANSPORT SERVICE

- 13.1 The gear transport service may be purchased from the Organiser for the additional cost of \$70.00.
- 13.2 The Organiser will arrange for gear as described below to be transported to:
  1. Fuel Stop 1 –Minimal spares e.g. goggles, tubes, sparkplugs, etc.
  2. Fuel Stop 2 –Minimal spares e.g. goggles, tubes, sparkplugs, etc.
  3. Fuel Stop 3 – Minimal spares e.g. goggles, tubes, sparkplugs, etc.
  4. Finke checkpoint – Minimal (at the discretion of the transporter) swag/tent, spares and personal effects.
- 13.3 The location for gear drop off will be at the Start Finish Line, South Stuart Hwy adjacent to the registration centre. Times of gear drop off and collection will be confirmed closer to the event.

- 13.4 All items for transport must be labelled with your rider number. Organisers will carry nominated spares to all four points for competitors, if required. Whilst the Organisers will make every effort to secure gear left for transportation, no responsibility will be taken and no insurance is offered for loss or damage to said gear.

#### 14. FUEL

- 14.1 The Official Event Refueling option may be purchased from the Organiser for the costs set out below.
- 14.2 **FOUR STROKE** - \$275.00 per rider, includes fuel at all points, with refueling stops manned by volunteers. Whilst every effort will be made to complete refueling in a timely manner, the Organiser takes no responsibility for delays. Competitors will be refueled on a first come, first served basis. Fuel will be provided at the following points:
1. Fuel Stop 1 (62 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – both days
  2. Fuel Stop 2 (115 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – both days
  3. Fuel Stop 3 (169 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – both days
  4. Finke Checkpoint (223 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – Race Day 1
- 14.3 No personal four stroke fuel containers will be carried. Fee is set at a standard rate and will not be adjusted. No refund will be given if competitor fails to make refueling points.
- 14.4 **TWO STROKE** - \$70.00 per competitor. Fuel is provided by rider and will be transported to fuel stops if dropped off at the Start/ Finish Line, South Stuart Hwy adjacent to the registration centre. Times of fuel (and gear) drop off and collection will be confirmed closer to the event and listed in the official Competitor Information Booklet.
- 14.5 All two stroke fuel cans must be clearly marked with your rider number. Fuel must be stored in standard 20 litre “jerry cans”. No other containers will be carried.
- 14.6 The Organiser will arrange for transport of two-stroke fuel to be delivered to Fuel Stops 1, 2, 3 and Finke Checkpoint, if required. These fuel stops are marked by signs, *Fuel Stop 1, Fuel Stop 2, Fuel Stop 3 and Finke*. All competitors / crew of two-stroke motorcycles are responsible for refueling their own motorcycles. Whilst the Organisers will make every effort to secure fuel left for transportation, no responsibility will be taken and no insurance is offered for loss or damage to said fuel.

#### 15. PROLOGUE

- 15.1 The Prologue is held on Saturday 6 June 2026 commencing at **12.00 NOON**.
- 15.2 The Prologue track is within the Alice Springs Start/Finish Line complex.
- 15.3 The starting order of race day one will be determined by prologue times.
- 15.4 All competitors are urged to compete in the Prologue.
- 15.5 **Competitors intending to compete in the Prologue must sign-on from 10.30am on Saturday 6 June 2026.**
- 15.6 **A rider’s briefing for the Prologue will commence at 11:00am at the Start/Finish Line.** No rider may enter the track without having attended a briefing. Any rider failing to attend the rider’s briefing may incur a time penalty of 30 seconds being added to your official prologue time, or disqualification from the Event if the Organiser is unable to provide a special briefing.
- 15.7 **If there are fewer than 450 entrants,** following the rider’s briefing and prior to the commencement of the Prologue, a sighting lap will be available to competitors. Competitors are to make their way to the prologue and line up on the competition motorcycle only (no non-competition vehicles permitted). The sighting lap will be conducted in a controlled manner, led by an official vehicle and



with an official vehicle following the last motorcycle.

- 15.8 The Prologue will be timed by a computerised timing system using transponders, (backed up by handheld stopwatch), over the prologue track (approximately 8kms).
- 15.9 Any rider who has been deemed to jump the start (video, transponder information and judge of fact may all act as evidence) will incur a time penalty of 30 seconds added to their official prologue time.
- 15.10 Starting order for prologue will be in reverse class order as listed in section 8 of these Supplementary Regulations, except for the Top 30 place getters from the 2025 Tatts Finke Desert Race, who will prologue first in descending positions order, one at a time, one minute apart (first place getter from 2025 through to thirtieth place getter).
- 15.11 Remaining competitors will start up to four at a time, at one-minute intervals (may be changed at the discretion of the Clerk of Course and dependent on final entry numbers and track/weather conditions), with each rider only being entitled to one lap of the prologue track.
- 15.12 Competitors who start the prologue but do not finish will be seeded at the sole discretion of the Organiser in consultation with the Clerk of Course. Please note – no seeded competitor will start in the top two thirds of their class on Race Day 1. Competitors who fail to start the prologue at the allocated time (or fail to compete in the prologue) will be given a start time at the Organiser's sole discretion – this start time will be outside the top two thirds of their class on Race Day 1.
- 15.13 Under no circumstances are competitor or display motorcycles permitted to be ridden in the spectator area at the Alice Springs start finish venue.

## **16. DIRECTION OF RACING**

- 16.1 No rider shall ride against the correct direction of traffic on the track. Penalty – disqualification from the event.

## **17. RACE DAY 1 (Sunday 7 June 2026)**

- 17.1 **All competitors must sign on at the Alice Spring Start/Finish line from 10.00am.**
- 17.2 **A Rider's briefing will then be held at 10.45am.**
- 17.3 Competitor sign-on and attendance at rider's briefing is compulsory. Non-attendance will result in a five minute time penalty added to their Day 1 official time. No Rider may enter the track without a briefing. Specific information for first time Finke competitors will be included in the briefing.
- 17.4 Random drug and alcohol testing may take place.
- 17.5 Stationary warm-up is permitted in the pit area and Parc Ferme.
- 17.6 No riding is permitted in or around the Pit area and/or Parc Ferme.
- 17.7 Under no circumstances are competitor or display motorcycles permitted to be ridden in the spectator area at Alice Springs start finish venue.
- 17.8 **EVENT WILL START AT 12.00 NOON ON SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026**
- 17.9 The fastest 20 motorcycles (as determined by prologue) will start in rows of two motorcycles, at 30 second intervals. The remainder of the field will start in rows of five motorcycles at a minimum of 30 second intervals.
- 17.10 Any rider who has been deemed to jump the start (video, transponder information and judge of fact may all act as evidence) will incur a time penalty of five minutes added to their official time for Race Day 1.
- 17.11 Any competitor who fails to complete the track must notify an official at either a checkpoint, fuel stop or a sweep vehicle, at the earliest opportunity. It is the competitors' responsibility to notify officials of any assistance they may require from their crew. This information will be made available at the Start/Finish line and at Finke.

17.12 **YOU MUST THEN SIGN-OFF WITH AN OFFICIAL AT FINKE CHECKPOINT OR THE ALICE SPRINGS START/FINISH LINE even after you have notified the nearest official about your withdrawal from the race.**

17.13 The **only** exception to this is where a competitor is in the care of medical personnel.

## **18. CHECKPOINTS**

18.1 DAY 1 – Deep Well, Rodinga, Bundooma, Mt Squires, and Finke

18.2 DAY 2 – Mt Squires, Bundooma, Rodinga, Deep Well, and Alice Springs

18.3 Checkpoints will be located approximately at the 63km, 94km, 136km, 169km and 223km. *(distances are measured from the Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) marks.*

18.4 All competitors must pass through all necessary checkpoints via the marked track. In the case of any competitor reported short cutting the marked track or using roads other than the marked track, they will be referred to the Steward.

18.5 At random locations along the track there will be two orange flags parallel on either side of the track. Officials will monitor each flag point. These points will be moved from time to time during the event. Any Competitor who fails to pass or make all reasonable efforts to pass between both flags on the marked track will be penalised. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Steward/Clerk of Course Alice Springs and/or Finke and may include disqualification from the event.

## **19. TIME LIMIT FOR RACE DAY 1**

19.1 **The time limit for Race Day 1 is four hours and thirty minutes (4.5 hours).**

19.2 If a competitor exceeds the time limit they will not continue in the event.

19.3 The Clerk of Course has the right to stop any competitor and prevent their continuation in the event if it is deemed impractical for that competitor to complete the track within the required time limit. Checkpoint officials will carry out any instruction of the Clerk of Course.

19.4 Compassionate time will be permitted at the discretion of the Clerk of Course. Claims for compassionate time **MUST** be registered with the Finke checkpoint prior to 6.00pm on Sunday 7 June 2026 or submitted within 1 hour of that competitor crossing the finish line, whichever is earlier.

19.5 Sweep vehicles will check the track prior to and following the start.

19.6 **On completion of the track on Day One, each competitor arriving at Finke MUST register with the Club Official at the Finke checkpoint immediately on arrival or a penalty of \$500.00 may be imposed.**

19.7 Competitors who exceed the four-hour and thirty-minute time limit on Race Day 1 will not be permitted to start on Race Day 2. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION TO THE EXCEEDED TIME RULING.**

## **20. RACE DAY 2 (Monday 8 June 2026)**

20.1 **Competitors are required to sign-on between 11.00am and 11.30am Monday 8 June 2026 at Finke Start Line.** Competitors will not be permitted to start Race Day 2 if not signed on. Competitors who decide not to start on Race Day 2 must notify the Officials at Finke.

20.2 **A rider's briefing will be held at 11.30am.**

20.3 No Rider may enter the track without attending the briefing.

20.4 Stationary warm-up is permitted in the pit area and Parc Ferme. No riding is permitted in or around the Pit area and/or Parc Ferme.

20.5 Under no circumstances are competitor or display motorcycles permitted to be ridden in the

spectator area at the Finke End and Alice Springs start finish venue.

- 20.6 **Motorcycles will leave Finke from 12.00 NOON Monday 8 June 2026** on corrected time as calculated from Race Day 1. Motorcycles with a corrected time of greater than 20 minutes behind the leader of Race Day 1 will start up to ten at a time, one minute apart, in order of their corrected positions. Competitors, who fail to start at their allocated time, will start rear of field. Start times will not be adjusted.
- 20.7 Any rider who has been deemed to jump the start (transponder information and judge of fact may all act as evidence) will incur a time penalty of five minutes added to their official time for Race Day 2.
- 20.8 Any competitor who fails to complete the track must notify a Checkpoint or Fuel stop or an Official Sweep Vehicle, at the earliest opportunity. It is the competitors' responsibility to notify officials of any assistance they may require from their crew. This information will be announced at the Start/Finish line and at Finke Checkpoint. It is the responsibility of crew to check with Officials at Finke or the Start/Finish Line in Alice Springs for any information regarding competitors. Officials are not responsible for finding crew.

**ALL COMPETITORS MUST SIGN-OFF WITH A NOMINATED OFFICIAL AT ALICE SPRINGS CHECKPOINT UPON THEIR RETURN OR A FINE OF \$500.00 WILL APPLY. The only exception to this is where a competitor is in the care of medical personnel.**

## 21. TIME LIMIT FOR RACE DAY 2

- 21.1 **The time limit for Race Day 2 is four hours and thirty minutes (4.5 hours).**
- 21.2 Clerk of Course has the right to stop any competitor and prevent their continuation if deemed impractical for the competitor to complete the track within the required time limit. Checkpoint officials will carry out any instruction of Clerk of Course.
- 21.3 Sweep vehicles will check the track prior to and following the start.
- 21.4 Compassionate time will be allowed at the discretion of Clerk of Course in Alice Springs. Compassionate time claims must be submitted within 1 hour of that competitor crossing the finish line, or by 6.00pm Monday 8 June 2026, whichever is earlier.
- 21.5 Competitors who do not complete Race Day 2 within the four-hours and thirty-minutes will be deemed as out of time and will not be recorded as a finisher. They will not receive a 'survivor spike'.

## 22. PROTESTS

- 22.1 Any rider protests from Race Day 1 will be accepted from the competitor at Finke Start/Finish Line by Clerk of Course or their representative, within half an hour (30 minutes) from their recorded time of crossing the Finish Line.
- 22.2 Any protests from Race Day 2 will be accepted by Clerk of Course or their representative, within half an hour (30 minutes) from their recorded time of crossing the Finish Line on Race Day 2.

## 23. DID NOT FINISH (DNF)

- 23.1 Any competitor who does not finish on Race Day 1 or travels to Finke via vehicle will not be permitted to restart the next day.
- 23.2 Any competitor who withdraws during the event **MUST** register their withdrawal at a checkpoint/fuel stop or with an official sweep vehicle at the first available opportunity, stating the reason for withdrawal.
- 23.3 In addition to notifying the nearest official (be it, checkpoint, fuel stop or sweep vehicle) **ALL COMPETITORS MUST SIGN-OFF WITH A NOMINATED OFFICIAL AT FINKE OR ALICE SPRINGS CHECKPOINTS UPON THEIR RETURN.** Failure to do so will incur a fine of \$500. The **only** exception to this is where a competitor is in the care of medical personnel.
- 23.4 Please note that the Organiser is under no obligation to recover motorcycles that have failed to

finish the event. Whilst volunteers will endeavour to assist competitors by recovering motorcycles, they are under no obligation nor have any responsibility to do so, nor are they accountable for the safety/condition thereof.

23.5 Sweep vehicles will relocate competitors to the nearest checkpoint should Clerk of Course deem it unlikely that the competitor can complete the track within the time limit.

23.6 Motorcycles that are recovered will be available for retrieval at the Registration Centre at the Alice Springs Start Finish Line from 12 noon on Tuesday 9 June 2026.

## **24. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**

24.1 Any form of assistance by fixed wing aircraft or helicopter is strictly forbidden.

24.2 Radio communications between competitor and aircraft is strictly forbidden.

24.3 Any competitor found in breach of these Supplementary Regulations will be disqualified from the Event.

## **25. REFUELING**

25.1 All refueling will be carried out with the engine switched off and with rider off the motorcycle and otherwise in accordance with GCR 10.14.11. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the event.

25.2 Refueling may only be carried out from metal or other approved containers.

25.3 No auxiliary fuel tank, other than commercially available tanks that are permanently attached to the motorcycle, will be permitted.

25.4 No fuel to be carried on rider or motorcycle.

## **26. OUTRIGHT POSITIONS**

26.1 The outright winner will be the competitor from any class to complete the track in the fastest total elapsed time (including penalties), providing they have passed through all checkpoints and followed the marked route on the motorcycle that the rider started the Event on, (i.e. frame and engine number shall be the original as scrutineered).

26.2 Blanket start competitors' times will be corrected at Alice Springs on completion of Race Day 2. Results will be determined by elapsed time to the one hundredth of a second.

## **27. PARC FERME (*Impounding of Motorcycles*)**

27.1 All motorcycles will be impounded at the conclusion of the Event, and the Clerk of Course will advise when motorcycles can be removed from parc ferme.

27.2 The capacity of any motorcycle may be measured, and the frame and engine numbers may be checked in parc fermé.

27.3 Neither the Organiser nor its Officials will be responsible for recovery or storage of motorcycles or personal effects at any time during the event.

## **28. INSURANCE**

28.1 Those who hold an MA Senior National licence or MA Crew Licence current for the duration of the Event, plus officials, and who have signed-on for the Event, are covered by MA's National Personal Accident Scheme which provides basic cover for rehabilitation expenses and death and permanent disability benefits. For more information see <https://www.ma.org.au/support/insurance/>

28.2 It is strongly recommended competitors consider taking out weekly benefits insurance.

## **29. MEDICAL SERVICES**

29.1 St John Ambulance will provide personnel situated at Alice Springs Start/Finish Line, Deep Well

Checkpoint, Rodinga Checkpoint, Bundooma Checkpoint, Mt Squires Checkpoint and Finke Start/Finish Line.

29.2 In addition, there will be three helicopters with intensive care paramedics on board. The Medivac Helicopter is positioned at Bundooma.

29.3 The Royal Flying Doctor Service is also on call for evacuation from Apatula (Finke) Medical Clinic.

29.4 St John Ambulance will co-ordinate all medical treatment and evacuations.

### **30. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**

30.1 All competitors, crew, parents / guardians and officials are advised that drug and alcohol testing may take place during the Event in accordance with MA's Anti-Doping Policy: see <https://www.ma.org.au/licences-rules/policies-si/motorcycling-australia-policies/>.

30.2 For the purposes of drug and alcohol testing, the Event is deemed to commence at scrutineering on Friday 5 June 2026 at 4pm, and to conclude for each participant when they leave the Alice Springs Start / Finish complex or upon their earlier retirement from the Event.

30.3 Competitors are advised to visit the Sport Integrity Australia website ([Protecting Sport Together | Sport Integrity Australia](#)) and app for information on the SIA Anti-Doping Code, on substances and seeking therapeutic use exemptions.

30.4 The carrying or consumption of any Prohibited Substances during the Event or within the Pit Area and Parc Ferme (closed control area) is prohibited.

### **31. CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

31.1 All competitors, officials and parents are reminded of MA's zero tolerance of poor behaviour, either on or off track. The codification of the behaviours expected of MA members and all who attend or participate in motorcycling is contained within MA's policies, including its Member Welfare Policy and its Social Media Policy, which can be found at <https://www.ma.org.au/licences-rules/policies-si/>.

### **32. RESPECT FOR LANDOWNERS**

32.1 **LANDOWNERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR PERMISSION FOR THE EVENT TO PROCEED AND FOR YOU TO RIDE ON THEIR PROPERTY THANKS TO THEIR GOODWILL. PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE.**

32.2 It is imperative that competitors instruct their crew to remove all litter, including fuel, drums, oils, carpet etc. from their camps and extinguish all fires. No rubbish burnt or otherwise is to be left behind.

### **33. APATULA TOWNSHIP AND CAMPGROUND**

33.1 All relevant road rules apply at Finke (Apatula) Community, including in the camping area.

33.2 Helmets and seat belts (as applicable) **must** be worn at all times.

33.3 Competitors and Crew are asked to respect Sacred Site areas at Apatula. These areas will be marked. Campers found within these areas will be required to move.

33.4 No competing motorcycles are permitted to be ridden in the spectator area at Finke start finish venue.

33.5 There is limited mobile phone service at Apatula community.

33.6 All race crew, excluding the 2 crew members nominated in the competitor's registration details, attending the Apatula Land Trust (Finke) camp must register online to meet our Apatula Land Trust Licence requirements at a cost of \$22 (GST Inclusive). Link to register will be made available prior to the event on the official website, [www.finkedesertrace.com.au](http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au).

- 33.7 **Alcohol.** Finke Township (Apatula Community) is a dry community and alcohol is strictly prohibited anywhere within the township and broader Apatula Aboriginal Land Trust; this includes race camp and the Finke river area. Further details will be broadcast to prospective campers and visitors to the community ahead of the event.

#### 34. ANIMALS

- 34.1 No animals are allowed within the Alice Springs Start/Finish complex.

#### 35. PRESENTATIONS

Outright	Class
1st - \$12,500.00 plus trophy	1st - \$1,250.00 plus trophy
2nd - \$6,250.00 plus trophy	2nd - \$875.00 plus trophy
3rd - \$3,125.00 plus trophy	3rd - \$625.00 plus trophy

- 35.1 Presentation Night is held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on Monday 8 June 2026, with doors opening at 6pm and the trophy presentation beginning at 8pm. **All competitor and crew passes allow free entry into Presentation night.** Additional tickets may be purchased online.

#### 36. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- 36.1 All competitors should have a minimum 2kg, dry powder A:B (E) class, working fire extinguisher in their pit area.

#### 37. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS AND MEDIA

- 37.1 Merchandise: The Finke Desert Race Club holds the exclusive Merchandising Rights for the event and no competitor crew member, or anyone associated with a competitor is 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 organiser. Entry into this event constitutes acceptance of this condition.
- 37.2 Image Rights: All persons participating in the Tatts Finke Desert Race acknowledge that by participating in the events, they authorise the Organiser 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 motorcycle/car parts and motorcycle/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.
- 37.3 Use of the 'Finke Desert Race' logo is strictly forbidden by Competitors or 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 rider's apparel, helmet, and race motorcycle.
- 37.4 All competitors/crews participating in the 2026 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.

**38. PAYG**

- 38.1 PAYG Withholding affects the payment of prize money. If you do not provide an ABN or declare the sport is a hobby, the Organiser must withhold 48.5% of prizemoney over \$50.00 which is otherwise payable to you. Please tick one of the boxes on the entry form and if appropriate provide your ABN to ensure the full amount of prize money is paid to you.

**39. ADMISSION CHARGES** (competitors and registered crew do not need to pay admission charges)

All Weekend Pass – Pre-Purchased Online: \$80 + BF | At the Gate: \$95

Scrutineering – Pre-Purchased Online: \$25 + BF | At the Gate: \$30

Prologue – Pre-Purchased Online: \$20 + BF | At the Gate: \$25

Race Day 1 – Pre-Purchased Online: \$15 + BF | At the Gate: \$20

Race Day 2 – Pre-Purchased Online: \$15 + BF | At the Gate: \$20

Presentation Night – Pre-Purchased Online: \$20 + BF | At the Venue: \$25

*(BF = Booking Fee)*

## CONTRACT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE

**IMPORTANT - THIS IS A CONTRACT. YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THIS CONTRACT BEFORE YOU PARTICIPATE.**

### Waiver Agreement

#### Recitals

- A. The Provider organises, and permits participants to participate in, the Recreational Activity in consideration for the Participant:
  - a. If a rider, paying the Application Fee; and
  - b. If a volunteer official volunteering to officiate at the Recreational Activity;
  - c. If a member of the media, accepting the Provider's terms of media accreditation; and
 otherwise agreeing to be bound by the Provider's rules and directives governing the conduct of the Recreational Activity.
- B. This document is the contract between the Provider and the Participant with respect to the Participant's participation in the Recreational Activity.
- C. The purposes of this contract include to:
  - a. exclude the liability of the Provider to the extent permissible by law to pay damages or any other form of compensation whether arising in tort contract or statute or at law or in equity for any personal injury or death of the Participant as a result of the participant's participation in the Recreational Activity; and
  - b. provide a warning of the risks of engaging in the Recreational Activity (as defined below).
- D. Participating in the Recreational Activity is dangerous. The risks include but are not limited to death, serious injury or illness due to:
  - falling from your motorcycle;
  - difficult terrain and obstacles;
  - hazardous and changeable track conditions;
  - rider error and/or lack of skill or care and/or dangerous or reckless behaviour on your part or the part of other participants;
  - undisclosed medical conditions;
  - decisions made or not made by Organisers, officials, landowners/track operators and any agents or representatives of those in charge of meetings;
  - heat, cold, wet or other adverse weather conditions;
  - contact with vehicles, other participants or members of the public who may or may not be acting safely;
  - lack of access to medical, evacuation or search services; or
  - design of the track.

#### Operative parts

1. In consideration for me (the Participant) paying or providing the consideration under clause A above to participate in the Recreational Activity, the Provider will permit me to participate in the Recreational Activity.
2. I acknowledge that the Recreational Activity involves the risk of serious injury, physical harm or death. I warrant that I am aware that the Recreational Activity involves the risk of serious injury, physical harm or death.
3. I also acknowledge that in signing this contract I have done so voluntarily and that no pressure or unfair tactics have been used to persuade me to sign this contract and that I have done so voluntarily in the knowledge that it is open to me not to sign the contract and for the Provider to refuse to permit me to participate in the Recreational Activity. I also warrant that I have been given sufficient opportunity to read this contract before signing it and that I have read it.
4. I agree that the Provider and any directors or officers of the Provider and any person associated with organising the Recreational Activity shall not be liable to me or any other person for damages, compensation or loss, whether in tort, contract, under statute or at law or in equity or otherwise for any personal injury or death caused by, or in connection with, or arising out of, my participation in the Recreational Activity.

#### Definitions

**Application Fee** means the fee payable by the Participant (as a rider) to participate in the Recreational Activity.

**Participant** means the person signing this form and whose name appears next to Participant below.

**Provider** means those persons and entities listed in Annexure 1.

**Recreational Activity** means the event specified in Annexure 2.

#### Participant acknowledgements, consents and authorisations

- i. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to only participate in the Recreational Activity if I am fit and able to do so.
- ii. I acknowledge that I am responsible for all medical, hospital and ambulance expenses arising out of my participation in the Recreational Activity save for any benefits provided by MA's Personal Accident Policy.
- iii. I authorise and consent to the Provider arranging any medical, hospital or ambulance services on my behalf if necessary arising out of my participation in the Recreational Activity.



- iv. I authorise and consent to the Provider collecting and using my personal information for the purpose of administering the Recreational Activity and in accordance with the MA Privacy Policy.
- v. I authorise and consent to the Provider collecting my private health information from me and from any person or entity providing me with medical, hospital or ambulance services arising out of my participation in the Recreational Activities, and to the use of such information to reduce the risks to persons participating in recreational activities, in accordance with the MA Privacy Policy.
- vi. I acknowledge that I have agreed to, and am bound by, the Provider's rules and directives governing the conduct of the Recreational Activity, including the MA anti-doping policy and understand that I may be subject to drug testing.
- vii. I authorise and consent to photographs and electronic images (images) being taken of me in the track of the Recreational Activity. I have no proprietary interest in the images. I authorise and consent to the Provider using such images, my name and information about my participation in the Recreational Activity to promote the Provider or any recreational activities organised by the Provider.

**Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent / guardian declaration**

In my capacity as the parent/guardian of the Participant I make the above agreements, acknowledgements, releases, warranties, consents and authorisations on behalf of the Participant (as defined below) as if I was the Participant and further warrant that I have told the Participant that the Recreational Activity involves the risk of serious injury, physical harm or death.

**Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian  
Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian  
Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ANNEXURE 1:**

1. Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme;
2. Motorcycling Australia Ltd (MA);
3. Finke Desert Race Inc.
4. All other persons involved in the organisation, conduct and promotion of the Recreational Activity or construction or location of the facilities used in connection with or otherwise related to the Recreational Activity; and
5. Each of the respective officers, employees, servants, agents, sponsors, successors and assignees of each of the above.

#### **ANNEXURE 2:**

2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race  
5 to 8 June 2026  
NTP 6333 South Stuart Highway Alice Springs NT