



**AUSTRALIA'S ULTIMATE DESERT RACE  
KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND ANNUALLY**

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**Junior Ride Event – 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race**

The Tatts Finke Desert Race is proud to introduce the Junior Ride Event on Friday 5 June 2026 at the Finke Prologue Track, Alice Springs.

On-track activity will run from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, with sign-in and rider briefings commencing from 10:00am.

This event is a non-competitive demonstration designed to provide junior riders with a safe and professionally managed opportunity to experience desert racing conditions and be part of the Finke race environment. The initiative supports junior rider development and contributes to building a pathway toward future competitive junior participation.

*Important: This is a demonstration event only. There will be no racing, no timing, no results, and no awards.*

**Event Purpose**

The Junior Ride Event aims to:

- Provide a safe and structured introduction to desert racing.
- Support junior rider development pathways.
- Establish a foundation for potential future junior competition at Finke.

**Rider Eligibility & Classes**

- Up to 100 junior riders (maximum 25 per class)
- Eligible age: strictly 10 to under 16 years

*Note: While Motorcycling Australia Manual of Motorcycle Sport (MOMS) provides broader age ranges for certain machine capacities (e.g. from age 9), this event is restricted to riders aged 10 years and over only.*

**Approved Classes:**

- **65cc 2-Stroke** – (MOMS 7–13) – Event eligibility 10 to under 12
- **85cc 2-Stroke & 150cc 4-Stroke (Standard Wheel)** – Event eligibility 10 to under 12
- **85cc 2-Stroke & 150cc 4-Stroke (Big Wheel)** – Event eligibility 12 to under 16
- **100cc to 200cc 2-Stroke & 200cc to 250cc 4-Stroke** – Event eligibility 13 to under 16

All riders must compete on a machine that complies with MOMS capacity requirements, noting that the minimum rider age for this event remains 10 years.

**Licensing Requirements**

- All riders must hold a current MA Junior National Licence appropriate for their class and motorcycle.
- No one-day or recreational licences are permitted.
- Proof of ambulance cover is required at entry.



### **Event Format**

- Riders will be divided into groups based on class and machine size.
- Each group will complete three (3) x 20-minute demonstration sessions.
- Sessions are designed for continuous riding in a controlled environment.
- Riders are encouraged to return to the pits at any time if fatigued.

### **Track and Event Conditions**

- The event will utilise the Finke Prologue Track with controlled looping sections.
- The activity will be managed under the direction of the Clerk of Course, ensuring safe operation at all times.
- Full event safety measures will be in place, including:
  - Qualified officials and flag marshals.
  - Sweep riders.
  - Medical services, including on-track capable ambulance support
  - Transponders used for safety tracking only (no timing).

### **Key Conditions of Participation**

- This event is conducted as a **demonstration only** under Motorcycling Australia regulations.
- Riders must be:
  - Correctly licensed.
  - Riding a machine appropriate to their class.
- All activities are conducted under the strict supervision of the Clerk of Course and event officials.

### **Final Instructions**

Final Instructions will be distributed to all participants by Sunday 31 May 2026 and will include important event information such as:

- Event registration requirements.
- Competitor briefing details.
- Full event timetable.
- Crew and support instructions.

### **Entry Opening Dates**

Entries open at 6pm on Wednesday 6 May 2026 and close at 11.59pm on Saturday 30 May 2026 (if not already full).