



2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race Supplementary Regulations

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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Welcome to the 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race

The Finke Desert Race Committee is once again proud to present Australia's ultimate desert race — the iconic Tatts Finke Desert Race. The 2026 event marks a historic milestone; 50 years of Finke, and it's shaping up to be the biggest race in the event's history.

As we prepare for this landmark 50th edition, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who makes Finke what it is — competitors, their crews, volunteers, spectators and supporters. Finke is more than a race; it's a celebration of off-road racing, competition, family and connection in the heart of Australia.

We acknowledge the significant task ahead in organising the 2026 event and encourage everyone to arrive in Alice Springs early to enjoy the many activities planned in the lead-up. Festivities will kick off on Wednesday 3 June with a Legends Dinner, celebrating the rich history of the race and honouring those who have earned the coveted title of 'King of the Desert' since the inaugural race in 1976.

As you may be aware, the Committee — with the approval of Motorsport Australia — has increased the auto division capacity from 165 to 200 cars in response to the overwhelming number of expressions of interest for the 2026 event. This is the maximum number of vehicles we can accommodate while ensuring fair competition and managing daylight hours across the weekend, especially with the expanded bike field.

We strongly encourage all entrants to carefully read and understand both the Supplementary Regulations and the 2026 AORC Sporting Regulations to make sure they are fully informed of their responsibilities while competing.

Please also remember the track is a public road and will only be closed to general traffic for competition vehicles on Race Days 1 and 2 — Sunday 7 and Monday 8 June 2026.

We hope you take the opportunity to turn your attendance into a true holiday and look forward to welcoming you to Alice Springs for the 50th edition of the Tatts Finke Desert Race in 2026.

Antony Yoffa

President
Finke Desert Race Organising Committee



ARTICLE 1

EVENT PROGRAM

DATE	ITEM	LOCATION
	Australian Central Standard Time ACST)	
Wed 19 Nov 25	Supplementary Regulations Published	Online: www.finkedesertrace.com.au and via the sportity app
Wed 26 Nov 25	Entries Open to Expressions of Interest (EOI) Holders – 0900hrs	Online: www.finkedesertrace.com.au
	Entries Close to EOI Holders – 1700hrs	
Thu 27 Nov 25	Entry List Published	Online: www.finkedesertrace.com.au
Fri 28 Nov 25	Entries Open	Online: www.finkedesertrace.com.au
Sun 26 Apr 26	Entries Close	
Fri 22 May 26	Late Entries Close	Online: www.finkedesertrace.com.au
RACE WEEK (2 – 8 JUNE 2026)		
Tuesday 2nd	Competitor Registration – 1100hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Competitor Registration Closes – 1800hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
Wednesday 3rd	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
Thursday 4th	Competitor Registration Opens (including Rallysafe Distribution) – 1100hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Media Briefing – 1300hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Competitor Registration Closes – 1800hrs (ACST)	
Friday 5th		
1030hrs	Venue opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
1500hrs	Scrutineering Opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
2030hrs	Scrutineering Closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
2100hrs	Event HQ closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
Saturday 6th		
0545hrs	Event HQ opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0610hrs	Compulsory Crew Sign On (30 minutes)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0635hrs	RallySafe unit MUST be fitted and switched ON	In Car
0640hrs	Reconnaissance Prologue – Automobile Line Up	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0655hrs	Reconnaissance Prologue Open	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0715hrs	Reconnaissance Prologue Closes – Sweep Departs	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0730hrs	Automobiles line up in Start Order for Prologue	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0745hrs	Prologue	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
1100hrs	Application for Seeding into Section 1 - Close	
1100hrs	Method Race Wheels Prologue Winners Podium Presentation	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
1345hrs	Race Day 1 start list published	Online: www.finkedesertrace.com.au
1715hrs	Event HQ closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
Sunday 7th		
0500hrs	Event HQ opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0545hrs	Compulsory Crew Sign On (30 minutes)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
0615hrs	Compulsory Crew Briefing	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	Event Start – Race Day 1	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	
Monday 8th		
0500hrs	Event HQ opens	Finke Checkpoint
0615hrs	Compulsory Crew Sign On (30 minutes)	Finke Checkpoint
0645hrs	Compulsory Crew Briefing	Finke Checkpoint
0655hrs	Automobiles Line up in Start Order for Race Day 2	Finke Checkpoint
0715hrs	Event Start – Race Day 2	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 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: XXXX

This event will be conducted under, and in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S, Safety 1st 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 1st Strategy

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

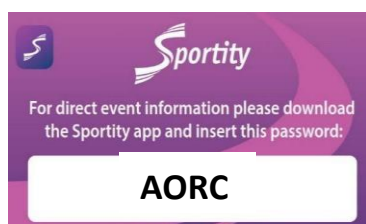
<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/policies>

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

The organiser and promoter of the 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race, to take place from 5 to 8 June, will be Finke Desert Race Inc.

ARTICLE 3 GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Enquiries	Tracey Meekings Administration Manager admin@finkedesertrace.com.au	(08) 8952 8886
Website	www.finkedesertrace.com.au	
Correspondence	Email: admin@finkedesertrace.com.au Postal: 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	TBC	
Official Notice Board	The Official notice board will be via the Sportity app and @ event headquarters	



ARTICLE 4

OFFICIALS OF THE EVENT

Role	Name	Number
Motorsport Australia		
Chief Steward	Ross Makela	
Steward	TBA	
Steward	TBA	
AORC Manager	Campbell Smith	
AORC Sporting Delegate	TBA	
AORC Course Checker	Campbell Smith	
AORC Safety Delegate	TBA	
AORC Technical Delegate	TBC	
AORC Competition Relations Officer	TBC	
AORC Results Manager	Jeremy Beck	
Event Organising Committee		
Clerk of the Course	David Stuart	
Deputy Clerk of the Course	David Mori	
Deputy Clerk of the Course	Marilyn Emmins	
Assistant Clerk of the Course - Sporting	TBC	
Secretary of the Event	Kelsey Branford	
Director of Ambulance Services	TBC	
Results Manager	Daniel Sawyer	
Chief Scrutineer	TBC	
Chief Spectator Marshal	TBC	
Event Command/Communications	Antony Yoffa	

ARTICLE 5

EVENT DESCRIPTION

- A) The Event will be known as 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race and will be a National Championship Off Road Event conducted at Alice Springs in the Northern Territory from 5 to 8 June 2026.
- 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 consist of a prologue and two sections over two days. The Event will start on Saturday 6 June 2026 and will be approximately 223km long.

ARTICLE 6

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- A) 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 on Sunday 6 June at 6.15am in front of the stage next to the Event Information Office at the Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex.
- C) A compulsory Crew briefing will be held on Monday 7 June at 6.45am in front of the checkpoint at Finke.

ARTICLE 9

ENTRY FORM, ENTRIES, ENTRY FEE & REFUND POLICY

- A) Entries are to be made online at www.finkedesertrace.com.au/competitors/cars through one of two entry processes. The first being for those who secured an Expression of Interest (EOI) followed by those who are entering regularly and did not secure an EOI. Competitors unable to access the online entry form through either process 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. licenses (Motorsport Australia and civil), automobile registration papers and club memberships.
- C) Entries open to Expression of Interest (EOI) holders only on Wednesday 26 November 2025 from 9:00am to 5:00pm (ACST) with instructions and access links send to them prior to the date.
- D) Entries will open following EOI holders on Friday 28 November 2025.
- E) Entries will close at 5:00pm ACST on Friday 22 May 2026, for all crews.
- F) The number of entries will be limited to 200. If this limit is exceeded a waitlist will be established 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).

- G) The entry fees (GST inclusive) for the Event are fixed as follows:

• Base Fee	\$1,039.00
• 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	\$290.00

TOTAL: \$2420.00

Additional navigator/s may compete, providing they are correctly nominated on the entry form and an additional fee of \$120 is paid.

- H) Entries withdrawn up until Friday 22 May 2026 will have their Entry Fee refunded less \$250 (Administration fee). No refunds will be granted after Friday 22 May 2026.
- I) Those still on the waitlist at the close of entries who do not secure a spot, will receive a full refund.
- J) 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.
- K) The Organiser reserves the right to refuse an entry in accordance with the provisions of the NCR.
- L) Competitors are advised that the **Rallysafe Unit** and **Transponder Unit** issued for the event are hired equipment and must be returned in good working condition at the conclusion of the race.
- Non-return of Rallysafe Unit** will incur a replacement fee of **\$2,750 (inc. GST)**.
 - Non-return of Transponder Unit** will incur a replacement fee of **\$580 (inc. GST)**.
 - Damage to either unit**, including damage caused by improper installation or exposure to extreme conditions, will be assessed by the organisers and may be charged to the competitor at cost.
 - It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure the correct and secure installation of these units. Any loss or damage resulting from incorrect placement or mounting will be at the competitor's expense.
 - Installation assistance is available. Competitors are encouraged to contact the Race Secretary **prior to fitting the units** if guidance is required.

ARTICLE 10

INSURANCE

- 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 2026 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship incorporating Motorsport Australia SXS Championship

- 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

- A) The event will start from Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex, South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs.
- 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. The following additional course marking signs or barriers will be utilised:

(TBA)

ARTICLE 12 SCRUTINEERING

- 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 5 June 2026 at the Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex.
- 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 advised closer to the event. Information regarding post-event scrutineering, e.g. route to travel, will be advised by communication to affected teams.
- E) Pre Event, Regional scrutiny can be arranged. Please contact the Technical Delegate or Chief Scrutineer to arrange with an approved scrutiny team member. The Technical delegate and Chief Scrutineers details will be provided in February 2026.
- F) Random checks of any Automobile approved at regional scrutineering will be conducted.

ARTICLE 13 RECONNAISSANCE

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) A reconnaissance schedule is shown in Article 2 Event Program.
- C) The 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Racecourse 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 7 June 2026 and Monday 8 June 2026.
- 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 2026 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 non-compliant and/or unregistered 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

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations and Article 11.10 Refueling of the 2026 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. Competitors and/or their Crew must remove all litter, including fuel, oils, carpet, etc. from their camps and extinguish all fires.

APATULA TOWNSHIP AND CAMPGROUND

All relevant road rules apply at Apatula 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 Apatula community and none at the Finke campground.

ALCOHOL

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

NO ALOCHOL IS TO BE CONSUMED WITHIN THE APATULA 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 at the Start/Finish Line Alice Springs and 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

- A) For consistency, the penalties and other sporting regulations in the AORC Sporting Regulations will apply to all Crew entered in the 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race (AORC), and any other associated events.

ARTICLE 16 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND RED FLAGS

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 Event 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) AORC Red Flag Procedure.

If the Clerk of the Course makes the decision to Red Flag a race or a section the following procedure will be enacted

1. The **Clerk of the Course** will instruct the Start/Finish and all Checkpoints and Recovery Vehicles to display a RED Flag.
2. All competition vehicles, will immediately reduce speed to **80KM/H MAX** and continue on the course to the nearest checkpoint or recovery point.
3. Vehicles will then wait for instruction from **Clerk of the Course**.
4. Electronic Vehicle Monitoring, **Rallysafe**, is in use at all 2026 AORC events. **Rallysafe's Red Flag** function will be used as a secondary alert system and will be activated by the Clerk of the Course after the Red Flag procedure has been initiated. In the event that **Red Flag** is displayed on the Rallysafe screen before observing a physical **Red Flag**, the same procedure must be followed. Reduce speed to 80km/h Max and continue on course to nearest recovery or checkpoint.
5. Failure to comply with this rule will be referred to the **Stewards**.

ARTICLE 17 RESULTS AND PROTESTS

- 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

- 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 Automobile		Class	
1st	\$12,500 plus trophy	1st	\$1,250 plus trophy
2nd	\$6,250 plus trophy	2nd	\$875 plus trophy
3rd	\$3,125 plus trophy	3rd	\$625 plus trophy

ARTICLE 19 ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

- 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.
- 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) **Except for ceremonial alcohol as supplied by the organizer, no alcohol is permitted on the podium and/or during the podium celebrations.**
- E) **No alcohol is to be consumed or carried within the Apatula Community and campgrounds**

(overnight stop at Finke).

ARTICLE 20

EVENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

A) Registration

All competitors must register at the Finke Desert Race Registration Centre; Finke Start/Finish/Venue, South Stuart Highway, Alice Springs, between the following times:

Tuesday 2 June 2026 – 1100hrs and 1800hrs

Wednesday 3 June 2026 – 1100hrs and 1500hrs

Thursday 4 June 2026 – 1100hrs and 1800hrs

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 5 June 2026, unless previously arranged with the Secretary of the Event.

B) Starting

Prologue: Vehicles will depart one at a time at 30-second intervals. The length of the prologue will be approx. 8 kilometres. Competitors will start the prologue in an order advised by the Sporting Director based on anticipated speeds within class, and prologue start times will be issued as per 2026 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations. Competitors who do not complete the prologue may apply to the Organisers to be seeded.

Race Day 1: Vehicles will start in order as determined by prologue. First vehicle will depart at 7:15am. The first ten vehicles, as determined by prologue, will start one at a time at one-minute intervals. The remainder of the field will start one at a time at thirty second intervals.

Race Day 2: Vehicles will start in order as determined by corrected time from Race Day 1. First vehicle will depart at 7:15am. Vehicles finishing within twenty minutes of the leader will start on corrected time. The remainder of the field will start one at a time at 30-second intervals.

C) Refueling

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 (Apatula Community)

Race fuel package for SXS may be purchased from the Club for a cost of \$70 per fuel stop, per day. This cost includes fuel and transportation. Refueling stops will be manned by volunteers and whilst every effort will be made to complete refueling in a timely manner, the club takes no responsibility for delays. Competitors will be refueled on a first come, first served basis. Fuel will be provided at the following points.

- Fuel Stop 1 (62 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – Both days
- Fuel Stop 2 (115 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – Both days
- Fuel Stop 3 (169 kms from Alice Springs Start/Finish Line) – Both days
- Finke race camp (overnight stop) – Sunday only.

No personal fuel containers can be carried to Fuel Stops 1,2 and 3. The fee is set at a standard rate and will not be adjusted. No refund will be given if the Competitor fails to make any of the refueling points.

D) 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.

E) 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.

Rallysafe will be a judge of fact regarding speeding during prologue reconnaissance.

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.

F) 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 7 June 2026. All Crew Members are required to attend.

A briefing for all competing crew will be conducted one hour and thirty minutes prior to the start time of the first *Automobile* on Race Day 2, Monday 8 June 2026. All Crew Members are required to attend.

There will be no briefings on Prologue Day (Saturday 6 June 2026) 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 on Race Day 1 and at the Finke Checkpoint on Race Day 2.

Sign On is compulsory on Saturday 6, Sunday 7 and Monday 8 June 2026 and will be conducted at the following times:

0610 – 0640 – Saturday 6 June (Prologue)

0545 – 0615 – Sunday 7 June (Race Day 1)

0615 – 0645 – Monday 8 June (Race Day 2)

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

G) 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 2026 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.

H) 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 any 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 apparel, helmet, and *Automobile*

ARTICLE 21 EVENT SPONSOR ADVERTISING

A) Event Sponsor Advertising – Tatts

An area 300mm wide x 300mm high must be reserved unencumbered on the bottom of the front bonnet and on each side of 'front door' area for major sponsor (Tatts) advertising or for promotion of the 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race.

B) Event Sponsor Advertising – Method Race Wheels

An area 200mm wide x 100mm high must be reserved unencumbered on each side of the vehicle for Method Race Wheels advertising or for promotion of the 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race.

C) Stickers

Stickers for both Tatts and Method Race Wheels 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.

ATTACHMENT 1 OTHER INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE
