

2026 TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE

COMPETITOR ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO ENTER

The 2026 Tatts Finke Desert Race entry process is divided into four phases, each opening to specific competitor groups. Entry phases 1 through to 3 will be open from 9am (ACST) and close at 5pm (ACST) on the dates listed below – **it is important to not 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.**

ENTRY PHASES

Phase 1 – Friday 14 November 2025, 9am to 5pm (ACST)

Who can enter: 2025 Bike Competitors only

If you competed in the 2025 event on a bike, you will receive login credentials via email to access the entry portal. This will be sent out to you via email no later than **Friday 7 November 2026.**

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 2026 when general entries open.

Phase 2 – Friday 21 November 2025, 9am to 5pm (ACST)

Who can enter: Bike Expressions of Interest (EOI) only

If you submitted an EOI for a bike entry, you will receive login credentials via email to access the entry portal. This will be sent out to you via email no later than **Friday 14 November 2026.**

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 2026 when general entries open.

Phase 3 – Wednesday 26 November 2025, 9am to 5pm (ACST)

Who can enter: Car Expressions of Interest (EOI) only

If you submitted an EOI for a car entry, you will receive login credentials via email to access the entry portal. These will be sent out to you via email no later than **Wednesday 19 November 2026.**

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 2026 when general entries open.

Phase 4 – Friday 28 November 2025, 9am (ACST) to Friday 22 May 2026, 5pm (ACST) (General Entries)

Who can enter: Those who were not able to enter in any of the other entry phases.

The entry portal will be open to all other entrants under the bike and car competitor sections of the website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU ENTER

- Entries are accepted on a first-in, best-dressed basis
- There are maximum field numbers – once reached, entries will go to a waitlist in the order they are received
- Entries are NON-TRANSFERRABLE
- Do NOT forward your entry link to anyone else; it will only work for the entrant named.
- Make sure your contact details (email, phone, address) are current and accurate
- Check your email and SMS regularly for important updates
- The event is not responsible for missed communications due to incorrect contact details or spam filters

COMPLETING YOUR ENTRY

When you access the entry portal, you will need to provide:

- Competition class selection
- Preferred race number
- Machine details
- Number of previous Finke races you've competed in
- Whether this is your first Finke
- Acknowledgement that you have read and understood the supplementary regulations

Note: If you're entering through Phases 1-3, your personal details (name, phone, address, email) will be pre-populated and locked – you cannot change these details in the system.

ENTRY FEES

Standard Entry (Phases 1 & 4) Full entry fee applies (*entry fee amounts are yet to be announced and are expected to be marginally higher than 2025*)

EOI Entry (Phases 2 & 3): Full entry fee minus \$100 EOI payment

PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Once you complete your entry form and payment is processed, you will receive a confirmation email advising whether you have:

- Secured an official entry, OR
- Been placed on the waitlist

WAITLIST PROCESS

If the maximum field capacity (bikes – 750 and cars – 200) is reached when you enter, you will automatically be placed on a waitlist. Waitlisted entrants maintain their first-in, best-dressed position and will be contacted if a spot becomes available.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

Withdrawal Deadline: Friday 22 May 2026

Official Entrants:

If you withdraw by the deadline, you will receive a refund minus a \$250 administration fee. If you do not withdraw by the deadline, you will not receive a refund.

Waitlisted Entrants:

- If you withdraw by the deadline: Full refund (no administration fee)
- If you remain on the waitlist after entries close: Full refund automatically processed

No entries will be accepted after the final close date being Friday 22 May 2026.

REMINDERS

Competitors in Entry phases 1, 2 and 3 will receive reminder communications before each entry phase opens:

- Email reminder: One week before
- Email and SMS reminder: One day before

Make sure your contact details are up to date so you don't miss these important notifications!

QUESTIONS?

For more information about the entry process, please visit the official Tatts Finke Desert Race website or contact the Race Secretary admin@finkedesertrace.com.au.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Finke Desert Race Inc takes no responsibility for communications not received due to:

- Incorrect or out-of-date contact details
- Emails being filtered into junk/spam folders

It is your responsibility to ensure your contact information is current and to check your junk mail folders regularly.

If you have not received your entry link before your Phase opens, contact the office immediately on (08) 8952 8886 or admin@finkedesertrace.com.au