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COMPETITOR GUIDE



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DISCLAIMER

This Guide to Competitors will contain information which does not form part of the regulations of the event, but will be of assistance to competitors. It should be noted that the contents of this Competitor Guide are of no regulatory value and may not be used as the basis of a protest.

Broken Down Machines (Bikes and Quads ONLY)

If you find yourself in the unfortunate situation of breaking down and your bike or quad is unable to continue, the official recovery vehicles are situated to service two areas – Area 1 being the area between the Start/Finish Line and Club Fuel Stop 2 (North Section) and Area 2 being the area between Club Fuel Stop 2 and Finke (South Section).

Area 1 Breakdowns

Bikes recovered in Area 1 will be recovered to the nearest check point (Start/Finish, Deep Well, Rodinga) where they will be secured until collected. If Area 1 recovery is able, machines **may** get transported back to Start/Finish for collection on Race Day 2.

All machines recovered throughout the race will be dropped at Start/Finish by midday Tuesday 13th June (earlier if able) and secured until collected.

Area 2 Breakdowns

Bikes recovered in Area 2, will be recovered to Finke for collection by your crew at 8:00pm on Race Day 1. Machines recovered on Race Day 2 will be secured at Bundooma by 8:00pm Monday and may be collect by crew. All machines recovered throughout the race will be dropped at Start/Finish by midday Tuesday 13th June (earlier if able) and secured until collected.

Catering

If you selected and paid for club catering at Finke, you will have a voucher in your competitor pack. There are two passes on the voucher, one is for dinner on Sunday night and the other is for breakfast on Monday morning. Your passes need to be given to the officials in the catering tent to receive your meal.

The catering tent is located in the campground area at Finke, **not** the checkpoint.

The meals provided at Finke consist of:

**Sunday night from 5.30pm to 8.30pm –
Home Style Stew, Bread and Butter**

**Monday morning from 5.00am to 9.00am -
Bacon and Eggs**

There will be tea, coffee, milo, biscuits and fresh fruit available on arrival.

The caterers will also have limited amounts of food available for sale. This will consist of steak or sausage sandwiches for dinner and bacon and egg sandwiches for breakfast.

Club Fuel Stops

If you have selected and paid for the Fuel option on your entry form, you will receive an identifying tag to attach to the front of your bike. Four stroke fuel will be available for you at the following areas (see map):

- Fuel Stop 1 - 68 kms approx.
- Fuel Stop 2 - 116 kms approx.
- Fuel Stop 3 - 179 kms approx.
- Finke Checkpoint - 226 kms

When you reach the Club Fuel Stop the following procedure applies;

- Line up at the first available pump.
- Turn off your ignition. *Please note – you will be excluded from the event if you fail to stop the engine prior to refuelling. (as per the 2017 MA Manual of Motorcycle Sport)*
- Undo your fuel cap.
- Like petrol station bowsers, there is a cut off trigger. Once tank is full, it will automatically cut out.
- Refit fuel cap.
- Start engine.

Each fuel stop will be set up in a similar manner (please refer to the fuel stop diagram in your competitor pack).

Refuelling at Finke Check Point will take place between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Race Day 1 – Sunday.

Compassionate Time

Compassionate time is given to competitors who stop to help another rider or driver, or stop to report an accident or injury. If you want to claim compassionate time, you must report to the Clerk of Course immediately after arriving in Finke or Alice Springs. Refer to the Supplementary Regulations for cut off times for claiming compassionate time.

Competitor Headshots

This is a non-negotiable part of competitor sign on, images will be taken for marketing and safety purposes. By entering, all competitors give Finke Desert Race Inc the right to use their image.

Competitor Relations

If you or your crew have any questions or queries over the weekend of the race, please see an official in the Competitor Relations Office at the Start/Finish Line. This is located on the spectator side of the track. If you have a question or query at Finke, please see an official at the checkpoint next to the Start/Finish Line.

Competitor Sign Off ** Very Important!!

If for any reason (breakdown, minor accident, run out of time, etc.) you do not reach the finish on Day 1 or Day 2 of the event, it is your responsibility to notify an Official that you have retired at the earliest possible opportunity. They will need a clear indication of what you intend to do so they can notify your crew. Remember, we can only pass on the information that you give us.

In the past a few thoughtless competitors have left the track without notifying a race official and this has led to unnecessary searches late into the night by race officials and volunteers.

YOU MUST OFFICIALLY SIGN OFF AT THE START/FINISH LINE ALICE SPRINGS OR WITH FINKE CHECKPOINT EVEN IF YOU HAVE LET AN OFFICIAL KNOW.

The only exception to this is if you have been taken straight to hospital to seek medical assistance.

Facilities at Finke Community

Facilities at Finke community are extremely limited. There are toilets located in the camp ground but no showers are available. The Finke General Store is open for business on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There is basic food supplies, opal unleaded and diesel fuel available. There is a community sports carnival across Finke weekend so there are more people in the community than usual. Please take extreme care when driving through the community as there will be a lot of children and they are not used to having heavy traffic in the community.

There is **no mobile phone service at Finke** and often no public phones operational. Get used to being out of contact for 24 hours. Your family and friends can follow your progress on the website or via SMS alerts (see SMS Race Alerts). In an emergency, you can visit the Finke checkpoint which has several land phone lines.

Whilst Finke is an open community (ie no permits are needed), the sale and/or consumption of alcohol within the community is **prohibited** and heavy penalties apply to those who do. The Finke committee has been granted a special liquor permit for the race camp area (approximately 500 mtrs outside the community) and any consumption must only occur in this area. Under no circumstances is alcohol to be offered to local residents. Please tip out any unused alcohol and dispose of any containers either in the rubbish pit at the race camp or back in town.

Remember, road rules apply whilst at Finke Community and there will be a noticeable Police presence. **Do not ride motor bikes without a helmet** and be mindful of the NT's 0.05 blood alcohol limit. Police officers may at any time conduct random breath tests. There is a police station located within the community.

If at any stage during your overnight stay at Finke you require assistance, approach the checkpoint as they have contact details for St John Ambulance, NT Police and the Health Clinic.

In the event of a medical emergency at Finke, a competitor may be transported out by road via Kulgera or evacuated by air. St John Ambulance works closely with NT Health who have staff on location across the weekend. The Health Clinic at Finke will contact the Alice Springs Hospital where needed at any time of the day or night.

Finishers

Upon crossing the finishing line in Alice Springs on Race Day 2, competitors need to do the following before leaving to prepare for Presentation Night:

- Sign Off: This year we have a new process where everyone's wristband is barcoded and are then required to be scanned in and out to assist with sign on & off. Please follow directions of race officials waiting for you at the finish line to assist in the change of process.
- Transponder Return: Officials are present in the finishing chute to assist with cutting off transponders. *For more information please see details on page 9 of this booklet.
- Check your race results: This is the time to check your results on the results screen under the catering shed.
- Compassionate Time Requests: Compassionate time requests must be presented to the Competitor Relations Office as soon as you finish. Due to a time cut off, if

your request is received after the cut off, you will not be entitled to it. Please refer to the Supplementary Regulations for cut off times.

The competitors who have completed the whole event, within the given daily time limit on both Race Day 1 and Race Day 2 are entitled to receive a Survivor's Spike at Presentation Night.

Gear Transport Drop Off (Pre Event)

If you selected and paid for the transport of gear to fuel stops and/or Finke checkpoint, there is a transport ticket in your competitor pack. Minimal spares (i.e. goggles, tubes, spark plugs, tyres etc.) will be transported to track fuel stops. Minimal (at the discretion of the transporter) spares, swag/tents and personal effects will be transported to Finke checkpoint. All items **must** be labelled with your competitor number. Gear needs to be delivered to the Start/Finish between the hours of 10am and 3pm on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June. The drop off is located near the disabled parking area adjacent to the toilet block on the eastern side of the start/finish line.

Gear Transport Pick Up (Post Event)

If you selected and paid for the transport of gear to fuel stops and/or Finke checkpoint, after the event, your belongings will be available for collection from the Alice Springs Start/Finish Line by midday on Tuesday 13th June 2017. Every effort is made to ensure they are available by midday, however in the event of transport breakdowns, there may be unavoidable delays.

Medical Treatment

St. John Ambulance is in attendance at all check points, the Start/Finish Line, Alice Springs and Finke. In addition to these facilities, medical evacuations are arranged via Medivac Helicopter and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. All patients that are evacuated during race time, either by road or by air, will be taken to Alice Springs Hospital. Should family or friends wish to check on the condition of a patient, they

should phone the Alice Springs Hospital on 08 8951 7777.

There are numerous Medical Centres in Alice Springs; however, the Alice Springs Hospital is the only 24 hour centre. Alice Springs Hospital is located on Gap Road. The Pharmacy in Yeperenye Shopping Centre is open 8.30am to 9.00pm Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 7.00pm Saturday, 9.00am to 5.00pm Sunday and 10.00am to 5.00pm on Public Holidays. This building is located on Hartley Street.

Alice Springs Hospital - Emergency Department Attendance and Admissions

If you attend the Emergency Department and/or are admitted to the Alice Springs Hospital as a result of an injury sustained during the Tatts Finke Desert Race, you will be asked:

- for a Medicare card/number and,
- if you have private insurance

If you are eligible for Medicare, the Alice Springs Hospital **will not** invoice any patients directly for hospital care. However other costs such as any pharmacy medication, medical aids etc. may be invoiced on discharge. You will be responsible for paying these.

Whilst private health insurance is not compulsory, it is in your interests to research the cover and benefits available to you. Please be aware that generic private health insurance **may not** cover injuries from participation in motor sports events.

If you are not eligible for Medicare (e.g. overseas competitors), you will be responsible for all costs associated with your care. In this instance it is highly recommended you purchase medical insurance relating to a sporting event prior to competing in the event.

It would also be in your interests to contact Motorcycling Australia or the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport to check on any competition insurance cover available.

At Alice Springs Hospital; regardless of Medicare eligibility or Non Medicare eligibility, all patients are treated with the highest possible standard of care.

For further information or any questions on Hospital costs, please contact Michelle Cooper, A/Director Revenue, Central Australia Health Service during office hours on (08) 8951 9136.

All ground (ambulance) and air transfers to Alice Springs Hospital as a result of a race injury to any competitor are covered by your ambulance subscription which is a compulsory requirement of all competitors.

Pit Areas – Alice Springs Start/Finish Line

Only competitors, competitor crew members (with passes) and vehicles towing race machines are permitted in the pit areas – strictly no children are allowed in the pits. You may leave vehicles and trailers in the pits overnight – however this is at your own risk. Event organisers take no responsibility for the safety of your belongings left unattended in pit areas.

Presentation Night

Class Winners

The first place-getters in each class will be given the opportunity to speak. Presentation is run to a very tight schedule and there is not enough time for all podium achievers to speak.

Outright Winners

First, second and third outright in Cars and Bikes will be given the opportunity to thank their sponsors.

Prologue Track Access – Race Week

During race week, the Prologue track will be open to competitors and crew to inspect from sun up to sun down. Access is only for those walking or cycling (no motorised vehicles

allowed – must be powered by your muscles!).

Any competitor found driving or riding a motorised vehicle on any part of the track will be disqualified from the event.

Race Results

Results will be constantly updated on the event's official website:

www.finkedesertrace.com.au.

There will also be result wrap up shows on 8HA radio station (900 AM) from 6pm each night on Race Days 1 and 2.

Alice Springs Start/Finish Line

Electronic scoreboards will display start, checkpoint and finish times at the Alice Springs Start/Finish Line next under the catering shed (the closest end to the Competitor Information Office).

Finke Checkpoint

Results will be posted at the catering shed when they become available. If you or your crew need race information when at Finke, you will need to check with Race Control - Finke. Race Control is located at the track finish line. There is no direct communication to the camp ground.

Scrutineering

Scrutineering will be held at the Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Precinct. **Cars from 3pm to 9pm and Bikes 5pm to 9pm**, gates open to the public at 5pm. Your machine, competition licence and competition clothing, including helmet, gloves etc. (Car competitors must also bring their vehicle's first aid kit & fire extinguisher) must all be produced for a once over as per general regulations. If you are unable to make it to Scrutineering for any reason, alternative arrangements must be made with the race officials.

Any competitor who fails scrutineering must make a time for re-inspection with the Chief Scrutineer for Saturday morning. Once your

machine and gear have been inspected you must then position your machine in the display area where it will remain impounded until they are released by Officials at 9pm.

Purchase of SMS Race Alerts

Nominate your favourite rider or driver and provide a mobile number and a text message will be sent to that number every time they cross a checkpoint or finish line. Purchase details can be found on our website. Please note that no private information will be sent (e.g. DNF details). Neither we nor our service provider can be held responsible for mobile network carrier service levels.

NOTE: Each competitor can nominate 1 mobile number (e.g. that of a crew member) that will receive free SMS info like start time, prologue time, scrutineering reminder, etc. Competitors can nominate additional mobile numbers using the service above. Nomination details will be collected at registration.

Supermarkets

There is a Coles and Woolworths supermarket along with multiple IGA supermarkets out of the Alice Springs CBD.

- Coles: Railway Terrace and Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs Shopping Centre
- Woolworths: Yeperenye Shopping Centre, Gregory Terrace and Bath Street
- Flynn Drive IGA: Flynn Drive, Gillen
- Eastside IGA: Lindsay Avenue, East Side
- Larapinta IGA: Lyndavale Drive, Larapinta
- Northside IGA: North Stuart Highway, Braitling

Sponsor's Advertising

The supplementary regulations require you to leave spaces for Tatts advertising. These stickers are in your competitor pack. Please ensure they are placed in the correct positions, otherwise you will not pass scrutineering.

- Bikes: 20cm (w) by 8cm (h) sticker on front numberplate and 10cm (w) by 10cm (h) stickers on each side of the fuel tank or radiator.
- Cars: 30cm(w) by 30cm(h) sticker to be placed on the front bonnet and each side of 'front door' area.

Transponder Collection

All competitors in the Tatts Finke Desert Race are scored using transponders. You will collect your transponder at Scrutineering. The transponder will be affixed to your vehicle once it has passed scrutineering to signify it is ready to race. You will race prologue with the transponder on your vehicle.

Transponder Return

Transponders **MUST** be returned to Competitor Relations at the end of Race Day 2. (CAMS Log Books are returned upon surrender of your transponder to Competitor Relations.) For the majority of Competitors the transponder will be cut off at the finish line by a race official when they sign/scan off. For DNFs – transponders **MUST** be returned to Competitor Relations – not given to sweeps or checkpoint officials. If you do not return your transponder, you will be charged for its replacement. If you are forced to seek medical attention and are unable to return the transponder yourself, you are able to have someone return it for you by the end of Race Day 2.

UHF Coverage (Cars Only)

Information sheet of coverage provided in your competitor pack.

Wristbands

Your wristband is your pass through all gates. You must keep the wristband on from Friday night until after Presentation. If you lose it for any reason, please see Competitor Relations at the Start/Finish Line or at Finke Checkpoint.

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BIKE SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7th June – COMPETITOR REGISTRATION		
1000	Competitor Registration Opens	Start/Finish Line
1800	Competitor Registration Closes	Start/Finish Line
Thursday 8th June – COMPETITOR REGISTRATION/GEAR DROP OFF		
1000	Competitor Registration Opens	Start/Finish Line
1000	Gear Drop Off Opens	Start/Finish Line
1500	Gear Drop Off Closes	Start/Finish Line
1730	Finke Family Night Starts	Lasseter's Hotel Casino
1800	Competitor Registration Closes	Start/Finish Line
2000	Finke Family Night Finish	Lasseter's Hotel Casino
Friday 9th June – SCRUTINEERING/COMPETITOR REGISTRATION/GEAR DROP OFF		
0900	Competitor Registration Opens	Start/Finish Line
1000	Gear Drop Off Opens	Start/Finish Line
1200	Competitor Registration Closes	Start/Finish Line
1500	Gear Drop Off Closes	Start/Finish Line
1700	Scrutineering Opens	Start/Finish Line
2100	Scrutineering Closes	Start/Finish Line
Saturday 10th June – PROLOGUE		
1015	Rider Sign On Opens	Start/Finish Line
1100	Rider Briefing	Start/Finish Line
1130	Prologue Reconnaissance Starts	Start/Finish Line
1230	Bike Prologue Starts	Start/Finish Line
1700	Bike Prologue Finishes	Start/Finish Line
Sunday 11th June – RACE DAY 1		
0945	Rider Sign On Opens	Start/Finish Line
1030	Rider Briefing	Start/Finish Line
1130	Start of Race Day 1	Start/Finish Line
1800	Compassionate Time Cut Off	Finke Checkpoint
Monday 12th June – RACE DAY 2		
1000	Rider Sign On Opens	Finke Checkpoint
1045	Rider Briefing	Finke Checkpoint
1145	Start of Race Day 2	Finke Checkpoint
1800	Compassionate Time Cut Off	Start/Finish Line
1800	Presentation Venue Opens	Convention Centre
2000	Presentation Starts	Convention Centre

CAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7th June – COMPETITOR REGISTRATION		
1000	Competitor Registration Opens	Start/Finish Line
1700	Car Scrutiny Training Starts	NTFS
1800	Competitor Registration Closes	Start/Finish Line
2100	Car Scrutiny Training Finishes	NTFS
Thursday 8th June – COMPETITOR REGISTRATION/GEAR DROP OFF		
1000	Competitor Registration Opens	Start/Finish Line
1000	Gear Drop Off Opens	Start/Finish Line
1500	Gear Drop Off Closes	Start/Finish Line
1730	Finke Family Night Starts	Lasseter's Hotel Casino
1800	Competitor Registration Closes	Start/Finish Line
2000	Finke Family Night Finish	Lasseter's Hotel Casino
Friday 9th June – SCRUTINY/COMPETITOR REGISTRATION/GEAR DROP OFF		
0900	Competitor Registration Opens	Start/Finish Line
1000	Gear Drop Off Opens	Start/Finish Line
1200	Competitor Registration Closes	Start/Finish Line
1500	Gear Drop Off Closes	Start/Finish Line
1500	Scrutiny Opens	Start/Finish Line
2100	Scrutiny Closes	Start/Finish Line
Saturday 10th June – PROLOGUE		
0600	Driver Sign On Opens	Start/Finish Line
0630	Driver Briefing	Start/Finish Line
0700	Prologue Reconnaissance Starts	Start/Finish Line
0800	Car Prologue Starts	Start/Finish Line
1115	Application for Seeding Closes	Start/Finish Line
Sunday 11th June – RACE DAY 1		
0545	Driver Sign On Opens	Start/Finish Line
0615	Driver Briefing	Start/Finish Line
0715	Start of Race Day 1	Start/Finish Line
1530	Application for Seeding Closes	Finke Checkpoint
Monday 12th June – RACE DAY 2		
0545	Driver Sign On Opens	Finke Checkpoint
0615	Driver Briefing	Finke Checkpoint
0715	Start of Race Day 2	Finke Checkpoint
1800	Presentation Venue Opens	Convention Centre
2000	Presentation Starts	Convention Centre