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Bike Entries filling ahead of the 2022 Tatts Finke Desert Race

The countdown is on to the 46th running of the iconic Tatts Finke Desert Race with 600 bike entries filled in the first two hours of opening.

This year's event will see the introduction of a level of rider competency after entry changes were announced in December 2021. Riders will need to have competed in past Finke Desert Races or, have previously raced a Motorcycling Australia sanctioned event. This requirement needs to be met by the close of entries.

Tatts Finke Race Desert Race President Antony Yoffa said the competition field is more exciting than ever this year.

"We have seen our event grow in recent times and it's great to see so many experienced competitors signed up for this year's event to take on the 452km course," Mr Yoffa said.

"We thank competitors for their patience; our team are progressively processing competitors' entries. As soon as they meet all requirements, competitors will have their race number confirmed and will receive confirmation of their entry.

"It's fantastic to welcome back a number of our past King of the Desert's, highlighted by David Walsh who is looking to take out the threepeat - this year's event is shaping up to be one of the toughest competitor fields to date."

Other notable bike entries include four-time winner Ben Grabham (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011), and 1999 and 2002 King of the Desert Rick Hall. The 2022 event has also attracted 2022 Dakar stage winner Daniel Sanders to compete in his first Tatts Finke Desert Race.

Entries will be accepted and if necessary, placed onto the waitlist until Sunday 24 April, 2022.

Car entries will open Tuesday 1 March, 2022.

The 2022 Tatts Finke Desert Race will be held in Alice Springs on the Queen's Birthday weekend from 10-13 June, 2022.

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