



## Further Regulations 27/05/2026

The Regulations contained within replace the corresponding articles in the Tatts Finke Desert Race Supplementary Regulations 2026.

# ARTICLE 1 EVENT PROGRAM

DATE	ITEM	LOCATION
	<b>Australian Central Standard Time ACST)</b>	
<b>Wed 19 Nov 25</b>	Supplementary Regulations Published	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a> and via the sportity app
<b>Wed 26 Nov 25</b>	Entries Open to Expressions of Interest (EOI) Holders – 0900hrs	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
	Entries Close to EOI Holders – 1700hrs	
<b>Thu 27 Nov 25</b>	Entry List Published	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
<b>Fri 28 Nov 25</b>	Entries Open	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
<b>Sun 26 Apr 26</b>	Entries Close	
<b>Fri 22 May 26</b>	Late Entries Close	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
<b>RACE WEEK (2 – 8 JUNE 2026)</b>		
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Competitor Registration – 1100hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Competitor Registration Closes – 1800hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Competitor Registration Opens (including Rallysafe Distribution) – 1100hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Competitor Registration Closes – 1500hrs(ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Competitor Registration Opens (including Rallysafe Distribution) – 1100hrs (ACST)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
	Competitor Registration Closes – 1800hrs (ACST)	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>1030hrs</b>	Venue opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>1100hrs</b>	Media Briefing	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>1500hrs</b>	Scrutineering Opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>2030hrs</b>	Scrutineering Closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>2100hrs</b>	Event HQ closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>0545hrs</b>	Event HQ opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>0610hrs</b>	Compulsory Crew Sign On (30 minutes)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>0635hrs</b>	RallySafe unit <b>MUST</b> be fitted and switched <b>ON</b>	In Car
<b>0645hrs</b>	Prologue reconnaissance line up	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>1133hrs</b>	Prologue ends	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>1135hrs</b>	<b>Sweep departs</b>	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>1200hrs</b>	Application for Seeding into Section 1 - Close	
<b>1145hrs</b>	<b>Method Race Wheels Prologue Winners Podium Presentation</b>	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>1345hrs</b>	Race Day 1 start list published	Online: <a href="http://www.finkedesertrace.com.au">www.finkedesertrace.com.au</a>
<b>1715hrs</b>	Event HQ closes	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>0500hrs</b>	Event HQ opens	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
<b>0545hrs</b>	Compulsory Crew Sign On (30 minutes)	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex

0615hrs	<b>Compulsory Crew Briefing</b>	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	<b>Event Start – Race Day 1</b>	Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex
1700hrs	Applications for Seeding into Race Day 2 Start Order - Close	
1800hrs	Race Day 2 start list published	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
0500hrs	Event HQ opens	Finke Checkpoint
0530hrs	Compulsory Crew Sign On (30 minutes)	Finke Checkpoint
0600hrs	<b>Compulsory Crew Briefing</b>	Finke Checkpoint
0655hrs	Automobiles Line up in Start Order for Race Day 2	Finke Checkpoint
0715hrs	<b>Event Start – Race Day 2</b>	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

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## ARTICLE 4

## OFFICIALS OF THE EVENT

Role	Name
<b>Motorsport Australia</b>	
Chief Steward	Ross Makela
Steward	Kevin Hunter
Steward	Phillip Gray
AORC Manager	Campbell Smith
AORC Sporting Delegate	Dan Rogers
AORC Course Checker	Campbell Smith
AORC Safety Delegate	TBA
AORC Technical Delegate	Fred Severin
AORC Competition Relations Officer	Jason Galea
AORC Results Manager	Jeremy Beck
<b>Event Organising Committee</b>	
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	Craig Garraway
Results Manager	Daniel Sawyer
Chief Scrutineer	Mark Crosby
Chief Spectator Marshal	TBC
Event Command/Communications	Antony Yoffa

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## ARTICLE 8

## COMPETITOR AND CREW

### ELIGIBILITY

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) All Competitors are required to obtain an Off Road Special Endorsement.  
[Motorsport-Australia Special Endorsement Off Road.pdf](#)
- C) A compulsory Crew briefing will be held on Sunday 7 June at 6.15am in front of the stage next to the Event Information Office at the Finke Desert Race Start/Finish Line Complex.
- D) A compulsory Crew briefing will be held on Monday 8 June at 6.00am in front of the checkpoint at Finke.

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## ARTICLE 17 RESULTS AND PROTESTS

- A) Provisional results will be published on Sportity and the Event Notice Board.
- B) Each protest must be lodged in accordance with the NCR. The time limit in NCR96 shall be defined as 72hrs in relation to any short cutting or course deviations only.
- C) Protests must be lodged in accordance with the NCR.

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## 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, from Tuesday 2 June between 1100 hours and 1800 hours, Wednesday 3 June between 1100 hours and 1500 hours and Thursday 4 June 2026 between 1100 hours and 1800 hours. 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 at a minimum of 60-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 7:30am. The 10 fastest vehicles as determined by Prologue will start one at a time at one minute intervals. The remainder will start one at a time at 30 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**

Non Fuel Transport costs – \$70

- Fuel Stop 1 – minimal spares eg. Tyres
- Fuel Stop 2 – minimal spares eg. Tyres
- Fuel Stop 3 – minimal spares eg. Tyres
- Finke checkpoint – Minimal (at the discretion of the transporter), fuel, swag/tent, spares and personal effects.

**E) Judge of Fact**

The Clerk of Course and their deputy(ies) will be deemed the Judge of Fact on all issues. Checkpoint Officials, Rallysafe and Timekeepers will be deemed the Judge 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**

There will be no briefings on Prologue Day (Saturday 6 June 2026)

A briefing for all competing Crew will be conducted at 6.15am; 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. The briefing will take place at the Start/Finish Staging Area.

A briefing for all competing Crew will be conducted at 6.00am; one hour and fifteen minutes prior to the start time of the first *Automobile* on Race Day 2, Monday 8 June 2026. The briefing will take place at the Finke Checkpoint in Aputula.

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)

0530 – 0600 – 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 and 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/riders apparel, helmet, and race vehicle Automobile

**I) Allowed Time**

Each crew will be allowed 4 hours to complete each Section. Any Automobile not completing the full course in each section in the prescribed time will be deemed a non-finisher for that section. To be classified as a finisher for Section 1, a crew must pass through Bundooma Checkpoint (approximately 136km from start) within 2 hours and 15 minutes of the last competitor starting Race Day 1 and complete the section within 4 hours of their individual

start time. To be classified as a finisher for section 2, a crew must pass through Bundooma Checkpoint (approximately 87km from start) within 2 hours of the last competitor starting Race Day 2 and complete the section within 4 hours of their individual start time. Crews not reaching Bundooma or the finish in either section within the allowed time(s) will be deemed non finishers of that section. **Additionally, the Clerk of the Course reserves the right to stop any crew and prevent their continuation in any section at their sole discretion, should the Clerk of the Course deem it unlikely for that crew to complete the course within the allowed time.**

## ***Further Information***

1. There will no longer be the option for race vehicles to drive along the Maryvale or Ghan Heritage Roads if out of the race or wanting a restart the following day. All travel is to be on the race track or on the back of a trailer.
2. **Be in place before the race.** This year we are no longer allowing vehicle traffic along the Maryvale and Ghan Heritage Road beyond the end of the bitumen during the car section of the race. The only exception to this is Finke official vehicles, Emergency Services vehicles and signed on licensed crew retrieving a broken down vehicle and/or competitors. If **anyone** in that retrieval vehicle is not a licensed crew member, they will not be allowed to pass through any roadblocks. We are encouraging as many people as possible who are traveling to Finke to go via the Stuart Highway to Kulgera and then take the Finke Road to Aputula.
3. There will be traffic managers at road block at Deep Well checkpoint crossover, the Hugh stock route intersection at the Maryvale grid, the approximately 85km mark, the Rodinga checkpoint crossover and the Finke River. There will be lengthy delays at all of these points for non-competitors as they will be closed for all but a few hours on both race days.