

# 2023 WENTWORTH SHIRE POONCARIE DESERT DASH

## SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS



### 1. TITLE AND EVENT

The event will be known as the **2023 Wentworth Shire Pooncarie Desert Dash** and will be a **National Championship Long Course Off Road Event** conducted in the Pooncarie region in the state of New South Wales on Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23, 2023.

The event will be Round 2 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship, and Round 2 of the Motorsport Australia SXS Championship.

### 2. AUTHORITY AND PERMIT

The event will be held under the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport Australia, General Conditions for All Titles, the Off Road Standing Regulations (ORSR), the 2023 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship incorporating 2023 SXS Motorsport Australia Championship Sporting Regulations (Sporting Regulations), these Supplementary Regulations and any Further Regulations, Instructions or Bulletins which may be issued by the Organiser or the Stewards.

The Event will be conducted under and in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S, Safety 1st, Integrity and Legal, and Risk Management Policies, which can be found on the Motorsport Australia website at [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au).

Certain public, property, professional indemnity, and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia in relation to the Event. Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia Insurance Handbook, available at [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au). It is strongly recommended that Competitors consider taking out additional insurance, including income protection insurance.

The Motorsport Australia permit number for the event is **823/2304/02**.

### 3. SPONSOR

The title sponsor of the event will be The Wentworth Shire.

### 4. PROMOTER/ORGANISER

The event will be promoted by the Sunraysia Motor Sports Club, which has appointed the Organising Committee listed below.

The official event address, to which all correspondence must be sent, will be:

**The Secretary of The Event**

[secretary.sunraysiamotorsports@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.sunraysiamotorsports@gmail.com)

### 5. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organising Committee of the event will be: Peter Freckleton, Melisa Hederics, Jason Noonan, Gavin Mickle, Karlie Brigante, John Hederics, Troy Bennett, John Williams, and Hannah Holloway.

## 6. PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

Clerk of the Course	Troy Bennett	0428 541 809
Deputy Clerk of the Course	David Stuart	0416 118 216
Secretary of the Event	Hannah Holloway	0423 272 612
Assistant Secretary of the Event	Melisa Hederics	
Chief Time Keeper / Scorer	RallySafe	
Chief Scrutineer	TBA	
Chief Medical Officer or Medical Response Coordinator	TBA	
Sporting Director	Michael Clements	
Competitor Relations Officer/s (CRO)	Ben Erceg	0418 800 905
Event Checker	Campbell Smith	
Compliance Checker (if different to the Secretary, refer NCR 74)		
Technical Delegate	Fred Severin	0418 850 826
Spectator Safety Officer	Peter Freckleton	0408 502 921

## 7. STEWARDS

1. Steve Chopping
2. Ross Makela
3. Les Shadwick

## 8. ENTRY DETAILS

Entries open on upon publication of these regulations, and close at 5.00pm on Friday April 7, 2023. Entries received after this date (subject to acceptance) will incur an additional \$250 late fee.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE THROUGH THE MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA ONLINE ENTRY PORTAL.

The entry fee for AORC competitors is \$1300.00

The entry fee for SXS competitors is \$ 1300.00

The entry fee includes 4x Pit passes (including 2 for the Driver and Navigator), RallySafe Unit hire, Medical services, and preparations and repairs to the station tracks used for the conduct of the event.

Additional navigators may compete, providing they are properly nominated on the entry form and an additional fee of \$ 50 is paid.

AORC and SXS entries include the AORC promotional Fee of \$95 that organisers will remit to Motorsport Australia within 7 days of the event.

\$ 40 is payable for each additional pit pass.

Entries are limited to 100, and acceptance will be determined in order of receipt. All entries must be made on the official entry form and must be accompanied by the requisite entry fee.

Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the relevant payment.

Competitors should note that up to five (5) units of additional insurance can be purchased. Details of the insurance and applications, for extra units are available through the Motorsport Australia website by clicking "About", "Insurance", visit Arthur J Gallagher website, "Personal Accident Insurance"

Entries withdrawn by written advice only to the Secretary of the Event before Monday April 3, 2023 will receive a full refund, less \$100 for administration. No refunds will be granted for entries withdrawn after this date.

## 9. PAYMENT DETAILS:

BSB: 633 000

ACCOUNT: 157 004 052

NAME: SUNRAYSIA MOTOR SPORTS CLUB

The organisers reserve the right to refuse an entry in accordance with the provisions of the NCR of the Motorsport Australia Manual.

The organisers reserve the right to abandon, cancel or postpone the event as provided for in the NCR of the Motorsport Australia Manual (or to cancel the event if less than 60 entries are received by close of entries). Refer Sporting Regulations.

## 10. SCRUTINY

### 10.1 Times and Venues

Refer Article 13 of the Sporting Regulations.

Scrutiny will be conducted at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer and Technical Delegate and will occur at the Pooncarie Racecourse from 3pm-6pm (in conjunction with the Show N Shine). All competitors must present their helmets, FHR and full race apparel, and vehicles need to be presented in a "ready to race" condition, with particular notice on Fire Extinguishers, and full compliance with the updated requirements for Fuel Systems, as per "Changes to Off Road General Requirements-Article 5 Fuel Tanks, as per below:

**FUEL CAP LOCATION** This requirement is to ensure that the fuel cap is physically protected by structural components of the chassis or safety cage structure. Each fuel cap must be protected in this manner. A check method is to apply a straight edge across the surrounding chassis/safety cage components in the vicinity of the fuel cap and there should be clearance to the cap itself.

**NON-RETURN/ONE WAY VALVE** This is mandatory if the fuel filler is "remote" to the tank and therefore defined as a filler neck. The requirement is that this valve must be able to effectively restrict the flow of fuel out of the tank in the event of an incident should the filler neck be affected by the incident. This valve must be able to perform this without requiring any external activation, such as using a mechanical valve that must be manually switched between an open or closed position. The non-return/one way valve must be fitted at the fixed fitting to the fuel tanks itself. This applies to all Off Road fuel tanks including those that are standard for a production type automobile. There are many versions of non-return/one way valve's: Flapper valve: a flap of ridged or flexible material that is hinged or fixed in such a way that fuel can enter the tank but is prevented from coming back out of the tank, either by a tension device (i.e. spring or similar) or by the weight of fuel trying to exit the tank. Butterfly valve: similar to a flapper valve, however the flap section may be in multiple pieces and perform similar to butterfly wings. Ball type: a valve that is essentially a ball contained within a cage or similar that is open in the normal position however as fuel tries to exit, the ball is settled onto a seat either by the weight of the fuel or in a gravity situation preventing the flow of fuel.

**FILLER NECK** A filler neck is common in conventional production automobiles where the tank has a fitting to which a filler neck is connected, usually by a hose and clamps, and which locates the fuel cap (filling point) in another location to the tank itself. Essentially any connection for the purpose of filling the fuel tank that is made up of joiners using hose clamps, tubes or other similar connections/materials will be considered a filler neck. **FIXED FILLER** For a tank that has a fixed filler on the tank that is fitted with a suitable leak-proof cap then non-return/one-way valves are not required – however their use in this case is highly recommended. Example: fixed filler and cap attached directly to the tank, which may be part of a fixed plate assembly to the tank, or a tube welded to the tank with a screw thread or other physical mechanism for the cap.

## 11. DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation will be checked prior to scrutiny: Motorsport Australia competition licence, civil driving licence (where required), vehicle logbook, and Motorsport Australia affiliated club membership card.

Motorsport Australia Competition licences will be checked electronically. Competitors will be required to submit the following documentation via email to [secretary.sunraysiamotorsports@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.sunraysiamotorsports@gmail.com) prior to the event:

- Motorsport Australia affiliated club membership card
- Civil Driving Licence (where required)

Documentation will be at Event Headquarters at the Pooncarie Racecourse, from 8am-12pm on Friday April 21, 2023. All competitors must have completed Documentation, and signed on, prior to being able to conduct their reconnaissance lap.

## **12. CREW BRIEFINGS**

Refer Article 10 of the Sporting Regulations.

Briefings for competing crew will be conducted adjacent to Event Headquarters at the Pooncarie Racecourse on Friday April 21 at 16:00, prior to the prologue on Saturday April 22 at 9:00am (if required), and on Sunday April 23 at 8:00am.

Attendance at each crew briefing by each entered crew member is compulsory, and each competing crew member is required to sign on. Cases of non-attendance are to be referred to the stewards by way of a formal charge, which may result in a penalty.

## **13. RUNNING DETAILS**

### **13.1 General**

The venue for the event will be the Pooncarie Racecourse.

The event will consist of 4 laps of the Long Course, the surface of which is largely sand based, with some clay lake bed sections. The exact distance of each lap will be advised in the Further Regulations.

The event will be conducted in 2 sections:

Section 1: 1 lap, commencing at 14:30, Saturday April 23.

Section 2: 3 laps, commencing at 9:00, Sunday April 23. There will be a compulsory 45 minute service break between laps 2 and 3 (laps 3 and 4 of the overall event) in Section 2.

The time allowed for each section will be advised in the Further Regulations.

### **13.2 Reconnaissance**

Reconnaissance of the long course will be available to competitors on Friday April 21, commencing at 9:00, and competitors must have commenced their lap prior to 11am. Please note it may take up to 4 hours to complete the lap. Reconnaissance of the long course must be conducted in a fully road registered 4WD vehicle, as the course will cross public roads that will not be closed during that time. The speed limit for the reconnaissance lap is strictly 80km/h, and competitors found in breach of this will be referred to the Event Stewards for penalties. Each occupant of a vehicle undertaking reconnaissance must wear a seat belt.

Reconnaissance of the Prologue course will be immediately prior to the Prologue being conducted, and competitors must use their competition vehicles for this.

### **13.3 Prologue**

The prologue will be held on Saturday April 22 starting at 11:00. The length of the prologue will be confirmed in the Further Regulations.

Competitors will start the prologue in an order determined by the Sporting Director based on seeding in each class.

Competitors not finishing the prologue may apply to the organisers to be seeded. The closing time for applications for seeding will be 14:00 on Saturday April 22.

### **13.4 Course Marking**

In addition to the standard signs as noted in Article 7 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations, the following course marking signs will be utilized:

Pre-corner arrows

Bunting, hi visibility marking paint

Bollards and Witches Hats

### **13.5 Passage Controls**

Competitors will not be required to stop at any passage control unless instructed by an official, or unless stopping

to report an incident.

### **13.6 Refuelling**

Refer Article 5.10 of the Sporting Regulations.

**All refuelling must be conducted in the refuel zone at the Pooncarie Racecourse, adjacent to the Pit area. Crews must ensure they are wearing appropriate apparel for refuelling, and have fire extinguishers immediately available.**

Fuel must be 'Commercial Fuel' or 'Diesel Fuel' in accordance with Schedule G and GR27 of the Motorsport Australia Manual.

Attire for crew shall comply with Article 11.10 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations.

### **13.7 Restarting**

Competitors not completing any section may make application to the Clerk of the Course to start a subsequent section. If allowed to start a subsequent section, they will be required to report to the starter at their allocated time. Cut-off times for receipt of such applications will be advised in Further Regulations.

### **13.8 Allowed Time**

To be classified as a finisher, a crew shall complete a section within the time allowed as follows:

Section 1: To Be Advised in the Further Regulations

Section 2: To Be Advised in the Further Regulations

## **14. PENALTIES**

Refer to Article 21 of the Sporting Regulations. In addition, competitors may be referred to the Stewards for penalties to be applied in the case of course cutting, unsportsmanlike behaviour, failing to reasonably allow another competitor to overtake, driving an unregistered vehicle on a public road, and abusive or disrespectful conduct towards an official.

## **15. PROTESTS**

Protests, if any, shall be lodged in accordance with the NCR.

Crews are reminded that, in accordance with the NCR, there is no right of protest or appeal against the decision of a Judge of Fact.

## **16. PIT AREA, PADDOCK AREA**

Refer to Article 14.2 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations.

- Pit and competing crews must always display their passes on the outside of garments whilst in the pit area.
- Smoking and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted in the pit or welding area.
- No unauthorised persons, including persons under the age of 16, are permitted in the pit area.
- Crew members are always reminded of their responsibility regarding the wearing of passes and of the entry of unauthorised persons into their pit area.
- Welding may only occur in the area designated for this purpose.
- The pit and paddock areas will be clearly signed and fenced.
- Entry in and out of the pit area must be via the designated entry point/s.
- The speed limit in the Pit area is 20 km/h.

Breaches of these regulations may be referred to the Stewards by way of a formal charge, which may result in a

penalty.

## **17. GENERAL**

### **17.1 Recovery**

Recovery vehicles will be provided and managed by the Event Organisers. They will be identified with a vehicle number (ie. R1), and a white flag on the vehicle. Recovery will be conducted during the event, and all effort will be made (where safe and reasonable) to get competitor vehicles to a location where service crews may collect them. No persons, other than authorized Event officials, are permitted onto the course at any time, without the express

### **17.2 Sweep Vehicle**

A Sweep vehicle will traverse the entire course immediately after the last competing vehicle has commenced their final lap in sections 1 and 2.

### **17.3 Incident Reports**

Competitors involved in any form of incident during the event (including damage to property or farm infrastructure) must fill out and submit an Incident report. Failure to do so may result in competitors being referred to the Event Stewards for further action.

Vehicles which are involved in an accident involving damage shall be re-examined by the Chief Scrutineer or his delegate before being permitted to take further part in the competition.

### **17.4 Judges of Fact**

Control Officials, Starter and Timekeepers will be deemed Judges of Fact about whether or not a vehicle follows the prescribed course, relative order, time of arrival, direction of travel, direction of entry into controls, start procedure and jumping the start. Competitors should note that RallySafe is a Judge of Fact in relation to timing, cutting of the course, and failing to reasonably allow competitors to overtake.

### **17.5 Safety**

Refer to Article 6 of Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations in relation to:

- Fire extinguishers
- Hot Work Area
- Emergency Procedures
- Procedures in Case of Injury
- Warning Triangles
- Flags

### **17.6 Integrity, Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances**

Smoking (which includes e-cigarettes and “vaping”) and any naked flame is prohibited within 3 metres of any refuelling/defueling operation.

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 authorised by Motorsport Australia as published at [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au).

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.

Consumption of alcohol in any Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day.

### **17.7 Video Footage**

Any video 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 the Event organisers and Motorsport Australia.

Upon request by the Clerk of the Course or the Stewards, any footage relating to the competition taken by competitors shall be made available at the event for viewing.

## 17.8 Observed Licence Tests (OLTs)

Competitors are advised that Observed Licence Tests (OLTs) will *NOT* be conducted at this event, as there is no provision for such an activity at the venue. Competitors will need to ensure they have the appropriate licence prior to attending the event.

## 18. PASSES

Passes will be issued to all nominated crew members and officials. Passes will allow admittance to the event venue and access to the pit area.

## 19. AWARDS

Trophies shall be awarded to Driver and Navigator for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class.

## 20. GUIDE TO COMPETITORS

A Guide to Competitors may be issued to each competitor with Further Regulations. This guide 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 the Guide for Competitors are of no regulatory value and may not be used as the basis of a protest.

## 21. EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>Friday</b> (21/4/23)	8:00am	Venue - Open
	8:00am	Event Headquarters Open Documentation Open
	9:00am	Reconnaissance Long Course Open
	11:00am	Reconnaissance Long Course Closes
	12:00pm	Documentation Closes
	15:00pm	All Competition Vehicles in place for Show N Shine Scrutiny commences Show N Shine commences
	16:00pm	Competitor Briefing: All Competitors
	18:00pm	Scrutiny concludes Show N Shine concludes Event Headquarters closes

<b>Saturday</b> (22/4/23)	8:00am	Event Headquarters – Open
	8:30am	Reconnaissance Long Course – Vehicle Line Up
	9:00am	Competitor Briefing (if required)
	9:30am	Reconnaissance Prologue course Open
	10:00am	Reconnaissance Prologue Closes – Sweep Departs
	10:45am	Prologue – Vehicle Line Up
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Prologue</b>
	14:00pm	Vehicle Line Up Lap 1
	<b>14:30pm</b>	<b>Event – Section 1 Start (1 Lap of Long Course)</b>
	18:00pm	Applications for Seeding into Sunday's Start Order – Close Event Headquarters closes

<b>Sunday</b> (23/4/23)	7:30am	Event Headquarters - Open
	7:45am	Vehicle Line Up in Start Order
	7:45am	Compulsory Crew Briefing – Sign On
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Compulsory Crew Briefing</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Event – Section 2 Start (3 Laps of Long Course)</b>
	TBA	Ceremony – Podium Presentation
	17:00pm	Event Headquarters Closes