



2026 WENTWORTH SHIRE POONCARIE DESERT DASH

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS



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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME



Welcome to the 2026 Pooncarie Desert Dash, the opening round of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship, and for the first time, Round 2 of the NSW Off Road Championship! The Organising Committee and Club members have once again put in an enormous amount of work to give you all the very best event we can.

The format, course setup, and distance of the event will all be much the same as last year, and we've made a few operational "tweaks" behind the scenes which will hopefully assist with the overall running of the race. Beyond that, it will be the same old Pooncarie welcome and hospitality that everyone is used to!

Please take the time to read these regulations, and also the 2026 AORC and Off Road Standing and Technical Regulations. It is a new season, so some things will have changed, and we don't want any of you to have any pre event dramas when you arrive at Pooncarie! Note that there will be random Vehicle Extrication checks being conducted by the AORC appointed officials at every AORC Round, so make sure you know what you have to do in advance and maybe try to get in a few practices beforehand!

A really critical thing to remember is that **unless you have full Telstra mobile coverage (and Boost mobile I believe) you won't have reception in Pooncarie.** So, make sure when you nominate your service crew contact that we can actually contact them; for the last couple of years, I've received phone calls on the Monday morning after the event from crews returning my call once they get service again Mildura. The problem with that is I was calling in the first place over the course of the event to let them know their vehicle was broken down and they needed to recover them, which would no doubt be problematic if their crew were still out in the bush waiting for them! Also don't nominate your partner or mates if they're not actually at the event; they are unlikely to grab a trailer and come and get you from home!

I'd like to sincerely thank our "Army" of officials, without whom it would simply not be possible for us to stage this fantastic event for you, but also in particular the Landowners and local community members of Pooncarie for their ongoing support. It's a little town that punches well above its weight when it comes to supporting events like ours, so make sure you leave plenty of dollars at the various businesses before you head home!

For now, get your entries in and show your support for the 2026 Pooncarie Desert Dash, and Australian Off Road Racing in general. I look forward to seeing you all on April 10.



Troy Bennett

Clerk of the Course



ARTICLE 1**EVENT PROGRAM**

DATE/TIME	ITEM	LOCATION
UPON PUBLICATION OF THESE REGULATIONS	ENTRIES OPEN	Motorsport Event Entry
Friday, 27, March		
19:00:00	ENTRIES CLOSE	Motorsport Event Entry
Thursday, 9 April		
8:00:00	CAMPING / AMENITIES AVAILABLE (COMPETITORS/OFFICIALS ONLY)	POONCARIE RACECOURSE
Friday, 10 April		
08:00:00	VENUE OPENS	POONCARIE RACECOURSE
08:00:00	EVENT HQ OPENS	POONCARIE RACECOURSE
09:00:00	DOCUMENTATION COMMENCES	EVENT HQ
09:00:00	RALLYSAFE COLLECTION COMMENCES	EVENT HQ
10:00:00	COURSE OPEN FOR RECONNAISSANCE ROAD REGISTERED VEHICLES ONLY	START / FINISH
11:00:00	DOCUMENTATION CONCLUDES	EVENT HQ
12:00:00	CLOSE START LINE FOR RECONNAISSANCE	START / FINISH
12:00:00	PROLOGUE START TIMES PUBLISHED	SPORTITY / RACE RESULT
15:00:00	RALLYSAFE COLLECTION CONCLUDES	EVENT HQ
15:00:00	SCRUTINY COMMENCES	POONCARIE RACECOURSE MAIN STRAIGHT
15:00:00	COOMEALLA CLUB SHOW N SHINE COMMENCES (COMPULSORY)	POONCARIE RACECOURSE MAIN STRAIGHT
18:00:00	SCRUTINY CONCLUDES	POONCARIE RACECOURSE MAIN STRAIGHT
18:00:00	EVENT HQ CLOSES	
19:30:00	DISPLAY / SHOW FINISH	
Saturday, 11 April		
08:00:00	EVENT HQ OPENS	EVENT HQ
08:15:00	FINAL RALLYSAFE FITTING / CHECKS	START / FINISH
08:30:00	RECONNAISSANCE PROLOGUE – AUTOMOBILE LINE UP	START LINE
08:30:00	RALLYSAFE UNITS MUST BE FITTED AND SWITCHED ON	PADDOCK
08:45:00	COMPULSORY CREW BRIEFING – SIGN ON	EVENT HQ
09:00:00	COMPULSORY CREW BRIEFING	EVENT HQ
09:45:00	PROLOGUE RECONNAISSANCE START COMPETITION VEHICLES ONLY	START / FINISH
10:15:00	PROLOGUE RECONNAISSANCE CLOSE	START / FINISH
10:45:00	AUTOMOBILES LINE UP IN START ORDER FOR PROLOGUE	START / FINISH
11:00:00	PROLOGUE START	START / FINISH
12:00:00	PROLOGUE COMPLETE	START / FINISH
13:00:00	SEEDING CUT OFF SECTION 1	HEADQUARTERS
14:00:00	AUTOMOBILES LINE UP IN START ORDER FOR SECTION 1	START / FINISH
14:30:00	FIRST SECTION 1 START	START / FINISH

16:10:00	LAST SECTION 1 START	START / FINISH
18:30:00	APPLICATIONS FOR SEEDING INTO SUNDAY START ORDER - CLOSE	
19:00:00	SECTION 2 START LIST PUBLISHED	OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD / SPORTITY
19:00:00	EVENT HQ CLOSES	EVENT HQ
Sunday, 12 April		
07:00:00	AUTO COMPETITOR BRIEF SIGN ON OPEN	HEADQUARTERS
07:45:00	AUTOMOBILES LINE UP IN START ORDER FOR SECTION 2	START / FINISH
07:45:00	COMPULSORY CREW BRIEFING – SIGN ON	HEADQUARTERS
08:00:00	COMPULSORY CREW BRIEFING	HEADQUARTERS
08:30:00	FIRST AUTO SECTION 2 START	START / FINISH
10:40:00	LAST AUTOMOBILE SECTION 2 START	START / FINISH
13:00:00	POST EVENT SCRUTINY COMMENCES	IMPOUND
15:30:00	LAST AUTOMOBILE CUT OFF FINISH	START / FINISH
16:00:00	PRESENTATION FUNCTION	POONCARIE RACECOURSE MAIN STRAIGHT
18:00:00	LATEST TIME FOR POSTING OF PROVISIONAL RESULTS	ONLINE / SPORTITY

ARTICLE 2 EVENT COMPLIANCE

This Event is to be held under the FIA International Sporting Code, including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport Australia, including Appendices, the General Conditions for all Titles, the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations (ORSR), and the Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship incorporating Motorsport Australia SXS Championship Sporting Regulations including any Attachments and Addendums, the NSW Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations these Supplementary Regulations and any Further Regulations or Bulletins which will be issued by the Organiser or the Stewards.

The number of the Motorsport Australia Permit authorising the event is: 826/1204/02

To be held in accordance with Motorsport Australia's Occupational Health and Safety Policy, Integrity Policies, Legal Policies, Risk Management Policies, Safety 1st Framework and any other relevant Policy, including, but not limited to:

- Occupational Health and Safety Policy
- National Integrity Framework
- Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Motorsport Australia Safety 1st Strategy

The policies and the strategy may be accessed using the following links:

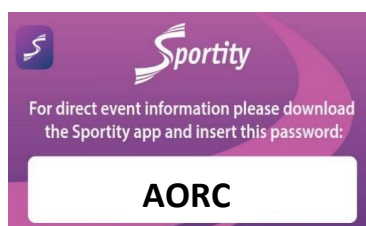
<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/policies>

<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/safety-first>

The Organiser and Promoter of the Pooncarie Desert Dash to take place on 10-12 April 2026, will be the Sunraysia Motorsport Club.

ARTICLE 3 GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Enquiries	Troy Bennett Clerk of the Course troy@tbms.net	0428 541 809
Website	https://www.sunraysiamotorsports.com.au/events/	
Correspondence	hhollowayevents@gmail.com	No responsibility will be accepted by the Organisers for any correspondence sent to any other address.
Official Notice Board	The Official Notice Board for the event will be at Event Headquarters and via the Sportity App.	



ARTICLE 4

OFFICIALS OF THE EVENT

Role	Name	Number
Motorsport Australia		
Chief Steward	Ross Makela	
Steward	Kevin Hunter	
Steward	Les Shadwick	
AORC Manager	Campbell Smith	0409 644 345
AORC Sporting Delegate	Daniel Rogers	0417 910 675
AORC Course Checker	Campbell Smith	0409 644 345
AORC Competition Officer	Michael Clements	0418 804 105
AORC Medical Delegate	TBA	
AORC Technical Delegate	Fred Severin	0418 850 826
AORC Competition Relations Officer	Jason Galea	0431 065 072
AORC Results Manager	Jeremy Beck	0411 255 925
Event Organising Committee		
Clerk of the Course	Troy Bennett	0428 541 809
Deputy Clerk of the Course	David Stuart	0416 118 216
Assistant Clerk of the Course – Incident Response	Simon Pradhan	0418 858 023
Assistant Clerk of the Course - Safety	John Hederics	0428 248 657
Assistant Clerk of the Course - Safety	Peter Freckleton	0408 502 921
Secretary of the Event	Hannah Holloway	0423 272 612
Chief Medical Officer	Brenton Chatterton	0408 147 418
Chief Scrutineer	Mark Crosby	0408 212 390
Chief Spectator Marshal	Peter Freckleton	0408 502 921

ARTICLE 5

EVENT DESCRIPTION

- A) The Event will be Round 1 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship, Round 1 of the SXS Motorsport Australia Championship, and Round 2 of the NSW Off Road Championship.
- B) The Event will consist of two sections and a prologue over two days. The Event will start on Saturday, 11 April 2026 and will be approximately 441 km long.

ARTICLE 6

EVENT ELIGIBILITY

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.

ARTICLE 7

VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.

ARTICLE 8

COMPETITOR AND CREW ELIGIBILITY

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) Compulsory crew briefings will be held at 0900 on Saturday 11 April and 0800 on Sunday 12 April (if required) adjacent to Event Headquarters at the Pooncarie Racecourse.

ARTICLE 9

ENTRY FORM, ENTRIES, ENTRY FEE & REFUND POLICY

Entries open at 21:00 on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 and will close at 19:00 on Friday, 20 March 2026. Late entries will not be accepted.

The online entry link is available via Motorsport Event Entry. Competitors unable to access the online entry form are to contact the Secretary of the Event. Payment is to be by credit card or bank transfer, as directed on the entry form.

The entry fee for this event will be \$1650, which includes transponder hire, Rallysafe, and any applicable promotional levies.

Additional navigators may compete, providing they are properly nominated with entry and the additional fee of \$50 is paid. Additional pit passes may be purchased for \$40.

Entries are limited to 80 and will be determined in order of receipt. All entries must be made on the official entry link and must be accompanied by the requisite entry fee.

Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the relevant payment. Any competitor / crew with any monies owing will not be permitted to start the Event. If you are unsure, please email the Secretary of the Event.

Entry Withdrawal / Refund Policy

- Competitors withdrawing for any other reason prior to 19:00 on Friday, 27 March, will receive a full refund, less an administration fee of \$250.00.
- Competitors withdrawing after 19:00 on Friday 27 March, will not receive any refund.

The organiser reserves the right to refuse an entry in accordance with the provisions of the NCR.

The Organiser reserves the right to postpone or cancel the Event in accordance with the NCR (or to cancel the Event if less than **50** entries are received by close of entries).

ARTICLE 10 INSURANCE

- A)** Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia.
- B)** Service vehicles, management vehicles and reconnaissance vehicles, including those bearing special plates issued by the Organisers, are not to be considered as official participants of the event. They are therefore not covered by the insurance policy of the event and will remain the sole responsibility of their owner.

ARTICLE 11 RUNNING OF THE EVENT

- A)** The Event will start from Pooncarie Racecourse and will include a prologue.
- B)** The starting system for the Event will be in accordance with the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- C)** The official time for the Event shall be set to Australian Eastern Standard Time.
- D)** Competition in each section will only be available to an automobile:
 - Having finished the prologue or previous section; or
 - Having started, but not necessarily finished, the prologue or previous section and has requested to be seeded for the next section.
 - Having not started the prologue or previous section and has requested to be seeded for the next section.
- E)** Any crew wishing to start in the next section must advise the Competitor Relations Officer of the intention to restart no later than the time allocated in Article 2 Event Program in the front of these Supplementary Regulations.
- F)** Course marking shall be in accordance with the standard signs noted in Article 10 of the Motorsport Australia Off Road Standing Regulations. The following additional course marking signs or barriers may be utilised:
 - Bunting or flagging tape

- Temporary fencing panels
- Tyres
- Bollards and Witches Hats

There will be a number of waypoints around the course, which will not be disclosed to competitors, but will be monitored by RallySafe. Failure to pass over these waypoints shall be considered as failing to follow the prescribed course, and any competitor found to be in breach of this will be referred to the Stewards for a penalty to be applied. The same will apply to any competitor found to be cutting the course, whether deliberate or otherwise.

- G) Prologue will be conducted over a shortened course of approximately 9.5km*
- H) The Full Course Lap will be approximately 105.5km*
- I) AORC Competitors shall complete the Prologue and 1 lap of the Full Course on Saturday 11 April (Section 1 of the Event), and 3 laps of the Full Course on Sunday 12 April (Section 2 of the Event). The format for Section 2 will be 2 laps run continuously, followed by a 45 minute service break, followed by the final lap.

*Please note approximate distances only and are subject to change dependent on a variety of factors.

J) NSW ORC Competitors shall complete the Prologue and 1 lap of the Full Course on Saturday 11 April (Section 1 of the Event), and 2 laps of the Full Course on Sunday 12 April (Section 2 of the Event) to be eligible for NSW Championship Points. The format for Section 2 will be 2 laps run continuously. The additional lap (Lap 3) on Sunday will not count for the NSW Championship but will be scored for an overall AORC Round placing.

K) *Please note approximate distances only and are subject to change dependent on a variety of factors.

L) Allowed Time

Each crew will be allowed 120 Minutes to complete Section 1, and 360 minutes for Section 2. Any *Automobile* not completing the full course in each section in the prescribed time will be deemed non-finishers for that section. This allowed time is taken from each Crew's individual start time. **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.**

ARTICLE 12 SCRUTINEERING

- A) Competitors are to complete the Motorsport Australia [Statement of Vehicle Compliance](#) form. The completed form must be submitted with any remaining paperwork PRIOR to attending the Event via email to hhollowayevents@gmail.com
- B) Vehicles shall comply with Vehicle Technical Regulations – Off Road General Requirements and Off Road Specific Requirements. All signage required by the AORC Sporting Regulations, and these Supplementary Regulations must be in place for scrutineering, at which time, scrutineers will check the signage placement.
- C) Event check in for all competitors will be conducted between 09:00 and 11:00 on Friday 10 April at Event Headquarters.
- D) All competition *Automobiles* must be presented for public display. Scrutineering spot checks will be conducted at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer. *Automobiles* will be required to remain on public display until 18:00 unless otherwise advised by the Clerk of the Course.
- E) Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to present themselves and their teams appropriately for public and media purposes.

ARTICLE 13 RECONNAISSANCE

- A) As per the AORC Sporting Regulations.
- B) A reconnaissance schedule is shown in Article 1 Event Program.

- C) The maximum allowed speed on reconnaissance is 80 km/h.
- D) Reconnaissance of the full course is available to fully unconditionally road registered vehicles only.
- E) Reconnaissance of the prologue course is available to competition vehicles only.

ARTICLE 14 PIT AREA AND REFUELLING

- A) The Pit Area is located at the Pooncarie Racecourse. The speed limit in the Pit area is 20 km/h.
- B) No unauthorised persons, including persons under the age of 16, are permitted in the pit area.
- C) All refuelling must be conducted in the refuel zone at the Pooncarie Racecourse, adjacent to the Pit area.. All fuel containers must be stored in the paddock area for the duration of the Event. An *Automobile* must be refueled with the Crews out of the *Automobile* and the engine off in accordance with Article 11.10 of the ORSR. There is to be no refueling in the camping area.
- D) Attire for crew must comply with Article 11.10 of the ORSR.

PADDOCK AREA

- Entry to the paddock will be restricted to holders of the appropriate passes at all times.
- During competition, there will be a pit area available to competitors and crews, prior to and adjacent to the start finish line. This Pit Area will be clearly marked and monitored. Competition *Automobiles* will be allowed to be serviced at this location by authorised Crew Members and Pit Crew.
- The paddock entry will be closed for gridding up 15 minutes prior to the start of each competitive section until after the last *Automobile* has started. Any Crew who is not in the paddock before this time will start rear of the field with an interval of 2 starting gaps behind the last car. Their elapsed time will start at their programmed start time. Refer to Article 11.7 of the Off Road Standing Regulations (ORSR).
- Wristbands will be handed out to competitors. Nominated Drivers wristbands are to be worn on the Right Wrist, all other wristbands are to be worn on the left wrist.
- Smoking (including E-cigarettes and Vaping) and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted in paddock or hot work area
- Crew members are reminded of their responsibility regarding the wearing of passes at all times and of the entry of unauthorised persons into their paddock area.
- Welding and or grinding may only occur in the hot work area designated for this purpose.
- The paddock areas will be clearly signed and fenced.
- Entry in and out of the paddock area must be via the designated entry point/s.
- Maximum speed limit of 8kmh applies at all times in the paddock area.

ARTICLE 15 APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

- A) For consistency, the penalties and other sporting regulations in the AORC Sporting Regulations shall apply to all crews entered in the Pooncarie Desert Dash and any other associated events.

ARTICLE 16 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND RED FLAGS

Crews must make themselves familiar with these emergency procedures, as outlined in the Supplementary Regulations. Failure to adhere to these requirements will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of up to and including disqualification.

- A) Emergency Procedure
 - I. In the case of an accident where urgent medical or fire attention is required, where possible the red "SOS" sign should be immediately displayed to the following cars and to any helicopter attempting to assist. The Crew, if possible, where an electronic tracking/warning system is in use (e.g. RallySafe) should press the "SOS" button, if available. The system will ask "Medical" or "Fire"? The Crew must press one of the buttons to confirm the situation which will advise Event Command so the correct

emergency service can be dispatched. This can be done at any time following an accident, even if the “OK” message has been activated. If possible, the Crew should call the Rally Command emergency number and advise of their status.

- II. Any crew which has, the RallySafe red SOS screen displayed, the red “SOS” sign displayed to them, or which sees an automobile which has sustained an accident but is not displaying the green “OK” sign shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance.
 - a. All following automobiles shall also stop.
 - b. The first automobile on the scene shall remain to render assistance.
 - c. The second automobile at the scene, if necessary, shall proceed to inform the next Radio point (which will be an Event Official).
 - d. Notwithstanding the above, any person with appropriate training should remain on the scene if the situation demands.
 - e. Subsequent automobiles shall leave a clear route for emergency vehicles and proceed at a reduced speed, to a maximum of 60 kmh, until the end of the lap, and follow the instructions of any marshals or intervention car drivers.
 - f. Crews affected by this procedure will be allocated a time according to Article 6.4 of the AORC Sporting and Technical Regulations.
- III. In the event of an automobile stopping on the course or an accident where immediate medical or fire intervention is not required, the “OK” sign must be clearly and actively shown by a Crew member to at least the three following vehicles and to any helicopter attempting to assist. Where an electronic tracking/warning system is in use (e.g. RallySafe) the Crew **MUST** press the “OK” button within 1 minute of the vehicle stopping, for any reason. Failure to adhere to these requirements will be reported to the Stewards for consideration of a penalty up to and including disqualification.

B) Red Flag

- I. If the Clerk of the Course makes the decision to Red Flag a race or a section the following procedure will be enacted
 - a. The Clerk of the Course will instruct, the Start/Finish and all Checkpoints and Recovery Vehicles to display a RED Flag. All competition vehicles, will immediately reduce speed to 80KM/H MAX and continue on the course to the nearest checkpoint or recovery point.
 - b. Vehicles will then wait for instruction from Clerk of the Course.
 - c. Electronic Vehicle Monitoring, Rallysafe, is in use at all 2026 AORC events. Rallysafe’s Red Flag function will be used as a secondary alert system and will be activated by the Clerk of the Course after the Red Flag procedure has been initiated. In the event that Red Flag is displayed on the Rallysafe screen before observing a physical Red Flag, the same procedure must be followed. Reduce speed to 80km/h Max and continue on course to nearest recovery or checkpoint.
 - d. Failure to comply with this rule will be referred to the Stewards

ARTICLE 17 RESULTS AND PROTESTS

- A)** Provisional results will be published on Sportity. These provisional results will become final after 17:00 on Friday April 17, subject to no protests being received, no issues are raised out of post event scrutineering, no issues are raised following review of RallySafe data, no issues are raised following review of video footage and still images and have been approved by the Stewards. Please note that Sportity may not be available in Pooncarie for anyone other than full service Telstra Network users.
- B)** Any Protests must be lodged in accordance with the NCR.

ARTICLE 18 AWARDS

- A)** Awards will be as per the AORC Sporting Regulations for AORC Competitors and as per the NSW Off Road 2026 Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship incorporating Motorsport Australia SXS Championship

Championship Sporting Regulations for State Competitors.

- B)** There will be a \$500 prize awarded to the Best Presented Vehicle at the Coomealla Club “Show N Shine”, which will be judged between 1600 and 1730, Friday 10 April 2026.

ARTICLE 19 **INTEGRITY**

- A.** Motorsport Australia’s National Integrity Framework and relevant Integrity Policies, (including the Australian Anti-Doping Policy, Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy, and the Alcohol Policy), apply to any activity sanctioned by Motorsport Australia.

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.

ARTICLE 20 **EVENT SPECIFIC REGULATIONS**

A) IMPOUND/PARC FERME

- The Organiser reserves the right to impound any competing *Automobile* during or after the Event in order to verify eligibility, for regrouping or media and promotional purposes.

B) INCIDENT REPORTS

- Crews involved in any form of incident during the Event must report the incident to the Clerk of the Course as soon as they can, but in any event, not later than the finish of the Event. Incident report forms **must** be completed in full by one of the *Automobile* crew and handed to the Clerk of the Course or Competitor Relations Officer at the earliest opportunity.
- Any *Automobile* which is involved in an incident involving damage must be re-examined by the Chief Scrutineer or their delegate before being permitted to take further part in the competition. The damaged *Automobile* must not continue in the Event until repaired to the satisfaction of the Chief Scrutineer.

C) JUDGES OF FACT

- The Clerk of the Course and their deputy(ies) will be deemed Judges of Fact on all issues.
- Checkpoint Officials and Timekeepers will be deemed Judges 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 jumping the start.
- Radar operators, timekeepers and Rallysafe will be judges of fact as to whether an *Automobile* exceeds the speed limit on reconnaissance,
- Other Judges of Fact may be nominated on the official Event noticeboard with their position and duties.
- Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with the NCR, there is no right to protest the decision of a Judge of Fact.

D) VIDEO FOOTAGE/MEDIA

- All participants in the Event undertake to make themselves available upon reasonable request to attend any press conference during the Event and any other media-related Event prior to, during, and after the Event
- 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. Competitors may be requested to carry a camera operated by the Promoter.
- All persons participating in the Event acknowledge that by participating in the Event, they authorise the Organiser and its legal agents to reproduce and represent, without any form of remuneration whatsoever, their names, voices, pictures, biography, and more generally their sporting participation in the context of the Event, and likewise the brand(s) of their car parts and car manufacturers 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. This authorisation is given for a period of 5 years from the date of the Event

- Any Social Media posts should abide by the requirements set out in the [Motorsport Australia Social Media Policy](#).

E) AIRCRAFT/UAV

- The area surrounding the Pooncarie Racecourse is Federally controlled Airspace, and as such, no UAVs (drones) are permitted at the event at any time under any circumstances, without explicit and direct permission from Motorsport Australia and the Clerk of Course.

F) CAMPING /AMENITY

- The support of the Property owners and community is essential to the continuity of this Event. We encourage all participants and spectators to respect the facilities and the work the volunteers have put in to prepare for this Event. We encourage any issues to be brought to the Organiser's attention for immediate resolution.
- Camping is available for free at the Pooncarie Racecourse, in an area adjacent to the Pits. Camp Fires are permitted in the Camping area, provided they are fully contained, and in a suitable fit pit/drum (ie. not on the ground). No fires are permitted at any time in the Pit area.
- Please be vigilant to ensure the camping area is kept and left tidy. Our precious volunteers time is best spent grooming a great racetrack and not picking up rubbish
- Firewood will be available for purchase at the Port Pitstop General Store in Pooncarie. It is forbidden to collect wood from any private properties adjacent to the Racecourse, or indeed the local area. Showers and Toilets are available at the Racecourse, and there will be food vendors selling Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, as well as Coffee and Cold Drinks. The Bar will also be open, and bags of Ice will be available for purchase.
- Dogs are only permitted in the Camping Area and must be kept on a leash at all times.
- The Port Pitstop General Store will have fuel available for Sale (Diesel, 91 Unleaded and 98 Unleaded), as well as food, drinks and basic groceries. The nearest Supermarkets are down in Wentworth or Dareton. For those who don't wish to camp at Pooncarie (there is no accommodation available) the nearest motel is the Coomealla Club Motel (supporters of the event) in Dareton.
- For anyone requiring a Vehicle Rental whilst attending the Event, Sixt Car Rentals in Mildura are supporters of the event, and will look after anyone associated with the Pooncarie Desert Dash.

Pit bikes, quads, electric scooters, electric bikes, UTV (excluding Race Vehicles) and similar are not permitted at this Event (except for designated officials). Competitors are responsible for their crews, family and friends. Any breach of this may result in disqualification from the Event and immediate eviction from the property

G) RALLYSAFE

- The Rallysafe status awareness, tracking and alert system will be used at this Event and considered a Judge of Fact. Competitors must have the Rallysafe fitting / mounting kit installed in their competition *Automobile* prior to collecting their Rallysafe unit. No kits will be available at the Event. The Rallysafe unit must be collected from Event HQ on Friday, 10 April. The unit must be fitted by the competitor and checked by Rallysafe personnel, no later than 18:00 Friday, 10 April. The kit is available to purchase [here](#). Fitting instructions can be found [here](#). How to use Rallysafe Tutorial can be found [here](#). Competitor user manual can be found [here](#).

H) RADIOS

- In addition to the requirements of ORSR 5.6, each Automobile competing in the event is required to carry an operational 80 channel UHF CB radio that is Australian Compliant and conforms to AS/NZS 4365:2011, either hard wired or portable, of at least 5 watt power output. If the radio is equipped with 'VOX' it must be disabled. Any transmission between any Competitor and crew must be on a channel other than that used by the Organiser. Automobile to Automobile communication is only permitted when an Automobile is seeking to pass the Automobile in front. The use of radio communication for navigation is prohibited during Competition.

I) COMPETITORS OBLIGATION

- Each Competitor who enters the Event, which includes the competitor (owner) Drivers, Co-Drivers and Navigators, will be deemed to have familiarised themselves with the applicable *Rules* and regulations and agree

to abide by them and the reasonable instruction of any official. It is the team's responsibility to check the official notice board for any bulletins or advice to teams. Competitors are also reminded of their responsibilities regarding the actions of their crews and supporters.

J) OBSERVED LICENCE TESTS

- 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.

K) UNAUTHORISED TESTING/PRACTICE

- Competitors are reminded that it is forbidden to use any part of the Pooncarie Racecourse, adjoining properties (including the Pooncarie common), and any part of the Prologue or Full Course Track for testing, practice, or vehicle "shake down" from Sunday 29 March until the completion of the Event on Sunday 12 April. Any competitor (or crew) found in breach of this will be referred directly to the Stewards, with penalties up to exclusion.
- Competitors are also reminded that it is illegal to drive competition vehicles that are unregistered, and do not meet the minimum requirements for Roadworthiness (as set by the NSW Roads and Maritime Service) on public roads at any time in NSW, regardless of the circumstances. Any competitor (or crew) found in breach of this will be referred directly to the Stewards, as well as facing sanctions from NSW Police.

L) 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 efforts 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 permission of the Clerk of the Course.

M) 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.

N) 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.