



**AUSTRALIAN RALLY
CHAMPIONSHIP**

SPORTING AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

2026 Addendum

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PART 1 SPORTING REGULATIONS

1. PREAMBLE

The following will apply for the 2026 Australian Rally Championship. Where there is a difference between the 2025-27 Sporting and Technical Regulations and this addendum, this addendum will take precedence on both Sporting and Technical Regulations.

2. ARC EXECUTIVE

The ARC Executive, referred to in ARC Sporting Regulation Article 1.1, will be the following:

- (a) ARC Championship Director – Adrian Coppin, 0415 508 244
adrian@ieg.net.au
- (b) ARC Events Director – Jill Coppin, 0419 570 535
jill@ieg.net.au
- (c) ARC Sporting Delegate – Alan Vaughan, 0412 974 747
avaughan@motorsport.org.au

3. MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA ARC APPOINTED PERSONNEL

Motorsport Australia ARC Personnel referred to in ARC Sporting Regulation Article 1.4 will be the following:

- (a) ARC Series Chief Steward – Paul Makela
- (b) ARC Technical Delegate – Ben Afford, 0407 793 991
- (c) SAS Results – RallySafe, 0499 797 395
- (d) ARC Safety Delegate – Michael Wallace (see attachment 1)
Note: The ARC Safety Delegate must be supplied a radio and will use the call sign “ARC Safety”
- (e) ARC Medical Delegate – Dr Matthew Croxford (see attachment 1)
Note: The ARC Medical Delegate must be supplied a radio and will use the call sign “ARC Medical”
- (f) ARC Competition Checker – Chris Atkinson (see attachment 1)

4. AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

The 2026 Australian Rally Championship, referred to in ARC Sporting Regulation Article 3, will consist of the following events.

- 1. Rally Queensland, ++, ***, QLD, 17-19 April 2026, Sprint Event
- 2. Forest Rally, ++ WA, 22-24 May 2026, Sprint Event
- 3. Narooma Rally, ***, NSW, 25-28 June 2026, Sprint Event
- 4. Rally Tasmania, ++ TAS, 14-16 August 2026, Endurance Event
- 5. Adelaide Hills Rally, SA, 2-3 October 2026, Sprint Event
- 6. Gippsland Rally, ++, ***, VIC, 20-22 November 2026, Endurance Event

Note 1: ++ The WRX Challenge will be held over 4 rounds, all rounds to count.

Note 2: *** The East Coast Cup will be held over 3 rounds, all rounds to count.

PART 2 ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Attachment A of the ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations shows the full advertising requirement details and the size of the areas required. The following advertising is required for each vehicle competing in the ARC.

AREA A / DOOR PANEL

One door panel (each side). Total size each 670mm wide by 170mm high, including Area B, and a 10mm white surround between the number and the Door Panel / Organiser's Sponsor signage as supplied by the ARC or Event Organiser

AREA B / COMPETITION NUMBERS

Competition number for the event as supplied by the ARC

AREA C / ARC REQUIREMENT

Both sides of the vehicle for **EROAD** sponsorship signage. 470mm wide x 100mm high, immediately below Area A, both sides of the vehicle.

AREA D / EVENT SPONSOR PANEL

Both sides of the vehicle as supplied by the ARC or Event Organiser. 200mm wide x 380mm high, immediately below Area B, both sides of the vehicle

AREA E / MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA LOGO

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA logo on each front door or front mudguards as supplied by the ARC.

AREA F / REAR QUARTER PANEL

Both sides of the vehicle on the rear quarter panel above the body line, as supplied by the ARC for 2 x areas 200mm wide x 80mm high. **PANTA & WOLF**.

AREA G / WINDSCREEN STRIP

There is no ARC requirement for windscreen strip advertising

AREA H / WINDSCREEN NUMBER

Top of the windscreen on the co-driver's side, which may be used for a competition number as supplied by the ARC. 100mm wide x 100mm high

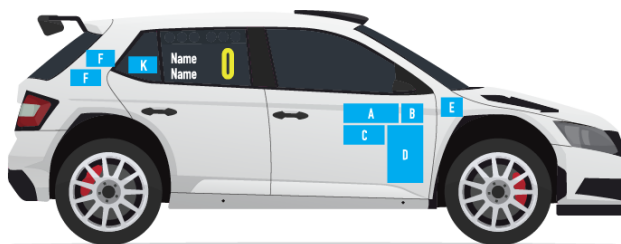
AREA I / FRONT, REAR & DASH

- (a) One **MRF** Control Tyre Logo on each front corner of the vehicle below the headlight.
- (b) One **MRF** Control Tyre Logo on each rear corner of the vehicle below the brake lights.
- (c) One **MRF** Control Tyre Logo

AREA J / DASH AREA

Each vehicle, is required to have one **MRF** Control Tyre Logo on the dash, as shown in Diagram 1.

250mm wide x 100mm high



AREA K / REAR SIDE WINDOW

One logo on both rear side windows.
To be advised by the ARC Championship Director

90mm wide x 95mm high

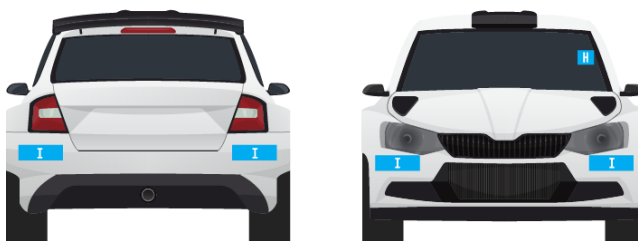


Diagram 1, shown on right
(not to scale)



PART 3 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

TYRES

- (a) The control tyre must be supplied by Pinnacle Tyres.
- (b) Each vehicle (including Invitational) entered in the ARC section of an event, is required to use the control tyre. Refer ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations, Part 2, Article 4, including any penalties.
 - (i) The control tyre will be any MRF rally tyre, as supplied by Pinnacle Tyres
 - (ii) The use of the control tyre is subject to availability. The ARC Executive reserves the right to limit/change the use of any pattern/compound for an individual rally. If there are changes to the control tyre as approved under this article this will be advised in event *Supplementary Regulations* or by *Event Bulletin*.
 - (iii) If a vehicle has a wheel size that is unavailable from MRF as a rally tyre then the tyre supplied and used must be supplied by Pinnacle Tyres and approved by the ARC Sporting Delegate. The maximum number of tyres, as started in Article (d) below, will still apply.
- (c) Note that, under Schedule E - Wheels and Tyres of the Motorsport Australia Manual, a control tyre is the tyre specified for a particular Group, Class, Competition etc. and must not be modified other than by the reduction of tread depth.
- (d) Each ARC Crew is limited to the use of a maximum number:
 - ~~of 12 tyres for competitors entered in the ARC Production Cup and ARC Subaru WRX Challenge; or~~
 - (i) of 16 tyres for competitors entered in the ARC, ~~and other~~ Cups and Challenge.
~~Junior Cup crews' maximum number of tyres will be as per the Cup the vehicle is eligible for.~~
 - (ii) The number of tyres may be amended for selected events and any change to the maximum number of tyres will be advised in *Event Supplementary Regulations* or by *Event Bulletin*.
- (e) The control tyres used on the super special stages can be buffed/used control rally tyres, as per (b) above, that will not count towards the tyre allocation for the event

SAFETY CAMERA

Motorsport Australia will be trailing a windscreen mounted safety camera during the 2026 ARC Championship rounds. The ARC Executive will require some vehicles to be fitted with this camera mounted on the top, centre inside of the windscreen. Competitors will be required to fit this camera wired into the vehicles 12v power. The camera must be operational at all times from the first Time Control to the last Time Control each day of the event.

ATTACHMENT 1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS

ARC SAFETY DELEGATE

Pre-Season

- Develop/Update Safety Plan Template and safety training documents.

Pre-Event

- Between six and eight weeks pre-event, receive and approve documentation from the organisers of the event. This will include the Safety Plan, the detailed Itinerary, Running and Course Car Schedules, Stage Maps and Overall Maps, Spectator Point Diagrams, Road Book, and Traffic Management Plan (if applicable).

During the Event

- On the Friday of the event week, inspect all Spectator Points for compliance with the Safety Plan and Spectator Point diagrams;
- Drive each stage between the 000 and 00 cars, (this should be included in the Course Car Schedule), with the purpose of ensuring:
 - All control officials are safely located
 - All stage closure and SOS officials are safely located
 - All spectator points are set up according to the Safety Plan
 - All media are in either pre-defined and approved locations or safe areas
 - Any spectators not located at the listed spectator points are safely situated and understand the risks
- Work directly with the Chief Safety Officer and be in radio contact with the Safety Cars and Rally Command Centre
- If requested by the Clerk of the Course and/or the event Stewards, attend any major incident/accident during the event.
- The Safety Delegate will also have the power in the case of force majeure, or safety reasons, to recommend to the Clerk of the Course to postpone the start of the stage by 30 minutes, or to recommend that a special stage should be cancelled.

After the Event

- Submit a Safety Delegate Report to Motorsport Australia and onward passage to the event organisers.

ARC MEDICAL DELEGATE

Pre-Event

- Receive and approve documentation from the organisers and Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the event. This will include the Medical/Safety Plan, list and qualifications of the medical team members and the list of equipment carried by the Medical Intervention Vehicles (MIVs), as well as the detailed Itinerary, Running and Course Car Schedules and Stage Maps, Road Book and overall maps;
- Where necessary, inspect the receiving hospitals for the event;
- Discuss with the CMO the sequence of events involved in responding to an accident with injuries to competitors, including initial intervention, patient stabilisation and evacuation options;
- Present the "First on Scene" talk to the competitors at the event Competitors Briefing. This may not be necessary each year for everyone but must be presented to new competitors each year;
- Ensure that the Medical Questionnaire is completed and collated for each competitor and made available to the Medical Team; and

- If there is no CMO for an event, it is quite acceptable for a Medical Services Manager (paramedic or nurse) to be appointed. Any 'fitness to compete' assessment can be undertaken by the Medical Delegate.

During the Event – if attending

- Drive each stage between the 000 and 00 cars, (this should be included in the Course Car Schedule) with the purpose of:
 - Ensuring all medical assets are in their correct positions, with appropriately qualified personnel.
 - Spot checking equipment and ease of access to it
 - Ensuring no bunting is in front of an MIV (spectator control) and that each MIV has easy access to the stage with no vehicles or obstructions, including cars on the start line, are in front of them
- Where appropriate, attend any major incident/accident during the event.
- In the absence of a CMO, or in conjunction with the CMO, assess any competitor involved in an accident as to their fitness to re-join the event.

After the Event

- Review any injury reports for the event;
- Where appropriate, follow up any competitor admitted to hospital;
- Ensure that all competitor medical information is returned to the Medical Delegate or destroyed; and
- Write a report on the event for submission to Motorsport Australia and onward passage to the event organisers.

ARC COMPETITION CHECKER

Pre-Event

- Attend the course check with the *Course Checker* to advise and assist the *Course Checker*.
- Submit a Competition Checkers Report to *Motorsport Australia* and the *Event Organisers*

During the Event – if attending

- Drive each stage, with the Safety Delegate, between the 000 and 00 cars, (this should be included in the Course Car Schedule), with the purpose of ensuring:
 - Road conditions are safe and as per the road book.
 - The placement of recommended course protection is in place.
 - Advise of any hazards on the course that may not be in the event roadbook, or have changed since the course check, and may require an advice to crews.
 - Liaise with the *Course Checker* in 00 on the above points.
- If the Competition Checked is not in attendance at the *Event* then the *Course Checker* will take on these responsibilities.