

# 2021 Gravel Rally Sprint Series

## STANDING REGULATIONS



### 2021 Gravel Rally Sprint Series

- Round 1 - Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March
- Round 2 - Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May
- Round 3 - Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July
- Round 4 - Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September
- Round 5 - Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November

\*All rounds run in Daylight

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## 1) SERIES & VENUE

Comprising of five events, the series shall be known as the 2021 Gravel Rally Sprint Series. Each event shall be known as a round and will run entirely within private property in Dowerin, Western Australia. All rounds shall be conducted during daylight hours.

## 2) ORGANISATION AND STATUS

(i) The events shall be held under the National Competition Rules (NCR) of the Australian Auto Sport Alliance Pty. Ltd. (AASA), these Standing Regulations and any Further Regulations and instructions to competitors that may be issued.

(ii) This event will be conducted under and in accordance with the Risk Management and OH&S policies and procedures as detailed in the event standing regulations.

(iii) Each round shall be a timed rally sprint event run on dirt roads.

(iv) Competing crews wishing to score points in the outright series shall consist of a driver and co-driver. Single driver vehicles may be eligible for class awards only.

## 3) EVENT STAFF

Organiser and Promoter: Rally Action Driver Training

Clerk of Course: Karl Drummond – 040 993 0996

Assistant Clerk of Course: TBA for each round

Secretary of Meeting: TBA for each round

Safety Officer: TBA for each round

## 4) ENTRIES

(i) Opening date: On publication of these Regulations

(ii) Closing date: 8:00PM on the Wednesday prior to each round

(iii) Entry Fee \$200.00/driver

(iv) 15% Discount if whole series entered and paid for prior to close of entries for round 1

(v) Entry lodgement: Via website: <http://www.rallyaction.com.au/sprint/>

(vi) Acceptance: Entries confirmed & accepted only once full payment has been received

(vii) The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry and cancel, postpone or reschedule any round due to reasons of Force Majeure.

(viii) The maximum number of entries at any round is limited to 40.

(ix) Up to two drivers may use the same vehicle at each round, however a separate entry and fee must be lodged for each driver.

(x) Drivers may only enter one vehicle at each round.

## 5) LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

(i) Both driver and co-driver must hold a minimum of an AASA single event license or an AASA Club Racing Licence (or higher) or approved equivalent.

(ii) A car club membership is not required to compete in this event

## 6) ELIGIBILITY

(i) Minimum age is 14 years old. 14-17 year olds must obtain parental consent to be issued with an AASA Club Racing Licence or Day Licence.

(ii) Junior drivers (14-17) must prove competition history and satisfy the clerk of course they are able to compete in any round.

(iii) Junior drivers (14-17) must have all paperwork signed by a parent or legal guardian.

(iv) All competitors must fully understand the event safety procedures specific to special stage rallies. Competitors must watch the safety video and sign on prior to competition.

## 7) Rounds & Format

Each round may have up to two different stages of up to 10km in length that will be run multiple times giving competitive distances of approx 30km. Non-competitive recce is permitted.

Competitors will line up from the assembly area at the stage start in order. Competing vehicles will start on one minute intervals (unless a dust hold is given). Competitors must run the entire stage

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without deviating from the course and complete it through the flying finish. Competitors must then significantly reduce speed and stop at the designated point for recording of their stage time. Start is denoted with stop/go lights. The flying finish and stop points will be marked with FIA standard rally symbols.

Once clear of the stop point, competitors may then travel back to the assembly area ready to repeat the stage. A speed limit of 40km/h is to be observed on all access roads within the venue.

## Series Points, Classes & Categories

Series points will be awarded to the following classes.

- (I) Outright
- (ii) 2WD
- (iii) 4WD
- (iv) Single Driver
- (v) Rookie (defined as competing in their first special stage series)
- (vi) Junior (14 – 17 years old)
- (vii) SxS/Buggy

\*Single driver and single seater vehicles shall be eligible for class awards/points only.

**Note:** Competitors may only score points in their nominated class and outright. Eg: A nominated Junior driving a 2WD vehicle shall only score points in the Junior class and outright and shall not score points in the 2WD class as well.

As multiple co-drivers are permitted at each round, drivers only will score points. Co-drivers will be listed in results and series points.

Further classes may be created should more than 4 entries be received to a category.

## Timing

- (I) A to A special stage timing will be used.
- (ii) Timing will be to the second
- (iii) Jump starts or **deviation from course** will incur a one minute penalty
- (iv) The winner of each round will be the crew with the lowest cumulative time across all stages
- (v) Event officials will be deemed judge of fact and no correspondence will be entered into
- (vi) An allocated time will be given to any competitor not able to complete a stage

## 8) DOCUMENTATION/SCRUTINY

All vehicles presented for scrutineering at each round must be in a clean and tidy condition with; no loose objects in the vehicle, no fluid leaks and in a safe condition ready to compete.

- (i) Helmets must be presented for inspection and approval at scrutineering.
- (ii) Current Competition Licence, and log book (if applicable) must be produced during documentation/scrutiny and at the request of an official.
- (iii) Race number will be provided to competitors
- (iv) Any vehicle that is modified after scrutiny or is involved in an accident must be re-scrutineered prior to further participation.
- (v) Any car or competitor may be prohibited from recce or competition for safety reasons.

**Note:** competitors are reminded to check condition of seat belts and harnesses for correct fixing, signs of fraying, damage or UV degradation. Scrutineers will be paying particular attention to these.

Documentation/Scrutiny will be held at the venue on the day of the event:

**Daylight Sprints: 0900 – 1015hrs**

Prior to scrutiny, competitors are to report to the Event Secretary to sign on and show documentation.

## 9) DRIVERS' BRIEFING and SIGN ON

All competitors must attend the compulsory Drivers' Briefing at each round.

**Daylight Sprints: 1015hrs** on the day of the event.

These shall be held in the pits area. Failure to attend the briefing may result in exclusion from participation in the event.

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## 10) APPAREL (Clothing & Helmets)

**For enclosed vehicles:** Competitors must comply with AASA Appendix 4, **Speed Event (Club Level)**

**For side by side/buggies & convertibles:** Competitors must comply with AASA Appendix 4, **Off Road Racing (Club level)**

As found here: <http://aasa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/170605-04-Apparel-Requirements-V1.2.pdf>

**Note: Motocross helmets without an above standard are not permitted.**

## Eye Protection

Competitors in any open vehicle or vehicle without a windscreen must wear eye protection to AS 1609–1981 or a full face helmet with closing visor.

## 11) VEHICLES

All vehicles must:

(i) Be mechanically sound with no fluid leaks, have functioning brakes that act on all four wheels and have correctly operating steering and suspension. Seats must be mounted securely with correct bolts.

(ii) Be structurally sound (no structural rust or structural damage)

(iii) Be fitted with lap-sash seat belts to AS E35 or approved race harnesses. Belts/harnesses must attach to factory mounting points or approved anchor point(s) using correct bolts/eyelets.

(iv) Have securely **bolted in** fire extinguisher(s) of at least 1kg capacity, which complies with AS 1841 using a metal mounting bracket. This should be mounted in a suitable position to allow easy access.

**Extinguisher(s) must be within 3 years of the manufacture date stamped on the neck or base.**

(v) Have on the body work, a blue triangle of sides 150mm, indicating the position of the battery.

(vi) Have the positive battery terminal covered with suitable insulating material to prevent short circuit

(vii) Have a well secured battery and where a *wet* battery is fitted in the passenger compartment, be mounted in a sealed enclosure with an external vent.

(viii) Have sealed firewall(s) separating the fuel tank/pump(s)/filter(s) and engine bay from the passenger compartment. Factory fitted (OEM) under floor fuel tanks are fine as long as all bungs/hatches are in place.

(ix) Have internal door trims on both front doors.

(x) Have no sharp or hazardous protrusions within the passenger compartment

(xi) Be fitted with at least two (2) independent fastening systems which hold the bonnet closed. (OEM latch & catch or 2 x bonnet pins are fine)

(xii) Carry 1 x reflective safety triangle

(xiii) Carry an A4 (or larger) SOS/OK sign (available for purchase from organisers)

*It is recommended that all vehicles be fitted with race harnesses to increase safety for competitors. Harnesses may be used with OEM seats. Contact organisers for more information on fitment.*

**Note:** Please contact organisers if:

(i) You have Takata harnesses or Bride seats fitted to your vehicle.

(ii) You have purchased harnesses, seats or other safety equipment either online (Ebay, Amazon etc) or second hand.

**Safety equipment that does not meet correct standards is not permitted.**

## Noise/Exhaust

Exhausts must not travel through passenger compartment or exit through window openings. All vehicles must be fitted with an effective muffler to limit vehicle noise not exceeding 95dB(A) measured at 30m.

## Side By Side (SxS)

If a side by side is from a reputable manufacturer like: Can Am, Polaris, Yamaha etc, the vehicle may be entered. The OEM ROPS is permitted without modification. **OEM belts must be replaced with approved race harnesses.** Window nets or wrist guards must be used to prevent hands/arms from

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coming out in a roll over. Fuel tanks and fittings must not be mounted in the passenger compartment. The SXS's will need to comply with all the other requirements contained within these regulations.

## **Buggies/Convertibles**

All open top vehicles or home built specials/buggies must have an approved ROPS structure and race harnesses fitted – contact organisers for more information.

## **12) ALCOHOL/BEHAVIOUR**

The consumption of alcohol by competitors/service crew/officials is forbidden in accordance with NCR and the AASA Anti Doping Policy. Consumption of alcohol at any time prior to the end of all competition is forbidden. Inappropriate behaviour, reckless driving, speeding in non competition areas or instances of any of the above may result in exclusion from the event and the organisers may take further action.

## **13) INSURANCE**

Combined Liability Insurance has been affected by the Promoters. All competitors and officials are covered by the AASA Personal Accident Insurance Policy in accordance with the conditions of the event permit. Every competitor before taking part in any competition shall sign the Disclaimers and Competitors Statement. Junior competitors must have all documentation signed by a parent or legal guardian.

## **14) STARTING ORDER**

The starting order and numbers for each round will be issued during pre-event documentation. Seeding will be determined in this order:

- (i) Results from last Rally Sprint
- (ii) Existing 4WD rally competitors
- (iii) Existing 2WD rally competitors
- (iv) Existing Khanacross/Autocross competitors
- (v) New competitors

## **15) SCHEDULE**

**Documentation/Scrutiny:** 0900 – 1015hrs on the day of the event

**Driver's Briefing:** 1015hrs on the day of the event

**Recce:** 1030 – 1055hrs on the day of the event (**Max speed for recce: 50km/h**).

**Car 1 Start:** 1100hrs

**Lunch Break:** A lunch break of approx 45 minutes will be held after stage 1 is complete.

## **16) PRESENTATION**

A presentation will be held in the pits/paddock area shortly after competition has finished.

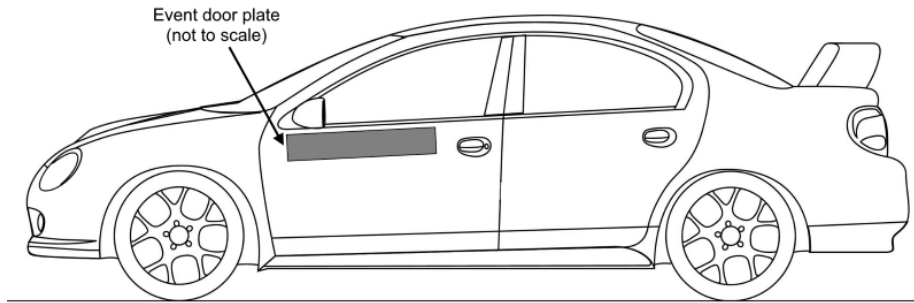
## **17) CAMPING**

Camping is permitted at the venue with prior arrangement from the organisers. Camp fires are permitted only when fire regulations allow and only in a drum. Quiet time/lights out at 2230hrs.

## **18) EVENT SIGNAGE**

All competing vehicles are required to carry door plates of 400mm x 130mm. The door plates must be affixed on the front doors directly below the window opening as detailed in the below diagram. Door plates will be provided at documentation.

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## 19) DAMAGE

Competitors shall be required to pay for the full costs to repair any damage sustained to private property.