



DON RIVER DASH

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September 2024

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS - Auto

1. TITLE AND NATURE OF THE EVENT

The event will be known as the **Don River Dash** conducted at Bowen and in the Don River from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th of September 2024 with a total race distance of 320km (approx). This event is also Round 8 of the Mickey Thompson ARB QLD Off Road Championship and Round 5 of the Mickey Thompson ARB QLD Enduro Championship.

The race event has an off-road car (auto) event and a bike (moto) event on the same weekend at different times. Off Road vehicles race in the morning and bikes race in the afternoon. These Supplementary Regulations are only for the off-road vehicle component of the event.

The event will consist of the race starting in the Bowen township on bitumen at Event Head Quarters and using a closed public road to race to the Don River. The track will then enter the riverbed where there will be an approximately 50km loop lap in the riverbed. The race will be 3 laps of the track in the river each day and then back along the road section to the finish line at Event HQ.

While in the riverbed there will be limited course markings. The track is the bed of the river and there will be multiple race lines.

2. AUTHORITY

The event is an Enduro Off Road Club status event and will be conducted under the:

- National Competition Rules (NCRs) of the Australian Auto-Sport Alliance Pty Ltd (AASA)
- AASA Event Operations Manual
- AASA Standing Regulations for Off Road Racing Events
- AASA Off Road Racing Automobiles Specific Requirements for Groups
- AASA Health, Safety & Environment Policy
- these Supplementary Regulations
- any further regulations and bulletins which may be issued.

By entering this event, you agree to comply with these regulations.

AASA Permit Number: AASA080923-100385

3. EVENT PROMOTERS

The event promoters are the Burdekin Offroaders Inc.

4. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The organising committee will comprise of members of the Burdekin Offroaders Inc.

All correspondence to burdekinoffroaders@gmail.com

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

Clerk of Course	Iain Roberterson	0407 757 622
Race Secretary	Courtney Muir	0457 244 300
Chief Scrutineer	Andrew North	0420 317 223
Competitor Relations Officer (CRO)	Michael Mifsud	0488 786 748
Chief Timekeeper	Kellie Baxter	

6. ENTRY DETAILS

Entry Fee	\$700	Open Wednesday 31 st July 10:00am Close Monday 12 th August midnight
Premium Entry Fee	\$990	Open Monday 12 th August Midnight Close Monday 26 th August Midnight

Entries shall be capped at 120 entries, determined by order of entry receipt. Any competitors who enter after the first 120 will be placed on a wait list.

All entries must be made on the official ONLINE entry form and must be accompanied with the requisite entry fee. A link to the online entry form can be found on the event page at donriverdash.com.au

Please quote your **RACE VEHICLE NUMBER and DRIVERS SURNAME** as reference number when paying by Direct Debit, so that payments can be accounted for. Payment for ALL entries must be received by the close of entries.

Full refunds will be given if entrant withdraws by Friday 30th August. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event if less than 50 entries are received, or under force majeure circumstance. The organising committee have the right to refuse entry of a competitor. The Burdekin Offroaders Inc reserves the right to receive and approve an application for a wild car entry if deemed in the best interest of the Don River Dash.

ENTRY FORM

The event will be using the aorra.com.au online event entry system.

You will need to have .jpg (photo) or pdf file of the following to be uploaded with your entry.

Competition licence (screen shot/download from aasa.com.au portal)

- Affiliated club card (side that has name, membership number, expiry date)
- AASA Vehicle Passport (2 pages - passport number, owner and address)
- Temporary Passport Documentation (if required)

For insurance purposes, you are required to supply the following details for your crew.

- First name and Last name for all crew
- Phone Number for all crew
- Age bracket of crew member (16-17, 18 plus)

EVENT DOCUMENTATION / COMPETING AND PIT CREW CHECK IN

All competing crew and pit crew will need to sign the event entry disclaimer and be given their wristband event identification. Please abide by social distancing regulations. All vehicles MUST be in the line for scrutiny by 6pm. The need for licences and club memberships to be sighted at documentation has been negated by the electronic lodgement and pre-event checks. Passports are required to be kept by the Chief Scrutineer until the end of competition.

7. COMPETING CREW ELIGIBILITY

Crew changes will be permitted during the event as long as the crew have completed documentation before the close of scrutiny and have attended all briefings, and only then with Event Secretary's/Clerk of Course's permission and all paperwork completed before entering vehicle.

Unauthorised person/s in a race vehicle is prohibited.

7.1. Minimum Age

The minimum age for a Driver or Co-Driver is 16 years of age.

The minimum age for a Navigator is 14 years of age.

Where the driver of an automobile is less than 18 years old and does not hold a current civil driver's licence, he must be accompanied at all times while competing by a crew member, in the vehicle, who either holds a current civil driver's licence or is not less than 18 years old.

7.2. Licences

AASA State or National Off Road Racing competition licences or a AASA Off Road Racing Single Event Licence are required for this event. A AASA Off Road Racing Single Event Licence must be purchased through aasa.com.au before commencing Step 2 of the entry process.

8. WRIST BANDS

Wristbands will be issued to Drivers, Co-Driver, Navigators and Service Crew with names and competition numbers on them. Wristbands MUST be worn at all times. They will permit access to the paddock, pit and Parc Ferme areas during the event.

9. SCRUTINY, COMPETITOR AND SERVICE CREW CHECK IN

9.1. Check In

Competitor and service crew check in will be conducted on Friday from 1.00pm to 6.30pm at the Event HQ which is located at the Bowen Showgrounds.

All entered competitors, drivers, co-drivers, navigators and service crew must sign the relevant disclaimers at Event Headquarters during the scheduled competitor check in.

9.2. Scrutiny

Competition vehicles will be parked up for scrutiny and public display inside the speedway course at the Bowen Showgrounds on Friday from 4:00pm to 8:30pm. All vehicles must be in place by 5:00pm and be reversed parked to the wall around the speedway track. This compulsory for all vehicles entering the event.

As the vehicle enters the speedway course it will be checked for reverse gear before parking up. The scrutineers will come to each vehicle to scrutinise it and collect the AASA vehicle Passport.

Vehicles must have passed scrutiny prior to participating in the event. It is a requirement that all vehicles have a AASA Vehicle Passport. Vehicle Passports will be collected by the Chief Scrutineer when your vehicle is scrutinised and can be collected from Event Headquarters on return of the Timing Transponder when your competition has completed for the weekend.

10. RUNNING DETAILS

10.1. Reconnaissance

Reconnaissance of the enduro course will be on Friday and can be done in a road registered vehicle or competition vehicle.

Reconnaissance in competition vehicle will be from 12:00pm to 12:30pm. Full race apparel and all safety equipment must be used. Reconnaissance in road-registered vehicles will be from 1:30pm to 2:00pm. Each occupant must be wearing a seat belt.

Motorbikes will be undertaking reconnaissance from 1:00pm to 1:30pm and competition vehicle reconnaissance of the track will not be available during this time for reconnaissance for anything other than motorbikes. Any competitor caught doing reconnaissance in a competition vehicle during this time will be excluded from the event.

Reconnaissance will be hard going in sand and only suitable for a well-equipped 4WD vehicle. It is expected it will take 2 ½ hours to complete.

Reconnaissance will be from the start line for 1 full lap only. While in the river it will ONLY be in the riverbed. There are multiple private roads into and out of the riverbed and these are not to be used. **To be clear there is absolutely no reconnaissance outside the riverbed up roads that are private property.** Any competitor caught doing this will be excluded from the event.

Road rules and an 80km maximum speed apply during reconnaissance.

Public roads will reopen at 3.00pm. Any unregistered competition vehicle that has not completed reconnaissance by 3.00pm will not be allowed to travel back the Event HQ by the public road after that time. They will need to be recovered from Russell's crossing pits.

10.2. Sign On and Competing Crew Briefings

Sign On and Competing Crew Briefings will be held at 7.00am Saturday and 7:00am Sunday. It is compulsory for ALL competing crew to attend for the duration and to have signed on prior to the start of briefing.

10.3. Prologue

There will not be prologue for this event. The start order will be seeded by event organisers and published prior to the event and emailed to all entered competitors.

10.4. Event (Enduro Course)

The event will be run over 2 days in 2 sections.

Section 1 on Saturday will be 3 continuous laps totalling 160km (approx)

Section 2 on Sunday will be 3 continuous laps totalling 160km (approx)

The event start will be a ceremonial start at the Mt Nutt Road start line in front of the Bowen Showgrounds. The course from the showgrounds start line to the Don River start line will be a transport stage with a maximum permitted speed of 70km per hour.

A lead vehicle will leave the Showgrounds start line 30seconds before the first car starts. You must maintain the visual gap to the lead vehicle. All cars leaving the start line must maintain the same visual gap to the car in front.

Your competition time starts once you go under the timing loop at the River.

After leaving the ceremonial start line, the course runs along closed public roads to the the Don River. The track will then leave the public road and enter the river bed to follow the course of the river for 25km upstream and then turn around at the half way checkpoint and race back down the river bed making an approximate 50km lap.

At the completion of each section (3 laps) competition vehicles will be directed to an Impound Area at the Russell's crossing spectator area. Vehicles will be held there until prior to the start of the bike race. On the completion of the section on Sunday there will a ceremonial presentation of outright placings prior to the bike race commencing.

When it is time to leave the Impound Area, vehicles will be escorted across the river and travel back up the closed road route to the showgrounds paddock area abiding by the 70km permitted speed.

There will be no access to the showground paddock for competition vehicles during the race. If you return to the showground paddock you will be deemed withdrawn from that day's racing.

The track in the riverbed is 2 way. There will be a zone in the middle of the riverbed for the length of the course marked by bollards and the track will keep left of the bollards. There will be a 20m Exclusion Zone from these bollards. This means when racing you need to keep left further than 20m of the bollards. Any competitor who does not comply with this will incur a 10 minute time penalty for each reported occurrence.

This middle zone of the river is for official vehicles and recovery. It is also the area where a competitor can pull up for any reason during the event eg mechanical breakdown or flat tyre. This zone will be used for these purposes to add safety to the event so that stationary vehicles are not on the designated track. If you need to enter the zone within the 20m exclusion, you need to be back at non-competitive speed and slow down to 20km/hr while in the exclusion zone.

Competitors must not travel against the direction of race traffic in the riverbed and/or the exclusion zone.

While in the riverbed there will be limited track signage other than the centre exclusion zone. The track is the whole bed of the river **EXCLUDING** riverbanks. Any competitor found to be using the Riverbank which is not part of the designated racetrack will be excluded from the event and will be fined the amount that is imposed on the club by the Don River Trust.

There will be checkpoints and recovery points along the course **where** there are accessible road crossings across the river. The course will be narrowed into these checkpoints and slowed down using chicanes so that the checkpoints can identify each competitor through the checkpoint. Any competitor who does not pass through each checkpoint will not be timed for that section.

10.5. Starting Order

The starting order for Section 1 will be seeded by the event organisers. Vehicles will be started in reverse order from slowest to fastest at a minimum of 20 seconds apart.

Starting order for Section 2 will be based on results from section 1. Vehicles will be started in reverse order from slowest to fastest at a minimum of 20 seconds apart.

10.6. Refuelling

All refuelling during each competitive section must be undertaken within the pits at the Russell's Crossing pits. Refuelling must only be undertaken with the vehicle stationary and the engine switched off. The crew must be out of the vehicle, a crew member must be holding a fire extinguisher ready to use, as detailed in the Off-Road Standing Regulations Article 4.6. Competitors need to note the attire requirements for any person involved in refuelling.

As a guide you will need to do minimum of 60km in sand on a tank of fuel to reach the refuelling area at the end of lap 1 and start of lap 2.

All refuelling in the Bowen Showgrounds must, at all times, be undertaken in accordance with Off-Road Standing Regulations Article 4.6

10.7. Restarting

Competitors not completing section 1 can apply to be seeded into the start order for Section 2. Application for inclusion in section 2 will need to be made by 3.00pm on Saturday with the Event Secretary.

10.8. Allowed Time

There will be an allowed time of 3 hours to complete each section. If it is deemed by a judge of fact that a crew will not be able to complete any section within the allowed time, they will be prevented from commencing any part of that section at the next checkpoint.

If a competitor is on their last lap and they will not make the finish line timing loop before the start of the bike race they will be directed into the riverbank pits at Russell's crossing and will need to be recovered from there.

10.9. Completion of each section

At the completion of each days racing the finishing cars will be required to impound at the finish line near the spectator area and pits on Russell's crossing for approximately 1 hour.

At the completion of day 2 racing there will be ceremonial presentation for the top 3 competitors during this time. Official presentation will be at Race HQ.

After the impound competitors will be directed back to the Showgrounds before the start of the bike race. Any competitors who do make the impound on time will be directed to the showgrounds at their completion of the section.

11. TIMING

Event timing will be by a transponder system. Vehicle Passports will be held at Event HQ and will not be returned until the transponder is returned. There will be a fee payable for any damaged transponders.

12. RECOVERY

The event organisers will provide recovery from the river to the nearest access point. Any competitor experiencing problems is advised to try and get into the exclusion zone in the middle of the river to enable recovery to find them easily.

Crew members of a disabled vehicle are required to stay with their vehicle until they are located by the event sweep vehicles. If able to be towed, the vehicle will be taken by the sweep vehicle to the nearest access point to be collected by their Service Crew. If unable to be towed, the vehicle will be moved to a safe position off the course.

Under no circumstances are competitors or crews to organise their own recovery requirements without first obtaining authority from the Clerk of Course or his Deputy.

Access to the racetrack by unauthorised persons during the event to assist a competitor is prohibited. Towing and/or driving of competition vehicles on open public roads is strictly prohibited. Breaches of this regulation may result in a penalty up to exclusion.

13. HOT WORK AREA

A hot work area will be provided at the event HQ only. Welding/Grinding may only occur in the area designated for this purpose.

14. PADDOCK AREA

14.1. Event HQ at the Bowen Showgrounds will be designated as a paddock area for the duration of the event.

14.2. Entry into the paddock by any vehicle is for competitors and their crew only

14.3. The speed limit is walking pace only (5km/hr). Speeding will result in a warning – second offense will result in a 10 Minute penalty – 3rd offense will be exclusion from the event.

15. PIT AREA

A pit area will be located on the riverbank with access via 20 Telegraph Road. Note that Russel's Crossing will be closed and access to the Telegraph Road will be via Bruce highway from the showgrounds. It is approximately 9 km from Race HQ at the showgrounds to the Pits. Entry in and out of the pit area must be via the designated entry point and only wrist banded crew will be allowed entry.

Crew members are reminded of their responsibility regarding the wearing of wristbands at all times and of the entry of unauthorised persons into their pit area.

- 15.1. Smoking and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted in the pit
- 15.2. No unauthorised persons are permitted in the pit area.
- 15.3. Only competition and crew vehicles are permitted in pits
- 15.4. Service crew must have signed the service crew disclaimer and have been issued a wristband. They must be wearing the minimum attire of T Shirt, cargo shorts, closed in shoes. Breaches of this regulation may result in a penalty up to exclusion.

16. GENERAL

- 16.1. Anti-social and disrespectful behaviour to other race teams or event officials by any crew member or associate will result in exclusion from the event and race teams will be asked to leave the event immediately.
- 16.2. All vehicles must have a functioning 5-watt UHF radio.
- 16.3. Vehicles must be adequately muffled to comply with noise restrictions.

17. AWARDS

Awards shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class.
Awards shall also be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places outright.

Outright Prize Money

1st - \$1000

2nd - \$500

3rd - \$250

There will be a "King of the River" award for the fastest competitor car and bike.

18. CAMPING

There will be camping available at the Bowen Showgrounds for competitors and crew only from Thursday 5th till Monday 9th with showers and toilets available which is included in the entry fee.

Due to restrictions in the size of the complex only 2 cars will be permitted to camp with each competitor entry. Competitors who would like to have extra vehicles in the camping area will have to apply for a pass and they will be either granted or denied in the days leading up the race depending on space available. Additional car passes will be \$50 and can be ordered and paid for with Step 3 Pit Crew.

No fires are allowed in the Showgrounds Paddock and Camping area

No generators after 10PM in the camping area. No undue noise after 10pm.

19. ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

Any competitor, service/pit crew and official may be tested for the presence of alcohol or drugs (or other banned substances) and subject to a penalty(ies) up to and including exclusion from the event. Consumption of alcohol in the pits or any section of the competition venue/course under the control of the Officials is forbidden until all competition is concluded each day.

Any incidents in the paddock area involving poor behaviour from excessive alcohol will not be tolerated.

DON RIVER DASH TIME SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 6th September

- 10:00 am Event Head Quarters – OPEN
 - 11.45am Road closure start
 - 12:00pm Auto Reconnaissance – OPEN (Competition Vehicles)
 - 12:30pm Auto Reconnaissance – CLOSE (Competition Vehicles)
 - 1.00pm Bike Reconnaissance – OPEN
 - 1.30pm Bike Reconnaissance – CLOSE
 - 1:30pm Reconnaissance – OPEN (Road Registered Vehicles)
 - 2:00pm Reconnaissance – CLOSE (Road Registered Vehicles)
 - 3.00pm Bike Reconnaissance – Estimated finish – end of road closure
Competitor and Service Crew Check In – OPEN
 - 4:00pm Reconnaissance – Estimated Finish – Road Registered Vehicles
Park Up for Scrutiny and Public Display – OPEN
Scrutiny - OPEN
 - 5:00pm Park Up for Scrutiny and Public Display – CLOSE
Competitor and Service Crew Check In – CLOSE
 - 6:30pm Media Briefing
 - 7:00pm Officials Briefing - Recovery & Checkpoint Briefing
 - 7:30pm Scrutiny - CLOSE
 - 8.00pm Competition vehicles released from public display
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SATURDAY 7th September

- 5:45am Event Head Quarters – OPEN
 - 6:30am Officials Briefing.
 - 6:30am Vehicle Line Up for Section 1 – OPEN
 - 6:45am Vehicle Line Up for Section 1 – CLOSE
 - 6:50am Competing Crew Sign On – OPEN (All Competing Crew To Sign On)
 - 7:00am Competing Crew Briefing – ALL COMPETING CREW TO ATTEND
 - 8:30am **START - Don River Dash (Auto) Section 1**
– 3 laps (allowed time 3hours)
 - 12:00noon CLOSE - Estimated close of finish line for Section 1 - Auto
 - 12:30pm **START - Don River Dash (Moto)**
 - 3:00pm Applications CLOSE for Section 2 Seeding
 - 5:30pm CLOSE - Estimated close of finish line - Moto
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SUNDAY 8th September

- 6:00am Event Head Quarters – OPEN
- 6:30am Vehicle Line Up for Section 2 – OPEN
- 6:45am Vehicle Line Up for Section 2 – CLOSE
- 6:50am Competing Crew Sign On – OPEN (All Competing Crew To Sign On)
- 7:00am Competing Crew Briefing – ALL COMPETING CREW TO ATTEND
- 8:30am **START - Don River Dash (Auto) Section 2**
– 3 laps (allowed time 3hours)
- 12:00noon CLOSE - Estimated close of finish line for Section 2 - Auto
- 12:30pm **START - Don River Dash (Moto)**
- 5:00pm Trophy Presentation (approx)
- 5:30pm CLOSE - Estimated close of finish line - Moto