

The Final Countdown

17 February 2024



Supplementary Regulations

These Supplementary Regulations complement the
Motorsport Australia Manual
which is available at www.motorsport.org.au

**A round of the Classic Rally Club Inc.
2024 Club Championship**

1. Administration

1.1. Nature of the Event

The Event will be known as **The Final Countdown** herein after referred to as the Event and will be a Club Navigation Assembly, open to all full Members of any Motorsport Australia affiliated Car Club. The Event will be conducted on public roads in the Illawarra area of NSW on 17 February 2024.

The Event will be run in three competition Categories:

- *Masters,*
- *Apprentices and*
- *Tour.*

Different instructions maybe used for each Category. The routes may also differ between Categories.

1.2. Authority and Permit

The Event will be held under the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices and the National Competition Rules (NCR) Motorsport Australia, National Touring Standing Regulations (NTSR). 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.

The NTSR is available on the Classic Rally Club (CRC) website at:

<https://www.classicrallyclub.com.au/index.php/rallying/governance/national-touring-standing-regulations>

This Event will be held under Motorsport Australia Permit No: 224/1702/01.

1.3. Promoter

The Event will be promoted by - Classic Rally Club Inc, PO Box 150, Northmead, NSW, 2152.

1.4. Organising Committee

Event Director: Tony Norman 0402 759 811 – ID # 9929664

Clerk of Course: Tony Norman 0402 759 811

Event Secretary: Peter Reed crc@leyton.com.au

All e-mail correspondence to: Event Director: normansoz@optusnet.com.au

All postal correspondence to: Event Director, 7 Wolfgang Rd, Albion Park, NSW, 2527.

Note: Any general enquiries should be made to the Event Director on 0402 759 811.

1.5. Stewards

Not required.

1.6. Review, Requests and Protests

Review Requests, in accordance with NTSR-EG.

Protests, if any, must be lodged in accordance with the requirements of the NCR.

1.7. Alteration, Abandonment or Termination of the Event

The Organiser reserves the right to abandon, postpone or stop the Event in accordance with the NCR.

1.8. Judge of Fact

The Organising Committee and all other Event Officials shall be Judges of Fact relative to:

- (a) All activities and observations at manned Controls
- (b) Efficiency of exhaust systems
- (c) Observation of quiet zone procedures
- (d) Deviation from route including direction of travel

- (e) Conduct of Crews, including Banned Equipment, in accordance with Clause 3.3 of these Regulations
- (f) Breach of NSW Road Rules

1.9. Odometer check

The survey car measured 4.99 km over a standard 5.00 km RMS odometer calibration check.

1.10. Event Format

The Event will be conducted over one day in 2 Divisions. Division 1 will be run as one Section between Controls M1 and M2. Division 2 will be run as one Section between Controls M3 and M4. The locations, distances and closing times of the M2 and M4 Major Controls will be advised in documentation issued at Event Registration. The total length of the Event is approximately 270 km, with minimal use of good, unsealed roads for all Categories. We recommend you start the Event with a full tank of fuel. Fuel is available at the Start location.

2. Crews and Entries

2.1. Crew Members

Crews will consist of a minimum of two people and a maximum not more than the legal seating capacity of the vehicle. All occupants travelling in the vehicle are deemed to be Crew. Details of all Crew members must be listed on the Entry Form.

2.2. Licences

It is the car owner's responsibility to ensure that any Crew member listed on the Entry Form who drives the entered vehicle during the Event has a current civil Driver Licence that permits driving the type of vehicle on public roads.

As of 2024 Motorsport Australia will no longer require the minimum of a current Speed Licence for any Crew member competing in a Navigation Assembly which doesn't include a Special Test. In view of this the Event will not include a Social Run.

2.3. Entries

Entries open on publication of these Regulations and close on 12 February 2024. The number of entries will be limited to 45. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt. The Entry Fee is \$120 incl. GST. Entries must be made on the Official Entry Form, completed by the car owner and sent to the Event Director at the address or email listed in Clause 1.4 of these Regulations.

Entry Forms must be clearly legible. If emailed, use PDF format. If posted, use Express Post and allow sufficient time for delivery – at least 7 days!

Upon receipt of your Entry Form you will be contacted by phone or email and your Category choice and Entry Car No. will be confirmed.

Refer to the Entry Form for details of payment methods for the Entry Fee.

Payment must be made at the time of Entry.

The Entry Fee includes the following:

- (a) Entry for Crew of 2
- (b) One set per car of all Official Maps and Route Instructions
- (c) One set of car windscreen numbers
- (d) The lunch break between Divisions will be at North Nowra Public School, Judith Drive. The lunch cost is included in the Entry Fee.

To score points in the CRC Championship Drivers and Navigators must be full financial members of the CRC on the day of the Event.

Changes in the Crew and/or vehicle after the acceptance of entry will only be permitted at the discretion of the Event Director. Any Crew member and/or vehicle that is changed after the start may continue in the Event but will not feature in results. It is a condition of entry that the car number is affixed to the top left-hand side of the windscreen. All car numbers will be issued at the discretion of the Event Director.

Entries may be refused in accordance with the NCR.

2.4. Single Event Club Memberships

For drivers and navigators who are not members of any Motorsport Australia affiliated car club, Classic Rally Club Single Event Membership for the duration of this Event can be provided at a cost of \$10 per person.

Payment will need to be made in cash at Event Registration as no EFT facility will be available. Applicants will be handed a CRC Membership Application Form with their Single Event payment noted. If in the future the applicant decides to join the Club as a full member, they should return the completed Form to reduce their first annual membership fee by the \$10 fee previously paid.

Note that this Single Event Membership concession can only be used for one CRC Event in any calendar year.

2.5. Documentation

The following documents, duly completed, must be **handed** to the Officials at Event Registration:

- (a) Copies of Motorsport Australia 'Risk Warning, Disclaimer and Indemnity Form' for each nominated Crew member as listed on the Entry Form. This applies to all the competition Categories. This 2 page form is named 'Single Event Disclaimer – Competitors'.
- (b) Motorsport Australia Self-Scrutiny Statement of Vehicle Compliance.
- (c) CRC Self-Assessment Vehicle Safety Check Form.
- (d) If your Entry Form was emailed to the Event Director please bring a copy to Event Registration.

The above three documents can be found on the CRC website, together with the Event Supplementary Regulations and Entry Form: <http://classicroallyclub.com.au/index.php/the-club/calendar/countdown24>

2.6. Start Location and Starting Order

The Event will start at the HUNGRY JACKS carpark, Haywards Bay and finish at the Worrigeer Sports Facility, 131 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigeer. Crews can start in any order within their Category with the Apprentices Category leaving first then the Masters and then the Tour. Crews will be started at approximately one minute intervals, to provide separation of vehicles on the road. Note that the start Control (M1) will close promptly at 09:45.

3. Vehicles

3.1. Eligibility of Vehicles

It is the vehicle owner's responsibility to ensure that the entered vehicle has current Full or Conditional Road Registration permitting its use on public roads. Registration Documents should be carried in the vehicle during the Event. **The Event does not have a Motorsport Australia EV Safety Plan, so electric vehicles, including petrol-electric hybrids are not eligible to enter the Event.**

3.2. Recommended Equipment

It is strongly recommended that a fire extinguisher, warning triangles, safety vests and a first aid kit are carried in all vehicles.

3.3. Banned Equipment

The following use of any device is banned:

- (a) to show the device's current location on the surface of the earth, either graphically or in data form.
- (b) to give information so that such a location can be derived.
- (c) to open electronically stored maps.

Crews may use a mobile phone as an odometer and for emergencies or for calls to and from the Organisers.

4. Schedule

Entries open: On publication of these Regulations.

The Entry Form to be accompanied by payment in full.

ENTRIES CLOSE – Monday 12 February 2024.

Saturday 17 February 2024:

Start Location: HUNGRY JACKS carpark, Haywards Bay, NSW, 2530

Food and coffee available

07:15 – 08:15 Crew Registration, refer to Clause 2.5.

08:30 Crew Briefing – at least one member of each Crew must attend.

08:45 Issue of Division 1 Instructions.

09:00 First car starts from M1 Control. Control closes at 09:45.

12:00 Approximate first car to M2 Major Control.

15:00 Approximate first car to M4 Control.

5. Controls and Observations

5.1. Controls

Refer to NTSR-NA:

- (a) Note that all Event Boards will be located on the left-hand side of the road.
- (b) A VRC Board, Passage Control or question will be found in the 1st kilometre of any section of unsealed road that forms part of the correct route and which extends for more than a total of 1 kilometre in length.
- (c) Unsealed roads which are less than 1 kilometre in length and are on the correct route may also have a VRC Board, Passage Control or question at the discretion of the Event Director.
- (d) Clause 5.1.(b) above will not apply to sections of road on the correct route that are clearly unsealed as a result of current or ongoing road repair or maintenance.

5.2. Recording of unmanned Controls

In accordance with NTSR-NA Where the Board is an 'M' or 'Z' then that letter (M or Z) shall also be recorded (e.g. M25 or Z2).

5.3. Observers

At certain points around the course there may be Observers checking compliance with the correct route. Any Crews detected on the wrong route will be given a penalty as listed in Clauses 7.1 or 7.2. All Control Officials are deemed to be Observers and Judges of Fact.

6. Route Instructions

6.1. For the Tour

The Event will predominately use route charts. Some simple map reading may also be used. Maps will be attached to the relevant Division's Instructions as required.

6.2. For the Masters and Apprentices Categories

The Event will be run under "Shortest Mapped Route" VIA to VIA requirements as defined in NTSR-NA:

- (a) Article NTSR-NA 4.6 (a) (ii) is modified so that the Out of Bounds conditions will apply as defined in the Route Instructions or as notified in other Event documents.
- (b) You may only use roads that are shown on the Official Maps or those that may be advised as 'deemed' mapped roads in the Route Instructions or other documents. Where the generic word "road" is used in the Route Instructions it is deemed to apply to all mapped routes, roads and Freeways etc. as defined in the Map Key or Legend relevant to the supplied Event Maps.
- (c) Article NTSR-EG 1.14 (a) (vii) is modified so that when instructed in the Route Instructions to 'Pass' a specified mapped feature or word you must use the closest mapped road to that feature or word.
- (d) Junctions identified in the Route Instructions with a clock (time) reference must be 'entered on the hour hand and departed on the minute hand'.
- (e) The Event Maps 1 and 2 will be provided at Event Registration and Event Maps 3 and 4 will be attached to the Division 1 Route Instructions. The Event Maps will be listed in the NAVIGATION NOTES, also issued at Registration and it is recommended that you rely solely on the provided Maps.

6.3. For all Categories.

All Controls must be entered and exited according to the directions given in the Route Instructions. A road may be crossed but not used in the opposite direction at any time during each Division, unless specifically permitted in the Route Instructions to do so.

ROAD CARDS will be issued to all Crews at the beginning of a Division and each Crew is solely responsible for its ROAD CARD. Officials may, at certain locations, retain the current ROAD CARD and issue a new one. This will generally occur at the break between Divisions.

Various information must be recorded onto the ROAD CARD. This includes answering questions and/or recording information from unmanned Controls. Questions may not be listed in order of distance.

Answers to numbered questions must be recorded in the **SIMILARLY NUMBERED BOXES** on the ROAD CARD. If the answer to a question is found missing by the set-up vehicle, an upside down VRC will be placed at that location. The information on this VRC should be written in the place reserved for the answer to the original question. Answers to questions will only be found on the left-hand side of the road.

Distances at Major Controls, some VIAs and question locations will be given in kilometres only. The conversion factor is 1 km = 0.621 miles.

6.4. Abbreviations

(a) For the Tour:

Abbreviations as used in the Event Route Chart Instructions will be as listed on the ABBREVIATIONS sheet as issued to Crews at Registration.

(b) For Masters and Apprentices Categories:

Abbreviations in accordance with NTSR-EG will be used extensively in these Categories. They will not be included with the Event documentation issued at Registration. You are advised to have a copy of the NTSR EG and NA documents with you during the Event.

7. Scoring, Results and Awards

7.1. Penalties

Shall be in accordance with NTSR-EG with the following modifications, these apply to all Categories:

- Loss of ROAD CARD - Since scoring for the relevant Division could not be determined the Crew will be put in last place in their Category for the Event.
- Knocking over a marker cone designating a Control safety zone: 100 points
- Missing or failing to report to a Major Control before the designated closing time or failing to provide proof of reporting to a Major Control: 60 points
- Failure to hand in an unopened or opening an "Additional information" envelope. (Tour only): 30 points
- Wrong direction (W.D.) into or out of a manned Passage Control: 30 points
- Visiting a manned Passage Control more than the correct number of times: 30 points
- Being detected by an Observer on the incorrect route: 25 points
- Manned Passage Control out of correct sequence: 25 points
- Recording a VRC located on an incorrect road or recording a VRC out of correct sequence: 15 points
- Missing a VRC, or incorrect recording of information: 12 points
- Missing or incorrect answers to questions. 11 points
- Providing 2 or more alternative Answers to a question: 11 points

The following penalties for answering questions apply to Tour:

- Mis-spelt answers, incorrect upper/lower case letters, missing or incorrect punctuation or incorrect sequence of words or numbers: 6 points
This penalty will not apply to the Masters and Apprentices Categories if the Event Director is satisfied that the Crew was on the correct route.
- Answer not written in the required box (only penalised once): 6 points
Note that if the answer requires the recording of a numeral, e.g. a property number, the recording of an arbitrary number will not be deemed to satisfy the "on the correct route" criteria.

7.2. Breach of NSW Road Rules

The Event Organisers may deploy radar speed detection equipment at certain locations to check compliance with posted speed limits. Speeding offences whether detected by Officials or by the police, will be penalised in accordance with NTSR-EG.

7.3. Results

Penalties shall be expressed in points lost. The Crew with the lowest total in each Category shall be proclaimed the winner of that Category, the next lowest second and so on. Ties will be resolved by "Furthest cleanest" and if still tied joint placings will be declared.

Trophies will be presented to the Driver and Navigator for the first three places in each Category.

8. Insurance

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.

9. Smoking

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

10. Integrity

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.

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.