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When do I have to have completed all details on my entry form?	<p>Entry forms must be completed and lodged prior to the Close of Entries on Wednesday April 3rd at 1800 Hrs.</p> <p>Entry Form is here:- https://rallysa.com.au/events/rally-of-the-heartland/competitors-registration/</p>
What do I do about accommodation?	<p>The region is already heavily booked. There are options at www.visitburra.com/accommodation/ or www.bookburra.com.au</p> <p>The Clare region also has plenty of options Camping and homestays can be arranged too.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HINT: - Do not leave it to the last minute HINT: - Do not leave it to the last minute HINT: - Do not leave it to the last minute</p>
I have heard about the RALLY BOX. What is it?	The competitor Rally Box contains the event pack – everything you need like stickers, maps, road books, caps, tickets etc. Accordingly, everyone can come to Burra all stickered up ready to rally
How do I get my RALLY BOX?	The competitor Rally Boxes will be posted to each entrant's nominated address after close of entries. Entrants must nominate an address where someone is present to sign for the Rally Box – a work address is ideal for security of delivery reasons.
Do I have to put on all the stickers??	Usually, yes. If there is a clash of sponsor, or a desire to retain classic livery, only the stickers nominated as MANDATORY may be used. Dropping stickers attracts a fee of \$150.00, payable with entry
Is the event a round of the SA Rally Championship and SA Regularity Series?	Yes, it is – and all bona fide SARC entrants will be accepted regardless of any entry number limit, providing all payment has been made and entry form completed.
Is the event a round of the East Coast Classic Rally 2WD & 4WD Series?	Yes, it is – and all bona fide ECCRS entrants will be accepted regardless of any entry number limits, providing all payment has been made and entry form completed
Can I get my \$300.00 nomination fee back?	No, the nomination fee is non-refundable.


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When do I have to submit my documentation?	You must lodge all your documents with Documents Secretary Geraldine Hough 0431 306 015 geraldine.hough@bigpond.com by 1100hrs on Friday 26 April. You will NOT be permitted to start the rally, and no refund will be made if your documents are incomplete.
Is there an official Rally Guide for this event?	Yes, and it is a MUST read – there is lots of stuff you need to know.
Is the Rally Guide updated regularly?	Yes, check the website for the latest updated version which will be numbered and dated, with additions/changes noted in green
Can I get a refund if I withdraw before entries close?	An entry that is withdrawn at any time prior to Wednesday 3rd April at 1800 hours (close of Entries) will be entitled to a refund of 100%, less the \$300 nomination fee.
Do I need to be at documentation?	NO, all entries and documentation can be done online All documents may be scanned or photographed and emailed to geraldine.hough@bigpond.com – and if that is done, there will be no need to present these documents any further.
If I fail documentation or scrutineering, can I get a refund?	Any Competitor or Crew who fails to complete documentation and/or scrutiny shall be refused permission to start, and the Entry Fee will not be refunded.
Will there be a driver briefing?	PROBABLY - tba. All briefing materials will be available online for download and sign off via SPORTITY No sign off by competitors = no start, and no refund will be made. It is compulsory for all competitors to complete an online briefing
Does my car have to be scrutineered?	All cars will be required to submit self-scrutiny documents, with spot checks carried out at the event. In addition, all cars must be physically scrutineered, regionally, or locally
What are the rules around Recce?	Reconnaissance is PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME for all competing crews, or any person associated with them.
Do I have to do the night stages?	No, you can enter just for daylight stages, or Regularity - See item 2.3 in the event Supplementary Regulations
What does the SARC round consist of?	SARC entrants will do daylight stages only, unless they choose to add the night stages and pay the appropriate entry fee
What does the ECCRS round consist of?	ECCRS entrants will do all stages
I have heard that REGULARITY is being run again. What is it?	Combining speed with strategy, the Regularity category is a timed, competitive category. Cars must aim for an elapsed time relating to an average speed nominated by the organisers. Participants will take part in all daylight stages of the rally on Saturday, and Sunday.
How will the field be seeded?	The entire field will be seeded by the organisers as one group to start on the Friday and reassessed via prologue(s) on the Friday afternoon for the subsequent restart. This seeding will be carried out by the organisers based on resources available to them. Notwithstanding this, Regularity competitors will start at the rear of the field

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Will there be a prologue?	Yes, it is planned to run at least THREE prologues on the Friday to validate the starting order Any prologue will count towards the results
What happens if I am caught on, or with any form of Recce?	You will be referred to the event officials and may be excluded from the rally. No refund will be made.
What happens if I am caught with any form of pace notes in the car?	You should start the event without any written notes in your road book. If notes are made on the first pass of any stage, of course that is ok to refer to them on subsequent passes. Start clean, drive to what you can see. Refer to the Event Supplementary Regulations, page 12, item 2.6.1 Don't risk it - You could be referred to the event officials and may be excluded from the rally. No refund will be made.
Can I be near another competitor's team at the Service Park?	Maybe. A Service Park layout will be published, based on positioning in 2023. BETH BAILLIE is the Chief Official at the Service Park. Notify her of any such requirements on 0452 462 011 and she will do her best to accommodate you. Also refer to the layout in the Rally Guide, and do it early
Will there be parking for trailers in the Service Park?	No, but an area for trailers will be provided. All Trailers must be placed there
Can I refuel in the service park?	NO – all refueling must be done elsewhere. Fuel is available at the Service Stations in town. This may change according to circumstances at the time, and a remote refuel may be established
Will there be any tyre trucks in the Service Park?	Yes. SA MotorSport Tyres are planning to be there. See Rally Guide for details. Contact Mark Povey 0409 288 380.
Are Trucks allowed in the Service Park?	A minimum number of trucks can be catered for. Unless previously arranged and approved, servicing is to be via light vehicles only – Ute or Van. DO NOT ASSUME anything , if in doubt, check with Beth
How many people can I bring into the service park as part of my team?	A total of 8 people from your team are allowed. This includes the Driver, Co-Driver, and service crew members. This may change pending circumstances at the time. Don't forget the requirement to provide a volunteer for a road closure
Will there be food at the Service Park?	No – please use the Town traders wherever possible. There will be an arranged breakfast, organised by the Burra Community School. It will be a vital contributor to raising funds. Please be sure to have everyone attend and contribute
Do I need to order my lunch/food?	PLEASE PRE-ARRANGE ALL ORDERS with Burra outlets directly. See Rally Guide for list of options
Will vegetarian or other special food requirements be catered for?	Special dietary, vegan etc. is NOT catered for directly, so you will need to BYO. Notwithstanding that, local outlets may well be able to assist.
Will I have a road card, and will I have to hand it to control officials?	The event will be using RallySafe for all timing and check-ins. A competitor record card for you to take notes and record your own details will be provided in the rally box. You will never have to hand it to control officials

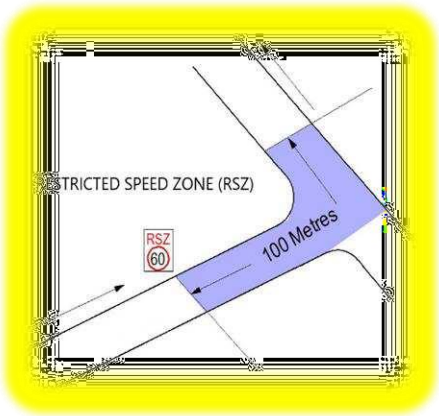
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What official timing is used?	100% of the event will use RallySafe and no road cards will be required to avoid person-to-person contact. All timing and messaging will be IN CAR through RallySafe.
How do I know my stage time?	RallySafe will display it automatically when you cross the flying finish line.
Do I need to stop at the finish control?	Yes, you must stop for safety reasons, and to get back into liaison mode - but not to touch or share any items with officials.
What happens if I am caught speeding during liaisons on event?	You will be referred to the event officials and may be excluded from the rally. In that case, no refunds will be made
Where is Rally HQ?	At the chapel on the corner of Paxton Square. You have no need to go there – all communication is to be strictly via the CRO (COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER – LIAM BACHE 0428 121 157).
How will communications between competitors and officials occur?	General on-event communications will be done via phone, text, and email only. Be sure to lodge all relevant email addresses and mobile phone numbers with us. Make sure they are correct before submission. SPORTITY will also be deployed – SRH24
	
Are email details required for everybody?	Yes, all stakeholders should lodge their email addresses with us. The idea is that we will send all communications to everyone on the “competitor” database so that there will always be someone on your team who receives it. Cross check often please, don’t miss out on any comms
I have seen in the regs that there are Senior and junior plate awards. What is that all about?	To qualify for the senior plate award the combined age of both crew members and the vehicle must equal or exceed 140 years. To qualify for the Junior Plate award the combined age of both crew members and the vehicle must be less than 140 years
Will there be a re-group and if so, how will that work?	Yes, there may be a few regroupings during the event. They will be kept to a minimum. You should aim to remain in your vehicle, unless necessary to be out of the car
I am from a media organisation, and I want to come to the event, how do I arrange it?	Media Credentials are essential for access and are available via Media Managers WAYNE and GERALDINE HOUGH. Call him on 0448 889 000 or her on 0431 306 015 to arrange. Media Vests and appropriate insurance will be required. NO VEST = NO ACCESS. Also, a media briefing will be mandatory to complete online
If I am excluded or withdraw during the event, can I still get a refund?	During the Event, if any Entrant is excluded or withdraws for any reason, there is no entitlement to a refund of any payments made.
Can I have any alcoholic drinks at the event?	All Motorsport Australia events require ZERO alcohol be maintained always. Authorised Testing Officers may be present, and random testing is always probable. Don’t risk it – be ZERO.

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Can anyone from my team spectate at the Event	<p>Yes, but only within SA state COVID19 guidelines applicable at the time.</p> <p>A few "official" points will be published.</p>
Am I required to provide a road closure official?	<p>YES, YOU ARE. All competitors are required to provide one person to act as road closure official for at least one stage at the event.</p> <p>This cannot be an already registered person, but someone unique to you, nominated by you</p> <p>What we are asking for is 1 "new" person to do 1 road closure on the weekend. Of course, more would be great</p> <p>A big problem for rallying right now that the pool of volunteers is shrinking, and this is our strategy to address that</p> <p>So, just a road closure, just once Friend of a friend? Family? Friends who are curious? Competitors who no longer compete?</p> <p>ROAD CLOSURE OFFICIAL Please be sure to have your nominated person put your name or team name in the special requests section of the form here: -</p> <p>https://rallysa.com.au/events/rally-of-the-heartland/officials-registration/</p>
Is it OK to use local fences as urinals anywhere??	<p>NO, of course not – DO NOT use anyone's property in this way, particularly at fuel breaks such as HALLETT.</p> <p>The reflection on the event is truly horrendous, and people are ALWAYS watching. We will attempt to put breaks where there are toilets.</p> <p>Don't be lazy – walk to the actual toilet!</p>
Is there a no wheel-spin rule and if so why?	<p>Yes, a no wheel-spin rule will apply. This rule has been put in place to conserve the roads and minimise any impact on the local community who use the roads daily. It also protects Control Officials and following cars lined up in control from flying debris. Momentary wheel slip on the initial bite is acceptable, but preferably after the out-of-control board (beige Board)</p> <p>This is part of our 'tread lightly' approach to running the event</p>
Are there rules for behaviour at the community School Oval?	<p>Yes – it's a grass surface, so please treat it with respect. 5kph MAX, no wheelspin. NO wheelspin means gentle travel always please</p> <p>Also, secure your pop ups with weights, not any kind of stake into the ground. Treat it like your home</p>

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How will the no wheel-spin start be managed for cars with launch control?	These Cars will be carefully monitored, and the start control officials will be provided with advice on how to tell between launch control and wheel-spin.
My car does not have electronic launch control, how am I affected by the no wheel-spin rule?	All our start controls are managed by experienced rally enthusiasts. If it is determined that you used excessive wheel-spin and made no effort to manage it, you will be referred to the clerk of the course and may incur a road penalty.
What do the !, !! and !!! signs mean?	<p>These are placed 100 metres prior to the caution – these are now known as the Pre-warning Board.</p> <p>! - Caution means there's a higher-than-normal probability there could be an incident. It's a "heads-up" noted in the road book only CARE</p> <p>!! - Double Caution means there's a higher-than-normal probability there could be an incident which will cause major damage to you and/or your car. Noted via Road Book and Signage. Reduction of speed is necessary CAUTION</p> <p>!!! - Triple Caution means there's a higher-than-normal probability there could be an incident that will cause major damage or worse to you and your car. Noted via Road Book and Signage. A severe reduction of speed is necessary DANGER</p>
What is the X Board for??	The X board is placed at the double or triple caution. It indicates where you should be taking care.
What is an RSZ? RESTRICTED SPEED ZONE	<p>RSZ stands for Restricted Speed Zone. This is a nominated length of road e.g. 100m, where a specified speed must not be exceeded.</p> <p>If utilised, it will be marked with RSZ START and a posted speed, e.g. 60 as shown below</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
Will the awards be available at the end of the rally?	There will be a formal podium at the PAXTON SQUARE CHAPEL
Will there be a post event function?	Yes, there will. An after Party at the PAXTON SQUARE CHAPEL is planned



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Will the roadbook be available electronically?	Yes, it will, ready to load onto a tablet for direct use. A "normal" road book will be supplied as well. Our intention is to move to electronic only for Rally Barossa in October 2024
Will there be a Drive Day?	Yes, there will. We will conduct a ride day as a fundraiser on the Friday Morning. It will involve invited crews only. Want an invite?? Just ask