



RALLY SERIES (TRE) REGULATIONS FOR 2026

1. SERIES REGULATIONS

- 1.1 These regulations shall be read in conjunction with Supplementary Regulations for events in the Series but shall take priority in areas of conflict unless determined otherwise by the TRE Co-ordinator. Any request to vary these regulations must be made in writing to the TRE Co-ordinator through the SEAC committee. These rules shall take effect from January 1st 2026 and shall apply until completion of the final round of the series, unless rescinded or amended by the SEAC executive committee
- 1.2 All events shall be run under the National Rally Code (NRC), Rally Standing Regulations National Touring Standing Regulations (NTSR) and related bulletins of Motorsport Australia.
<https://motorsport.org.au/wpblob0fe832abcb/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/1.1-2026-National-Competition-Rules-NCR.pdf>
<https://motorsport.org.au/wpblob0fe832abcb/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/7.04-2026-National-Touring-Standing-Regulations-V1-1.pdf>
- 1.3 The SEAC Committee formulates the rules for the series and reviews the conduct of events to ensure that they conform to the overall concept of the Series.
- 1.4 These rules have been compiled to provide guidelines for SEAC to maintain a uniform, fair and enjoyable Series for the competitor's benefit.

2. ROLES OF EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

- 2.1 The **Series Co-ordinator's** functions include:
 - Ensuring the series is correctly administered and meets the needs of the competitors.
 - Schedule & chair meetings as appropriate.
 - Delegate responsibility for specific tasks to appropriate members as necessary.
 - Co-ordinating the purchase of event and series trophies.
 - Providing relevant series information to media outlets and other interested parties.
- 2.2 The **Event Secretary** is responsible for the:
 - Series correspondence, minutes and agendas.
 - Communication between committee members, event organisers and Motorsport Australia

- Preparation and dissemination of Series Rules
- Administering the series funds and bank account with club Treasurer.

2.3 The **Series Scorer** is responsible for the:

- Collation of all event results.
- Maintenance of current point scores for the Series.
- Dissemination of updated scores after each event.

3. **EVENTS**

3.1 The 2026 Series shall consist of at least four (4) or more completed events, which may include Road Rallies, Special Stage Rallies or Rallysprints.

3.2 Road Rallies:

- All Competitive sections utilising open roads shall have at least 80% navigational content.
- All transport sections of Road Rallies shall be fully route charted.
- Competitive distance of navigation in Road Rallies – is at the discretion of the Event Director. However a minimum of 100 km and a maximum of 200 km is recommended for each event.
- It is recommended that no competitive stage shall exceed 50 km in length.
- Navigation shall be of a standard suitable for all levels of competitors.
- A minimum of 60 minutes plotting time shall be allowed for all competitors prior to their start time.
- Navigation Trials shall use “Target Penalty Second” timing & scoring on all sections.
- Road Rally Events shall use “Target Penalty Second” timing, but scored to the next forward minute & may include one stage scored using “Target Penalty Second” scoring.
- SEAC Events run under the A to B format are exempt from the time penalty for late arrival from a Liaison section as described in NRSR SSR 4.3 (a) (x). However Late Time will accrue accordingly.
- Route Instructions are not to be issued until all documentation for the crew has been completed.
- Route Instructions are to be made available at least 1 hour before the first car is due to leave.
- All cautions included in the route instructions on either route chart or navigation sections must be marked with caution boards.

3.3 Rallysprints

- Shall only be conducted on private or closed roads.
- Shall be not less than 1km, or greater than 8km in length.

4. **PROTESTS**

4.1 In the event of a protest being received, the Clerk of Course shall advise all competitors within 72 hours of receipt of the protest as per Motorsport Australia Manual.

5. **CREW & GRADING**

- 5.1 Crew shall consist of up to three persons, one as the driver and one as the navigator.
- 5.2 A 3rd crew member may enter in a non-roll caged vehicle with a lap-sash belt in the middle of the back seat, only with an 'A' grade driver and only in Road Rally style events. (No points or trophies awarded to this crew member). The 3rd crew member may only enter the event with the written approval and consent of the Event Director.
- 5.3 The Series is open to all financial members of the South Eastern Automobile Club of SA Inc.
- 5.4 Series points will only be awarded to the nominated Driver and Navigator in each crew.
- 5.5 Crews will be deemed a "Novice" until two previous outright placings have been scored. The crew may elect to upgrade to "Open" grading immediately, or wait until after the end of the current Rally Series.

6. RECEIPT OF ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entry fees will be as per the event Supplementary Regulations, plus \$40 clean-up fee. The clean-up fee will be refunded to those crews, and/or a representative from that crew, who attend the Sunday morning clean-up. At the Directors discretion, crews residing greater than 75km from Mount Gambier may be exempt from attending clean up.
- 6.2 Event Secretary shall record the time and date of receipt of all entries
- 6.3 Entries will only be received upon receipt of a fully completed and paid entry.
- 6.4 In the period between the ballot and the start of the event, entries shall be accepted in order of receipt irrespective of crew grading, but will start at the rear of their respective grading group.

7. STARTING ORDER

- 7.1 Only all 'A' crews will be drawn in a ballot for the first group of cars to start, followed by a second ballot for crews comprising of an 'A' and 'B' competitor. A third ballot for all 'B' crews will determine the starting order for the remaining cars.

8. VEHICLES

- 8.1 Eligible vehicles for the Series must comply with the 2026 Technical Appendix Schedule A & B – in the Motorsport Australia Manual
<https://motorsport.org.au/wpblob0fe832abcb/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/12.04-2026-Schedule-A-V2.pdf>
<https://motorsport.org.au/wpblob0fe832abcb/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/12.05-2026-Schedule-B-V1.pdf>

- 8.2 Other cars may only be accepted subject to the discretion of the Event Director and Scrutineer.
- 8.3 Roll over protection is not mandatory but highly recommended, and must comply with at least 'Schedule J – Safety Cage Structures' in the Motorsport Australia Manual.
<https://motorsport.org.au/wpblob0fe832abcb/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/12.13-2026-Schedule-J-Safety-Cage-Structures-V2-1.pdf>
- 8.4 Any petrol powered turbocharged all-wheel-drive cars must have Motorsport Australia approved roll over protection.
- 8.5 Diesel powered cars are exempt from rule 8.4
- 8.6 A First Aid kit, 2 kg fire extinguisher, two reflective hazard triangles and an SOS/OK card must be carried in all competition vehicles at all times.

9. HELMETS

- 9.1 No person may participate in any competitive section without wearing an approved helmet to a standard listed in 'Schedule D - Apparel, Section 2.1' of the Motorsport Australia Manual. Penalty for non-compliance will be immediate exclusion from the event.
<https://motorsport.org.au/wpblob0fe832abcb/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/12.07-2026-Schedule-D-Apparel-V1.pdf>

10. CLOTHING

- 10.1 Must comply with 'Schedule D - Apparel, Section 2.3 part D' of the Motorsport Australia Manual. Both crew members must wear clothing from ankles to neck to wrists. Clothing of flammable synthetic material, such as nylon, is not acceptable.
<https://motorsport.org.au/wpblob0fe832abcb/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/12.07-2026-Schedule-D-Apparel-V1.pdf>

11. SEAT BELTS

- 11.1 Both driver and navigator must at all times, wear a Motorsport Australia approved seat belt or harness to a standard listed in 'Schedule I – Safety Harnesses and Window Nets' of the Motorsport Australia Manual. Penalty for non-compliance will be exclusion from the event.
<https://motorsport.org.au/wpblob0fe832abcb/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/12.12-2026-Schedule-I-Safety-Harnesses-and-Window-Nets-V1.pdf>

12. SCORING

12.1 Outright finishing position points are awarded toward the Series scores as follows:

Finishing position	Points
1	40
2	34
3	30
4	26
5	22
6	20
7	18
8	16
9	14
10	12
11	10
12	9
13	8
14	7
15	6
16	5
17	4
18	3
19	2
20	1

- 12.2 A competitor who undertakes the role of an Event Director or Assistant Director, or their name appears on the lead officials list of the Supplementary Regulations for that event, will be awarded 34 points, (equal to 2nd place), but only once that person has competed in at least two other events during 2026 Series.
- 12.3 Points awarded for officiating, can only be claimed for one event during the Series.
- 12.4 If the Series completes five events, competitors can only be awarded points in four, or if the Series has four completed events, then a maximum of three events count for points.
- 12.5 If intending entering all events, including officiating, competitors must nominate which event will be dropped for points. (Failure to nominate will result in no points being awarded in the last completed event) The competitor may only compete in the last event if the Director of the last event has sufficient officials & assistants.
- 12.6 If there are less than four completed events during 2026, then the first completed event in 2027 will count for both the 2026 and the 2027 Series.
- 12.7 Competitors (Driver and Navigator) are ineligible to score points and win trophies in the event that they drop.

13. TROPHIES

- 13.1 Trophies for each event will be awarded to the crews who gain 1st, 2nd and 3rd outright placings. Event trophies will also be awarded to the 1st 2WD crew and the 1st Novice crew, provided they did not gain an outright placing. 2WD or Novice crews who score an outright placing will be combined with the outright trophies. 2nd and 3rd placed 2WD & Novice event trophies will only be awarded at the discretion of the event Director.
- 13.2 The Club Trials Championship Trophies will be awarded to the driver & navigator who receive the highest points for the 2026 Trials Series.
- 13.3 Series Championship trophies may also be awarded to the highest placed 2WD crew and Novice crew.
- 13.4 Trophies, such as 'Most Improved', may be awarded only at the discretion of the Executive Committee
- 13.5 All trophies, both event and series, will be presented at the annual trophy night at the end of each season, on a date to be determined by the SEAC committee. (Unless 12.7 rule applies)

14. FURTHER REGULATIONS

- 14.1 The minimum requirements for event Further Regulations are:
- Ratification by Motorsport Australia or its representative
 - Starting number & time
 - Start, finish and main service locations
 - Transport distance
 - Number of services
 - Distance to service
 - Time allowed at each service
 - Distance service crews shall travel

15. SERIES SPONSOR

Where a Series sponsor is secured, the following are the minimum provisions that shall be made by event organisers in regard to promotion and advertising for the Series sponsor.

- Each car entered in any event in the series may carry on each front door the series sponsor sticker (Supplied). The sticker must be located at the top within the white area of the door number square.
 - The Series sponsors banner may be displayed in a prominent location at the event start.
 - Sponsors must be acknowledged in route instructions and spectator guides etc.
 - Sponsors must be acknowledged in all event promotions.

16. CREW BRIEFING

It is a requirement at each event to conduct a crew briefing. It is compulsory for both members of each crew to attend. Failure to attend this briefing is exclusion from the event. A recommended agenda for the briefing shall include:

- Thank sponsors, officials, volunteers and competitors.
- Display and explain all boards being used.
- Answer any questions
- Notify of amendments
- Identify the event Stewards.
- Remind crews of 'Clean up' details
- Advise of any issues not noted in instructions.

17. ANTI DOPING POLICY

Motorsport Australia approved its 2021 Anti-Doping Policy which came into effect on 1 January 2021.

The Motorsport Australia anti-doping policy is the new Australian National Anti-Doping Policy established by Sport Integrity Australia and can be found on the Motorsport Australia website.

All members, participants and non-participants in Motorsport are bound by these rules. This includes athletes, support personnel and employees whose employment contracts enables this.

It is important that all members understand their obligations under the new policy. Changes include a new anti-doping rule violation of retaliation, a category of athletes that is lower-level and flexibility related to sanctioning for certain levels of athletes/participants.

18. NOTES

A copy of these Series Regulations is available to all competitors and officials at the SEAC Office, or can be downloaded from the SEAC website www.seacsa.com