



2023 Motorsport Australia Queensland Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations



Tait Svenson Championship Winner 2022

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Queensland Off Road Championship (QORC)

These Regulations have been approved by the Queensland State Council of *Motorsport Australia*.
To be read in conjunction with the *Manual*.

1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 DESCRIPTION

The 2023 Queensland Off Road Championship will comprise the following long *Course Events*:

| ROUND | DATE | VENUE | ORGANISING CLUB |
|-------|----------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | 11-12 March | Milchester Motorsports Complex Charters Towers | NQORA |
| 2 | 26-27 August | Milchester Motorsports Complex Charters Towers | NQORA |
| 3 | 7-8 October | Limevale/Inglewood | SEQORRA |
| 4 | 11-12 November | Thornton/Mulgowrie | CORD |

1.2 AUTHORITY

The Championship will be held under the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices; the National Competition Rules of *Motorsport Australia*; the Off Road Standing Regulations; these Championship Regulations and such *Supplementary Regulations* as may be issued.

1.3 SPONSORS

Each organising club will state any sponsors who are specific to their *Event* in the appropriate *Supplementary Regulations*.

1.4 CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISERS

The Championship organisers will be the *Event Organising Committees* under the control of the Queensland State Council of *Motorsport Australia*.

1.5 LODGING OF ENTRIES

An *Entry* will be considered valid if it complies with the *Supplementary Regulations*. The official Queensland Championship *Entry* form fully completed (and signed) and accompanied by the required fee must be lodged with the *Event Secretary* within the period specified. It will be permissible to lodge an *Entry* by facsimile or by any other approved electronic means of communication as long as it is received before the close of entries.

1.6 ABANDONMENT

Each *Event Organiser* reserves the right to abandon, cancel, postpone, terminate, or alter an *Event* in accordance with the *NCR* and may cancel the *Event* if insufficient entries are received.

1.7 SUBSTITUTION OF EVENT

The Queensland State Council, on advice from the Queensland Off Road Advisory Panel, reserves the right to substitute an *Event* in the case of a cancellation.

1.8 RETURN OF ENTRIES

Each *Event Organiser* must specify, in the *Supplementary Regulations*, the conditions for return of *Entry* fees in the case of an *Event* cancellation or *Competitor* withdrawal.

1.9 PARENTAL CONSENT

1.9.1 If any *Competitor*, *Driver*, *Co-Driver*, *Navigator* or pit crew is under 18 years of age, it must be stated on the *Entry* form together with the signed consent of a parent or guardian. Each *Entry* form must contain provision for the address and telephone number of a consenting guardian.



1.10 AUTOMOBILE/CREW ELIGIBILITY

- 1.10.1 The *Competitor* and each crew member must hold the appropriate *Motorsport Australia Licence* and be a member of a *Motorsport Australia Affiliated Club*.
- 1.10.2 *Licence* (refer Off Road Standing Regulations), logbook and any club membership detail must be presented at scrutineering at which time logbooks may be held by the Chief Scrutineer.
- 1.10.3 With the exception of Pro, Pro-lite, Sports Lite and Extreme 2WD classes, each crew will consist of at least 2 persons, one nominated as the *Driver* and the other as the *Co-Driver* or number one *Navigator*.
- 1.10.4 Each *Competitor* must nominate on the *Entry* form the primary *Driver* and *Co-Driver/Navigator* for the purpose of allocation of championship points. Where multiple *Co-Drivers/Navigators* are used at an *Event*, the first listed on the *Entry* form will be allocated the points for that *Event*.

1.11 ENTRY FEES

The *Entry* fee will include an Off Road Levy of \$12.00 per *Entry*.

1.12 INSURANCE

- 1.12.1 The *Event Organiser* must arrange public risk insurance with *Motorsport Australia*. Personal accident insurance for all officials, *Drivers*, *Co-Drivers*, *Navigators*, and pit crew (nominated on the *Entry* form and duly signed) will be arranged with *Motorsport Australia*.

1.13 JUDGES OF FACT

- 1.13.1 The Chief Scrutineer will be deemed to be a Judge of Fact in respect of *Automobile* and equipment safety.
- 1.13.2 The Starter (and any appointed Assistant) will be deemed a Judge of Fact in respect of any starting grid procedure and false *Start*.
- 1.13.3 Each *Course* official will be deemed a Judge of Fact in respect of any deviation from the *Course*, finish line procedure, and finishing order.
- 1.13.4 Each Timekeeper will be deemed a Judge of Fact in respect of timing.

1.14 PROTESTS

Refer to the *Manual*.

1.15 ALCOHOL/ PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The consumption of alcohol or any prohibited substance by a *Driver*, *Co-Driver*, *Navigator* or team member (including pit crew) is forbidden during the course of the *Event*. Consumption of alcohol or prohibited substances by anyone in the pit, paddock and other non-public areas is forbidden until all *Competition* is concluded for each day of the *Event*. Refer to the *Manual*.

2. SAFETY

2.1 DRIVER AND NAVIGATOR SAFETY

Each competing crew member must wear apparel that complies with the *Manual*.

2.2 AUTOMOBILE SAFETY

The attention of each *Competitor* is drawn to the *Manual* in which each *Automobile* requirement is listed.

2.3 PIT AND PADDOCK SAFETY

- 2.3.1 No child under the age of 14 is permitted in the pit area.
- 2.3.2 No motorcycle is to be used in the pit or paddock or any spectator area without the express permission of the property owner and the *Event Organiser*.
- 2.3.3 Each *Competitor* will be held responsible with regard to any unauthorised person being found in their pit area.

2.4 ROAD REGISTERED AUTOMOBILES

- 2.4.1 A road registered *Automobile* must comply with each safety requirement as specified in the *Manual*.
- 2.4.2 A Queensland road registered *Automobile* must have an extension to compulsory third party insurance to compete.

2.5 REFUELLING

- 2.5.1 Any person within 2 metres of refuelling activity must wear non-flammable, neck to wrist to ankle clothing.
- 2.5.2 Refuelling must only be done in the designated refuelling area.

3. CLASSES OF AUTOMOBILES

The Championship will be divided into the following classes as per the Off Road Standing Regulations:

- 3.1 Pro Buggy
- 3.2 Pro-lite Buggy
- 3.3 Sportslite
- 3.4 Super 1650 Buggy
- 3.5 Sportsman Buggy
- 3.6 Extreme 2WD
- 3.7 Performance 2WD
- 3.8 Side x Side Turbo
- 3.9 Side x Side Sport
- 3.10 Production 4WD
- 3.11 Extreme 4WD
- 3.12 Extreme Lite

4. ADVERTISING ON AUTOMOBILES

Advertising and other signage must be in accordance with the *Manual. Supplementary Regulations* for an *Event* within the Championship may require a competing Automobile to carry and display signage as supplied by *Event*, championship or series sponsor.

5. EVENT FORMAT

- 5.1 An *Event* may be run either as one section or as multiple sections.
- 5.2 A section will be defined as any part of the race when timing ceases for a break. The field will be regrouped at the beginning of each section.
- 5.3 Where an *Event* is divided into sections, each section will be scored separately for class points. The sections may be run on different days. A crew that does not complete a section will be permitted to start in a subsequent section.

6. TIMING AND RESULTS

- 6.1 Timing will be by manual or electronic means to an accuracy of one (1) second.
- 6.2 Each score sheet will be required to clearly indicate how many sections make up the *Event* and record total time for each section for each crew.
- 6.3 Each score sheet must record total elapsed time for the determination of outright positions.
- 6.4 Each score sheet is required to indicate the names of the nominated primary *Driver* and *Co-Driver/Navigator* as well as the *Automobile* number.

7. RECONAISSANCE

- 7.1 An *Organiser* must provide the opportunity for reconnaissance of the *Course* by crews.
- 7.2 Reconnaissance may be allowed for pit crew at the discretion of the *Organiser* subject to the following conditions:
 - A road registered *Automobile* and/or race *Automobile* is eligible at the *Organiser's* discretion;
 - Each occupant must wear a seat belt/harness;
 - Each pit crew must sign a disclaimer; and
 - Parent or guardian's consent must be signed where a child under 18 is to take part in reconnaissance.

8. STARTS

- 8.1 An *Event* may include a multiple *Start* depending on track conditions. The *Start* format will be advised in *Supplementary Regulations*.
- 8.2 A prologue will determine the initial starting order. The starting order for the second and subsequent sections will be based on the outright finishing order of the preceding section. If seeding is required, it will be at the discretion of the *Organiser*.

9. POINTSCORE

- 9.1 Each crew entered in an Australian Off Road Championship *Event* held in Queensland will be awarded points for that *Event* at a co-efficient of 1.5 for both outright and class points for the Queensland Championship when they are required to complete the entire AORC race distance. Irrespective of the *Event* at which points were accrued, such points will be included in the determination of the Queensland Championship.



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- 9.2 To be eligible for Queensland Championship awards at the end of the QORC, a crew must have at least started prologue at two of the calendared QORC Rounds.
- 9.3 The *Co-Driver/Navigator* will receive the same points as the *Driver* of the *Automobile* in which they are competing for both class and outright results.
- 9.4 Each crew that starts either the prologue or the first lap will receive 10 class points and 1 outright point.

9.5 CLASS POINTS

9.5.1 Class points will be allocated equally for each section regardless of distance. To be eligible for class points a crew must complete the total distance of that section within the specified time allocated by the *Event Organiser*.

9.5.2 Class points will be awarded as follows:

| Place | 1 section | 2 sections (points per section) | 3 sections (points per section) | 4 sections (points per section) | 5 sections (points per section) |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 st | 120 | 60 | 40 | 30 | 24 |
| 2 nd | 90 | 45 | 30 | 22.5 | 18 |
| 3 rd | 72 | 36 | 24 | 18 | 14.4 |
| 4 th | 60 | 30 | 20 | 15 | 12 |
| 5 th | 48 | 24 | 16 | 12 | 9.6 |
| 6 th | 36 | 18 | 12 | 9 | 7.2 |
| 7 th | 24 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 4.8 |
| 8 th | 18 | 9 | 6 | 4.5 | 3.6 |
| 9 th | 12 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2.4 |
| 10 th | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| All other finishers | 4 | 2 | 1.5 | 1 | 0.8 |

9.5.3 When an *Event* is stopped or otherwise shortened for any reason, class points will be awarded according to the *Event* format and number of sections the leading *Automobile* has completed when the *Event* is stopped, as per the following.

9.5.3.1 When the *Event* is being run as one section:

- if less than 25% of the scheduled distance has been covered, no class points will be awarded;
- if 25% but not more than 75% of the scheduled distance has been completed, 50% of the available points will be awarded; or
- if more than 75% of the scheduled distance has been completed points will be awarded as though the scheduled distance had been covered.

9.5.3.2 When the *Event* is being run as two or more sections: points will be allocated for those sections completed, in accordance with the appropriate scale (for the number of sections scheduled as above). No points will be allocated for any section not completed or which is stopped before the scheduled time for completion.

9.6 OUTRIGHT POINTS

9.6.1 Outright points will be distributed, regardless of class, and separate to class points, according to each crew's total elapsed time for all sections after any penalties are applied.

9.6.2 To be eligible for outright points a crew must complete 100% of the race distance.

9.6.3 Outright points will be awarded as follows:

1st - 120 points; 2nd - 90 points; 3rd - 72 points; 4th - 60 points; 5th - 48 points; 6th - 36 points; 7th 24 points; 8th - 18 points; 9th - 12 points; 10th - 6 points.

The remainder of finishers each receive 4 points.

9.6.4 When an *Event* is stopped or otherwise shortened for any reason, outright points will be awarded according to the number of sections the leading *Automobile* has completed when the *Event* is stopped.

- if less than 25% of the scheduled distance has been covered, no outright points will be awarded;
- if 25% but not more than 75% of the scheduled distance has been completed, 50% of the available points will be awarded; or
- if more than 75% of the scheduled distance has been completed points will be awarded as though the scheduled distance had been covered.



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9.7 TIES

- 9.7.1 **Outright:** If two or more *Drivers* or two or more *Co-Drivers/Navigators* have accumulated equal points at the end of the QORC, the final positions will be determined by the greater number of higher outright *Event* finishing positions.
- 9.7.2 **Class:** If two or more *Drivers* or two or more *Co-Drivers/Navigators* have accumulated equal points at the end of the QORC, the final positions will be determined by the greater number of higher class section finishing positions.
- 9.7.3 If this mechanism does not determine the result, a tie will be declared.

10. OFFICIAL REGISTRAR

- 10.1 The 2023 Championship Registrar is:

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- 10.2 It is the responsibility of an *Event Organiser* to notify the Registrar of the *Final Classification* for the *Event* within 7 days of *Event* completion.

11. EVENT TROPHIES

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the organising club and these awards will be defined in *Supplementary Regulations*.
- 11.2 At the completion of each *Event*, the organising club will present trophies for that *Event*. (Completion of the *Event* means every *Automobile* has stopped racing.)
- 11.3 Trophies awarded at the *Organiser's* discretion may reflect different place getters than the official point-score according to the method of discernment.
- 11.4 It is recommended that a finishing certificate be awarded to each crew that places in the top three in their class if they do not receive a trophy.

12. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- 12.1 The award for Queensland Off Road Champion *Driver* and *Co-Driver/Navigator* only will be presented at the *Motorsport Australia* 'Evening of Champions'. Second and third positions (*Driver* and *Co-Driver/Navigator*) plus the winning *Driver* in each class will be awarded trophies which will be supplied from the Trophy Levy.

13. OTHER

13.1 WATERING OF COURSE

In order to comply with relevant Local Government requirements, where applicable, or to reduce dust and the like, it may be necessary to water the *Course* at intervals during the *Event*. Specific conditions will be detailed in the *Event Supplementary Regulations*.

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