



2026 Southern Cross Reliability Trial



Supplementary Regulations

1 Administration

1.1 Nature of the Event

The Event will be known as the Southern Cross Reliability Trial and herein referred to as the Event. This event will be a Navigational Trial and will be run under the 2026 Navigational Trial Regulations and the relevant NCR's of AASA. This event will be conducted on public roads in the NSW Riverina, NSW Southern Tablelands and the surrounding areas of NSW on

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September 2026.

- This event will comply with all NSW road laws.
- This event will also be a round of the Classic Rally Club Championship.
- All navigation will be set to keep all cars moving at sign posted speed limits or below at all times.

There will be 3 competitive categories:

- A. Pro Full map reading.
- B. Pro-Am A mix of route chart and basic map reading.
- C. Sport Full Route charted instructions.

1.2 Authority and Permit

- A. This Event will be conducted under the National Competition Rules (NCR) and Appendices of Australian Auto Sport Alliance (AASA), Navigational Trial Regulations (NTR), these Supplementary Regulations, and any Further Bulletins or Additional Information which may be issued.
- B. This Navigational Trial will be held under Australian Auto Sport Alliance Permit No – **TBA**

1.3 Promotor

The Event will be promoted by – **Southern Cross Reliability Trial** ABN: 66 872 109 863

1.4 Organising Committee

Event Director:	Jonathan Mansell	0467 632 755	
Assistant:	Tina Mansell		
Event Secretary:	Jonathan Mansell	0467 632 755	
Clerk of Course:	Jonathan Mansell	0467 632 755	AASA officials licence - OLA 10249-TL
All correspondence to:	Event Secretary	Jon Mansell	southerncrossreliabilitytrial@gmail.com

1.5 Protests

Protests, if any, must be lodged in accordance with the AASA NCR. Protests relating to the Event must be lodged within one half hour (30 minutes) of the crew booking in at the completion of the day. (Also see 2026 Navigational Trial Regulations)

1.6 Alteration, Abandonment or Termination of the Event

The Event Organisers reserve the right to abandon, postpone or stop the Event in accordance with the AASA NCR's.

1.7 Odometer check:

The survey car measured 5.00 km over the 5.0 km RMS odometer check on the Hume Highway heading north near Goulburn.

1.8 Event Format

- A. The Event will be conducted over two (2) days.
- B. The total length of the Event will be approximately 890 km on sealed and unsealed roads.
- C. There will be approximately 70 km of good quality unsealed roads across the weekend.
- D. Each Major control will have an opening time and a closing time. This will be advised in the route instructions.
- E. Each Division will include timed sections.



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2 Crews and Entries

2.1 Crew Members

- A. Crews will consist of a minimum 2 people and a maximum not more than the legal seating capacity of the vehicle entered.
- B. Each crew may nominate and enter a third crew member as a spotter.
- C. Non-participant passengers who are not officially entered in the event may or may not be covered by the AASA personal insurance policy. (Please check with AASA)

2.2 Licences

- A. It is the competitor's responsibility to make sure that any crew member who drives the vehicle during the event has a current Australian driving licence.
- B. AASA Speed licenses are not required for this event under the direction of AASA and the 2026 Navigational Trial Regulations.
- C. Junior crew members must be a minimum of 14 years of age or older to compete as a navigator.

2.3 Entries

- A. Entries open
 - a. Entries open on Saturday 8th August 2026.
 - b. Entries close on Sunday 6th September 2026.
 - c. The number of entries will be limited to 30 crews.
 - d. Reserve crews may be held in case of late cancellations.
- B. The entry fees:
 - a. 2026 entry \$440.00
 - i. Online entries completed on or after Saturday 8th August 2026 - with Deposit \$220 paid by the same date.
Balance:
2nd installment of \$220.00 paid by Sunday 6th September 2026.
 - ii. Late entries completed with full payment of \$440.00 - paid by the same date.
 - iii. Entries may be paid in full at time of submitting the entry.
- C. Entries must be made on the official on-line entry form and submitted.
 - a. An alternate entry form is available on request.
- D. Entries to be paid to:
Jonathan Mansell – Southern Cross Reliability Trial
BSB: 802-388
Acc: 100062770
Please identify payments with SCRT and drivers surname.
- E. Entry fee includes:
 - Entry for crew of 2
 - One set per car of all official maps and/or instructions
 - One set of car numbers
 - Lunch day 1 & day 2 for crew of 2
 - End of day 2 afternoon gathering for a crew of 2
 - Additional crew members are \$70.00 each
- F. Should any team withdraw or fail to attend the event, No refunds will be offered or given.
- G. Changes in the crew members and/or vehicle after the acceptance of entry will only be permitted at the discretion of the Event Secretary. Any crew and/or vehicles that are changed after the start may continue in the event but may only feature in the results at the discretion of the Clerk of Course.
- H. It is a condition of entry that the supplied car numbers are affixed to the car on the passenger side of the windscreen.
- I. Sponsor decals are to be attached in visible areas on each car. (The event may give a preferred placing instruction)
- J. Entries may be refused in accordance with the AASA NCR.

2.4 Start location and Starting order

- A. The event start on Saturday & Sunday mornings will be advised in event instructions.
- B. Saturday finish control will be at will be identified in the instructions.
- C. Sunday finish control will be at a venue in Goulburn NSW which will be identified in the instructions.
- D. The first car out on day 1 & 2 will leave no later than 8:30 am.
- E. Vehicles will start at 60 second intervals and will start in car number order within their category with
 - Pro



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- Pro-Am
- Sport
- Tour

- F. The start control will close no later than 60 minutes after the first car leaves each day
- a. Control may close earlier if all entrants have started

2.5 Registration and Briefing

- A. Registration will be done at the time listed in Section 4 of these regulations.
- B. A crew briefing will be held each day.
- C. Both members of each crew are required to attend the briefing.
- D. Samples of the various Control Boards to be used during the Event will be shown at the briefing.

3 Vehicles

3.1 Eligibility of Vehicles

- A. It is the Car Owners responsibility to ensure that the vehicle has current Full or Conditional road registration permitting its use on public roads and to ensure that it is in a road safe condition both at the start and during the Event.
- B. Electric Vehicles:
- a. EV's and Hybrids are eligible to compete in this event subject to:
- i. The Vehicle must be a Standard Production Vehicle with no modifications
- ii. The owner must supply the event director with a copy of the vehicles emergency response guide. (electronic or printed)
- iii. The owner must complete an Ev & Hybrid Production Vehicle Statement prior to any competition.

3.2 Equipment

- A. It is highly recommended that each vehicle carry a
- Fire extinguisher (firmly mounted)
 - A first aid kit
 - Warning triangles or warning cones
 - Safety vests for each occupant of the car.

3.3 Additional Equipment

- A. The use of any device that shows current location on the surface of the earth, either graphically or in data form or that gives information so that such a location can be derived is permitted in the form of a GPS system.
- a. Mobile phone apps for trip meter, speed etc and or compass are also acceptable.

3.4 Vehicle Condition

- A. All vehicles must be presented at the first day in clean and tidy condition.
- a. We understand that cars will become dusty etc during the event.

4 Schedule

- Entries open As per item 2.3 of these Supplementary Regulations
- Entries close As per item 2.3 of these Supplementary Regulations
- Event date Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September 2026.

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Event schedule will be supplied to all entrants in a separate document.

5 Controls and Observers

5.1 Controls

- A. All control boards and observations will be located on the left hand side of the road.

5.2 Observers

- A. All officials are deemed to be observers and judges of fact

6 Route Instructions



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6.1 instructions issued

- A. Pro and Pro-Am categories will be provided with all maps and instructions to complete the course.
- B. Sport and Tour category will use Route chart and Tulip instructions.
- C. For Pro & Pro-Am
 - a. A ruler and magnifying glass will be essential
 - b. A 1: 250 000 roamer will be essential.
 - c. Highlighters, pencils and any other stationary that may be required is to be supplied by each crew.

6.2 Route instructions

Will generally be in accordance with NTR – Navigational Trial Regulations. However be aware of the following clarifications.

- A. When instructed to pass a defined mapped feature you must use the closest mapped road to the described feature unless advised otherwise.
- B. You may only use the roads that are shown on the official Event maps or those that may be advised as deemed mapped roads in the route instructions.
- C. Where a distance is given for an instruction, this distance will take precedence over navigation distance on the map.

6.3 Controls

- A. There will be a Major control at the Start and End of the division.
- B. The opening and closing times of each control will be in the route instructions.
- C. All controls will be considered “Enter on Sight”
- D. Each team will be advised of the opening and closing times of each major control.
- E. Penalties will be applied for late or early arrival at each control.
- F. QR codes will be used for crews to scan and enter their team number at each control.

6.4 For all Categories

- A. All controls must be entered and exited to comply with the instructions given.
- B. Road cards will be issued to all cars at the start of each Division and each crew is responsible for their road card.
- C. Various observations are to be recorded onto the road card, such as the answers to questions and recording information from VRC boards.
- D. Questions if given will be given in order and must be recorded in the similarly numbered boxes on the road card.
- E. If the answer to a question is found missing by the setup car, an upside down VRC will be placed at that distance.
 - a. The information on this VRC board must be written in the place of the answer to the question.
- F. All observations will be found on the left hand side of the road.

6.5 Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in the event instructions will be listed on the information sheet issued at registration.

7 Scoring

7.1 Breach of Rules

A no start penalty will be imposed for non – payment of entry fee or more than 30 minutes late at the start control.

7.2 Points Penalties

- A. Failing to report to a Major Control within the nominated time, considering a 60 second penalty-free window, will result in the following penalties being applied.
 - a. 1 point for each 1 minute or part thereof late.
 - b. 2 points for each 1 minute or part thereof early.
 - c. A full timing explanation will be given with pre event information.
 - d. All timing will be done to keep competitors at or below posted speed limits.
- B. Observations:
 - a. Missing a VRC or the recording wrong information will incur a penalty of 12 points
 - b. Missing or wrong answers to questions will incur a penalty of 10 points
- C. Refer to Navigational Trial Regulations for all other points penalties.

8 Results



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- A. Penalties shall be expressed in points lost.
- B. The crew with the lowest total in each category shall be the winner of that category.
- C. In the result of a tie for place, the position will be scored as a tie.
- D. The crew with the lowest total overall shall be the outright winner of the event.

9 Awards

- A. For each category the top three (3) place finishers will receive:
 - a. Trophies for driver & navigator.
 - b. Prize money will not be awarded
- B. For any class with less than 4 entrants, only the class winners will receive trophies.
- C. Trophies will be presented at a post event time (a date yet to be decided) and all crews and officials will be advised.

10 Integrity, Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances

- A. Smoking (which includes e-cigarettes and “vaping”) and any naked flame is prohibited within 3 metres of any refueling/defueling operation.
- B. Consumption of alcohol by any competitor is prohibited until all competition is concluded each day.

11 Insurance

Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by AASA in relation to the Event. Further details can be found on the AASA website.

12 Infectious Diseases etc

Southern Cross Reliability Trial and their events will comply with all relevant NSW and AASA requirements at the time of the event running.

- A. All crews are to supply their own Hi Vis vests, hand sanitizer and any other items they may require.

13 Road Rules and Regulations

The itinerary of this Navigational Trial has been designed so that all State and Territory road rules and laws can be complied with by each crew.

Police patrols and speed cameras may be encountered along the route.

Anyone caught speeding or timed speeding will be disqualified.

