

DESERT NATIONALS 2026

Supplementary Regulations

All decisions will be referenced from the ANDRA Rulebook at Meeting Director's discretion.

DEFINITIONS:

ANDRA means: Australian National Drag Racing Association.

CADRA means: Central Australian Drag Racing Association.

ASID means: Alice Springs Inland Dragway.

Competitors and Crew must comply with ANDRA and CADRA official rules and regulations at all times while on the ASID premises.

ANDRA or CADRA/ASID Officials reserve the right to disqualify from competition and /or eject from ASID, any competitors, crew and their associates that do not comply with these regulations or official instructions.

Public Relations Release:

By entering the Event, the Entrant and Driver/Rider agree to make themselves available to any reasonable request of the Promoter during the event for any press or media exposure, and approve the use of any television footage or still photographs connected with their participation in the event.

Abandonment of Event:

CADRA/ASID reserves the right to cancel, postpone, alter or delete (without notice) meetings or events as a result of unsuitable weather conditions, natural disasters, civil disturbance, or other factors beyond their control. Should the meeting be abandoned for whatever reason prior to the commencement of eliminations, no monies or trophies will be awarded. Entry fees will be credited against the next meeting at the track or refunded at the discretion of CADRA.

Non-Acceptance of Entries: ASID/CADRA reserve the right to refuse any entry and no reason needs to be given.

Prize Money:

Prize money will be paid out accordingly to competitors in the competition sportsman brackets only. Street Car and Street Bike entrants will not be eligible for prize money.

	Round Payout 4-5 Qualifiers				Round Payout 6 or 7 Qualifiers				Round Payout 8 or More Qualifiers			
Category	Winner	Runner Up	TOTAL		Winner	Runner Up	TOTAL		Winner	Runner Up	TOTAL	
Competition	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	\$600.00	\$2,000.00		\$1,800.00	\$700.00	\$2,500.00	
Super Stock	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	\$600.00	\$2,000.00		\$1,800.00	\$700.00	\$2,500.00	
Competition Bike	\$900.00	\$300.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$500.00	\$1,700.00		\$1,500.00	\$700.00	\$2,200.00	
Supercharged Outlaw	\$900.00	\$300.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$500.00	\$1,700.00		\$1,500.00	\$700.00	\$2,200.00	
Top Sportsman	\$900.00	\$300.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$500.00	\$1,700.00		\$1,500.00	\$700.00	\$2,200.00	
Super Gas	\$700.00	\$250.00	\$950.00		\$800.00	\$350.00	\$1,150.00		\$1,100.00	\$500.00	\$1,600.00	
Modified	\$700.00	\$250.00	\$950.00		\$800.00	\$350.00	\$1,150.00		\$1,100.00	\$500.00	\$1,600.00	
Super Sedan	\$700.00	\$250.00	\$950.00		\$800.00	\$350.00	\$1,150.00		\$1,100.00	\$500.00	\$1,600.00	
Modified Bike	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$600.00		\$500.00	\$300.00	\$800.00		\$800.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	
Super Street	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$600.00		\$500.00	\$300.00	\$800.00		\$800.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	
Junior Dragster	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$275.00		\$300.00	\$125.00	\$425.00		\$400.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	
Junior Drag Bike	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$275.00		\$300.00	\$125.00	\$425.00		\$400.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	
			\$11,000.00				\$15,000.00				\$20,000.00	

Brackets: As per the ANDRA rule book plus Street Car and Street Bike.

Street Car – Vehicles slower than 12.99 secs (1/4 mile)
min requirements for protective clothing and helmets as per ANDRA rule book

Street Bike – Bikes slower than 11.99 secs (1/4 mile)
min requirements for protective clothing and helmets as per ANDRA rule book

Field Size: No minimum field sizes required for CADRA Rds. National events as per ANDRA rule book.

Licences:

Street Bike and Street Car - an ANDRA Divisional Day License (DDL) is required as per the ANDRA rulebook if no ANDRA licence is held.
For ANDRA regulated classes, refer to the current ANDRA rule book.

Scrutineering:

The ANDRA ESP Program will be in effect at the 2026 Desert Nationals. All race vehicles must undergo scrutineering prior to their first qualifying pass. All race vehicles presented for scrutineering must be race ready. All loose items to be removed from the vehicle and all items to be removed from the boot or pick up bed. All documentation and credentials, driving apparel, leathers, helmets, parachutes and other equipment as required by the ANDRA regulations for the class should be available.

ASID/CADRA makes no representation, warranties or assurances that a Safety Audit Inspection including the review of any written information will:

- a) Detect any problem with a race vehicle or a driver/rider's personal equipment or clothing
- b) Detect any problem with rule compliance, or
- c) Prevent injury, death or property damage.

The competitor agrees that the competitor bears the ultimate responsibility at all times to ensure the safety of his/her race vehicle and to ensure that they comply with all applicable ANDRA rules. The competitor also agrees that the competitor is in the best position to know about the construction and operation of the competitor's race vehicle, equipment and clothing, and whether there has been compliance with all applicable ANDRA rules. All vehicles required to report to scrutineering should be race-ready with licences, membership cards, log books, helmets, fire suits, uniforms, packed parachutes and any other equipment as required under ANDRA rules.

Drivers / Riders Briefing: A Drivers / Riders briefing will be held at the commencement of qualifying in the bottom of control tower. First time racers at ASID must attend a track orientation.

Staging Lane Allocation: Staging Lane officials, Bracket Marshals and/or Meeting Director will advise staging lane allocations during the event.

In The Hands Of The Starter: The defined point is the start-up box ahead of the staging lanes. Once a racer is called to move forward to the staging lane they must be prepared to start and race. A reasonable amount of time will be allowed to prepare for the vehicle starting procedure, however failure to start or stalling a vehicle that needs outside assistance to re-start will result in the loss of that qualifier or disqualification in the case of eliminations.

ANDRA rules apply as per current ANDRA rulebook. In order to be a legitimate race winner, a contestant's vehicle must start, stage under its own power and receive the start. This rule also applies to solo runs.

A reasonable amount of time will be allowed for Driver/ Rider to stage, with that determination being at the sole and absolute discretion of The Starter. Failure to stage upon The Starter's instructions is possible grounds for disqualification. If a competitor has failed to stage within twenty (20) seconds for Group 3 and Group 4, or seven (7) seconds for Group 1 and Group 2 of his or her opponent being permitted to do so, then that competitor may be adjudged to be "sandbagging", and The Starter may initiate the starting sequence, at their discretion. Where a venue utilises the auto-start system the staging timer is only activated where one competitor is in Full Stage and the other in pre-Stage.

Burnouts: Non-slick vehicles must not cross the red line whilst doing a burn out.

Static burnouts are not permitted anywhere on the venue except on the designated burnout pad.

Qualifying: All competitors are required to take part in at least one qualifying session. Competitors not completing a qualifying pass may be seeded at the bottom of the field subject to bracket size at the discretion of the Meeting Director. The Starter has the authority to allocate lane use during qualifying.

Top Qualifier: If uneven field numbers, the Top Qualifier will get a bye in the first round.

Seeding: Seeding will take place 15 minutes after the close of qualifying for that bracket. Once a field has been seeded and the competitors notified, there cannot be any changes. ANDRA rules on seeding, allocation of byes will be observed. Bye runs will be allocated in accordance with the appropriate ANDRA seeding procedure.

Lane Choice: In the first round of racing lane choice will go to the competitor in each pairing with the higher qualifying position.

For Subsequent rounds:

Group One: Lower ET from previous round.

Group Two: In order of, furthest under then closest to ANDRA Class Handicap/Index

Group Three: Lower dial-in, if both have the same dial-in the higher qualifier will have lane choice.

Competition: competitors must front in a timely manner to the staging lanes when their bracket is due.

Chicago Shootout:(Round Robin)

As per current ANDRA rule book.

Competition Numbers: All race vehicles must display their competition class and number as required by ANDRA Regulations.

Dial Ins: Dial-ins should be clearly marked on left sides of the vehicle, and may not be altered once the vehicle is in the hands of the Starter.

Dial-In Display: Display boards are located above the Starter Hut. It is the responsibility of the driver or crew to check that the dial-in is correct before the commencement of the burnout. Once the burnout has been started no changes will be made to the dial-in.

Tow Vehicles/Crew: All persons in each tow vehicle must remain inside the confines of the vehicle whilst moving. Standing up in the rear of utilities, trucks and other like vehicles is not permitted.

Any persons without the appropriate restricted area pass must remain inside the vehicle's passenger compartment while in the Restricted Areas (hot zone). Competitors are requested to limit the number of people in the tow car.

Tow vehicles should proceed to the pick-up point along the return road. Tow vehicles must give way to race vehicles or race vehicles under tow when on their to pick up a race vehicle. Race vehicles have the right of way at all times.

Junior Crew: As per current ANDRA rule book.

On Track Breakages: Any competitor who aborts a run due to breakage or suspected equipment failure must pull over to the side of the laned stop as soon as safely possible to minimise the loss of time due to oil downs or track damage.

Aborted Runs: Competitors should be aware that in the instance of an aborted run, the finish line track safety crew will signal you to exit at the finish line gates. Please be aware that there could be crew entering the race track to assist your exit.

Braking Area Right of Way: Vehicles in the left lane have right of way at the turn unless otherwise directed by a track official in the braking area.

Password – To show that you have read these, please say "Drag Racing is Awesome" upon sign-in.

Traction Compound: The use of personal traction compound is not permitted

Trailers: Open trailers must be parked in the area provided as soon as the vehicle and equipment are unloaded. Fully enclosed workshop style trailers

and purpose built ramp trucks/buses will be permitted into the Pit Area at the Organiser's discretion.

Warm Up Procedure: Any time a vehicle is running in the Pit Area, ANDRA regulations covering this area must be observed.

Test Runs / Launches: Anyone caught doing test runs or test launches or using/travelling at excessive speed anywhere other than on the designated racing surface will be disqualified from the event.

Oil Filters: All "screw on" type oil filters must be fitted with a retaining device to prevent them coming loose.

Air-cons: to be turned off in staging lanes

Windows: Windows are to be wound up on all vehicles before racing.

Speed Limit: Return Road speed limit is 40 kph. The return road in front of the spectator's area and the pits is 10 kph.

Minibikes / Paddock Conveyances: Children under the age of 16 are forbidden to drive or ride any motorised vehicle apart from Junior Dragsters for which they are properly licensed. Other than cars recognised as track, tender, service, official or race vehicles, only full size two or four wheel motorcycles capable of civil registration or golf buggies will be permitted into any areas of the venue. All vehicles must have operational head and tail light and an audible warning device. The use of "pocket" bikes, non-motorized scooters or other motorized, wheeled devices is prohibited.

Wristbands: Once issued by a CADRA/ASID registration official, wristbands must not be tampered with and if deliberately removed the bearer forfeits all entitlements. Wristbands cannot be retained for the purpose of reuse at a subsequent event. Should such activity be witnessed or reported the bearer and associated competitor and crewmembers will be disqualified from the event.

To enable a damaged wristband to be replaced, the original bearer must present the damaged wristband to CADRA/ASID registration officials. A replacement will not be issued without presentation of the original damaged wristband. All replacements remain at the discretion of the CADRA/ASID registration officials.

Whilst a day's event is still underway, wristbands must be removed before any alcohol is consumed.

Uniforms / Team Presentation: All racing and tender vehicles must be of neat appearance. The CADRA/ASID reserve the right to refuse the participation of any vehicle or crew member deemed to be of unacceptable standard of presentation.

Power: Power is limited in the pits. Competitors should bring their own generators if they require power, any extension cords must be tagged, in good condition and must not cross roads.

Shade Structures:

DO NOT drive pegs or stakes or otherwise make holes in any sealed surfaces at the ASID facility, weights are available around the pits but in limited supply.

Alcoholic Beverages/Glass For Competitors: ASID is a licensed venue under NT Liquor Licensing regulations. During competition, the consumption of alcohol is permitted in the spectator area only. Alcohol is not permitted in the Pit/Paddock or restricted areas of the track during competition. Competitors, Crews and Officials must not consume alcoholic beverages during the meeting, CADRA & ANDRA enforces a zero alcohol level. Immediate disqualification for a period of up to twelve months could result. Prohibited drugs should not be consumed at any time, unless under the supervision of a medical practitioner aware of motor racing participation.

No glass containers (stubbies, bottles, jars etc) are permitted in the Complex area at any time.

Alcohol must remain stored in a non-competition vehicle until ALL racing is finished and the day's event is completed.

Alcohol is not to be consumed in the Pit Paddock until ALL racing is finished and the day's event is completed.

Social Media: ASID & CADRA encourages participation in online social media in a positive manner with freedom of expression. The accessible nature of the Internet however, can lend itself to the posting of threatening and derogatory material in the heat of the moment. Once your thoughts and comments are published to the Internet they are visible to the world - and they are permanent. ASID & CADRA takes all cases of threatening and derogatory behaviour seriously and will treat online matters as it would 'real world' bullying. Instances of posts not in the best interest will be dealt with in an appropriate manner. Serious consequences including a loss of racing privileges may be enforced for those who participate in bringing the ASID & CADRA and its participants into disrepute.

Video Footage: All video footage whether from the track or race crews is for promotional purposes only and will not be used as adjudication for rule interpretation.

All broadcast rights over ASID events including but not limited to terrestrial, satellite, cable television, virtual advertising and multimedia rights where the Internet or any other method are held by CADRA & ASID.

Animals/Pets: Other than registered Guide Dogs accompanying a disabled person, no animals/pets are permitted at ASID on any race day or motor sporting type event. Both the animal and the animal handler/owner will be subject to immediate removal from the ASID venue.

Fireworks: Fireworks are prohibited, unless initiated by licensed practitioners contracted by CADRA/ASID. Discharge of fireworks by any competitor or their crew will result in immediate disqualification and removal from ASID and may be banned from any further events at ASID.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

ASID occupies environmentally sensitive land that recharges the Alice Springs Town Water Aquifer.

As a condition of racing the NT Government has restrictions on ASID to protect the water supply.

No bulk Fuel & Oils brought on to the site.

Disposal of any fuels, oils, or other liquid / water contaminants at ASID is Strictly Prohibited.

Immediately report all liquid spills to ASID Officials to help assist in your cleanup actions.