



# 2026 NSW EAST COAST SIDE X SIDE CHALLENGE

Hosted by the Central North Coast Sporting Car Club

**13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

### **1. TITLE AND NATURE OF THE EVENT**

The Event is entitled the 2026 NSW East Coast Side X Side Challenge (herein after called the Event).

The Event will be conducted at Nabiac Motor Sports Complex, 485 Aerodrome Road Nabiac NSW 2312 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

This Event is a Short Course Off Road Event run over a variety of surfaces and is designed to test drivers skill and vehicle preparation. It will be conducted during daylight hours.

The 2026 NSW East Coast Side X Side Challenge is approximately 5 kms in length and the full course is approximately 150 kms, comprising of six races of 5 laps each.

Entry is limited to Motorsport Australia log booked vehicles complying with Off Road Specific Requirements Section 11 – SXS (Side X Side).

## **2. AUTHORITY AND PERMIT**

The Event will be held under the International Sporting Code of the FIA including Appendices and the National Competition Rules of Motorsport Australia, the Off Road Standing Regulations, the NSW Off Road Championship Sporting Regulations, these Supplementary Regulations and any Further Regulations which may be issued. Where these regulations differ from the Standing Regulations, these regulations will take precedence. Any final instructions that may be issued will have the same force as these regulations subject to NCR. This Event will be held in accordance with Motorsport Australia's Occupational Health and Safety Policy, Integrity Policies, Legal Policies, Risk Management Policies, Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Framework and any other relevant Policy.

The Event is authorized by MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA Permit No: 226/1502/03

## **3. EVENT PROMOTERS**

Central North Coast Sporting Car Club. PO Box 371 Taree NSW 2430

### **3.1 IMAGE RIGHTS**

All persons participating in the 2026 NSW East Coast Side X Side Challenge acknowledges that by participating in the events, they authorise the Organiser CNCSCC and its legal agents to reproduce and represent, without any form of remuneration whatsoever, their names, voices, pictures, biography, and more generally their sporting participation in the context of the 2026 NSW East Coast Side X Side Challenge, and likewise the brand(s) of their car parts and car manufacturers and sponsors, in any form, on any existing or future medium, in any format, for any publicity to the public worldwide, for any use, including for advertising and/or commercial purposes.

## **4. ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

The Organising Committee will comprise of members of the Central North Coast Sporting Car Club.

## **5. PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS**

CLERK of the COURSE	Michael Latimore	Ph. 0408 255 580
ASST CLERK of the COURSE	Scott Brown	
EVENT SECRETARY	Karina Yates	Ph. 0476 909 383
CHIEF SCRUTINEER	Darran Wright	Ph. 0408 688 383
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Rod Carter	
MEDICAL OFFICERS	FAIM	
CHIEF OF RECOVERY	Peter Sowter	
STEWARDS (Chief)	Tim Collins	

## **6. ENTRY DETAILS**

Entries are limited to 40 and acceptance will be determined, in order of Entry & Payment receipt. All entries must be made via the Motorsport Australia On Line Entry Portal and must be accompanied by the requisite entry fee.

If the Event is oversubscribed a reserve list will be created in order of entries received and if an entrant withdraws, PRIORITY will be given to those next on the reserve list.

Entries open on publication of these regulations and close at midnight Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

The fee for the 2026 East Coast Side X Side Challenge will be \$450.00.

This includes Transponder hire. If the Transponder is NOT RETURNED a \$600 charge will apply. All Transponders are to be returned when collecting Log Book.

Direct Deposit information:

BSB: 650 000

ACC: 544 435 408

Account Name: Central North Coast Sporting Car Club

Please quote your RACE VEHICLE NUMBER and DRIVERS SURNAME as reference number when paying by Direct Debit, so that payments can be accounted for. PLEASE NOTE:

Entries will not be accepted until payment and all required paperwork is received.

Payment for ALL entries must be received by the close of entries.

Refunds will be given if entrant withdraws by midnight 9/02/2026.

### **Postponed or Cancellation**

The Organiser reserves the right to postpone or stop the Event in accordance with the NCR, or to cancel the event if less than 20 entries are received by close of entries.

The Organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry in accordance with the NCR.

## **7. PASSES (WRIST BANDS):**

Wristbands will be issued to Drivers, Co-Driver, Navigators and Pit Crew with names and competition numbers on them. Wrist bands MUST be worn at all times. These passes will permit access to the Pit Area whilst racing is in progress.

Each Competitor will be allocated four (4) passes (wristbands).

Additional Navigator or Pit Crew Passes will be available at \$15.00 each

## **8. ELIGIBILITY**

### **8.1 Crew Eligibility**

Points will only be awarded once per vehicle entered, (to the nominated number 1 driver) but there may be more than one driver.

Unauthorised person/s in a race vehicle is prohibited.

Crew changes will be permitted, but only with persons already entered in the Event. Secretary's and Clerk of Course's permission is required and all paperwork must be addressed before entering vehicle.

## **8.2 Minimum Age**

Minimum Age to be in Pits is 16 as per NSW Department of Sport & Recreation rules.

(Navigators under this age may only be in pit area when they are entering/exiting vehicles).

Driver and Co-Driver Minimum 14 years of age and Navigator minimum 12 years of age (Club).

One Crew member must be at least 18 years of age and/or hold a valid civil licence.

## **8.3 Licence Requirements**

Off Road, Off Road Navigator, Off Road Junior or Off Road Junior Navigator.

Single Event licences must be purchased through Motorsport Australia prior to submitting your Entry.

## **9. DOCUMENTATION**

All competitors must bring the following documents to Event Headquarters on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 4.30pm to 8.00pm or Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 7.00am to 8.30am.

Documents to be brought to Documentation are: Motorsport Australia Vehicle Log Book, Motorsport Australia Competition Licence, Motorsport Australia Competitor Pass Book, Current Motorsport Australia Affiliated Car Club Membership, Proof of Age for under 18 years, Civil Drivers Licence where required.

All entered competitors, drivers, co-drivers, navigators and pit crew must sign the relevant disclaimers. Disclaimers need not be signed at the event if Motorsport Australia ON-LINE ENTRY is used by driver and navigator, if crew accept the conditions on the on-line by responding to the email sent to them by Motorsport Australia

Log books will be retained at Event Headquarters until the completion of competition for that vehicle.

## **10. Vehicle Eligibility**

Side X Side vehicles described in Motorsport Australia Manual under Off Road Standing Regulations Vehicle Technical Regulations Off Road – General Requirements and Specific Requirements **Part 11**.

For current specification refer to [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au) Off Road Standing Regulations.

Maximum noise emission of 95db (a) at thirty (30) metres will be measured and enforced. Any vehicle that does not and cannot comply may be excluded from the Event. This is the maximum allowed by Motorsport Australia, The Promoting Club and Mid Coast Council.

All competition vehicles must start every section of the Event with all panels and /or doors attached unless they are no longer able to be attached. The Chief Scrutineer will check all claims of damage.

Any vehicle that arrives at the start line without all their panels and/or doors attached, that has not already notified officials of damaged panels, will be sent back to attach panels and/or doors, and their time will be taken from their original scheduled starting time.

Motorsport Australia, National Registered Competition Numbers, will be given preference over all other state numbers. Refer to: [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au)

A small contrasting colour, forward facing racing number, at least 70mm high, must be fitted. This is to assist Marshals during line up.

## **11. SCRUTINY and TRIENNIAL INSPECTIONS**

### **11.1 Triennial Inspections**

A triennial inspection must have been successfully carried out within the prior three years or you must have a logbook that is less than three years old.

### **11.2 Scrutiny**

All vehicles must have a current Motorsport Australia log book and all safety apparel and be presented at scrutiny for inspection.

Scrutineering will take place at the Event on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 4:30pm to 8:00pm or Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 7:00am to 8:15am.

Please advise on Entry form which scrutineering session you will be attending.

## **12. RUNNING DETAILS**

### **12.1 Crew Briefings**

Crew Briefings will be held at Event Headquarters at 9:00 am Saturday 14/02/2026 and 8:00am Sunday 15/02/2026. It is compulsory for all competing Crew to attend and to have signed on prior to the start of each Briefing. Cases of non-attendance or late attendance will attract a monetary fine. See 16.6 for Penalty.

### **12.2 Reconnaissance**

ONLY one vehicle per entry will be allowed to reconnoitre the course at a NON-COMPETITIVE SPEED. ONLY COMPETITORS are permitted to reconnoitre the course. Pit Crew, family and sponsors are not permitted to reconnoitre the course.

Only 1 lap of the 5km Course is permitted.

Reconnaissance opens at 9:30 and closes at 9:45 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

All occupants must wear the current approved race attire and be strapped in as if for racing.

Any Competitor deemed to be driving in a manner not complying with the instructions may be excluded from the Event.

### **12.3 Observed Licence Tests (OLT's)**

OLT'S will be conducted immediately after reconnaissance over 1 lap of the course. Any Competitor requiring an OLT must organise an OLT Assessor to attend the Event. This MUST be noted on Online Entry.

### **12.4 Starting Order**

Starting order for Race 1 will be determined by a random draw at drivers briefing with the exception of any drivers requiring OLT's who will be started at the rear of the last heat.

## **13. Event - Short Course**

The Event will consist of 6 races of 5 laps of 5 kms, the surface of which is sand, gravel, dirt and natural surfaces. The Event will be conducted over two days with cars starting each race a minimum of 15 seconds apart with up to a 4 car start. The total competitive distance will be approximately 150 km.

Saturday      Race 1, 2 & 3    each 5 Laps @ 5km

Sunday        Race 4, 5 & 6    each 5 Laps @ 5km

### **13.1 Time Allowed**

The time allowed will be 35 minutes to complete each round.

Clerk of the Course can extend this time if track conditions deteriorate.

### **13.2 Restarting/Stoppages and Regrouping**

Vehicles causing heat stoppages will be restarted at the rear of the field.

Regrouping will be done after Race 1, Race 3 & Race 5.

## **14. TIMING AND START LIGHTS/FLAG**

**14.1** Timing officials will be deemed Judge of Fact of Jump Starts, Short Cutting etc. Recovery will be deemed to be Judge of Fact for Short Cutting, passing under yellow flag.

**14.2** Timing begins when the signal to start is given.

**14.3** Times to one thousandth of a second will be recorded on every lap and lap/s within the time allowed will be counted.

**14.4** A competitor's score shall be the total elapsed time for all heats, passing through all controls.

**14.5** Competitors will start each race at a minimum of 15 seconds apart with up to a 4 car start or at the Clerk of the Course's discretion depending on final entry numbers and track conditions

## **15. COMPETITION RULES**

**15.1** A vehicle that arrives to the start after its scheduled starting time will be allowed to start at the next safe time or at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, provided it does not impede the start of any other competitor. The elapsed time begins on the original schedule starting time.

**15.2** A competitor may return to the pit lane during the race through the RETURN TO PIT point. If a competitor is rejoining the race, they must do so through the START LINE ACCESS when the starter permits.

**15.3** Competition vehicles that are not road registered shall not be driven or towed on a Public Road.

**15.4** You are required to supply your own INCIDENT STATUS (OK/SOS) sign for all races.

**15.5** Smoking is not permitted in the pits, paddock or in race vehicles at any time during competition.

### **15.6 INTEGRITY**

Smoking (including e-cigarettes and vaping) and any naked flame is prohibited within 3 metres of any refuelling or defueling operation.

Motorsport Australia's National Integrity Framework and relevant Policies, including the Australian Anti-Doping Policy, Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy and the Alcohol Policy, apply to any activity sanctioned by Motorsport Australia.

Any participant including the holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of alcohol, any drug or other banned substance. In addition to any penalty imposed by Motorsport Australia, a further penalty/s may be applied by Sport Integrity Australia.

Consumption of alcohol in any Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day.

**These Supplementary Regulation serve as the required 24 hours' notice to all Competitors, Crew and Officials that testing may occur.**

## **16. PENALTIES**

- 16.1** JUMP or FALSE START – 1 minute for race at short course event All wheels must be stationary once the vehicles are under starters orders. Clerk of Course to determine if a Penalty needs to apply.
- 16.2** SHORT CUTTING or deviation from the course will be 15 minutes for the first offence; exclusion may apply for a second offence.
- 16.3** DANGEROUS DRIVING (as determined by the Stewards) – Exclusion.
- 16.4** DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE with or impeding other competitors a minimum of Five (5) minutes, at the Stewards discretion.
- 16.5** Unauthorised towing for more than 400m on any lap – up to exclusion.
- 16.6** FAILURE TO SIGN ON and ATTEND the competitors' briefings \$250.00, LATE ATTENDANCE \$100.00
- 16.7** Additional penalties may be given by the Stewards.
- 16.8** Passing under Yellow Flag. Regulation as per Off Road Standing Regulations and NCR as determined by the Stewards.

## **17. PROTESTS**

Protests must be lodged in accordance with the NCR (A Competitor Relations Officer will be available). Crews are reminded that, in accordance with the NCR, there is no right of protest or appeal against the decision of a Judge of Fact.

## **18. SAFETY**

### **18.1 Apparel;**

All Drivers and Navigators must wear helmets and apparel as per the Motorsport Australia Manual, Technical Appendix, Schedule D Off Road 1.3.

Note all crews must wear a Head and Neck Restraint that complies with FIA 8858-2010 or 8858-2002. Tethers must comply with FIA 8858-2010 or FIA 8858-2002.

### **18.2 Refuelling**

Refuelling at all times must be in accordance with the conditions as per the refuelling requirements in the Off Road Standing Regulations.

ALL REFUELING of competition vehicles during the Event, MUST BE DONE IN the Refuel area.

All persons involved in refuelling operations, or within two metres of refuelling or venting points whilst the vehicle is being refuelled, are to wear the correct attire of a minimum attire of at least shoes with non-flammable socks and clothing from wrist to neck to ankle and have the minimum fire extinguisher as set out in Technical Appendix Schedule H of the Motorsport Australia Manual.

CONTRAVENTION OF THIS RULE WILL LEAD TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EVENT COMMENCES AT THE START OF DOCUMENTATION ON FRIDAY AND ENDS AFTER THE ALLOWANCE FOR PROTEST ON SUNDAY.

**18.3 Hot Work Area**

ALL WELDING, OPEN FLAMES and GRINDING must occur in the HOT WORK AREA (OFF ROAD Standing Regulations) Any competitor who contravenes this rule will be disqualified from the competition and asked to leave the venue.

**18.4 FUEL** must comply with Schedule G of the Motorsport Australia Manual.

**18.5** All Vehicles are required to carry a minimum of 5watt radio either handheld or fixed at ALL events.

**18.6 Course Markers**

The course is marked as per the Off Road Standing Regulations for Off Road Events.

**18.7 Judges of Fact**

Control Officials/Recovery, Starter and Timekeepers will be deemed Judges of Fact with regard to whether or not a vehicle follows the prescribed course, relative order, time of arrival, direction of travel, direction of entry into controls, start procedure and jumping the start. Time keepers will be deemed Judges of fact as to whether a vehicle exceeds speed limit on reconnaissance. Recovery officials, and control officials will be deemed Judges of Fact with regard to track deviation/short cutting.

**19. PIT / PADDOCK AREA**

Refer to the Off Road Standing Regulations.

**19.1** A Pit will be in use for the duration of The Event

**19.2** Pit Crew must be wearing the minimum attire as follows - T Shirt, cargo shorts, closed in shoes.

**19.3** All Pit and Competing Crew must display their armbands on the outside of garments at all times whilst in the pit area

**19.4** All persons associated with a vehicle in pit lane must have signed on and be wearing the appropriate wristband to enter the Pits. Other than a competing crew member, no one under the age of 16 may be in the pits.

**19.5** Smoking or the consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the Pit, refuel or hot work area throughout the EVENT.

**19.6** The Pits will be clearly signed and fenced.

**19.7** Entry in and out of Pits must be via the designated entry and exit point/s.

**19.8** The maximum permitted speed is 10km/hour.

**19.9** All competing vehicles must be located in the designated Pit area during The Event and must be serviced from this area ONLY.

**19.10** Tow vehicles, trailers and transport vehicles will be allowed in the Pit area.

**19.11** During competition, any vehicle which leaves the Pits, other than to re-join the Event or to go to a designated refuelling area will be deemed to have withdrawn from the Event unless permission is sought from the Clerk of the Course.

Breaches of any of these regulations may be referred to the Stewards by way of a formal charge, which may result in a penalty.

## **20. GENERAL**

**20.1** Officials will be supplied with a wrist band or an Official Pass that is to be worn on the outer of clothing at all times.

**20.2** At the completion of the day's competition NO vehicles other than officials involved in recovery and final sweep are to be on the course.

**20.3** No persons are allowed on the course without permission of the Clerk of Course

**20.4** Vehicle testing will not be allowed on access roads or in the Paddock or in the Pit Area at any time. This may bring disqualification from The Event.

**20.5** Medical Facilities will be provided by FIRST AID INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL.

**20.6** Recovery Vehicles shall recover competition vehicles after each competitive race or at the Clerk of Course direction. Any competitor that needs to be towed by another vehicle (other than an Official Vehicle provided by the Organiser) will need permission from the Clerk of Course.

**20.7** A condition of entry is that the track can be watered at the discretion of the Promoters and no Protest will be accepted on this action, or Timing, Regrouping and Heat Order.

## **21. POINTS AND AWARDS**

### **21.1 DETERMINATION OF THE WINNER OF THIS NSWORC ROUND**

The Competitor that completes the most distance in the least time (including Penalty time) is the winner.

### **21.2 AWARDS**

Trophies will be awarded to Drivers and Navigators 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class plus

- Outright winner 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> CNCSCC Driver

## **22. INSURANCE**

Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia. Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia Insurance Handbook, available at [www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au).

## **23. CATERING**

Canteen will be open for breakfast & lunch on Saturday & Sunday.

Nabiac Hotel Courtesy Bus is Available for pickup **0428 541 242**

## **24. CAMPING /ACCOMODATION**

Please note: Anyone disobeying these regulations will be immediately removed from the property

- 24.1** Camping is permitted at CNCSCC grounds {No camping in pits}
- 24.2** Fires will be permitted {dependant on fire bands and weather conditions}
- 24.3** Hot and Cold showers are available – Please be mindful of water usage
- 24.4** Please remove your own rubbish when you leave
- 24.5** Curfew 11pm (including generators)

## 25. EVENT TIME SCHEDULE

<b>Friday</b>	Gates open	12.30pm
	Documentation	4.30pm-8.00pm
	Scrutineering	4.30pm-8.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Headquarters Opens	7:00am
	Scrutineering	7:00am-8:15am
	Documentation	7:00am-8:30am
	Officials Briefing	8:30am
	Sign on, Crew Briefing & Position Draw	9:00am
	Reconnaissance Open	9:30am
	Reconnaissance Close	9:45am
	OLT'S (if any) immediately after reconnaissance	
	Race 1 – 5 laps 5kms	10:30am
	Recovery Lunch	
	Race 2 – 5 Laps 5kms	
	Race 3 – 5 Laps 5kms	
<b>Sunday</b>	Headquarters Opens	7:00am
	Sign on and Crew Briefing	8:00am
	Race 4 – 5 Laps 5kms	8:30am
	Race 5 – 5 Laps 5kms	
	Recovery Lunch	
	Race 6 – 5 Laps 5kms	
	Presentation at Club House	

**PLEASE NOTE: Time/s may change at the Clerk of the Course's discretion.**

**PRESENTATION of AWARDS will be made on provisional results.**

**Results will be final 30 minutes after the completion of the Event so long as no protests are pending**