



2026 Kidney Kar Rally Information Manual



How to enter

To secure a position in the 2026 Kidney Kar Rally, all team principals are required to register themselves and their kars (Rally or Kruise) via fundraise.kidney.org.au/event/kidney-kar-rally/ and **make full or part payment of the \$360 Kar Registration Fee (non-refundable) & their Individual Entry Fee at the time of registering.**

Once the team principal has registered themselves and their Kar in the 2026 Kidney Kar Rally, they will be issued with a Kidney Health Australia "Authority to Fundraise" letter. All team members must be registered as an individual participant via fundraise.kidney.org.au/event/kidney-kar-rally/ and pay the Individual Entry Fee by close of entries.

Individual Entry Fees:

- Rally Kar Individual - \$1,150 per person
- Kruise Kar Individual - \$750 per person

Your Individual Entry Fee covers the following:

- Three meals a day, from the Start Dinner on the first night to the Presentation Dinner on the last night. (N.B. - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on the Lay Day is not included)
- Name badge
- Public Liability Insurance
- Two (2) door decals (to be displayed on driver and navigator doors). (N.B.: Kar numbers for door decals and front and back windows are to be supplied by the entrant.)
- Course Road Book
- First Aid support
- Kidney Kar Rally shirt
- Gear truck support
- Volunteer Officials and support staff
- RallySafe Tracking (Rally and Back Up Kars only)

In addition to the Individual Entry Fees and Kar Registration fee, each team **must fundraise a minimum of \$4,000**. Funds raised should be added to your fundraising pages and/or deposited into the Kidney Health Australia bank account on a regular basis.

No fundraising may be carried out until your "2026 Kidney Kar Rally Authority to Fundraise" letter has been issued. Anyone approaching the public for support (fundraising) must have a valid "2026 Kidney Kar Rally Authority to Fundraise" letter with their name on it.

The team fundraising totals at the close of fundraising will be used to calculate your kar's daily starting position for the rally, however you can continue to fundraise until the end of the event. Minimum Fundraising rules are strictly adhered to; any team that fails to raise the minimum amount by the **close of fundraising** may not be permitted to participate in the event.

Entry Fee Payment Options:

Registrations before 1ST April 2026 can choose from the following payment options:

- **Option 1** - Pay in full.
- **Option 2** - Pay in 4 instalments of 25% monthly (starting on date of registration) – ends 30th March 2026. The card used for the initial payment is the card that will be charged for the remaining balance.

After 1st April 2026, Entry Fees must be paid in full upon registration. Invoicing and direct debit payments are not available.

Milestone Dates:

- Entries close at 5pm AEDT on Tuesday, 30th June 2026.
- All entry and registration fees must be completed and fully paid by 5pm AEDT on Tuesday, 30th June 2026.
- Close of fundraising is 5pm on Friday, 31st July 2026.
- The number of entries may be restricted.
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry, and reasons may or may not be given.

General Information

RallySafe Tracking

We will be using a GPS-based system known as RallySafe during the Event. It is a communication device fitted to each kar which transmits hazards and incident warnings to assist with safety and to track your kar's whereabouts, even in areas where mobile phone coverage is poor or non-existent. In many areas where the Rally travels through remote parts of Australia this is the case.

This vital safety feature allows event organisers the ability to communicate with kars during the event.

- This device will allow organisers to make sure you have not become lost or dramatically off track and can communicate via text to ask if you need help.
- The device will also allow you to advise the organisers if you require emergency assistance due to an accident or illness.
- A secondary benefit is that the unit can be used as your trip meter measuring distance travelled as well as noting your kar's speed.
- Family and friends can also follow your whereabouts via the internet or mobile devices.

All Rally kars are required to have a RallySafe wiring kit fitted before scrutineering. The cost of installing and monitoring the units during the event is already included in your Individual Entry Fee. All units must be returned before the Finish presentation or if you retire early from the Rally.

Please order your wiring kit through the RallySafe website www.rallysafe.com.au before the close of entries to allow sufficient time to post the unit to you and have it installed. Kruise kars do not require RallySafe.

Rally Class Kars

The Rally Class comprises two types of sections, Transport and Kidney Rally. The Rally is conducted over public and private roads, private properties, State Forests and some National Parks. All road and traffic rules are to be adhered to with respect to speed, driving behaviour and alcohol. The Police Service has previously and will continue to prosecute offenders without hesitation.

Kruise Class Kars

A separate course is set up for the Kruise entrants, generally using sealed roads. Kruise Kars will meet up with the Rally kars at the lunch stops along the way and at the overnight stops. The organisers may include some navigation, and observation questions each day to assist with following the Kruise itinerary. Points will be awarded for correct answers to the navigation and observation clues. Kruise kars may also have the opportunity to view rally kars "on the track" at various locations. No special preparation is required for Kruise Kars, as long as they are road registered and driven in accordance with all road rules.

Compulsory Pre-Event Self-Scrutineering and Final Safety Check

A Pre-Event Self-Scrutineering Form will be made available to the principal entrant for this purpose. This form must be completed, then produced at Final Safety Check on Registration Day, to the Chief

Scrutineer. Non-compliance with this requirement will result in the loss of 20 points prior to the start of the Kidney Kar Rally.

First Aid

The Kidney Kar Rally provides a vehicle that travels with the Event, crewed by at least two (2) qualified with First Aid accreditation. This Kar is recognisable by the door sticker; "FIRST AID" and travels the full Rally route each day amongst the Rally field.

As the "FIRST AID" krew may not always be able to respond as a First Intervention Vehicle (FIV), the Organisers have identified alternate procedures where an Incident resulting in a serious injury or emergency occurs during the Rally. You will find details of these procedures in your Road Book.

Contact Details

"FIRST AID" will carry a mobile phone and a satellite phone as well as be tracked via RallySafe. Road Director will also have a Mobile Phone and a Satellite phone. Contact details will be in the Road Book.

Helping Fellow Entrants

The Kidney Kar Rally is essentially about having a great adventure and raising money for a very worthy cause. When kars travel around 4000 kms across Australia, they may experience some mechanical problems. If you see a fellow competitor on the side of the road, please stop and find out if they require any assistance. You too may need help at some stage. We all must look out for our fellow rallytives, wherever we may be.

Remember to wear your high-vis Safety Vests every time you step outside of the kar on a rally stage. Be aware of kars that may be following you and remember also to display warning triangles. Safety should be everyone's prime consideration in these circumstances.

Refueling

During the Kidney Kar Rally, designated compulsory refueling points may be marked. Your Road Book will indicate where these points are. They are compulsory and you must refuel regardless of whether you need fuel or not.

A great deal of time and effort is put into organising the refueling points, and the proprietors often need to order much more fuel than they normally carry. If only a quarter of the field refuel, it can mean a huge financial blow to some businesses, especially in the outback, let alone the damage it would do to the reputation of the Kidney Kar Rally! Do not avoid the refueling point. If you do, you may be issued a 100-point penalty.

N.B. All Official vehicles have first priority at refueling points.

Registration Day - Final Scrutineering and Safety Check

All Rally and Control Kars in the event must pass Final Scrutineering before they may start the Kidney Kar Rally. The Scrutineer will check your compulsory equipment and will have the right to spot-check the mechanical condition of any kar at any time.

At Scrutineering you must produce your vehicle's Registration Papers, Proof of Certificate of Motor Vehicle Insurance (minimum Third-Party Property) and the current Driver's Licence for all team members that intend to drive during the Event. You will also need to produce your fully completed Pre-Event Scrutineering Form before you can start the Registration process. Anyone who cannot report to Registration between the specified times must liaise with the RD well in advance.

Administration - Check In

When you arrive at each overnight stop on the Kidney Kar Rally, Organisers will use RallySafe to determine your arrival at the overnight stops. All anecdotes from the day's adventure should be shared with the MC upon arrival at the overnight stop. This procedure is to inform the Organisers that you have arrived and are accounted for.

Who's In Charge?

The Road Director is in charge of the rally. Only the Road Director can cancel or alter sections of the Rally.

Kidney Health Australia Representative

Any KHA queries or comments can be directed to the KHA Representative travelling with the Rally.

KKR Steering Committee

The purpose of the KKR Steering Committee is to resolve any issues that may arise throughout the event. Any issues that cannot be resolved satisfactorily will be escalated to the Road Director.

Other Options

There are several people whom you can contact if you need to clarify, or resolve, an issue before, during or after the Kidney Kar Rally. If you have a general enquiry about the event, any experienced Participant or Official will be more than capable of assisting you.

Name Badge

The Name Badge, which is issued at Registration, also acts as your meal ticket at every venue. You are required to always wear your name badge, especially if you wish to be fed!

N.B. As Officials need to be out on the course well before the competitors, they must be given first priority at breakfast and lunch stops.

Rally Contact Numbers

The Road Director's mobile numbers will be provided in your Road Book. Where no service is available at an overnight stop, the dinner venue's landline number will also be provided. You are required to call the Road Director if you cannot make the overnight stop; you are in an emergency situation, you are out of UHF radio range, or you will be late arriving at the overnight stop.

Driving Requirements

A large percentage of the Kidney Kar Rally is conducted on gravel roads or single lane bitumen roads which require a high degree of concentration from the Driver and Navigator to make sure you stay on the correct course. Your Road Book will contain the information you need to assist in achieving this, but you are reminded that due to the unpredictable terrain not all hazards are noted. You must exercise due caution at all times.

You are reminded that this is NOT a race and that we cater for a wide range of driving and navigating experience as well as different types of kars, both old and new. With this in mind, only drive within your experience and ability and be courteous and helpful to each other and above all else have fun.

Although this is an endurance event, the organisers set the itinerary so that everyone has the opportunity to take regular breaks from driving during the day as well as only driving during daylight hours during the normal course of the rally.

Daily Krew Briefings

It is important that at least one Krew member attends the Daily Krew Briefing each morning to hear from the Road Director about any changes to the Route Instructions contained in the Road Book.

- This may include warnings of additional roadside hazards, or
- Changes to the day's itinerary, including cancellations, etc.

Daily Alcohol Breath Testing

Testing will be carried out each morning before krews are allowed to depart. If a driver is found to be over the prescribed minimum, they will not be allowed to drive that day.

Road Safety

The Event is NOT conducted on closed roads, so you must be aware that you will be sharing the roads with other road users, some of whom may be locals who rarely encounter another vehicle on that

particular road. You may also encounter wandering stock feeding along the roadside as well as wildlife, so please be aware of these risks.

Road Rules and State Law

At no time during the Rally are you exempt from any State's Road rule or law. Every road we traverse is either open to the public or relevant landowners, and you, as a driver, are 100% responsible for your own actions. Organisers have systems and procedures in place to identify anyone exceeding the recommended safe speed or State speed limits. Fun and enjoyment can be had without speeding and putting lives and reputations at risk.

Everyone who enters the Rally will get scored because the scoring system we use forms part of the event management system. This is necessary to monitor your whereabouts and to help retrieve stranded kars within daylight hours so we can all enjoy the evenings and get a good night's rest.

Driving Tips

UHF Radio Use

Your UHF radio is one of the most useful tools available to help everyone travel safely on the rally.

- Please maintain your radio and aerial in good working order. We will conduct radio checks with you each day as you drive from the start venue.
- Every vehicle, including officials, will **use Channel 20**.
- Make sure you place the microphone back in its holder after use, so as not to block communication by jamming the talk button on.
- Use the UHF radio to warn the following kars of potential hazards such as stock, bad washouts or oncoming traffic etc. Do this with a simple message such as "oncoming red kar at 15.5 km in Rally 2 "or cattle on road at 22.6km"
- If you want to chat to another crew on transport, go up or down one channel but don't forget to return to Channel 20 at the conclusion of your chat, and before you start the next Rally section.
- If you have no radio chat, then carry out regular radio checks and repair your radio if necessary.

Safe Overtaking Protocol

As everyone travels at their own pace, it is inevitable that you will need to overtake a slower kar at some stage during the Rally.

- If you are overtaking someone other than another Rally team, then please do so with respect. You may only be driving slowly but to the other road user your kar is covered in stickers and has flashing lights and may be perceived differently. You are an ambassador for Kidney Health Australia and REPUTATION is extremely important.
- The same applies when driving past houses situated along gravel roads where there is dust; your speed and noise may be an issue for the property owner. Always GO SLOW PAST HOUSES.
- When you approach a rally kar that you may wish to pass, identify their number and call them up by asking; "kar 99, this is kar 66, can we pass when it is safe to do so, please?"
- Do NOT overtake until they respond and have indicated they are ready and that it is safe to do so.

Driving in Dust

It is inevitable that during the Rally your visibility whilst driving will be hampered by dust and as this can be very heavy you will need to exercise extra care. The following tips may help to keep everyone safe:

- It is compulsory to have each Kidney Kar fitted with an Orange Flashing Light to help following kars to see you. This light must be checked each day before you start each Rally section, and it must be operational.
- When driving in dusty conditions, never assume the route ahead is clear, especially where your sight is further impaired by a corner or a crest. Also, on rural roads vehicles may turn onto the

road between you and the kar in front, so please keep this in mind.

- Travel with your headlights on and keep as far to the left as it is safe to do so. Always keep left on crests and curves.
- If you need to stop for repairs, or to change a flat tyre, only stop when you are clear of the road and where approaching vehicles can see you. Use your safety triangles and wear your high-vis safety vest.

Gates

On the Rally you will encounter numerous gates, and it is important to treat these with caution and to always maintain respect for the correct protocol in opening and shutting gates.

The rule is:

- Always leave a Gate as you find it unless it has a pink ribbon on it which has been placed there by the Zero Kar. If you come across a Gate with a fluoro pink ribbon attached, then Gate MUST be closed before you proceed. This is the responsibility of the krew opening the Gate to also close the Gate. Do NOT ask others to open or shut the gate for you.
- If you damage a gate or fence, you must note the location and complete an incident report ASAP. Be sure to make the gate or fence stock proof before proceeding. Hand your report to the nearest Control Official.
- When approaching a gate, be especially careful as it may be shut, and another kar may be stopped. If stopping at a gate in dusty conditions the stopped kar should radio back; "kar # stopped at gate, instruction #."
- When outside your kar always watch and listen for approaching kars and look for a safe escape route.

Incident Reports

Incident Reports should be completed and handed to either an Event Official or the Road Director ASAP in certain circumstances:

- Where a Rally participant or an Official's kar damages property such as gates, fences, roadside poles, signs or buildings etc.
- Where stock or wildlife are hit and injured by a Rally participant or Official's kar.
- Any collision involving a Rally participant or Official kar with either another Rally participant or Official's kar or a member of the public's kar.
- Any collision involving a Rally participant or Official kar where a member of the public has been hit or injured.
- Any incident involving dangerous driving by Rally participants or where cases of bullying or harassment have been observed.

NB! In cases of urgency, you may use a "Smart" phone to photograph the Incident Report located in your Road Book and email it to the Road Director.

On-Course Injury Procedure

Prior to starting the Kidney Kar Rally, please familiarise yourself and your krew with the "Emergency Action Plan", which appears in your Road Book.

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RallySafe Hazard Activation

Refer to the RallySafe Manual, a copy of which is in the Road Book.

- When in a Rally section, the RallySafe unit in each kar has an option to use the “HAZARD” button if kar stops and can be used to Upgrade the Hazard to SOS if MEDICAL is required.
- Krews can downgrade Hazard where no urgent assistance is required by using the OK button.
- Should a krew activate the SOS for Medical Assistance the Safety Officer who is monitoring RallySafe Tracking from a Base will put their emergency response procedure in place to identify either FIRST AID’s location or contact 000 if Ambulance or Fire is required. The Road Director and FIRST AID will be advised of the Incident.

Next Kar on the Scene

Should you be the next kar on the scene of an accident, you will receive a HAZARD warning on your kar’s RallySafe and depending on what the screen displays it will dictate your actions.

- If the screen has a yellow background with the word HAZARD kar # and a distance in metres this may simply indicate a kar has stopped for some reason (gate or puncture etc.) or they may have had an incident but are OK.
- If the screen is RED and the words SOS are showing, you must STOP and render assistance. If the krew are OK but have forgotten to hit OK, then please make sure they downgrade the RallySafe unit to OK.
- In case the RallySafe Safety Officer has not yet responded to a HAZARD, you may have to wait several minutes for a text reply from RallySafe asking if you need medical assistance. If the RallySafe antenna is damaged in the stopped vehicle, the following vehicle can transmit a Hazard via their RallySafe unit and stay with the unit to monitor messages.
- If you do not have mobile phone coverage, stay with the injured krew and send the next kar ahead to try and get phone service to call FIRST AID or Road Director and/or 000.
- DO NOT panic, stay calm, and once Emergency Services have been contacted, stay with the injured person(s).
- There are also often other medical professionals entering the Rally or at Control Point.
- RallySafe will have details of the GPS co-ordinates of the incident and can advise Emergency Services or FIRST AID.
- Krews from a stopped kar in a Rally section are required to display their warning triangles as well as the Green OK sign (if no help is required) or alternatively the Green Cross sign. Both signs are at the back of the Road Book.

If no HAZARD has been displayed by RallySafe and no OK sign is displayed by a stopped Kidney Kar, you should stop and confirm with the krew if they are OK before proceeding.

Fundraising

Fundraising Requirements

All donations raised in accordance with a participants Authority to Fundraise are to be paid to Kidney Health Australia via either the Donation Page on fundraise.kidney.org.au or via the Direct Deposit &

Offline Donations Form Participants must send KHA a copy of the Direct Deposit & Offline Donations Form when banking funds via direct deposit.

Donations MUST be paid to Kidney Health Australia by the close of fundraising to allow KHA and the Rally Organisers to reconcile the fundraising before the Opening Dinner. Rally Entrants are encouraged to regularly review their fundraising page on the fundraising website to ensure their records match.

Any enquiries regarding a possible discrepancy should be raised with KHA. Participants are encouraged to regularly review their fundraising page on the website to ensure their records match.

Funds Raised After 30th July 2026

Any funds raised and paid onto a team's online fundraising page after the fundraising cut-off date will not be carried forward to next year's event.

Funds Raised at Start Dinner Auction

Funds raised at the Start Dinner Auction will be carried forward to the donating team's tally for the following years. These funds will be credited onto their online fundraising page once the minimum fundraising amount is raised and paid onto the team's online fundraising page.

Late Withdrawals

Should a Rally or Kruise entrant withdraw from the Kidney Kar Rally prior to Friday, 1st May 2026, 75% of Individual Entry Fees already paid may be refunded, at KHA's discretion. Prior to Tuesday, 30th June 2026, 50% of Individual Entry Fees already paid will be forfeited.

Individual Entry Fees are not refundable after Wednesday, 1st July 2026, unless the event is cancelled due to force majeure. Individual Entry Fees are not transferable to another entrant. Kar Registration Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Donations paid to Kidney Health Australia by a participant withdrawing are NOT refundable.

Forms and Correspondence

As is the case with any major event, forms must be sent from the organisers to the participants. Please complete all forms issued and email or post them back to the organisers as soon as possible. You may consider appointing a krew member to act as representative to deal with the paperwork.