

General Information

The following provides some specific details on the event with respect to how it is conducted. It describes the scoring system used in rally and transport stages and procedures to be followed by all participants.

Compulsory Scrutineering

All Rally entrants must present their kars for Compulsory Scrutineering by a certified mechanic. A Pre-Event Scrutineering Form will be made available to the principal entrant for this purpose. This form must be completed, then produced at Final Scrutineering 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.

RallySafe Tracking

All Rally Kars and Back Up Kars must have a RallySafe wiring kit installed before Scrutineering to allow a RallySafe unit to be installed at the start of 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.

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 at the lunch stops along the way and travel with the Kidney Kar Rally to 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. There are trophies for the most successful teams at the Presentation Dinner. No special preparation is required for Kruise Kars, as long as they are road registered and driven in accordance with all road rules, etc.

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 that 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 in much more fuel than they normally carry. If they order fuel for 90 kars and only 40 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 with a 100-point penalty.

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

Registration Day - Final Scrutineering and Safety Check

All Rally, Back-up 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 Insurance (CTP) and a Certificate of Motor Vehicle Insurance (minimum Third-Party Property). 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.

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.

Meals

The amount you pay to enter this event, prior to the start of the Kidney Kar Rally, will include your meals from the Start Dinner to the Presentation Dinner. All breakfasts, lunches and dinners will be catered, with the exception of the lay-day breakfast, lunch and evening meal.

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 landline number will also be provided. You are required to call 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.

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 Kidney Health Remittance advice form for offline donations.

Donations MUST be paid to Kidney Health Australia by the close of fundraising being 11:59pm on 31st August 2025, 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 Rally Entrants are encouraged to regularly review their fundraising page on the fundraising website to ensure their records match.

Funds Raised After 31st August 2025

Any funds raised and paid to KHA after the fundraising cut-off date, through donations or money raised at Auction on the Rally etc., may be carried forward to next year's Team tally, subject to the team raising their minimum fund-raising level for the next.

Late Withdrawals (after 25th June 2025)

Should a Rally Entrant, Back-Up or Kruise entrant withdraw from the Kidney Kar Rally prior to 25th June 2025 they will forfeit 50% of the Individual Registration fee already paid.

Individual Registration Fees are not refundable or transferable after close of entries 30th June 2025, unless the event is cancelled due to force majeure.

N.B. Kar Registration Fees are non-refundable or transferable.

Should a team advise KHA in writing of their withdrawal before 25th April 2025, up to 75% of Individual Registration fees may be refunded. Donations paid to Kidney Health Australia by a participant withdrawing are NOT transferable.

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 secretary to deal with the paperwork.

Scoring

Transport Sections

Transport sections are not scored. These sections are simply the travel distance from the end of one scored section to the start of the next, or to the lunch or overnight stop. Generally, transport sections are over bitumen or unsealed public roads. Kars are required to maintain their order of leaving the control point during a transport section, only overtaking stationary vehicles. This must also be maintained during lunch breaks, and whilst refueling. Queue-jumping at refueling stops and lunch breaks will incur a 20-point penalty.

Kidney Rally Sections

Each Rally Kar will start with 1000 points. All Kidney Rally sections are scored. All Rally kars will be scored by losing 1 point for every minute above or below the average time calculation, up to a maximum of 10 points plus any penalty points incurred for exceeding the maximum average speed.

If a Kidney Rally section is started and not finished, a 10-point penalty is imposed.

A kar is deemed to have completed a section if both a start and finish time has been recorded by control officials and/or RallySafe scoring, and the vehicle has reached the end section under its own power, regardless of any assistance received during the section, and before the sweep kar closes the section.

If a Kidney Rally section is not started at all, a 20-point penalty is imposed for each missed section. Entrants are required to advise the Start Control official of intention not to compete in any section.

All Kidney Rally sections have a maximum average speed of 95 kph below which the optimum time will fall. The Chief Scorer calculates the optimum average time for each Rally section at the end of each day based on the following criteria:

- The fastest 3 times will NOT be included for the purpose of calculating an average section time.
- The slowest 3 times, before the Sweep Kar closes the section, will NOT be included for the purpose of calculating an average section time.
- All kars will then be scored against the optimum time.
- Any kars that exceed the maximum average speed of 95kph will lose 5 points per kph, per section, for every kph over the maximum average, plus the number of points that have been calculated for being too fast in the scored section.

Each rally section provides its own unique set of challenges. The road surface and condition, plus the terrain changes and weather, combined with your own level of ability and experience, not forgetting also the condition of the kar, will determine your kar's average speed for the section. Under no circumstances will a suggested average speed be given. You may encounter sections, or parts of sections that even a speed of 10-20kph will be too fast.

The max average speed of 95kph is the overriding ceiling speed limit for all rally sections in the entire rally. No-one should be traveling in excess of this speed on any rally track. Please respect the road and your surroundings, and be mindful of other road users, livestock, native animals and private properties.

The Road Director and Kidney Health Australia strongly reminds all drivers that this is not a speed event, and to drive within their capabilities and according to the road rules and conditions. Any occurrence of dangerous driving will not be tolerated and offending kars will be disqualified. This is the one, and only, warning.

Official Rally Clocks

Only the Official Rally Clocks supplied to the Control Official, or the RallySafe Units are to be used for scoring purposes and no other clocks are to be used for Start and Finish recording, or average speed calculations made by krews.

Time Controls

On arrival at a Start Control, the Control Official shall provide a start time, which will be recorded on the Official's Control Card and the Navigator will record on the Krew's Road Card. The Start Control Official will give the Krew a 10-second countdown as per the RallySafe unit time in each kar.

If your kar is delayed or not able to start a section, for whatever reason, the Start Control Official must be notified as soon as possible, to avoid sending Sweep Kars out to search for you!

End of Section

At the end of a section the Krew's Navigator will record, on their Road Card, the time displayed on the RallySafe unit at the point of crossing the "T" marker board. The RallySafe unit will also record the time via the GPS Lock capability.

Secret Control

A "Secret Control" may, or may not, be the premature end of a Kidney Rally section. As the name suggests, there is no notice or warning of a secret control, which is designed to catch crews trying to speed unnecessarily, with the intent to manipulate average speed by losing time toward the end of a section. Given that the idea is to keep secret controls a secret, it is in your best interest to not give other krews an advantage! Therefore, Secret Controls should not be mentioned on UHF radios – remember Official's ears are everywhere!! Penalties apply to those competitors breaking this rule.

Scoring System

The RD, utilising the capabilities of RallySafe and the Road Cards, is committed to delivering stated levels of service in return for krews following the procedures correctly. Any Time Lost Claims and Result Query forms must be handed over, together with the day's Road Card to the Control Official at the End Control at day's end, or the MC.

Scoring Method

- Points cannot be won, only lost.
- For each section, the average time of all kars from the full field, (rounded up or down) to the nearest whole minute is used to find the "optimum average time" for the section. Any of these kars travelling at speeds at or above the Maximum average, will be excluded from the calculation.
- The fastest 3 kars that complete the stage within the maximum average, together with the slowest 3 kars that complete the section before the Sweep closes the section, will NOT be included in the calculation of the optimum average time. The calculation will be subject to the RD's discretion should there be an insufficient number of eligible times.
- The optimum time is then compared to each krew's time taken to complete the section and points deducted for going faster or slower than the optimum time. For example, if the optimum time for a section is 55 minutes and a kar takes 53 minutes to complete the section the penalty is 2 points for being too fast. Similarly, if another kar takes 57 minutes to complete the section 2 points are deducted for being slower than the optimum time. Should a kar break-down during a Rally section, the krew can only lose a maximum of 10 points for that Rally section not completed. NB! The Finish time in hours, minutes and seconds is recorded and the Official Scorer will calculate the finish time to the nearest minute. A time recorded as x hour, xx minute, xx seconds will be rounded up to the next minute!
- Should a Rally section be closed by the RD, either prior to any kars commencing the section, or once a number of kars have commenced the section (e.g. in the event of deteriorating track conditions), then the section will be cancelled and all kars competing in that section will receive a zero penalty, regardless of any kars having commenced the section.

Time Lost Claim Forms

The Time Lost Claim system is designed to streamline the process of dealing with claims for time lost due to being held up by bogged kars or assisting fellow krews in trouble, helping in an accident or similar instances beyond the control of the Kidney Rally krew. Lost time cannot be claimed by a kar for being bogged or assisted.

The Time Lost Claim Form can be found in the Road Book. The procedure for completing and lodging a Time Lost Claim is as follows:

1. Time Lost claims shall only be made on the prescribed form in the Road Book. Additional forms may be obtained from RD at the end of each day.
2. Time Lost Claim forms shall be lodged with the Control Official at the End Control at day's end, or the MC, duly completed with the amount of time being claimed. The assisted krew, attending official or witness at the scene of the delay, should also sign the Claim Form. Remember that claims for time can often have a negative impact on a crew's score, so think very carefully before submitting a claim.
3. The Chief Scorer's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The Chief Scorer will amend scores, on instructions from the RD only, and will not respond to enquiries or requests from any other source. Penalties apply to claims that prove false upon investigation.

Results Query Form

The results Query system is designed to provide krews the opportunity to query Provisional Results. A query shall only be made on the prescribed form in the Road Book and may be lodged up to 9.00am on the day following the posting of Provisional Results. The Results Query form is to be used solely for the purpose of lodging a query regarding discrepancies in start and stop times.

Remember

The Kidney Kar Rally is not a competition event, nor is it considered as motorsport, so all participants must act in accordance with all Australian state and federal laws and the Kidney Kar Rally Code of Conduct at all times. Remember, you are seen as ambassadors for Kidney Health Australia.