

2026 Kidney Kar Rally Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Cost of Entry to the Kidney Kar Rally?

The Cost of Entry is made up of two components, a Kar Registration Fee (for the vehicle), plus an Individual Entry Fee (for each Participant).

The Cost of Entry for Kars are:

The Kar and Team Principal Individual registration form and fee are combined:

- Rally Kar Registration Fee (\$360) + Rally Team Principal (\$1,150) = \$1,510
- Kruise Kar Registration Fee (\$360) + Kruise Team Principal (\$750) = \$1,110

The Cost of Entry for Individuals are:

- Rally Participant Individual Entry Fee \$1,150 per person
- Kruise Participant Individual Entry Fee \$750 per person

Entry Fees covers all meals (apart from the lay day), t-shirt, name badge, photos, entertainment, car decals, trophies, a gear truck and first aid support. Individual Entry Fees are not transferable to another entrant. Kar Registration Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

What are the payment options for Entry Fees?

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. 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.

Is there a minimum fundraising amount needed to be raised in order to take part?

Yes! All Teams are required to raise a minimum of \$4,000 per kar in addition to their registration fees. 50% is due by 30th April 2026, with the final 50% due by 31st July 2026.

Where do we stay?

The Kidney Kar Rally stops at a variety of towns, large and small, along the way. Accommodation depends on what is available in each town. The event organisers will provide entrants with a guide of accommodation for each town, and it is up to each entrant to organise and pay for their own accommodation.

How far do we drive each day?

Some days require more distance to be travelled than others. We set off early in the morning and usually wrap up in the mid-afternoon giving people time to relax or carry out any vehicle repairs.

How hard is the Rally?

This is not a race. Participants drive according to the conditions while at all times abiding by all state road rules.

Can we take passengers?

All Rally teams must have a minimum number of two people - a driver and a co-driver and yes extra passengers can be entered, subject to your car's seating capability. Passengers in the Rally Kar must be 16 years or over, with written permission from a parent or guardian, in order to participate in the event.

Children under 16 may participate in a Kruise Kar subject to written permission from a parent or guardian.

Kruise kars may have a single occupant in the kar, however, it is highly recommended that there be a minimum of two occupants.

Is there a referral incentive?

Should you refer someone to the Kidney Kar Rally who enters a vehicle in either the Rally or Kruise classes before 30th June 2026, you will receive a "Bonus 500" which will add 500 points to your fundraising total.

What happens if I break down?

The event provides official sweep vehicles that follow the course to, not only keep track of everyone's whereabouts, but also assist if you break down. No one is left behind each day and if you need to take a day or so off to get your kar repaired you can catch up and re-join the Rally at any time.

Since 2019, the Kidney Kar Rally has worked with RallySafe to follow each Rally Kar's progress via GPS to look after your safety and track your whereabouts.

Can Donations be transferred between Kars/Teams?

No, once a donation has been made it, cannot be transferred to another kar or team. There are a number of reasons why:

1. Minimum Fundraising Commitment

Each team agrees to raise a minimum of **\$4,000** as a condition of participating in the Rally. Allowing donations to be transferred between teams would undermine this requirement because a team could meet their minimum without actually fundraising, a donation intended for Kar A could be redirected to Kar B without transparency or the donor's permission and it creates issues around fairness between teams. Therefore, minimum commitments must reflect each teams own fundraising efforts.

2. Donor Intent & Legal Requirements

When a donor supports a specific kar, their donation record, receipt, and fund allocation is tied to that kar, and we are legally and ethically bound to honour this intent. To move a donation after the fact, we would need to seek the donor's permission, reverse the donation, as well as cancel and re-issue receipts. This is why transfers cannot be done "quietly" or without process.

3. Technical & Integration Constraints

The online platform we used for the Kidney Kar Rally (Funraisin) is integrated with both our records management and finance systems, so donation records flow through to participant and donor profiles, accounting codes, reconciliation of reports and budgets. Moving donations (e.g., changing which kar receives the credit) breaks data integrity, financial reconciliation, reporting accuracy, and the automated integration of the systems. There is no way to simply "adjust a total" without the change cascading through multiple systems.

Every donation must match the donor's receipt, our accounting ledgers and specific allocation codes. This requires full reversals, not cosmetic changes, and would create substantial paperwork and risk.

Therefore, formal reversal processes cannot be bypassed.

Kar Requirements

Do I need to insure my kar?

Yes! All kars must be registered, insured and roadworthy as prescribed by Australian Laws. All vehicles must have Third Party Property Insurance as a minimum and will be checked to confirm eligibility.

Is my kar eligible to be part of the Kidney Kar Rally?

Any fully registered, insured and road-worthy vehicle is able to enter and participate in the Kidney Kar Rally.

What is a Kruise Kar?

If you're new to the rally or a novice driver, and want to come along for the ride, camaraderie and cause, you can register your everyday kar as a Kruise Kar. These kars stay on the better roads, bitumen where possible and generally drive in a convoy with other Kruise Kars, meeting up with everyone for meals and overnight stops. Kruise Kars do not travel through the rally course.

What vehicle equipment do I need for a Kidney Kar Rally kar?

Compulsory items:

- A minimum of five litres of drinking water.
- Fire extinguisher (needs to meet with Australian Standards) easily accessible and firmly mounted. No more than 5 years old or at least checked and certified within that time.
- A tripmeter (rally computer) that reads to one-hundredth of a kilometre e.g. Halda, Terratrip or similar. (GPS Apps may also be used if required).
- A RallySafe wiring and antenna kit (available to purchase).
- A good quality Snatchem Strap (not tow rope or chain).
- D-shackles (rated equal to 3½ tonne) are compulsory when using Snatchem straps.
- Securely mounted front tow point in case of breakdowns. Must not protrude from the front of the vehicle.
- Securely mounted (safety rated) rear towing point.
- Mud flaps or stout material for each driving wheel (mud flaps must be at least 100mm off the ground when vehicle is fully loaded).
- If your vehicle cannot cover 400kms between fuel stops under rally conditions, sufficient fuel must be carried in one or more 20-litre fuel containers (meeting with Australian Standards).
- UHF Radio. Fitted and in working order at all times.
- A large amber <u>rotating</u> light (approx 55 watt), on the roof of the vehicle, for use in dusty conditions. Must be unobstructed and easily visible from the rear (strobe lights will not be allowed under any circumstances).
- High-vis safety vest for each krew member.
- Seat belts must be securely fitted to the vehicle for each krew member and worn at all times.
- A blue triangle sticker locating the battery position (approximately 50mm).
- First Aid Kit which must meets Australian standards.
- Two reflective triangles.
- De-ditching shovel. Safely stored.
- Laminated windscreen.
- A reliable watch/clock.

- A space of at least 800mm x 450mm must be kept clear on each front door, or an area approved by the organisers, for the official door decals supplied by Kidney Health Australia. *No decals of any other event are to be displayed on Kidney Kar Rally vehicles*.
- Garbage bags for rubbish.
- Minimum Third-Party Property (Vehicle) Insurance.
- All Cargo secured within the kar.

Highly Recommended:

- Sump guard for under-body protection.
- A centrally mounted tow ball for the front of the vehicle in case of breakdowns. Must not
 protrude from the front of the vehicle, hence the tongue & ball may be unbolted and stored in
 the boot.
- Full harness seat belts.
- A properly fitted 4-point roll cage may be used should you feel, it will increase the safety aspect of your vehicle.

What vehicle equipment do I need to be a Kruise or Official Kar?

Compulsory items for Kruise kars:

- A minimum five litres of drinking water.
- High-vis safety vest for each member.
- Access to Google Maps.
- A space of at least 800mm x 450mm must be kept clear on each front door, or an area approved by the organisers, for the official door decals supplied by Kidney Health Australia. *No decals of any other event are to be displayed on Kidney Kar Rally vehicles.*
- Minimum Third-Party Property (Vehicle) insurance.

Highly recommended:

- Fire extinguisher (needs to meet with Australian Standards) easily accessible and firmly mounted. No more than 5 years old or at least checked and certified within that time.
- UHF Radio. Either hand-held or fitted, and in working order.
- First Aid Kit which must meet Australian standards.
- Speedo, trip meter or GPS capability that reads to at least one-tenth of a kilometre.

Compulsory items for Officials kars:

- A minimum five litres of drinking water.
- Fire extinguisher (needs to meet with Australian Standards) easily accessible and firmly mounted. No more than 5 years old or at least checked and certified within that time.
- A Snatchem strap (not tow rope or chain).
- D-shackles (rated equal to 3½ tonne) are compulsory when using Snatchem straps.
- De-ditching shovel.
- UHF Radio. Fitted and in working order.
- Large amber rotating light (approx. 75 watt) on the roof of the vehicle (must be unobstructed and easily visible from the rear).
- High-vis safety vest for each member.

- A space of at least 800mm x 450mm must be kept clear on each front door, or an area approved by the organisers, for the official door decals supplied by Kidney Health Australia. *No decals of any other event are to be displayed on Kidney Kar Rally vehicles*.
- First Aid Kit which must meet Australian standards.
- Speedo, or trip meter that reads to at least one-tenth of a kilometre.
- Minimum Third-Party Property (Vehicle) insurance.

Highly recommended:

- Rally computers e.g. Halda or Terratrip, that read to one-hundredth of a kilometre, are optional. GPS Apps may be used if required.
- Sufficient fuel should be carried to cover at least 400kms. A 20-litre fuel container (meeting with Australian Standards).