

# ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE

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## RALLY GUIDE

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## 1 Introduction / Welcome

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The world's ultimate desert rally, the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge is set to return for its 32th edition in 2023 and is once again set to push participants to their physical and mental limits over some of the toughest yet most dramatic scenery the world has to offer. No other rally pits competitors against such demanding terrain – wave after wave of some of the world's most spectacular sand dunes – yet simultaneously takes in five-star luxury in the form of the stunning hotel that is located right in the middle of the Rhub al Khali (Empty Quarter) desert and acts as the race's base, and the dynamic, cutting-edge capital of the UAE, Abu Dhabi.

Now returning for its 32nd running for Auto's and 28th for Moto's, the Desert Challenge is once again being held across the emirate of Abu Dhabi, from the 25th February till 3rd March 2023, with spectators able to enjoy unrivalled access to the action in several breath-taking settings with dedicated, easy-to-access viewing points in the beautiful desert of the Western Region of Al Gharbia.

As in recent years, the race bivouac will again be located adjacent to the magnificent Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara. This venue provides a unique contrast between the harshness of endurance rallying and the supreme luxury of the amazing five-star resort, while simultaneously focusing the eyes of the world on Al Gharbia. This year's rally serves as a round of the FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship, and the FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies. Registration is open until the 18th of February 2023 to competitors driving cars and trucks complying with FIA T1, T2, T3, T4 and T5 technical regulations, and motorcycles and quads running under the auspices of the FIM.

The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge is held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Ruler's Representative in the Western Region, and organised by the EMSO with the backing of several major sponsors.

## 2 Past Winners

AUTO			
YEAR	DRIVER	CO-DRIVER	VEHICLE
2022	Stephane Peterhansel	Edouard Boulanger	Audi RS Q E-TRON
2021	Nasser Al Attiyah	Mathieu Baumel	Toyota Hilux
2019	Stephane Peterhansel	Andrea Peterhansel	Mini John Cooper Works
2018	Martin Prokop	David Pabiska	Ford F-150 Evo
2017	Sheikh Khaled Al Qassimi	Khalid Alkendi	Peugeot 3008 DKR
2016	Nasser Al Attiyah	Mathieu Baumel	Toyota Hilux
2015	Vladimir Vasilyev	Konstantin Zhilstov	MINI All4 Racing
2014	Vladimir Vasilyev	Konstantin Zhilstov	MINI All4 Racing
2013	Nani Roma	Michel Perin	MINI All4 Racing
2012	Jean-Louis Schlesser	Konstantin Zhilstov	Schlesser Buggy
2011	Stéphane Peterhansel	Jean Paul Cottret	MINI All4 Racing
2010	Leonid Novitskiy	Andreas Schulz	BMW X3
2009	Guerlain Chicherit	Tina Thorner	BMW X3
2008	Nasser Al Attiyah	Tina Thorner	BMW X3
2007	Stéphane Peterhansel	Jean Paul Cottret	Mitsubishi Evo
2006	Luc Alphand	Gilles Picard	Mitsubishi Evo
2005	Stéphane Peterhansel	Jean Paul Cottret	Mitsubishi Evo
2004	Hiroshi Masuoka	Andreas Schulz	Mitsubishi Pajero
2003	Stéphane Peterhansel	Jean Paul Cottret	Mitsubishi Pajero

2002	Stéphane Peterhansel	Jean Paul Cottret	Mitsubishi Pajero
2001	Jean-Louis Schlesser	Henri Magne	Schlesser Megane
2000	Jean-Louis Schlesser	Jean-Marie Lurquin	Schlesser Renault
1999	Jean-Louis Schlesser	Henri Magne	Schlesser Renault
1998	Jean Pierre Fontenay	Gilles Picard	Mitsubishi Pajero
1997	Ari Vatanen	Fred Gallagher	Citroen Rally Raid
1996	Bruno Saby	Dominique Serieys	Mitsubishi Pajero
1995	Jean-Louis Schlesser	xxxx (Solo) xxxx	Schlesser Original
1994	Jean-Louis Schlesser	xxxx (Solo) xxxx	Schlesser Original
1993	Saeed Al Hajri	Henri Magne	Mitsubishi Pajero
1992	M. Mattar	H.A. Bin Shahdoor	Landrover Defender
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MOTO		
YEAR	RIDER	MOTORCYCLE
2022	Sam Sunderland	GasGas
2021	Matthias Walkner	KTM 450 Rally Factory Replica
2019	Sam Sunderland	KTM 450
2018	Pablo Quintanilla	Husqvarna 450
2017	Sam Sunderland	KTM 450
2016	Toby Price	KTM 450
2015	Marc Coma	KTM 450
2014	Paulo Gonçalves	Honda 450
2013	Marc Coma	KTM 450
2012	Marc Coma	KTM 690
2011	Marc Coma	KTM 690
2010	Marc Coma	KTM 690
2009	Marc Coma	KTM 690
2008	Cyril Despres	KTM 690
2007	Marc Coma	KTM 660
2006	Marc Coma	KTM 660
2005	Cyril Despres	KTM 660
2004	Isidre Esteve	KTM 660
2003	Cyril Despres	KTM 660
2002	Cyril Despres	KTM 660
2001	Cyril Despres	KTM 660
2000	Jimmy Lewis	BMW 900 RR
1999	Fabrizio Meoni	KTM 660
1998	Heinz Kinigadner	KTM LC4 660
1997	Jordi Arcarons	KTM 660
1996	Stephane Peterhansel	YAMAHA M3
1995	Heinz Kinigadner	KTM

QUAD		
YEAR	RIDER	QUAD
2022	Abdulaziz Ahli	Yamaha Raptor
2021	Abdulaziz Ahli	Yamaha YFZ 450 R
2019	Al Musallam Fahad	Yamaha
2018	Kees Koolen	Barren Racer 690
2017	Al Musallam Fahad	Yamaha



2016	Rafal Sonik	Honda
2015	Mohammed Abu Issa	Yamaha
2014	Rafal Sonik	Yamaha
2013	Mohammed Abu Issa	Yamaha
2012	Obaid Al Kitbe	Honda
2011	Nick Black	Yamaha
2010	Obaid Al Kitbe	Honda
2009	Sebastien Husseini	KTM
2008	Lionel Laine	KTM
2007	Sebastien Husseini	Suzuki
2006	Atif Al Zarouni	Honda
2005	Ricardo Leal Dos Santos	Yamaha

### 3 Organiser Contact information - Permanent Office

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#### WORKING HOURS

09h00 -17h00 (GMT +3)	Emirates Motorsports Organization (EMSO) Al Wuheida Street, Al Mamzar, Dubai, UAE	Monday – Friday
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### 4 International & National Federations

CATEGORIES	FEDERATION	PHONE	EMAIL
AUTO – International	FIA	+33 1 43 12 44 55	<a href="mailto:info@fia.com">info@fia.com</a>
AUTO – National	EMSO	+971 4 296 11 22	<a href="mailto:info@emso.ae">info@emso.ae</a>
MOTO – International	FIM	+41 22 950 95 00	<a href="mailto:info@fim.ch">info@fim.ch</a>
MOTO – National	EMSO	+971 4 296 11 22	<a href="mailto:info@emso.ae">info@emso.ae</a>

### 5 Applicable Event Regulations

DOCUMENT	LINK
2023 FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Sporting Regulations	<a href="#">HERE</a>
2023 ADDC Auto Supplementary Regulations	<a href="#">HERE</a>
2023 FIM CCR World Championship Regulations	<a href="#">HERE</a>
2023 ADDC Moto Supplementary Regulations	<a href="#">HERE</a>

## 6 Programme

Tuesday 31 January		
	Publication of the AUTO supplementary regulations	Event Website & Sportity
Wednesday 8 February		
	Issuing of Rally Guide	Event Website & Sportity
Saturday 11 February		
24:00	Closing date of entries	Event Website
24:00	Closing date for order of extra service in SP	Event Website
Wednesday 15 February		
24:00	Publication date of entry list	Event Website & Sportity
Friday 24 February		
08:00 - 22:00	Service Park opened for logistic offloading only.	The Energy Business Center - Parking Lot
Saturday 25 February		
07:00 - 16:00	Administrative Checks and collection of material and documents	The Energy Business Center - Main Lobby
07:00 - 16:00	Collection of rally safety tracking system	At Administrative Checks
07:30 - 14:00	FIM Scrutineering of the machines (in accordance of the published timetable)	The Energy Business Center Service Park - Scrutineering Tent
08:00 - 17:30	FIA Scrutineering/Sealing & marking of components (in accordance of the published timetable)	The Energy Business Center - Underground Parking Garage
08:00 - 20:00	Opening of media centre and media accreditation	The Energy Business Center - Floor 1, Room
15:00	Education Program for New Competitors (Auto/Moto)	The Energy Business Center - 1st Floor, Room #3
16:30	First FIM Jury Meeting	The Energy Business Center - 1st Floor, FIM Jury Room
17:30	Publication of list of riders eligible to start and Start List for Prologue (TC 0)	FIM DNB
17:30 - 18:30	Auto - Re-scrutineering for cars which did not pass	The Energy Business Center - Underground Parking Garage
18:00	ERTF & Marlink Safety briefing for new competitors	The Energy Business Center - 1st Floor, Room #3
19:00	Press conference before the rally	The Energy Business Center - Murban Theatre
20:00	Publication of list of cars eligible to start and Start List for Prologue (TC 0)	DNB
20:00	Mandatory Drivers'/Riders and Medical briefing	The Energy Business Center - Murban Theatre
Sunday 26 February		
11:00 - 14:00	Prologue Recce (by walking or bicycle only)	Al Dhannah Desert
14:30	Pre-Start area closes (TC 0)	Al Dhannah Desert
15:00	Ceremonial Start	Al Dhannah Desert
15:10	Prologue Entry Zone (TC 1)	Al Dhannah Desert
15:15	Prologue Start	Al Dhannah Desert

17:00	Publication of the Prologue Classification - FIM	FIM DNB
18:00	Publication of the Prologue Classification – FIA	FIA DNB
19:00	Selection of Starting Moto/Auto positions after Prologue	Al Dhannah Heritage Village
19:20	Dinner BBQ for all rally guests	Al Dhannah, Heritage Village
20:00	Publication of start list for Stage 1 - FIM	FIM DNB
20:00	Publication of start list for Stage 1 - FIA	FIA DNB
<b>Monday 27 February</b>		
06:30	Start of Stage 1 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Al Dhannah Bivouac
TBC	Finish of Stage 1 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
07:00	Opening of the Media Center	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	Drivers briefing	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	(FIM) Publication of Stage 1 Results & Start list for Stage 2	FIM DNB
19:30	(FIA) Publication of Stage 1 Results and Start list for Stage 2	FIA DNB
<b>Tuesday 28 February</b>		
TBC	Start of Stage 2 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
TBC	Finish of Stage 2 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
07:00	Opening of the Media Center	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	Drivers briefing	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	(FIM) Publication of Stage 2 Results & Start list for Stage 3	FIM DNB
19:30	(FIA) Publication of Stage 2 Results and Start list for Stage 3	FIA DNB
<b>Wednesday 1 March</b>		
TBC	Start of Stage 3 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
TBC	Finish of Stage 3 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	Drivers' briefing	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
07:00	Opening of the Media Center	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	Drivers briefing	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	(FIM) Publication of Stage 3 Results & Start list for Stage 4	FIM DNB
19:30	(FIA) Publication of Stage 3 Results and Start list for Stage 4	FIA DNB
<b>Thursday 2 March</b>		
TBC	Start of Stage 4 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
TBC	Finish of Stage 4 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
07:00	Opening of the Media Center	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	Drivers briefing	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
19:00	(FIM) Publication of Stage 4 Results & Start list for Stage 5	FIM DNB
19:30	(FIA) Publication of Stage 4 Results and Start list for Stage 5	FIA DNB
<b>Friday 3 March</b>		
TBC	Start of Stage 5 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> bike)	Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac
12:30	Finish of Stage 5 (estimated time of 1 <sup>st</sup> car) and Ceremonial Finish	The Energy Business Center
13:00	Auto/Moto Final scrutineering, immediately after arrival in the finish (following the marshals' instructions)	The Energy Business Center - Underground Parking Garage

16:00	Publication of Provisional Classification	DNB
16:30	<b>Publication of Final FIA Classification;</b> After the Stewards have declared the Classification final.	DNB
16:30	Publication of Final FIM Classification; After the Jury have declared the Classification final.	DNB
19:00	Prize-giving ceremony	The Energy Business Center

## 7 Sustainability Policy

EMSO is playing a leadership role in development of motorsport and encouraging motor sport stakeholders across UAE to incorporate best practices of sustainability framework by pursuing a holistic approach to environmental concerns. EMSO strives to adhere to the Best Practice Principles (BPP) framework of FIA by setting up core elements of its environmental impact and incorporating systematic approach to Environmental Management System (EMS).

**EMSO commitment is defined as follows:**

1. Collaboration with motor venues, organizers, sport clubs and competitors to promote and guide towards best environmental practices.
2. To collaborate with government entities and comply with legal requirements and legislation on national and international levels.
3. Encourage motor sport stakeholders across UAE to pursue sustainable actions for environment.
4. Support FIA Action for Environment and FIM Ride Green.
5. Demonstrate commitment to BPP by continuously improving on sustainability performance.
6. Continue to raise awareness of environmental concerns to senior management, staff and volunteers.
7. Minimize core elements of environmental impact by preserving water resources, implementing responsible waste management and energy saving systems.
8. Conduct an annual review of EMS to review environmental objectives and targets.

### Purpose

EMSO recognises its vital role to play in delivering a better quality of life and environment for everyone in the UAE, both now and for future generations. We are committed to achieving continuous environmental improvement in all our activities and services. We will strive to reduce our own impact and make every effort to promote awareness of local and global issues that will facilitate sustainable development practices.

### Principles

The EMSO will address the social, economic, and environmental considerations of sustainable development, defined as ensuring a better quality of life, according to the following principals:

- Social progress that recognises the needs of everyone,
- Effective protection of the environment
- Prudent use of natural resources.

Sustainable development is about what we do and the way we think. It's about community empowerment and involvement, volunteering, and giving back to the society that we live in.

We recognise the interdependence of individuals and groups with the natural and built environments, which means seeing, and making connections between different aspects of our lives; social, economic, and environmental, and building links between the local and the global, understanding chain reactions, and assessing and sharing resources.

We are committed to enabling volunteers to participate in society, feel that they belong and make a difference, build strengths, and enhance skills, and are supportive of volunteers taking responsibility and leadership.



The EMSO is committed to sustainability, which means understanding a sense of looking forward, not focusing on the present, recognising the limits of knowledge, thinking of consequences, making things last, renewing and recycling, safeguarding resources, and meeting local needs locally wherever possible.

## Sustainable Communities

The EMSO is committed to contribute to sustainable community development where people are happy to live and work, meeting the diverse needs of the UAE residents. We contribute by engaging communities in motor sports, developing their skills, knowledge and confidence.

Sustainable development is about establishing social relationships of trust, of social capital, and is the core of active community participation and the key to a better quality of life. We operate a network of people with motorsport interests who have the desire to invest their time in running events in, and for, the UAE's benefit, who train other volunteers, and communicate and share their lives with others.

For sustainable development to be meaningful it must start with people making decisions about their lives, taking responsibility, giving back to the society and participating in the community, learning new skills, and recognising the consequences of actions.

We have identified the learning and skills development needs of UAE citizens, taking into account the unique demographic, economic and cultural factors of the country, and are implementing the plan to raise the level of involvement.

## Resource Use

The EMSO will incorporate materials efficiency measure to reduce running costs. It will minimise resource consumption by:

- Reducing the amount of waste we produce by reducing our consumption and integrating effective methods of recycling,
- Promoting reuse, recycling and proper disposal of goods,
- Reviewing supplier products,
- Shifting towards electronic means of communication.
- Manage the use of energy, by shifting towards environmentally friendly products.

## Transport

The EMSO is promoting public and shared transportation as the main means of travel to and from events to reduce traffic generation and its associated environmental impacts.

## Application

EMSO Sustainability Statement is publicly endorsed and available on the website.

All staff, volunteers and other stakeholders have access to this policy and it should be referred to in decision-making and throughout team meetings.

## Monitoring and Review

EMSO Sustainability Policy is reviewed on an annual basis by Sustainability Manager. Sustainability Manager works closely with the appointed Environmental Steward to make sure that all our daily and events-based actions are completely adhered to sustainable principles, listed in our statement.

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## Covid-19 Health Protocols & Guidelines entering Abu Dhabi

**There are no longer any Covid-19 Travel restrictions into Abu Dhabi.**

As of 26 February 2022, you no longer need a test before you fly to Abu Dhabi. Vaccinated and unvaccinated travellers are welcome to experience Abu Dhabi with no restrictions.

As of 7 November 2022, almost all Covid-19 restrictions in Abu Dhabi have been lifted meaning green status on the Al Hosn app and negative PCR tests are no longer required to enter Abu Dhabi attractions.

## 9 Entry Details - FIA World Championship event for Auto/Trucks

### Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge Entry Incentive

To encourage greater women entries, it has been agreed that any single women motorcycle entry or Women driver and co-driver entry may be eligible for 15% off the published entry fee. This discount may not be combined with any other discount.

### Dubai International Baja & Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge Incentive

To encourage greater entries at the two international events in the UAE, it has been agreed that any competitor participating in the two events in (2023 Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge and 2023 Dubai International Baja) will be entitled to a 50% discount on the entry fee for the Dubai International Baja event (service and media fees are not included).

This refund of 50% of the entry fee will only be refunded once the competitor has been confirmed to start both events. The refunds will be processed by the EMSO accordingly.

This discount is applied upon the competitor, not the vehicle. For example, a competitor who does each of the events in a different vehicle will be entitled to a discount, while one vehicle which is used by a different competitor on each event will not be entitled to a discount. Crews will be allowed to change co-drivers between events without it affecting their discounts.

\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DISCOUNT DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY ADDITIONAL RELATED COSTS, I.E. INSURANCE, SERVICE CREW REGISTRATION, ETC.\*

### Eligible vehicles

Group	Class	Vehicle
T1	T1.U	"Ultimate" prototype Cross-Country Vehicles complying with 2023 Appendix J, Art. 285-12
	T1+	Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles 4x4 complying with 2023 Appendix J, Art. 285-11
	T1.1	Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles 4x4 complying with 2023 Appendix J, Art. 285
		Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles 4x4 complying with 2009 Appendix J, Art. 285 (see Art. 8.4)
	T1.2	Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles 4x2 complying with 2023 Appendix J, Art. 285
		Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles 4x2 complying with 2009 Appendix J, Art. 285 (see Art. 8.4)
	T1.3	Vehicles complying with "SCORE" regulations (see Art. 8.5)
	T1.4	Series Production Cross-Country Vehicles with expired homologation, complying with 2022 Appendix J, Art. 284 (see Art. 8.6.1)
T2		Series Production Cross-Country Cars complying with 2023 Appendix J, Art. 284
T3	T3.U	"Ultimate" lightweight Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles complying with 2023 Appendix J, Art. 286-14
	T3.1	Lightweight Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles complying with 2023 Appendix J, Art. 286
T4		Modified Production Cross-Country Side-by-Side (SSV) Vehicles complying with 2022 Appendix J, Art. 286A

T5	T5.1	Prototype Cross-Country Trucks complying with 2023 Appendix J, Art. 287
		Production Cross-Country Trucks complying with 2019 Appendix J, Art. 287
		Prototype Cross-Country Trucks (including Hybrid) complying with 2021 ASO Dakar Auto regulations and registered with the FIA before 31/12/2022
	T5.2	Production Cross-Country Trucks complying with the 2023 race service truck specifications

#### THE FIA TECHNICAL PASSPORT IS COMPULSORY TO ENTER THE EVENT.

NEW CAR: The FIA TECHNICAL PASSPORT needs to be completed and validated by your ASN to be presented to the FIA Technical Delegate at Scrutineering to be authenticated.

A clear colour copy of all the pages needs to be sent WITH the entry form.

**WITHOUT THIS COPY, THE ENTRY WILL BE NOT ACCEPTED.**

#### FIA Championships and titles for which the Rally counts

FIA World Rally-Raid Championship for Manufacturers

FIA World Rally-Raid Championship for Drivers

FIA World Rally-Raid Championship for Co-Drivers

FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T3 Drivers

FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T3 Co-Drivers

FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T4 Drivers

FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T4 Co-Drivers

FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T5 Drivers

FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T5 Co-Drivers

#### FIA World Championship Registration

In order to score points in the Manufacturers, Drivers and Codrivers Championships, competitors must register with the FIA before 11 December 2022. After this date, registration for the Drivers and Codrivers Championships is permitted until the closing date for entries for the first Event for which the competitor wishes to score points. Registrations must be made using the entry form which can be found on the FIA website at: <https://registrations.fia.com/w2rc>

For each Event, the Competitor must nominate the crew scoring points before the closing date of entries, using the entry form available at: <https://registrations.fia.com/w2rc>

#### Entry fees

UAE Entry: For Competitors to be eligible for the UAE Entry rates, the Competitors must have UAE nationality or held a current Residence visa in UAE for at least 6 months and a FIA Licence delivered by EMSO.

With organiser's optional advertising (see also FIA CCRSR Art. 20)						
✓ Included – X Not included	T1/T2		T3/T4		TRUCK T5	
	UAE	OVERSEAS	UAE	OVERSEAS	UAE	OVERSEAS
Tracking and Timing (MARLINK) – *A deposit of €1500 needs to be lodged @ Documentation for the safe return of equipment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Navigation and Sentinel (ERTF) - *A deposit of €1,700 needs to be lodged @ Documentation for the safe return of Electronic Road-Book	X	X	X	X	X	X
Public Liability Insurance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3rd Party (Off Highway) Insurance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Medical / Hospitalization / Repatriation Insurance	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓
3rd Party (On Highway) Insurance	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Wristband for Bivouac catering and accommodation (desert tent only)	2	2	2	2	3	3
Fuel (Except in Abu Dhabi)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entry Fees (AED) until 11/02/2023*	15240		13240		18110	
Entry Fees (USD) until 11/02/2023*		7600		5545		9345
Without organiser's optional advertising: (see also FIA RRSR Art. 20)						
USD Entry Fee +50%						
Additional fees						
	USD 370.00		Additional set of service documents (1 set of service documents being included with the entry package)			

All entries MUST be submitted to [entry@emso.ae](mailto:entry@emso.ae) and a copy of the bank transfer needs to be attached.

\*Entry fees valid to 11th February, 2023, need to be paid before 25/02/23. Payment done at Documentation will be increase of 10%.

The AUTO/TRUCK entry form can be downloaded from: [HERE](#)

**VAT of 5% is INCLUDED in the Entry Fee.**

A summary payment form will be sent by the organizer to all entries registered.

Should an invoice be required, please complete the invoicing information and return the summary form by e-mail to [rocelle@emso.ae](mailto:rocelle@emso.ae)

## Pertinent Entry Related Requirements

Before being validated by the FIA Technical Delegate, the use of the most recent version of the blank FIA technical passport is compulsory (available upon request from the ASN to the FIA). After a complete pre-inspection of the vehicle, the ASN must write any comments in the location reserved for this purpose. A written report following this pre-inspection, must be established and sent to the FIA Technical Delegate no later than the date of publication of the official entry list of the event counting towards the Championship in which the vehicle has been entered. For vehicles of Groups T1, T3 and T4, the ASN must report the following information regarding the engine: type and serial number, original vehicles. The stamp of the ASN, the date and the name (in capital letters) and signature of the ASN inspector must appear on the technical passport.

Lastly, in addition to the fully completed and signed Entry Application Form, it is essential to send legible scanned copies of;

- FIA Entrants License (if applicable/different from Driver/Co-Driver),
- Electronic ID photographs of Driver & Co-Driver,
- Valid Driving License of Driver & Co-Driver (front and back),
- FIA Competition Licences of Driver & Co-Driver,
- ASN Starting Permission/No Objection Letter (Overseas licenced only),
- Passports of Driver & Co-Driver (Overseas) or ID (UAE nationality),
- Residence Visas for Driver & Co-driver (UAE domiciled competitors only),
- Valid registration document of competing vehicle (front and back/all pages),
- Written authorisation from vehicle owner for the Driver & Co-Driver to use the vehicle in competition (if vehicle is not owned by member of competing crew),
- ATA Vehicle Carnet signed by relevant authority in country of origin,
- First page of FIA Homologation document (T2 /T5 vehicles only),

Please note that competitors who are unable to provide the requested scanned documentation, without any lawful cause, may not appear on the published entry list.

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To encourage greater women entries, it has been agreed that any single women motorcycle entry or Women driver and co-driver entry may be eligible for 15% off the published entry fee. This discount may not be combined with any other discount.

### Dubai International Baja & Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge Incentive

To encourage greater entries at the two international events in the UAE, it has been agreed that any competitor participating in the two events in (2023 Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge and 2023 Dubai International Baja) will be entitled to a 50% discount on the entry fee for the Dubai International Baja event (service and media fees are not included).

This refund of 50% of the entry fee will only be refunded once the competitor has been confirmed to start both events. The refunds will be processed by the EMSO accordingly.

This discount is applied upon the competitor, not the vehicle. For example, a competitor who does each of the events in a different vehicle will be entitled to a discount, while one vehicle which is used by a different competitor on each event will not be entitled to a discount. Crews will be allowed to change co-drivers between events without it affecting their discounts.

\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DISCOUNT DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY ADDITIONAL RELATED COSTS, I.E. INSURANCE, SERVICE CREW REGISTRATION, ETC.\*

### FIM Cross Country Rallies World Championship Event For Moto And Quad

The FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship is under the joint management of the FIM and its contracted promoter (ASO). As such a joint committee is formed: The Championship Committee. The FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship and FIM Prize Events are held each year and include the following title/category:

#### Category RallyGP – FIM Cross-Country Rallies WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- Group 1: Moto-Rally (Up to 450cc)
- Rider: Experienced competitors only. A list of eligible riders will be published by FIM website.
- 2023 FIM Licence reference / article: 62 801 01 ANNUAL or 62 801 11 ONE EVENT

#### Category Rally2 – FIM Cross-Country Rallies WORLD CUP

- Group 1: Moto-Rally (Up to 450cc)
- Rider: open to all except rider registered on RallyGP list
- 2023 FIM Licence reference / article 62 801 02 ANNUAL or 62 801 12 ONE EVENT

#### Category Quad - FIM Cross-Country Rallies WORLD CUP

- Quad according to the FIM Technical rules. Maximum speed 130 km/h
- Rider : Open to all
- 2023 FIM Licence reference / article 62 801 02 ANNUAL or 62 801 12 ONE EVENT

QUADS will have to be transported on a trailer to reach the start of the LEG 1. The Competitor must organize this transportation.

For RALLY2 and QUAD, there are Trophies:

- TR 1: Women's Trphy
- TR 2: Junior's Trophy (less than 25 on 01/10/2023)
- TR 3: Veteran's Trophy (45 minimum on 01/01/2023)



**ADVENTURE CHALLENGE** will be introduced by the Organizer for “Amateurs competitors” in the category 2 and Quad, only if there are more than 5 entries registered on 18/02/2023.

- competing without any form of Service,
- who do not benefit from the assistance of an accompanying person registered in the race or in Service category, or in Media and more generally of any accredited person (Organisation, guests, etc.).

It gives rise to the application of specific sports regulations, detailed here below. Any infringement will result in Disqualification of the Rider from this category.

The Organiser commits to play the role of a Service Team for the Riders of this Challenge through the following dispositive (by Rider), and will transport of the following items:

- 80 litres-trunk
- complete wheel set (rim + tyres). The Rider’s race number must be indelibly marked on the hubs of each wheel
- 1 pair of tyres. The Rider’s race number must be indelibly and visibly marked on each tyre;
- 1 tent + 1 Sleeping bag + 1 Floor mat
- 1 single travel bag, identified with the Rider’s number.

No material other than those listed above will be transported by the Organiser.

## Entered Riders

The riders must obligatorily be holders of:

A valid 2023 FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship licence in accordance with Art. 70.2.1 of the FIM Sporting Code and Art. 09.1 of the FIM Medical Code as mentioned previously.

A valid original driving licence corresponding to the type and capacity of machine used. The original will have to be presented at Documentation. (Copy is not accepted).

## Moto and Quad Entry fees

UAE Entry: For Competitors to be eligible for the UAE Entry rates, the Rider must have the UAE nationality or hold current resident visa in UAE for at least 6 months and a FIM Licence issued by EMSO.

	MOTO - QUAD	
	UAE	Overseas
✓ Included – X not included		
Tracking and Timing (MARLINK) - *A deposit of €1500 needs to be lodged @ Documentation for the safe return of equipment	✓	✓
Navigation and Sentinel (ERTF) - *A deposit of €1,700 needs to be lodged @ Documentation for the safe return of equipment	X	X
Public Liability Insurance	✓	✓
3rd Party (off Highway) Insurance	✓	✓
3rd Party (On Highway) Insurance	X	✓
Medical / Hospitalization / Repatriation Insurance	X	✓
Wristband for Bivouac catering and accommodation (Desert tent)	1	1
Fuel (Except in Abu Dhabi)	✓	✓
Entry Fees (AED) until 18/02/2023*	9875	
Entry Fees (USD) until 18/02/2023*		4075

All entries MUST be submitted to [entry@emso.ae](mailto:entry@emso.ae) and a copy of the bank transfer needs to be attached.

\*Entry fees valid to 18th February, 2023, needs to be paid before 25/02/23. Payment done at Documentation will be increase of 10%.

The MOTO/QUAD entry form can be downloaded from: [HERE](#)

**VAT of 5% is INCLUDED in the Entry Fee.**

A summary payment form will be sent by the organizer to all entries registered.

Should an Invoice be required, please complete the invoicing information and return the summary form by e-mail to [rocelle@emso.ae](mailto:rocelle@emso.ae)

### Documents requested to complete the entry

- Colour ID Photo / Scan of the Rider
- Colour copy / scan of the Rider passports
- Colour copy / scan of the residence visa in UAE for the UAE Competitors
- Colour copy / scan of the Rider 2023 FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship licence ANNUAL or ONE EVENT
- Colour copy / scan of the 2023 FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship Team Licence (If applicable)
- Colour copy / scan of the starting permission and insurance cover for the Rider when the FMN of the rider is not cover by FIM insurance include in the FIM licence
- Colour copy / scan of the Rider driving licence (both side)
- Color copy of a certificate attesting to their participation in a first aid training course recognised in their own country (must be less than 3 years old). See article 80.6 of the FIM WCCR Regulations.
- Colour copy / scan of the registration of the bike or quad (both side)
- Written authorization to use the bike, quad, SSV if the Driver or Co-driver is not the owner
- Colour copy of ATA Carnet signed by the authorities of the Competitors.

The original of these documents need to be presented at Documentation.

### REMINDER: Inflatable jacket and other protections (Cat. 1 and 2)

The wearing of a waistcoat or airbag jacket, back and chest protection is compulsory, under pain of disqualification. The airbag system must comply with FIM homologation standards and the passive protections must be certified as follows:

- Chest: standard EN14021 or EN1621-3
- Back: standard EN1621-2

These protections can be worn separately or combined in a single product. The competitors must take a spare cartridge for his or her inflation waistcoat with him or her. 3 sets needs to be presented at Scrutineering.

## 11 Service Crews And Service Vehicle Entry Fees

### Service Vehicles Admitted

The type of Service vehicles is free. Trailers, semi-trailers trucks, motorhomes, buses and campers are allowed at the Bivouac.

The whole route is accessible with 4X4 wheel-drive vehicles only.

### OVERSEAS Service Vehicles

Please note that the overseas vehicles are not insured in UAE.

The Organization will insure the vehicles registered on the event, if the Service Vehicle Form has been registered and the entry form correctly completed before 18th of February 2023.

A colour copy of the vehicle registration (both sides) is COMPULSORY and needs to be sent with the entry form. The vehicle will be insured 2 days before and 2 days after the event.

### Rental vehicle

Please note that UAE rental vehicle are on your own responsibility. Please check with the rental agency.

## Service Crews and Service Vehicle Entry fees

All Competitors, Service Crews, Media, Officials and Organization personnel will all be identified with coloured wristbands that they will receive at Documentation.

For service vehicle and service crews attending the event, the following fees will apply:

Item	Cost (AED)	Cost (USD)
Vehicle Pass (GVW up to 3000kgs): Rally Plate No. (Access to Bivouac + Service Roadbook)	1500	410
Truck Pass (GVW over to 3000kgs): Rally Plate No. (Access to Bivouac + Service Roadbook)	3000	820
Crew: Catering Wristband for all event days (1 person)	2000	545
Optional: Additional set of Service Road Books	1000	275

\*Entry fees valid to 18th February, 2023, needs to be paid before 25/02/22. Payments done at Documentation will be increase of 10%.

All entries MUST be submitted to [entry@emso.ae](mailto:entry@emso.ae) and a copy of the bank transfer needs to be attached.

A copy of each passport needs to be sent with the Service Crews form and the copy of the driving licence of the crews allowed to drive the vehicle.

**According to the FIA and FIM regulations the registration of the Services Crews and Service Vehicle is COMPULSORY.**

**Please note that the EMSO will no longer organize UAE visas for Service Crews.**

Instead an 'Participation Letter' can be prepared upon request by email to [entry@emso.ae](mailto:entry@emso.ae) only if the entry is paid.

Please note that this letter will not cover any expenses during the stay in UAE in case of accident, hospitalization and / or repatriation.

Each Service Crew member needs to have their own travel insurance during his stay in UAE.

This letter cannot be used for Customs Formalities (Temporary Importation).

## 12 Payment of Entry Fees

According to your invoice, you have to do the bank transfer on the correct BANK ACCOUNT

- AED BANK ACCOUNT for invoice in AED currency (ONLY for UAE Competitors)
- USD BANK ACCOUNT for invoice in USD currency (Compulsory for Overseas).

Organiser's bank details:

Account Name	EMIRATES MOTORSPORT ORGANIZATION
Account Number	101 5664 7808 01 (AED Account)
IBAN	AE43 0260 0010 1566 4780 801
Account Number	102 5664 7808 02 (USD Account)
IBAN	AE51 0260 0010 2566 4780 802
Swift Code	EBILAEAD
Bank Name	Emirates-NBD
Bank Address	PO BOX 777 Baniyas Rd. Deira Dubai, UAE

Please ensure that the entrant's or Driver / Rider name and account holder are included as reference on the bank transfers.

## 13 Insurance

### Civil Liability for Competitors

The entry fee includes cover for civil liability of the competitor from the Start of Documentation until retirement/exclusion, the limit for protests and appeals, post event Scrutineering.

Only Competitive vehicles (non GCC) are covered for Civil Liability towards Third Parties (Road Legal), from 23rd February – March 5th, 2023.

This cover provides for a maximum liability, in respect of any one claim or series of claims resulting from one accident, of AED 38,888,000 (USD 10,581,800). Damages to rally and/or service cars as well as the liability of a crew member towards other crew members are not covered by the insurance provided by the organizers.

### Civil Liability for Service Vehicles

#### Pertinent Insurance Related Requirements

Competitors are reminded that Service Vehicles that are overseas are not insured in the UAE. The Organiser is able to ensure such vehicles for the duration of the event, provided that said vehicle/are registered with the organisation utilising the official event SERVICE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM and notably, also submitting a clearly scanned colour copy of the vehicle registration certificate (all pages/both sides). All documents will be verified at Administrative Checks. Competitors are furthermore reminded that UAE Rental Vehicles and all insurance related obligations are the sole responsibility of the competitor.

At the organizers discretion, a separate fee may be charged for each Service vehicle that would require insurance in the thirty days leading up to Documentation.

### Repatriation and Medical Insurance

An accident & Sickness Emergency Medical and Repatriation expense is included in the entry fee to a level of AED 90,000 in excess of AED 15,000.

The repatriation insurance for the Service Crews is not included in the entry fees. It is each person's responsibility to purchase insurance.

### UAE Rules concerning medical expenses and hospitalization

It is important for all Competitors to fully understand the situation with regards Medical expenses according to the UAE Rules.

In the event that "you" the registered Competitor has an accident during the event and requires medical attention in a hospital then the following procedure needs to be followed:

- On release from Hospital any Medical costs needs to be settled by you or third party before leaving the hospital.

In case of accident, a claim form will be sent to you or third party by email, which needs to be completed along with the Hospital report and receipt.

Once received and verified, then these documents are forwarded onto our Insurance Company for review and process.

Please note than there is an excess applicable to all insurance claims.

By the fact to sign your entry form, you fully understand the above, and the medical costs must be settled before leaving the hospital.

## 14 Accommodation

### Abu Dhabi City (For Start and Finish of the Rally)

#### Bab Al Qasr Hotel

Contact: Mohammed Ismail  
Tel: +971 56 505 2175  
Email: [mohammed.ismail@babalqasr.com](mailto:mohammed.ismail@babalqasr.com)

#### Royal M Hotel

Contact: Taufik A. Ghafour  
Tel: +971 2 777 10 80 Mobile: +971 501452321  
Fax: +971 2 7771111  
Email: [taufik.abdul@royalmhotels.com](mailto:taufik.abdul@royalmhotels.com)  
Website: [www.royalmhotels.com](http://www.royalmhotels.com)

#### Radisson Blu Hotel

Website: [Here](#)  
Contact: Mohammed Tubishat  
Email: [mohammed.tubishat@adnhmc.com](mailto:mohammed.tubishat@adnhmc.com)

### Al Dhannah City

- Hotel Booking Process to be announced by event general info on Sportity.
- Tent camping option in the Al Dhannah Park next to Service Park for those with their own tent. Bathrooms and Showers available close by in both the park and across the street in the gymnasium. No Power is readily available.

### Qasr Al Sarab Resort and Bivouac

Teams will have the choice to either stay at Qasr al Sarab, a world class 5 Star desert resort located in the Empty Quarter on the edge of the Liwa Oasis or camp in the Bivouac under the stars.

#### Qasr Al Sarab Resort

The resort offers a world class standard, with a choice of rooms and villas spread over 2km of dunes encapsulating the breath-taking scenery of the desert, and the luxurious Arabian architecture and hospitality.

Qasr Al Sarab's accommodation features luxury fibres and earthy hues. All rooms have sliding glass doors opening to a terrace with desert views. They offer a deep soaking bath, rain shower and a pillow menu.

The Al Waha restaurant serves fine Arabic cuisine, while food at the Suhail is French inspired. Light meals are served at Ghadeer restaurant, featuring an island setting accessible via bridges.

The hotel rates for the event are detailed on the booking form which may be accessed on the link below.

There is limited availability in Qasr Al Sarab, and rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis, at the hotel's discretion.

For booking and information, please email to [res.auh@anantara.com](mailto:res.auh@anantara.com) or you may call +971 2 895 8700.

#### Bivouac Camping

- Basic Tent accommodation is available for all teams upon request at documentation. Tents are large military style that can fit up to 8 persons per tent. Persons will need to bring their own mattress and bedding material.
- NEW! A limited amount of upgraded tents can be booked in advance for a fee of 10,000AED each. Tents will be upgraded with Air Conditioning, 8 beds with mattress and power. Booking request can be made to [CRO@emso.ae](mailto:CRO@emso.ae) no later than February 20th.



## 15 Shipping - Customs Procedure & Shipment Clearance

ADDC Organiser support for shipment or logistics inquires: [Rami@atcuae.ae](mailto:Rami@atcuae.ae)

### Customs - Shipment clearance for all competitors

Pertinent Shipping Related Requirements

PLEASE NOTE THAT ATA CARNET IS COMPULSORY FOR TEMPORARY IMPORTATION IN THE UAE UNDER EMSO EVENTS

- A copy of the ATA CARNET (signed by the authorities of the country of the Competitor) will be requested by EMSO to prepare the temporary customs documents and facilitate the temporary import with the Shipping Agents. NO OTHERS DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- A copy of the FINAL AIR WAYBILL (transportation by air) or BILL OF LADING (transportation by sea) and a copy of the vehicle registration need to be attached with the ATA Carnet.☐
- It is mandatory for all teams to share their draft shipping documents for checking and final documents should be issued only after receiving a confirmation from the Agility team.
- TDRA approval is mandatory for all radios / walkie talkies and telecommunication related equipment. Approval can be obtained through the TDRA process outlined HERE.
- Alcohol or water / food items should not be shipped in the containers along with vehicles / motorbikes
- Camera and filming equipment requires approval from Abu Dhabi / Dubai Media authority and should be obtained prior to shipping or bringing this products into the country
- For all vehicles / motorbikes, the engraved VIN number, chassis number, engine number should be clearly visible and the same should tally on the shipping documents.
- ATA Carnet will be the preferred mode in terms of shipping documents and the ATA Carnet number should be mentioned on the AWB or B/L and the weights and number of packages mentioned on the ATA Carnet should tally with the AWB or B/L
- Teams should ensure their vehicles / motorbikes are re-exported out of the UAE

For UAE Customs and clearance support, you may contact the below company ELF Exhibition Logistics and Freight Experts.



#### ELF Shipping LLC

Po Box: 30344, Arenco Business Building 4,  
Office No. 111, Dubai Investment Park-1, Dubai, UAE  
Tel : +971 4 883 4444  
Fax : +971 4 883 4443  
Mob : +971 55 8990 387  
Email : [binu.thomas@elfshipping.com](mailto:binu.thomas@elfshipping.com)  
Web : [www.elfshipping.com](http://www.elfshipping.com)



### Shipping

We are pleased to inform that IMPECO have been appointed, by ASO Promoter of the World Championship, as the exclusive freight forwarding and on-site handling agent for the World Championship. For any support in shipping of event related goods, we ask that you contact Impeco directly.

Jose Antunes

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## 16 Pre-event Test Stage

Specific details and procedures for utilisation of test stage on February 24th and 25th only, will be publicised during the week prior to the event and sent by email to all registered teams/users.

Teams making use of the facility will be responsible for arranging all safety aspects, etc. themselves and need to remain wary that the location could be in use by more than one team simultaneously. Organisers accept no liability for any related Test Stage activities.

Please register your intention to utilize the facility by sending an e-mail to [bryan@emso.ae](mailto:bryan@emso.ae) before February 18th, 2023.

## 17 Service Parks / Bivouacs

### The Energy Business Center Service Park (Feb 24th to Feb 25th)

- Will be located in Abu Dhabi city. Please use Gate 2 to enter here.
- Google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/HDygUypP7asYRvLp6>
- The Service Park will not have access to electricity,
- Access to bathrooms is available.
- Bottled water can be collected from the EMSO Organizers Logistic Container in the Service park.

Bivouac Manager Contact Details:

- Mamdouh Mousa Street:
- E-mail: [info@emso.ae](mailto:info@emso.ae)

### Al Dhannah Bivouac (Feb 26th)

- Located approximately 230km west of Abu Dhabi City.
- Google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/26hwzE47wUzZ82uR6>
- The Service Park will not have access to electricity,
- Access to bathrooms is available.
- Tent Camping is allowed next to the service park in a designated area.
- Bottled water can be collected from the EMSO Organizers Logistic Container in the Service park.

Bivouac Manager Contact Details:

- Cesar Abou Chacra
- Email: [Cesar@emso.ae](mailto:Cesar@emso.ae)

### Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac (Feb 27th to Mar 2nd)

- Located in the Liwa Desert and adjacent to the Qasr Al Sarab Hotel.
- Google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/fP97acrTPsFs426j9>
- Bathroom and power electricity are at the disposal of the Competitors in the Service area.
- Bottle drinking water from is available for Competitors and Service Crews registered at the Bivouac and located next to catering hall.
- A Bivouac Manager will be appointed to coordinate allocations in the Service Park and tents.

#### Bivouac Managers Contact Details:

- Jacques Skayem
- Email: [jacquesf50@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquesf50@hotmail.com)
- Clare Graham
- Email: [desertgirlclare0@gmail.com](mailto:desertgirlclare0@gmail.com)

#### The Energy Business Center Service Park (Mar 3rd)

- Will be located in Abu Dhabi city.
- The Service Park will not have access to electricity,
- Access to bathrooms is available.
- Bottled water can be collected from the EMSO Organizers Logistic Container in the Service park.

## 18 Fuel

Registered COMPETITION, SERVICE and MEDIA VEHICLES will have access to fuel in the Bivouac with valid door plates. All fuel is included in your entry fee.

Please note that fuel that will be supplied by the Organiser at REMOTE REFUEL LOCATIONS is for Competitors and Organizer vehicles only.

#### The Energy Business Center Fuel Station

Fuel 95, 98 Octane and diesel will be provided from the pumps of a ADNOC MyStation Mobile Fuel truck located next to the Service Park.

- February 25th 10:00 - 22:00

#### Refuel Procedure At Al Dhannah Bivouac

Fuel 95, 98 Octane and diesel will be provided from the pumps of a ADNOC MyStation Mobile Fuel truck located next to the Service Park.

- February 26th 10:00 - 22:00

#### Refuel Procedure At Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac

Fuel 95, 98 Octane and diesel will be provided from the pumps of a ADNOC MyStation Mobile Fuel truck located next to the Service Park.

- February 27th 06:00 - 10:00
- February 28th 05:30 - 10:00  
16:00 - 22:00
- March 1st 05:30 - 10:00  
16:00 - 22:00
- March 2nd 05:30 - 10:00  
16:00 - 22:00
- March 3rd 05:30 - 10:00

## 19 Ceremonial Finish - Podium Ceremony - Prizes

#### Ceremony Finish

The Ceremony finish will start when the first competitor reaches the finish of the Stage 5 at the Energy Business Center in Abu Dhabi. The competitor must immediately take the ramp before entering parc ferme. Competitors must obey the instructions of the officials.

All competitors that finish the rally will receive a finishing medal.

A media interview zone will be organized only after Parc Ferme.

## Prize Giving

A Prize Giving Ceremony will be held after the rally finishes at the Energy Business Center, Banquet room at 19:00. Food and refreshments will be available. All FIA Priority drivers must attend.

## Prizes

The following trophies will be awarded:

### AUTO

MEDALS	
FIA World Rally-Raid Championship daily stage winners	
TROPHIES	
Overall Classification ADDC (Driver and Co-Driver)	1st, 2nd, 3rd (Six trophies)
FIA World Rally-Raid Championship (Driver/Co-Driver)	1st (Two trophies)
FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T1	1st (Two trophies)
FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T2	1st (Two trophies)
FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T3	1st (Two trophies)
FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T4	1st (Two trophies)
FIA Rally-Raid Championship for T5	1st (Three trophies)
FIA Rally-Raid Championship for Manufacturers	1st (One trophy)
Group Awards	
1st in each Group (Driver and Co-Driver)	
Other Awards:	
Best All Ladies Team	1st (Two trophies)
Team Award	1st (One trophy)
GCC Competitors**	1st, 2nd, 3rd (six trophies)
**Additional classification will be drawn among competitors who hold Gulf/UAE competition licenses, regardless of their nationality. In order to qualify, both crew for an auto entry must hold a GCC competition licence.	

### MOTO

MEDALS	
FIM World Rally-Raid Championship daily stage winners	
Moto	
Overall Classification ADDC	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
FIM World Rally-Raid Championship, RallyGP	1st (one trophy)
FIM World Rally-Raid Cup, Rally2	1st (one trophy)
FIM World Rally-Raid Cup, Rally3	1st (one trophy)
FIM World Rally-Raid Cup, Quad	1st (one trophy)
FIM World Rally-Raid Championship, Constructor	1st (one trophy)

FIM World Rally-Raid Cup	
FIM Rally2 World Cup	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
FIM Rally3 World Cup	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
Quad World Cup	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
FIM Rally-Raid Trophy	
FIM Rally2 Women's Trophy	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
FIM Rally2 Junior's Trophy	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
FIM Rally3 Junior Trophy	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
FIM Rally2 Veteran Trophy	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
Other categories	
Adventure Trophy	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)
Team Award (Min 3 riders, Max 5)	1st (five trophies)
GCC Competitors**	1st, 2nd, 3rd (three trophies)

\*Not counting towards any FIM World Championship or World Cup, as per 2023 FIM Cross Country Rally regulations and general prescriptions.

\*\*Teams competing in the FIM Championship and who pay additional fee for the team entry will count towards the Team Award.

\*\*\*Additional classification will be drawn among competitors who hold Gulf/UAE competition licenses, regardless of their nationality. In order to qualify, both crew for an auto entry must hold a GCC competition licence.

## 20 Compulsory Safety Equipment - ERTF & Marlink

### Tracking

The ADDC will use a new supplier Marlink for the tracking system. If you are not familiar with their Iritrack system, it is advised that you visit their resource page below on the Marlink website and or contact them below with any question. Additional information will be provided at the competitors briefing and in the supplementary regulations in regards to the operation of the Iritrack system or can be found in the 2023 FIA Cross Country Rally Sporting Regulations, Appendix V1, Section 12.1.1.

- Website: <https://eshop.marlink.com/en/abu-dhabi-desert-challenge.html>
- Contact: Sebastien Rousees
- [Sebastien.Rousee@marlink.com](mailto:Sebastien.Rousee@marlink.com)

The rental cost of the Tracking/Safety system (Iritrack V3) and Timing system has been integrated into the Entry Fee. However, for Iritrack V3 you will require to purchase a mounting kit with one of two options below.

- Purchase a complete mounting kit online (Power cable, bracket, antennas) from the Marlink Eshop. Shipping is possible to the UAE in approximately 3-4 days.
- Purchase the complete mounting kit at the administrative checks. In case you choose this method, please be aware that you may have little time to set it up before your allotted time for scrutineering.

Installation of the mounting kit, your vehicle must be fully equipped with the Iritrack kit at the technical checks and ready to plug the Iritrack in. You can find more information and mandatory instructions in the mounting guides provided on the Marlink website mentioned above.

### Deposit

Competitors will be required to lodge a deposit of €1500 at event registration to Marlink directly; afore-mentioned deposit will be reimbursed upon the safe return of the Tracking and Timing Equipment in the Documentation room.





## Navigation and Safety equipment

The ADDC will continue working with ERTF to provide navigation and sentinel for competitors.

The cost of these devices is NOT included in the Entry Fee and must be paid directly to ERTF.

ERTF will request a deposit of €1700 for the material.

The electronic road book will be used for this rally for FIA Auto and FIM Quad competitors only.

## AUTO

For Information about the ERTF system and to place your order, please visit the link below and select the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge event. Additional user information can be found in the 2023 FIA Cross Country Rally Sporting Regulations, Appendix V1, Section 12.1.1.

<https://www.ertf.com/rallye.asp?NumRal=61>

## MOTO & QUAD

For Information about the ERTF system and to place your order, please visit the link below and select the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge event.

<https://www.ertf.com/rallye.asp?NumRal=61>

## 21 Media

### Press Office

An official media centre for the event will be based at the following locations and dates:

- The Energy Business Center, Abu Dhabi Feb 24th-25th Feb and March 3rd
- Al Dhannah bivouac Feb 26th
- Qasr Al Sarab bivouac in the desert Feb 27th – Mar 3rd

For all press enquiries, please contact: [Media@emso.ae](mailto:Media@emso.ae)

### Press Accreditation

Taking place entirely within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the spectacular event once again takes competitors on a challenging adventure through the spectacular desert terrain of the Al Dhafra Region.

Reaching deep into the Liwa desert, the route crosses some of the most demanding landscapes on earth, testing drivers, riders, and machinery to the limit in the crossing of towering dunes and desert plains.

The Emirates Motorsports Organization invites you to be one of the accredited media on hand to cover the event.

All media should complete the Media Accreditation form available at the website's Media section. Please then send your completed forms along with any required documentation to [Media@emso.ae](mailto:Media@emso.ae)

The deadline for media accreditation application is February 20th 2023.

For further information on the 2023 ADDC, please contact: [Media@emso.ae](mailto:Media@emso.ae)

### Filming rights

Please contact the Press Officer to request details or any inquires on the filming rights for the Abu Dubai Desert Challenge.

### Drone authorization and Rules

Drones need approval from the General Civil Aviation Authority to operate in the UAE. See the link below for more details and access to the correct forms you will need to apply for such approvals. Any media personnel must submit these GCAA approvals before collecting their accreditation at the event. If media personnel are found not to be in

compliance of these GCAA regulations regarding the approved use of drones. They risk their accreditation being confiscated and access to the event revoked.

**Please be aware this application can take up to 2 weeks to complete and receive approval. Once approval is received you must send the copy of the permit to the Press Officer at [media@emso.ae](mailto:media@emso.ae)**

<https://www.gcaa.gov.ae/en/Pages/UASRegistration.aspx#TYPEOFUSERS>

Also visit the below link to the General Civil Aviation Authority website to review a map of the “No Fly Zones” in the UAE. <https://www.gcaa.gov.ae/en/Pages/noflyzone.aspx>

## 22 List of useful facts and services

### Time Zone

Abu Dhabi is falls within Gulf Standard Time (GST), which is UTC/GMT +4 hours.

### UAE Visit Visas

If you are a national citizen of a GCC country you do not require a visa to visit the UAE. You will simply need to produce your GCC country passport or ID card upon arrival at the point of entry into the UAE.

Please visit the UAE Government website [HERE](#) to check if your country is eligible for a free visa on arrival.

### Currencies

The local Currency is UAE Dirham (AED) = 100 fils.

The Dirham is tied to the US Dollar.

Most hotels will handle the exchange of foreign currency.

Exchange rate indications at the date of publishing:

- USD 1.00 = 3.67 AED
- EUR 1.00 = 3.99AED
- GBP 1.00 = 4.56 AED

These rates are accurate as of 21st January 2023

The import and export of both local and foreign currency are unrestricted. Amounts over AED 40,000 must be declared with the Customs.

Credit & debit cards: American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted.

Traveler's checks: are widely accepted. To avoid additional exchange rate charges, travelers are advised to take traveler's checks in US Dollars or Pounds Sterling.

Banking hours: Sat-Wed 0800-1300, Thurs 0800-1200. Some also open Sat-Wed 1630-1800.

### Water

The tap water is heavily purified and safe to drink, but we would recommend the locally bottled mineral water (e.g. Al Ain Water).

### Electricity

The electricity supply is 220/240 volts and 50 cycles; the socket type is the same as the three pin British system; most hotels have adapters for electrical appliances.

### Fuel

- Diesel and gasoline are allowed. Bio-diesel and AVGAS may be used during the event but is not supplied by the organization.
- Petrol stations in the UAE are numerous and run by ADNOC in Abu Dhabi.



- Most offer extra services, such as car wash, oil change. Almost all of them have small supermarkets.
- The majority of visitors will find petrol far cheaper than in their home countries, prices range from E-Plus 91 2.59 AED, Special 95 2.67 AED, Super 98 2.78 AED, and Diesel 3.29 AED. The price for a litre of diesel fuel is now 3.29 AED. Only vehicles with valid door plates will be permitted access to the fueling tanker in the bivouac.
- Note: it is not ok to fill any jerry cans or containers.

## Transportation

You can enter the Bivouac with a regular car, although 4x4 vehicles would be required for driving in the dunes. The organizers insist that only experienced desert drivers take vehicles off road. Only vehicles with valid door plates from the event will be permitted in the bivouac.

## Telecommunications

- There are two telecommunication services providers in the UAE: Etisalat & Du.
- The telecommunication tariffs are reasonably competitive.
- The international dialing code of the UAE is +971.

## Driving Rules

To drive in the UAE, you must hold an International Driving Permit and a driving license issued in your country of residence, or a driving license issued by a GCC country. Those on a non-UAE driving license are not permitted to drive privately owned vehicles in the UAE, only rental vehicles (competitive vehicles exempt).

In the UAE you drive on the right-hand side of the road. It is mandatory to wear seatbelts.

Most of the roads are monitored by both fixed and movable radars. Speed limits are usually 60-80 km around town and 100-120 km on the freeways. The speeding fines vary depending on the excess speed level.

The Traffic Police exercise a zero tolerance on drinking and driving!

If you are involved in a traffic accident, however minor, your car MUST in position and you MUST stay with it while awaiting the Traffic Police (by calling 999). All insurance claims require a police report to be processed.

## Abu Dhabi Toll Roads

In Abu Dhabi there is a toll system in place called DARB. All cars transiting through these tolls during certain hours need to be aware that they may need pay the toll after passing them. You can find more information when the tolls are active and their locations on the DARB Toll System website [HERE](#).

Important notes:

- Registered competitor vehicles will be exempt from these tolls.
- Teams renting cars should ask the rental car company if the car has been registered already for DARB Toll System.
- Vehicles that are provided to event officials will be covered by the organizer.
- Event registered service crew, media or any other official using their own vehicle not provided by the organizer will need to ensure they pay all tolls if their vehicle is not already registered through the DARB system.

## Airports

It is worth taking a look at the websites of the airports where you will be arriving to learn about the facilities, regular and e-services and value-added features:

- Dubai International Airport (DXB): [www.dubaiairport.com](http://www.dubaiairport.com)
- Dubai World Central (DWC): [www.dubaiairport.com](http://www.dubaiairport.com)
- Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH): [www.abudhabiairport.ae/english/](http://www.abudhabiairport.ae/english/)

The following items may be imported into the United Arab Emirates without incurring customs duty:

2000 cigarettes and 400 cigars and 2kg of tobacco; 2l of spirits of more than 22 per cent alcohol, and 2l of wine (non-Muslims over 18 years only); a reasonable amount of perfume for personal use.

Prohibited items: firearms and dangerous weapons, drugs, religious propaganda, pornographic materials, unstrung pearls except for personal use, raw seafood (only when visiting Dubai and/or Sharjah), fruit and vegetables from cholera-infected areas, a number of medications (if you are on a medication please, check whether it is allowed in the UAE before you leave).

## Airline Transportation

Etihad airlines is the official airline of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. For booking information you should visit [www.etihad.com](http://www.etihad.com)

## Breakdown services

For the round the clock roadside assistance (mechanical repair, towing services, battery boosting, fixing a flat tire, lockout service, emergency fuel delivery) throughout the U.A.E you may contact Arabian Automobile Association (AAA) at a Toll Free number 800 4 900.

## Emergency services & numbers

- Ambulance & Police – 999
- Electricity & Water – 991
- Emergency Services (Dubai) – 04 2232323
- Fire – 997

## Healthcare and Medical facilities

The general standard of healthcare in the UAE is high, both in the public and private sectors, although private hospitals have some distinct advantages (predominantly English-speaking, less waiting time, less cultural restrictions).

Medical facilities are of a very high quality but are extremely expensive. Private health insurance is essential, and highly recommended.

Pharmacies are open Saturday-Thursday from 0830-13:30 and 1630-2230, Fridays 1630-2230. Quite a few are open 24 hours.

## Photography

Normal tourist photography is acceptable, but it is courteous to ask permission before photographing people. Do not take photos of the Arabic women if you do not have their permission.

In general, photographs of government buildings, military installations, ports and airports should not be taken.

## Vehicle spares and services and franchises

We recommend to use the services and to buy the spares from the official car dealers of the UAE.

## RV Motorhome/Caravan Supplier

For those wanting to possibly arrange a RV Caravan to be delivered to the Bivouac. They may contact the local supplier below to inquiry about rental rates. The supplier can arrange delivery to the Bivouac.

Company: RV Bin Lahej  
 Contact: Jamal Bin Lahej  
 Phone: +971 50 544 2220 or +971 54 771 7717  
 Email: [jamal@rv-binlahej.com](mailto:jamal@rv-binlahej.com)  
 Website: [www.rv-binlahej.com](http://www.rv-binlahej.com)

## 23 Sportity App

This year the organizers will employ the use of Sportity mobile app to host all the sporting documents for the entire event. Please enable notifications on the app after you install it to ensure you receive the latest notifications when documents are uploaded. A token that all competitors can use to access the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge Channel will be sent via email after the posting of the provisional entries list.

### Sportity Code



### FIA and FIM Digital Notice Boards

Sportity Code will be sent to all registered teams/competitors/Media/Officials after the closing of the entries.

This may include but is not limited to the following.

- Rally Guide
- Supplementary Regulations
- Auto & Moto Itinerary
- General and Safety Briefing Notes
- Bulletins
- Maps/Layouts
- Entry lists
- Documentation and Scrutineering Schedules
- Starting lists
- Provisional Classifications
- Penalties
- Road book modifications



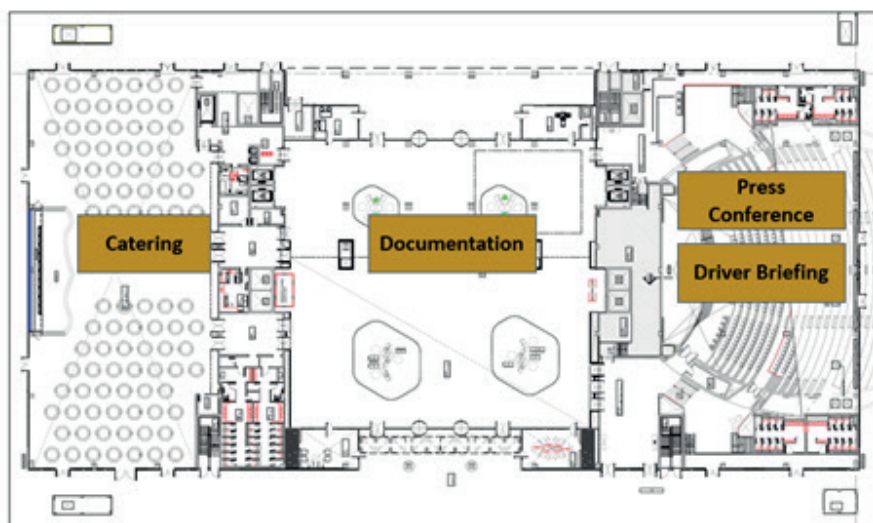
## Appendix 1 Maps

### The Energy Business Center

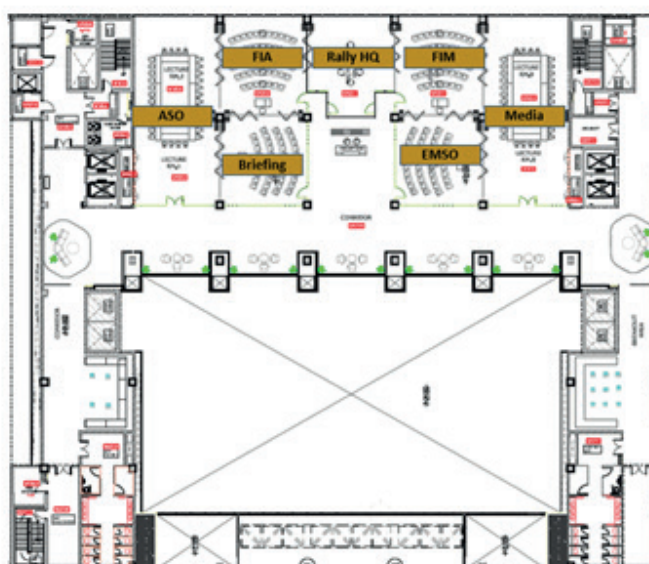




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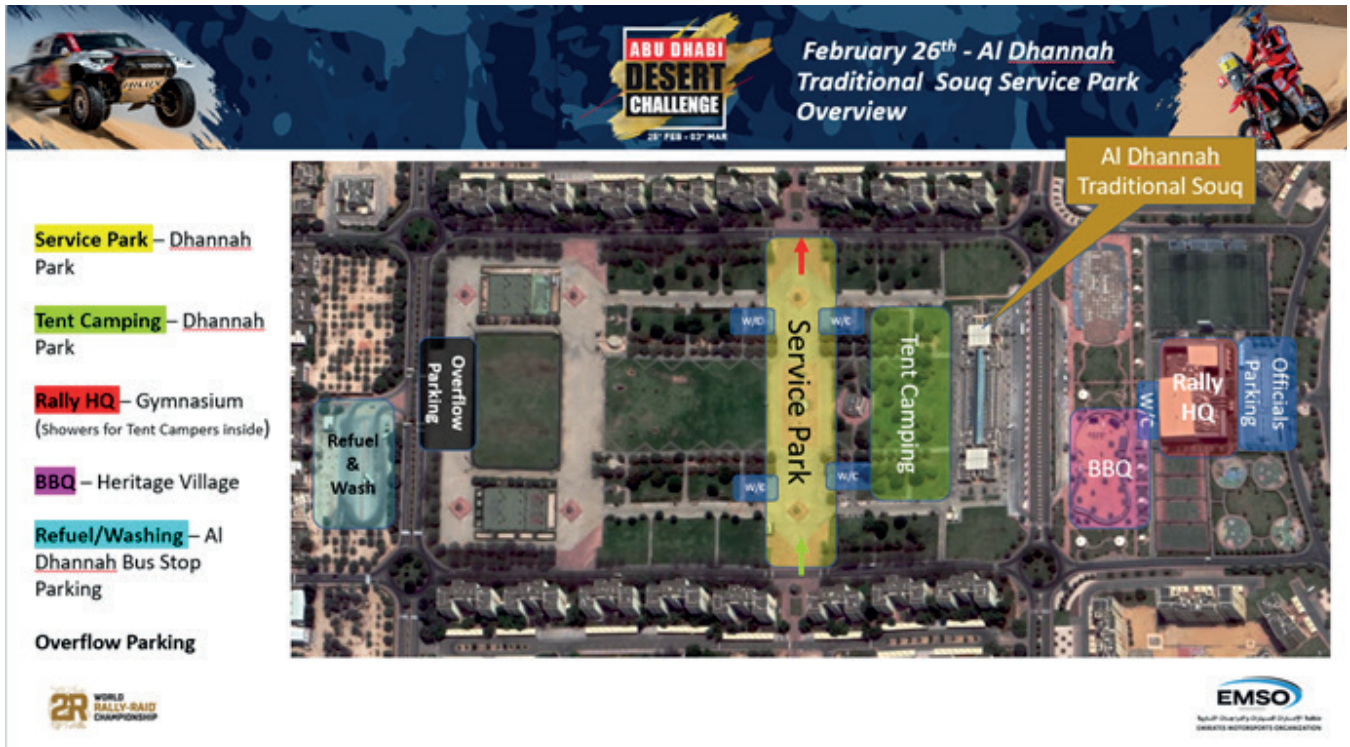


- ASO Office Room 1/2
- Briefing Room Room 3
- FIA Office Room 4
- Rally HQ Room 5
- EMSO Office Room 6
- FIM Office Room 7
- Media Office Room 8/9





## Al Dhannah Bivouac



## Qasr Al Sarab Bivouac

