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Introduction

The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge is one of the world's oldest and most prestigious international cross-country rallies. The event was founded in 1991 by Emirati motorsport legend and current FIA President Mohammed Ben Sulayem, and is organized by the Emirates Motorsports Organization (EMSO).

The event rapidly gained global fame with all the biggest names in international motorsport attempting to conquer the dunes of the UAE's unforgiving Rub'Al Khali Desert, the world's largest sand ocean.

33 years in, and thanks to the patronage of Abu Dhabi's Government through the strategic partnership with the Abu Dhabi Sports Council and energy partner ADNOC Distribution, the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge has earned the reputation of being an event run to the highest safety and organizational standards, where participants can benefit from Abu Dhabi's world-class infrastructure. Today, the Desert Challenge is considered by competitors to be the most technical race on the calendar.

Celebrating its 34th edition the event returns with an emphasis on sustainability, and with added racing thrills, 2025 will see the introduction of a second rally bivouac and the action reaching new areas of the Al Dhafra region, after a successful introduction last year.



Event Organization

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

International & National Federations

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MOTO – International	FIM	+41 22 950 95 00	info@fim.ch



Regulations



DOCUMENT	LINK
2025 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations	HERE
2025 ADDC Auto Supplementary Regulations	HERE
2025 FIM World Rally Raid Championship Regulations	HERE
2025 FIM Rally-Raid Technical Rules	HERE
2025 ADDC Moto Supplementary Regulations	HERE

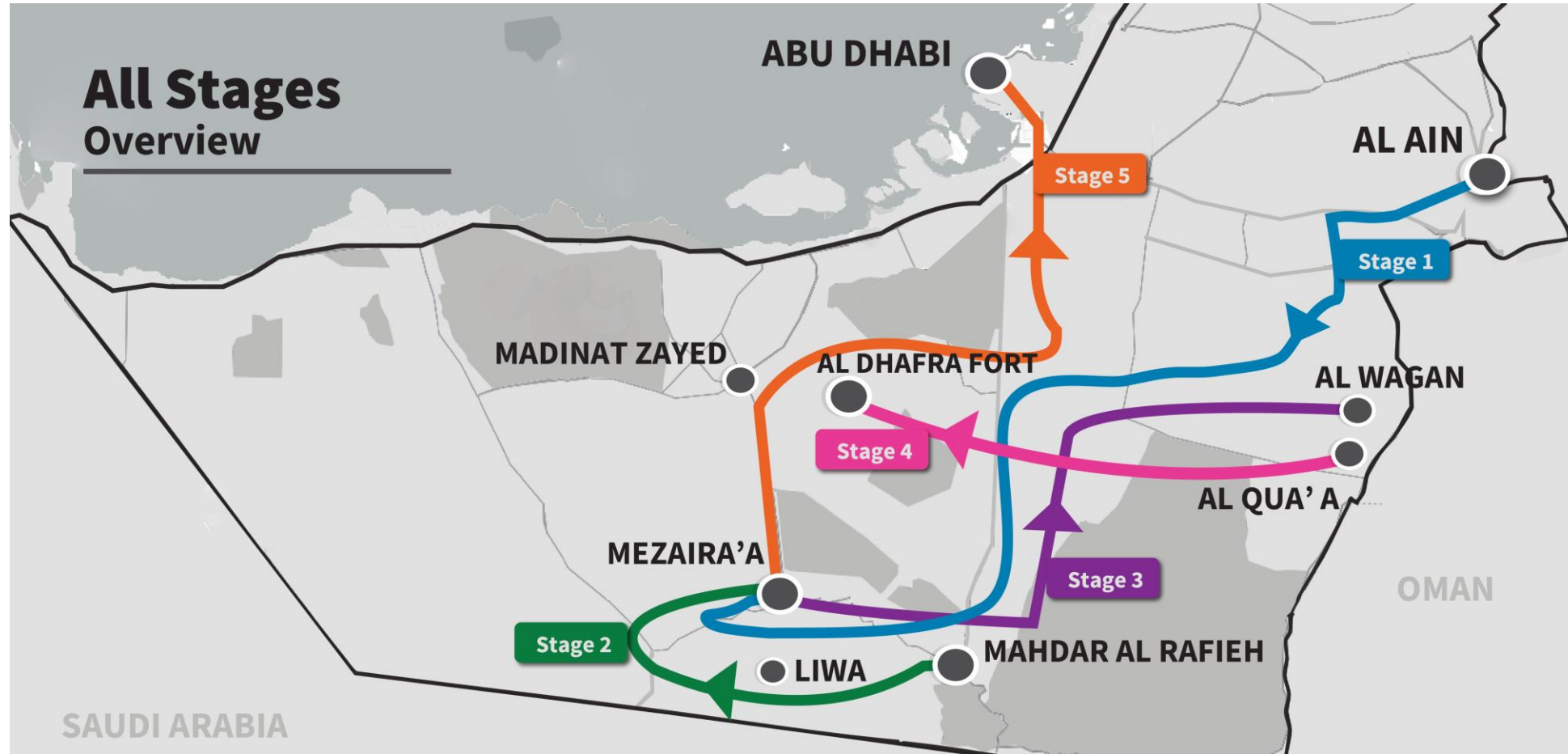
Event Program

Note: Dates in orange are official dates of the ADDC event.

Dates	Location	Description
Feb 19 th (Wednesday)	Al Ain – Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams and competitors allowed to arrive and setup in Bivouac.
Feb 20 th (Thursday)	Al Ain – Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium Al Ain – Info to be sent to registered teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams and competitors allowed to arrive and setup in Bivouac. Pre-Event Test
Feb 21 st (Friday)	Al Ain – Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium Al Ain – Al Jahili Fort Al Ain - Info to be sent to registered teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bivouac Event Documentation / Scrutineering (FIA/FIM) Press Conference Competitors Briefing Pre-Event Test
Feb 22 nd (Saturday)	Al Ain – Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium Al Ain – Jebel Hafit Desert Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auto/Moto Start Order selection conducted Ceremonial Start Prologue
Feb 23 rd (Sunday)	Al Ain to Mzeer'ah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1
Feb 24 th (Monday)	Mzeer'ah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2
Feb 25 th (Tuesday)	Mzeer'ah (Marathon Auto/Moto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3
Feb 26 th (Wednesday)	Mzeer'ah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 4
Feb 27 th (Thursday)	Mzeer'ah to Abu Dhabi Abu Dhabi – Hudayriyat Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 5 Ceremony Finish Prize Giving Ceremony

2025 Route Map

Stages 1-5

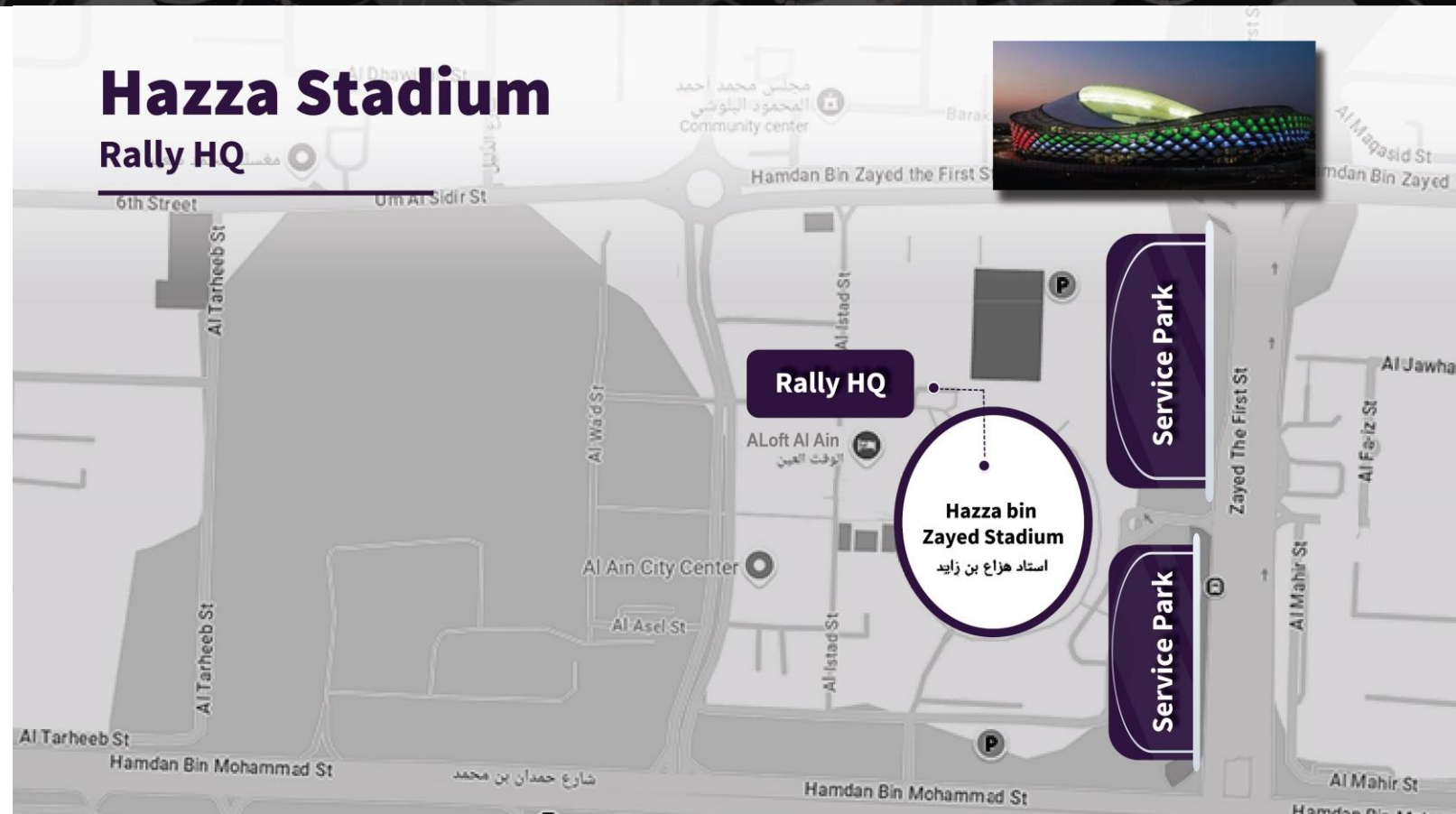




Al Ain Bivouac Map

Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium (Feb 19th – 22nd)

Google Location:
[HERE](#)





Mzeer'ah Bivouac Map

(Feb 23rd - 26th)

Google Location:
[HERE](#)

Mzeer'ah
Rally Bivouac

Rally HQ

Al Mahabab St

SEHA - Liwa Hospital
مستشفى ليوا

Rally Bivouac

MAHDAR MZEER AH
محضر مزيرة

airaa Fort
قلعة المزيرة

Mosque
مسجد

MUZAYRI

MAHDAR AL SALMI
محضر السالمي

(Inset photos show a desert landscape with palm trees and an aerial view of the bivouac site.)

Hudayriyat Island – Service Park

(Feb 27th)

Google Location:
[HERE](#)





Entry Fees

Moto & Auto

ADDC 2025 Entry Fees	EARLY BIRD RATE (Closing Jan 24 th , 2025)		REGULAR RATE (until Feb 7 th , 2025)	
	AED	USD	AED	USD
FIM - MOTO/QUAD				
UAE RATE	9,399.00		10,399.00	
OVERSEAS RATE		\$4,049.00		\$4,499.00
FIA - AUTO (ULTIMATE / STOCK / CHALLENGER)				
UAE RATE	14,999.00		16,499.00	
OVERSEAS RATE		\$7699.00		\$8,499.00
FIA - AUTO (SSV)				
UAE RATE	12,899.00		14,299.00	
OVERSEAS RATE		\$5,559.00		\$6,099.00
FIA - TRUCK				
UAE RATE	18,099.00		19,849.00	
OVERSEAS RATE		\$9,549.00		\$10,479.00

For Competitors to be eligible for the UAE Entry rates, the Competitor must have UAE nationality or hold a current UAE Residence Visa and a FIA/FIM License issued by EMSO.

All entries MUST be submitted to entry@emso.ae and a copy of the bank transfer needs to be attached.

Early Bird Rates must be paid before 25/01/25 to be valid.

Any entry fees paid at documentation will increase 10%



Entry Fees

THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Meals (From February 21 (dinner) to 27 (lunch
- Fuel in the Bivouac (Feb 22-27th) for all race and service vehicles. Only the vehicles with rally plate stickers are allowed,
- Fuel at remote refueling on stages requiring so, for bikes, quads, Challenger and SSV,
- Competitors' sporting rights,
- Participation in the event (administrative and scrutineering, prologue and 5 days of racing) with sport organization, logistics and organization documents,
- Competitors' visa (if not delivered at airport) registered before the earlier bird rate cutoff date.
- Organizer's Public liability insurance,
- Medical and repatriation insurance for competitors and overseas assistance personnel registered with the event,
- Licensed Medical staff,
- Medical resources: Ambulances and medical helicopters, all equipped with first aid and rescue equipment on stages
- Medical Center at the Bivouac,
- At the bivouac, access to the camping area with bathrooms and showers,
- Provision of energy, water and security for motorhomes and camping cars,
- **For MALLE MOTO category:** Round trip transport from service park to service park for competitors box, spare tires/wheels and camping equipment.
- Awards ceremony and dinner.

REGISTRATION FEES DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Rental of safety equipment (MARLINK). Deposit €1,500 due at documentation.
- Rental of navigation equipment Electronic road book and their equipment (ERTF). Deposit €1,700 due at documentation.
- Round trip transport of any competitor, flight, vehicles or equipment (except malle moto).
- Supplementary insurance
- The compulsory Sport license required to compete.
- Hotel Accommodation
- Visa for service crews
- Personal expenses or extra

FIA Auto Categories

Eligible vehicles for ADDC

Group	Class	Vehicle
Ultimate	T1.U	“Ultimate” prototype Cross-Country Vehicles complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 285-12
	T1+	Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles 4x4 complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 285-11
	T1.1	Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles 4x4 complying with 2024 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 2024 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)	
Stock	T2.1	Series Production Cross-Country Cars complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 284
	T2.2	Series Production Cross-Country Vehicles with expired homologation, complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 284 (see Art. 8.6.1)
Challenger	T3.U	“Ultimate” lightweight Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 286-14
	T3.1	Lightweight Prototype Cross-Country Vehicles complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 286
SSV		Modified Production Cross-Country Side-by-Side (SSV) Vehicles complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 286A

FIA Auto Categories

continued

Eligible vehicles for ADDC

Group	Class	Vehicle
TRUCK	T5.U	“Ultimate” prototype Cross-Country Trucks complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 287-13
	T5.1	Prototype Cross-Country Trucks complying with 2024 Appendix J, Art. 287
		Production Cross-Country Trucks complying with 2019 Appendix J, Art. 287
		Prototype Cross-Country Trucks Hybrid complying with 2021 ASO Dakar Auto regulations and registered with the FIA before 31.12.2022
	T5.2	Vehicles complying with “SCORE” regulations (see Art. 8.5)
	T2.1	Production Cross-Country Trucks complying with the 2024 race service truck specifications



W2RC – FIA Auto

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 Challenger Drivers
- FIA Rally-Raid Championship for Challenger Co-Drivers
- FIA Rally-Raid Championship for SSV Drivers
- FIA Rally-Raid Championship for SSV Co-Drivers

FIA World Championship Registration

In order to score points in the Manufacturers, Drivers and Codrivers Championships, competitors must have pre-registered with the FIA before 13 December 2024. 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>



Moto/Quad Categories

Categories for ADDC

FIM World Rally-Raid Championship:

- Category RallyGP for competitors and manufacturers. Moto Rally up to 450cc

FIM World Rally-Raid Cups:

- Rally2 Category – Moto-Rally up to 450cc
- Category Quad

FIM Rally-Raid Trophies:

- Women's Trophy for competitors in the Rally2 category
- Junior Trophy for competitors in the Rally2 category
- Veteran Trophy for competitors in the Rally2 category

Organizer Class:

- Malle Moto
- Over 450cc

In order to participate in the event, the rider must hold a valid FIM competitor's licence for the event: Annual or One Event (Article 70.2.1 of the FIM Sporting Code)

New for this year, all FIM competitors will automatically be entered into the W2RC and éligible to score points in the World Championship as the fee is now included in the event entry fee.

- ROAD TO DAKAR régulations [HERE](#)
- A Prologue will be run in the form of a Selective Section, with a minimum length of **15** km.





Moto/Quad Categories

FIM Rules

FIM World Rally Raid Championship Event For Moto And Quad

The **FIM World Rally-Raid 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 World Rally Raid Championship and FIM Prize Events are held each year and include the following title/category:

Category RallyGP – FIM World Rally-Raid Championship

- Group 1: Moto – Rally (Up to 450cc)
- Rider: Experienced competitors only. A list of eligible riders will be published by FIM website.
- 2025 FIM Licence reference / article: 62 801 01 ANNUAL or 62 801 11 ONE EVENT

Category Rally2 – FIM World Rally-Raid Cups

- Group 1: Moto-Rally (Up to 450cc)
- Rider: open to all except rider registered on RallyGP list
- 2025 FIM Licence reference / article 62 801 02 ANNUAL or 62 801 12 ONE EVENT

Category Quad - FIM World Rally-Raid Cups

- Quad according to the FIM Technical rules. Maximum speed 130 km/h
- Rider : Open to all
- 2025 FIM Licence reference / article 62 801 02 ANNUAL or 62 801 12 ONE EVENT



Malle Moto

MALLE MOTO is open to all Bike and Quad Amateur riders 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, bracelets for guests, etc.). Any infringement will result in Disqualification of the Rider from this category.

EMSO will arrange the following items for the Competitors registered in MALLE MOTO:

- basic tent
- sleeping mattress
- sleeping bag
- 80L box to load their equipment into
- Environmental mat.

WORKING AREA

Shared resources for the malle moto group will include working area with pop-up tents, tables, access to electricity and some basic hand tools. Note these resources will not be available at the marathon camp.

LOGISTIC

All logistics from start in Al Ain to finish of the rally in Abu Dhabi . This may include all the above equipment plus for each person, an additional personal luggage bag (Max 100L), 3 spare tyres, 2 spare wheels and bike work stand.

The Rider's race number must be marked on the hubs of each wheel and visibly marked on each tyre.

All equipment transported by the Organisation must be handed over before the start of the Race at the EMSO Logistics Compound (Exact place and times will be communicated later).

Malle Moto

Rules

TIME CARD MANAGEMENT

At the finish of a Stage, the Rider will give his Time Card to the Chief Marshal of the TC End of Stage, at the bivouac entrance; the Marshal writes their time of arrival and gives the Rider their time card back; the Rider goes straight to the “MALLE MOTO Bivouac” area and gives his Time Card to the person in charge of the area. A maximum time of 10 minutes must be respected.

At the Bivouac, it is mandatory for the Rider registered in “MALLE MOTO” to set-up and make all/any service and repairs and sleep in the dedicated area, **located close to the catering tent**. This implies compliance with the following rules.

Only the Rider is allowed to:

- transport his tyres and wheels to the BF Goodrich area;
- work on his Machine or on a damaged part;
- set up and dismantle his tent.

Riders of the "MALLE MOTO" Challenge must not receive any outside help. Only Service between Riders of the "MALLE MOTO" , still in the race, or by the Organisation's staff dedicated to this category will be authorised.

Any other Service will be sanctioned, the penalty may go as far as the disqualification of the Rider from the category.

Riders may take their Machine or a damaged part out of the “MALLE MOTO” area only after having informed the person in charge of the area. Riders must be accompanied by a member of the Organisation, from the “MALLE MOTO” team, to carry out certain exceptional operations:

- Any repairs requiring specific equipment not available in the “MALLE MOTO” area, after agreement from the technical commissioner (welding, machining, suspension repairs, etc.).

Malle Moto

Rules (continued)

These repairs must be carried out by Riders themselves under the supervision of a member of the Organisation accompanying him;

- Carry out tests;
- Refuel their Machines;
- Clean their Machines.

In case of litigation, the area manager will make a written statement to the Officials with the time of absence and the reasons.

If it appears that the type of operation does not comply with this article and/or that the spirit of the category is not respected, the Rider shall be excluded from the Challenge and may therefore no longer benefit from the related services.

In the event of withdrawal, the Rider:

- will continue to have access to his personal belongings and to sleep in the “MALLE MOTO” area;
- may in no case provide any form of Service to the remaining “MALLE MOTO” Riders still in the race.



Service Crew/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:

ADDC 2025 Service Crew/Vehicle Fees	REGULAR RATE (until Feb 7 th , 2025)	
	Cost (AED)	Cost (USD)
SERVICE PACKAGE		
SERVICE CREW - UAE based with residence visa	2,387.00	\$649.00
SERVICE CREW w/Medical & Repatriation Insurance for overseas crews	2,677.00	\$729.00
SERVICE VEHICLE – AUTO (GVW under 3000kgs)	1,757.00	\$479.00
SERVICE VEHICLE – TRUCK (GVW over 3000kgs)	3,487.00	\$949.00
Optional: Additional set of Service Road Books		

Entry fees valid to 7th February, 2025 needs to be paid before 21/02/2025. Payments done at Documentation will be increase of 10%.

All entries MUST be submitted to 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 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).





Bank Details

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.



Safety and Tracking Equipment

Tracking

The ADDC will use **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 questions. 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 2025 FIA Cross Country Rally Sporting Regulations, Appendix V1, Section 12.1.1.

Website:

English : <https://eshop.marlink.com/en/abu-dhabi-desert-challenge.html>

French : <https://eshop.marlink.com/fr/abu-dhabi-desert-challenge.html>

Spanish : <https://eshop.marlink.com/sp/abu-dhabi-desert-challenge.html>

For support contact: services.events@marlink.com

The rental cost of the Tracking/Safety system (Iritrack V3) and Timing system is NOT included in the Entry Fee.

For Iritrack V3 you will require to purchase a mounting kit with one of two options below if you have not used it before and already own the required mounting kit.

- 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 Equipment

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 both FIA Auto and all FIM competitors.

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 2025 FIA Cross Country Rally Sporting Regulations, Appendix V1, Section 12.1.1.

<https://www.ertf.com/rallye.asp?NumRal=77>

MOTO & QUAD

For Information about the ERTF Unik 4 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=77>

Insurance (medical)

Repatriation and Medical Insurance

An accident & Sickness Emergency Medical and Repatriation expense is included in the entry fee to a level of AED 626,000 (\$170,000 / EUR 159,000).

The repatriation insurance for the Service Crews is not included in the entry fees. It is each team or service crew member's responsibility to purchase the service crew package to ensure they have insurance coverage.

UAE Rules concerning medical expenses and hospitalization

It is important for all Competitors to fully understand the situation with regards to 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.



Insurance (civil liability)

Civil Liability for Competitors and Service Crews

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, **so from 21st to 27th of February, 2025.**

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

Only Overseas Competitive vehicles (non GCC) are covered for Civil Liability towards Third Parties (Road Legal), from 19th February to March 1st, 2025. Outside of these dates, the owner of the vehicles needs to have his proper insurance valid in UAE.

Pertinent Insurance Related Requirements:

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 also submitting a clearly scanned colour copy of the vehicle registration certificate (all pages/both sides) and temporary import documents. Competitors are furthermore reminded that UAE Rental Vehicles and all insurance related obligations are the sole responsibility of the competitor.

Accommodation

Note: Dates in orange are official dates of the ADDC event.

Dates	Location	Description
Feb 19 th (Wednesday)	Al Ain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotana Al Ain Group booking at sales.alain@rotana.com • Radisson Blu - Booking Link: HERE • Aloft Hotel – Booking Link: HERE • Mecure Grand Jebal Hafeet Hotel – Booking Link: HERE
Feb 20 th (Thursday)		
Feb 21 st (Friday)		
Feb 22 nd (Saturday)		

Accommodation

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Dates	Location	Description
Feb 23 rd (Sunday)	Mzeer'ah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Hotel Madinat Zayed – Book Here Liwa Hotel – for bookings contact: muhammad.ali@mirfahotel.com Bab Al Najoum Bateen Liwa – Book Here Western Hotel Liwa – Book Here
Feb 24 th (Monday)		
Feb 25 th (Tuesday)		
Feb 26 th (Wednesday)		
Feb 27 th (Thursday)	Hudayriyat Island	<p>Or</p> <p>Camping allowed in the Bivouac</p> <p>1x Army Tent with A/C and sleeping beds for 10 persons can be booked with May@emso.ae All reservations need to be done by Feb 5th</p> <p>Hotels on the island are limited. Many hotel options are just 20 mins away in Abu Dhabi City.</p>



Travel / VISA

Obtaining a UAE VISA

Step 1:

For all persons coming to the United Arab Emirates to attend the event, most countries will be able to get a VISA on arrival. We would encourage all participants to check their Visa requirements to enter the UAE at the below link minimum 2 weeks before they travel.

[UAE Entry Requirements.](#)

Step 2:

For those that need to apply for a UAE Visa before they travel, you can apply by following the process below. Cost for each Visa application is 157.50aed each.

Please send all requests no later then February 7th.

Send your required documents to Orwa@emso.ae

- Scanned passport copy (passport must be valid more then 6 months)
- Passport picture on white background
- Pakistan National only must send copy of National ID card.
- Screenshot of your payment using the QR code below. (Note: you may pay for more then one visa application at the same time, just select the quantity)

Payment Link:





Logistics

Official Shipping & Logistics Partner for Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge 2024

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Sameer Chavan
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Logistics

Temporary Import/Duty Free Solutions into UAE

ATA Carnet

UAE customs accepts ATA Carnet to facilitate duty free temporary import. ATA Carnet could be obtained through the authorized chamber of commerce in your country. Please ensure no consumable items such as spare parts, oils and merchandise (if any) are mentioned on ATA Carnet.

Temporary Import Deposit

UAE customs allows temporary import against 'temporary import duty deposit' which is 5% of your shipment value. Our logistics partner DHL Logistics would facilitate temporary import deposit upon arrival of shipment at UAE port/airport. Items can be listed on shipping commercial invoice and packing list and sent to us at logistics@emso.ae

Note: All spare parts and oils are entitled to duty + VAT and will not be treated as temporary import. Present customs regulation apply customs duty at 5% of CIF value or customs assessed value + VAT 5% of duty +CIF value.

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Sea freight consolidation services from Europe

Owing to unexpected developments in the Red Sea affecting sea freight operations, there is a delay of 2-3 weeks for all east-bound shipping. This delay will directly affect the timely delivery of your shipment for the upcoming event. Contact our shipping team so they can review your shipping plans and ensure your equipment will arrive on time. Alternately if you need help arranging sea freight from anywhere in the world, they can also offer you their best logistic solutions.

Air freight

We would be happy to assist you with airfreighting of your shipments. All air shipments must be shipped to Dubai airports (DXB/DWC).

Deadline to reach shipment at DXB/DWC

- February 7th, 2025

Please contact at below email

logistics@emso.ae / raman.kumar2@dhl.com

Storage option after Dakar

For teams coming into the UAE after Dakar, the organizer has arranged a storage option with reduced rates. The storage is an open yard that is secure with 24/7 security and CCTV cameras, an open yard. Team may store their equipment there and access can be provided to them to return and conduct service on their vehicles.

Storage fee is charged per square foot. Please share your space requirements to obtain a rate.

- Contact for booking: Logistics@emso.ae
- Google location : [DIC Location](#)
- Operating Days/Hours of the yard : 7 days a week from 08 AM – 10 PM
- Access to power is only available for charging small electronic devices. Teams wishing to do service work, will need to provide their own power.
- Teams will need to follow HSE guidelines, a short briefing will be arranged to the teams upon arrival.





Media

Media Accreditation

Media accreditation requires filling out the forms found in [this link](#) and emailing them to media@emso.ae and rocelle@emso.ae

Please note media accreditation closes on **Friday February 7th**

If you are accrediting as media and require a UAE Visa, you can reach out to us for assistance in applying at media@emso.ae

Please be aware that processing times may vary, potentially taking over a month, so it is best to apply the earliest possible

Drones

If you or any of the members of your team are interested in using a drone during the event, you must register with GCAA and comply with all its rules and regulations.

You can register by clicking [this link](#) and following the instructions, or by downloading the **UAE Drones** app available on the [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#) stores.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the EMSO Media team at:

media@emso.ae

You can follow us on social media at:

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Youtube](#)





Sportity

All general and specific info for competitors and teams will be hosted on the various Sportity app channels.

The app can be downloaded by scanning QR code.

Then use the codes to access the 2025 Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge General Information, FIA and FIM dedicated channels.

Sportity

For direct event information please download the Sportity app and insert this password:

25ADDCINFO

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Past Winners (Auto)

AUTO OVERALL

YEAR	DRIVER	CO-DRIVER	VEHICLE	2002	Stéphane Peterhansel	Jean Paul Cottret	Mitsubishi Pajero
2024	Nasser Al Attiyah	Edouard Boulanger	Prodrive Hunter	2001	Jean-Louis Schlesser	Henri Magne	Schlesser Megane
2023	Yazeed Al Rajhi	Timo Gottschalk	Toyota Hilux Overdrive	2000	Jean-Louis Schlesser	Jean-Marie Lurquin	Schlesser Renault
2022	Stephane Peterhansel	Edouard Boulanger	Audi RS Q E-TRON	1999	Jean-Louis Schlesser	Henri Magne	Schlesser Renault
2021	Nasser Al Attiyah	Mathieu Baumel	Toyota Hilux	1998	Jean Pierre Fontenay	Gilles Picard	Mitsubishi Pajero
2019	Stephane Peterhansel	Andrea Peterhansel	Mini John Cooper Works	1997	Ari Vatanen	Fred Gallagher	Citroen Rally Raid
2018	Martin Prokop	David Pabiska	Ford F-150 Evo	1996	Bruno Saby	Dominique Serieys	Mitsubishi Pajero
2017	Sheikh Khaled Al Qassimi	Khalid Alkendi	Peugeot 3008 DKR	1995	Jean-Louis Schlesser	xxxx (Solo) xxxx	Schlesser Original
2016	Nasser Al Attiyah	Mathieu Baumel	Toyota Hilux	1994	Jean-Louis Schlesser	xxxx (Solo) xxxx	Schlesser Original
2015	Vladimir Vasilyev	Konstantin Zhilstov	MINI All4 Racing	1993	Saeed Al Hajri	Henri Magne	Mitsubishi Pajero
2014	Vladimir Vasilyev	Konstantin Zhilstov	MINI All4 Racing	1992	M. Mattar	H.A. Bin Shahdoor	Landrover Defender
2013	Nani Roma	Michel Perin	MINI All4 Racing	1991	M. Mattar	H.A. Bin Shahdoor	Landrover Defender
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				

Past Winners (Moto)

MOTO

YEAR	RIDER	MOTORCYCLE
2024	Aaron Mare	HERO 450 Rally
2023	Adrien Van Beveren	Honda CRF 450 Rally
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
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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



Past Winners (Quad)

QUAD		
YEAR	RIDER	QUAD
2024	Abdulaziz Ahli	YAMAHA YFM 700R Raptor
2023	Abdulaziz Ahli	Yamaha Raptor 700 R
2022	Abdulaziz Ahli	Yamaha Raptor
2021	Abdulaziz Ahli	Yamaha YFZ 450 R
2019	Al Musallam Fahad	Yamaha
2018	Kees Koolen	Barren Racer 690
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