

ABU DHABI
DESERT
CHALLENGE

21st-27th FEB 2025

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN



About Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge

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.

34 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 Abu Dhabi 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 new rally bivouac and the action reaching new areas of the Al Dhafra region, after a successful introduction last year.

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Event's schedule

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| Friday 21 th February | Administrative checks, collection of documents and material including rally safety equipment, tracking and navigation system (in accordance with published timetable) | Al Ain Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium Administration Office | 07h00 15h00 |
| Friday 21 th February | Scrutineering of the machines (in accordance with published timetable) | Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium Small Parking Lot, Scrutineering Tent | 07h30 16h00 |
| Friday 21 th February | First Jury Meeting | Al Ain Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium, FIM Jury Room | 17h30 |
| Friday 21 th February | Publication of the Riders allowed to take the Start | Website & Sportity | 18h15 |
| Sunday 21 th February | Publication of the Starting List for the Ceremonial Start and Prologue (TC0) | Website & Sportity | 18h30 |
| Friday 21 th February | Pre-Rally Press Conference | Al Ain Al Jahili Fort | 19h00 |
| Friday 21 th February | Mandatory Competitors' Briefing & Medical Briefing | Al Ain Al Jahili Fort | 20h00 |
| Friday 21 th February | ERTF & MARLINK Safety Briefing for new riders | Al Ain Al Jahili Fort | After General Briefing |

Event's schedule

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| From 23 rd to 26 th February | Daily Briefing | Podium Mzeer'ah Bivouac | 19h00 |
| Saturday 22 nd February | Rally HQ & Service Park Open | Al Ain Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium | 07h00 22h00 |
| Saturday 22 nd February | Road Section 25 km – 1 st Bike Prologue (TC 0) – 1 st Bike | Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium Jebel Hafit Desert Park | TBC 10h00 |
| Saturday 22 nd February | Publication of the Prologue Classification | Sportity Apps | 15h00 |
| Saturday 22 nd February | Ceremony Start including the selection of starting position for Leg 1 (Top 10 riders) | Al Ain Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium | 18h00 21h00 |
| Saturday 22 nd to 26 th | Jury Meeting According to Stewards/Jury President's decision | Al Ain - Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium and Mzeer'ah Bivouac | TBC |
| Saturday 22 nd February | Publication of the Starting List for Leg 1 | Sportity Apps | 20h00 |
| Sunday 23 rd February | Road Section from Exit of the Bivouac – 1 st Bike LEG 1 | Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium DSS – 1 st bike | TBC TBC |
| From 23 rd February to 26 th | Opening of the Media Centre | Media Centre Mzeer'ah Bivouacs | 09h00 |
| Sunday 23 rd to 26 th Feb | Publication of the results of the day Publication of start list for next day | Website & Sportity Apps | 19h00 |

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| Thursday 27 th February | Finish of the Rally, Ceremonial Finish & Parc Ferme | Abu Dhabi Road Section including Podium Safety Equipment back before to enter Park Ferme | First bike/car TBC |
| Thursday 27 th February | Final Technical Inspections | Abu Dhabi Parc Ferme | 13h00 |
| Thursday 27 th February | Final Jury Meeting | Abu Dhabi FIM Jury Room | 15h00 |
| Thursday 27 th February | Publication of Provisional Final Classification | Website & Sportity Apps | 16h00 |
| Thursday 27 th February | Publication of the Official Final Classification Opening of the Parc Ferme | Website & Sportity Apps | 16h30 |
| Thursday 27 th February | Prize-giving Ceremony | Abu Dhabi | 19h30 |

Respecting the rules and guidelines means respecting the environment

All competitors and team members must at all times respect the FIA / FIM and Organizer's environmental rules:

- It is compulsory to use an environmental mat (or other effective and approved system) to prevent soil and water contamination at events. The Environmental Mat must be composed of an absorbent upper part and an impermeable lower part and must be used:
 - Wherever work on vehicles/motorcycles is allowed by the organizers.
 - In the Parc Ferme.
 - In the paddock at all events.
 - Under all waste oil and fuel containers provided by the organizers.
 - At all official refueling points.
 - Under all thermic powered generators and power washers.
- Cleaning of vehicles/motorcycles, equipment and parts, where permitted by the regulations, must only be carried out at places with cleaning facilities.
- Only water without the addition of chemical products (for example detergent, even if it is eco or biodegradable) is permitted.
- Each participant and/or team member is responsible for the waste generated by his team during the event. Organizer's containers for waste must be used as directed.
- Respect all other rules and guidelines of the event.



EMSO Sustainability Policy

Emirates Motorsports Organization (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).

Automobile and Touring Club for United Arab Emirates (ATCUAE) is the mobility division of the Emirates Motorsports Organization (EMSO) and complies to the same Sustainability Policy.

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.



EMSO Sustainability Policy is available [HERE](#)

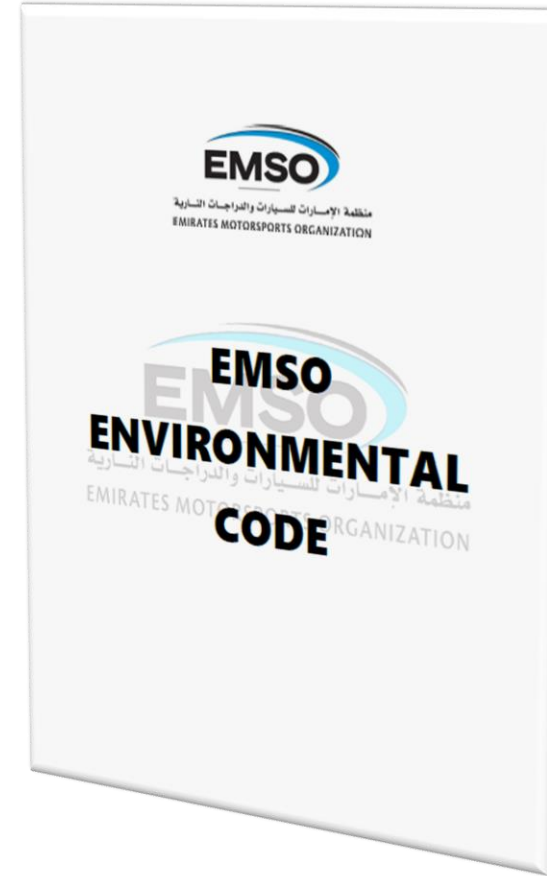




EMSO Environmental Code

The Emirates Motorsports Organization (EMSO) will seek to establish at all times the highest environmental standards during the organization of motorsport events at all levels and will promote environmental consciousness among all participants.

The EMSO will do so in close co-operation with the organizers of the motorsport events and activities in the UAE.



EMSO Environmental code is available [HERE](#)





FIM Environmental Code

FIA Environmental Policy



The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) is the world governing body for motorcycling sport and the global advocate for motorcycling.

The FIM is committed to developing and promoting a sustainability programme to enhance its positive impact on the environment and society and reduce any possible adverse effects.

The FIM's goal is to establish a culture of sustainability in motorcycle sport worldwide. In order to achieve this, the FIM will:

- Continue to foster an Environmental Protection Programme.
- Comply with all relevant legislations, regulations, policies, local laws and site agreements designed to protect the environment.
- Monitor advances in technology and environmental best management.
- Practice and apply them as appropriate.

FIM Environmental code is available [HERE](#)



The FIA environmental policy applies to all operational activities, at all FIA locations (Paris, Geneva and Valleiry) and to all FIA organized and sanctioned events. Within this framework, the FIA commits specifically to:

- Comply with all applicable regulatory requirements in relation to environmental aspects.
- Seek continuous improvement of environmental management with the aim to reduce the environmental impact of our activities.
- Protect the environment and prevent pollution within the scope of our activities.

To meet these commitments, the FIA undertakes the following actions:

- Measure and monitor our environmental performance to have a full understanding of environmental impacts of our operations.
- Identify and implement actions aimed at reducing FIA's environmental impacts, starting from most impactful categories.
- Promote sustainability and environmental awareness and involve internal and external stakeholders in reaching the objectives.

FIA Environmental policy is available [HERE](#)





ADDC Environmental Plan

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Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge Environmental Plan is published on the event's website <https://abudhabidesertchallenge.com/sustainability/> and official notice board Sportity.

Sportity codes:

General information – 25ADDCINFO

FIA – ADDC25FIM

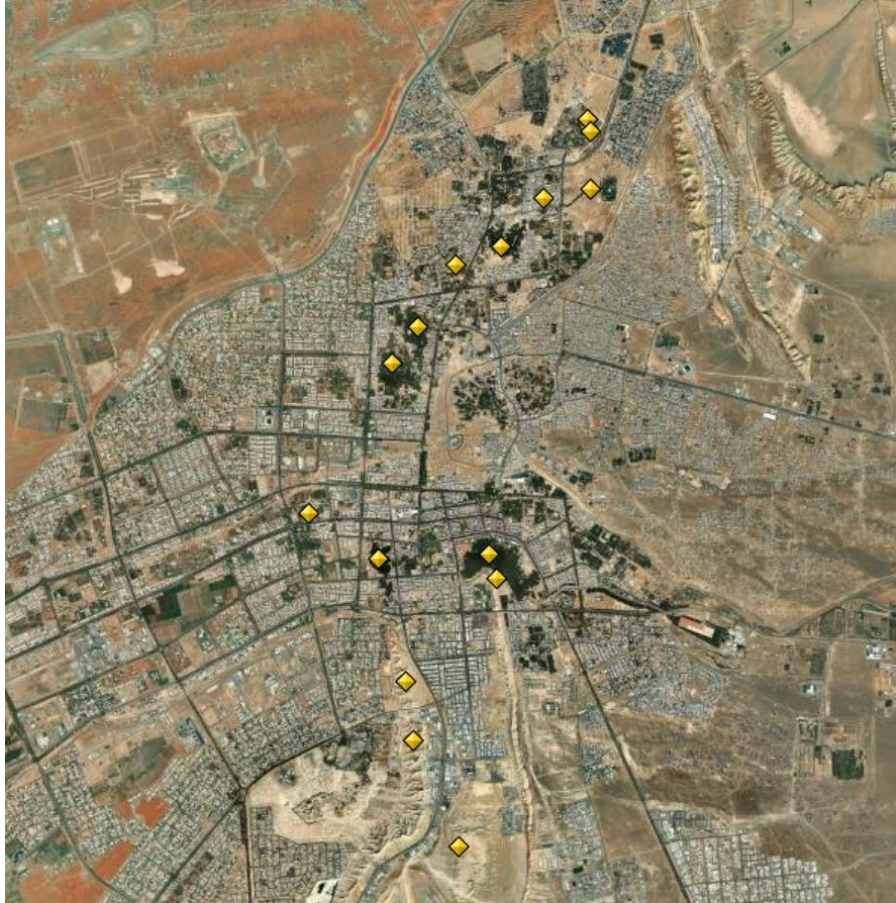
FIM – ADDC25FIA

Sustainable procurement

The Emirates Motorsports Organization will provide merchandise and branding that follows our sustainable plan. Majority of event's branding will use partially recyclable options, wherever possible.

Results and official documents will be posted online to keep waste at a minimum.

UNESCO World Heritage Convention



Cultural Sites of Al Ain (Hafit, Hili, Bidaa Bint Saud and Oases Areas) – UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

The Cultural Sites of Al Ain (**Hafit, Hili, Bidaa Bint Saud and Oases Areas**) constitute a serial property that testifies to sedentary human occupation of a desert region since the Neolithic period with vestiges of many prehistoric cultures.

Remarkable vestiges in the property include circular stone tombs (ca 2500 B.C.), wells and a wide range of adobe constructions: residential buildings, towers, palaces and administrative buildings.

Hili moreover features one of the oldest examples of the sophisticated aflaj irrigation system which dates back to the Iron Age.

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Waste management



AL AIN – HAZZA BIN ZAYED STADIUM

18th – 23rd February

Waste at the Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium will be managed by the stadium service provider.

Waste in the service park – located next to the stadium, and at Al Jahili Fort (press conference venue), will be managed by Tadweer Group, official Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge sustainability partner.

BATHROOMS

Gate 1 – open during daytime only

Gate 7 – open 24/7

Bathrooms are separate for men and women.

WASTE BINS

Green bins (recyclable) and black bins (general waste) will be placed on various locations in the service park and scrutineering area.

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Waste management

MZEER'AH and MARATHON CAMP

18th – 23rd February

Waste at the marathon camp and in the M'zeerah bivouac will be managed by Tadweer Group and EMSO volunteers.

SHOWERS AND TOILETS

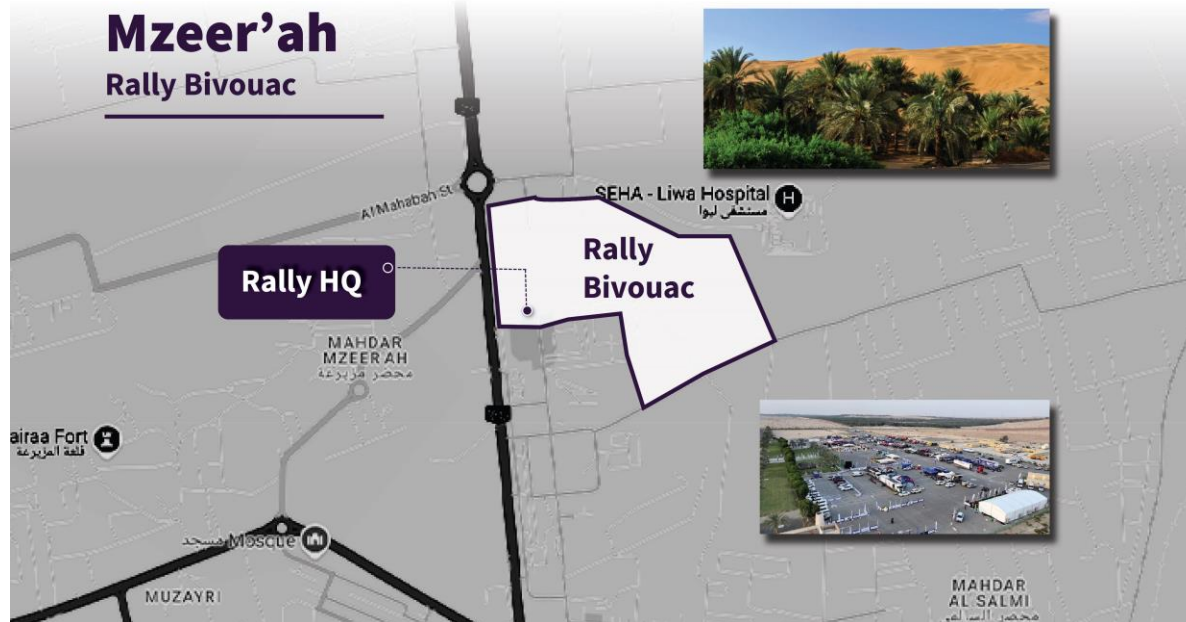
Portable shower and toilet cabins will be provided in the bivouac:

- 30 showers for men, 24 showers for women
- 24 showers for women, 24 toilets for women

Cleaners will be rented from the showers/toilets supplier.

WASTE BINS

Green bins (recyclable) and black bins (general waste) will be placed on various locations in the service park and scrutineering area.



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Waste management



HUDAYRIYAT ISLAND – Final day of the event

27th February

Waste at the Service park and Ceremony finish will be managed by Tadweer Group and volunteers.

Waste at the Prize giving location will be managed by Bab Al Nojoom.

TOILETS

Prize giving location and Rally HQ offices will have toilets inside facilities, separate for women and men.

Portable toilets will be provided in Service park.

WASTE BINS

Green bins (recyclable) and black bins (general waste) will be placed on various locations in the service park and scrutineering area.

[PRIZE GIVING LOCATION](#)
[CEREMONY FINISH LOCATION](#)
[SERVICE PARK LOCATION](#)
[RALLY HQ LOCATION](#)

Waste management



TADWEER GROUP – official sustainability partner

Tadweer Group, part of ADQ, an Abu Dhabi-based holding company, is leading the way in promoting sustainable waste practices and establish new benchmarks for the circular economy.

Their strategic vision is aimed at revolutionising waste management by unlocking the value of waste.

As the sole custodian of waste management in Abu Dhabi, Tadweer Group is committed to deploying advanced technologies and fostering strategic partnerships in support of the UAE's sustainability objectives, working towards its goal of diverting 80% of Abu Dhabi's waste away from landfill by 2030.

In addition to its commitment to Abu Dhabi, Tadweer Group has ambitious international goals, striving to make significant contributions to sustainable waste management beyond the UAE.

Refueling and waste oil collection

REFUELING

Refueling will be carried out exclusively by authorized personnel in collaboration with our energy partner, ADNOC Distribution. All procedures will adhere strictly to the UAE's environmental standards and regulations, ensuring safety and sustainability throughout the event.

WASTE OIL

Oil drums for waste oil and fuel will be provided and managed by ADNOC Distribution, at all service and refueling locations during the stages. Designated waste oil collection points will be clearly marked with signs to ensure proper disposal and environmental compliance.



Measures of noise emissions, Biodiversity, Social impact

MEASURES OF NOISE EMISSIONS

The event will run during the hours the government allows to comply with the local noise regulations. The organizer will obtain all the necessary permissions.

BIODIVERSITY

The coexistence with the event, environment and the native vegetation must be respected leaving all the possible natural flora around the facilities, cleaning only the areas needed to follow local rules.

SOCIAL IMPACT

This event's mission is to generate as little environmental impact as possible. For this to be accomplished from the beginning, we will promote it on social media to encourage people to protect the environment.



Official notice board

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:

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