



The aim of the 2021 Mini Monte rally is to revisit the concept of the original 1965 Mini Monte Rally by taking competitors on a “mystery tour” of central western NSW. The event will allow competitors to have fun and enjoy some of NSW’s interesting central west touring roads (sealed and unsealed), combined with some friendly driving skill tests along the way.

COVID-19 Requirements

The concessions and restrictions placed by the NSW Government on movement and activities during the COVID19 Pandemic are extremely fluid in nature. There is a strong possibility the measures needed to be taken by individuals and organisations may be significantly different between the date these Supplementary Regulations are published and the date of the event. It is therefore necessary the Event Website and the Mini Car Club of NSW FaceBook Page be monitored for Bulletins and variations to the Supplementary Regulations prior to the event.

Under no circumstances should anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 attend the event. This includes any fever, respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, sore throat, cough, fatigue, or sudden lack of sense of smell.

Under no circumstances should anyone attend the event if they have been;

- (i) overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- (ii) in contact with someone who has been overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- (iii) in contact with a known COVID-19 positive case in the previous 14 days; or
- (iv) been in a designated COVID-19 hotspot in the previous 14 days.

It is highly recommended that if any participant exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 prior to the event then the individual should take a COVID-19 test through NSW Health or their regular Doctor.

Motorsport Australia strongly encourages the use of the Australian Government’s ‘COVID Safe App’ for all event participants.

Social distancing and other COVID-19 practices must be observed at all times.

1. Administration

1.1 Nature of the Event

The event will be known as the, **2021 Mini Monte Touring Assembly**, hereinafter called the Event, will be **Multi Club Event**, conducted on public roads in the State of NSW commencing on Tuesday, 27 July 2021 and finishing on Saturday, 31 July 2021. The event will be untimed.

1.2 Authority and Permit

The event will be conducted under the general provisions of:

- a) FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices.

- b) National Competition Rules of Motorsport Australia.
- c) National Touring Code (NTC) 2021.
- d) These Supplementary Regulations and any Further Regulations/Bulletins, Route Instructions as issued,
- e) Motorsport Australia Permit Number: **221/3107/01**
- f) The Event is to be held in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S, Safety 1st, Integrity and Legal, and Risk Management Policies, which can be found on the Motorsport Australia website at www.motorsport.org.au.
- g) The Event will be conducted under and in accordance with any or all of the current Motorsport Australia COVID-19 Return to Race strategy requirements at the time of this event.

1.3 Promoter

The event will be promoted by the Mini Car Club of NSW.

1.4 Organising Committee

		Licence	Contact Number
Clerk of Course	Phil Boyd	883797	0412 521 058
Event Secretary	Joan Vaughan	882714	(02) 9153 7635
Scrutineer	Phil Boyd	883797	0412 521 058
COVID-19 Officer	Phil Boyd	883797	0412 521 058

1.5 Protests

Protests, if any, must be lodged with the Clerk of Course in accordance with the NCR's. Crews should consider the options under NTC 6.6 (Review Request) before lodging a protest.

1.6 Alteration, Abandonment or Termination of the Event

The Organisers reserve the right to cancel, abandon or postpone the Event in accordance with the NCR's of the current Motorsport Australia manual.

The Organisers and Mini Car Club of NSW accept no responsibility for any damage or injury of any sort as a result of participation in the Event.

1.7 Judges of Fact

The Organising Committee, Motorsport Australia officials and all event officials shall be Judges of Fact relative to:

- a) All activities at controls and skill test venues
- b) Efficiency of exhaust systems
- c) Conduct of competitors
- d) Speed of participating vehicles

1.8 Crew Members

Crews will consist of two persons. Each member of the crew must be a member of a Motorsport Australia affiliated car club, and proof of membership must be provided to the Event Secretary.

Either crew member may drive the vehicle.

Competitors under the age of 18 years must have the written consent of a parent or guardian to enter and participate in the event.

1.9 Licences

Each crew member must hold or be eligible to hold a civil driving licence that permits driving on public roads without the need for supervision. Any co-driver/navigator who does not provide proof of a civil drivers licence will be required to sign a declaration to the effect that they will not drive the car during the event.

Each crew member who will drive the car during the event must hold a Motorsport Australia Speed licence or above. Participants should arrange these licences prior to the event, as they will **NOT** be available for purchase at the event.

1.10 Insurance

Certain public, property professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia in relation to the event. Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia Insurance Handbook, available at <https://motorsport.org.au>.

1.11 Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances

The holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of any drug or other banned substance and subject to a penalty for a breach of the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy and/or the Motorsport Australia Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy at www.motorsport.org.au.

Consumption of alcohol in the paddock, pits or any other Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day. The holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of alcohol by a Motorsport Australia Accredited Testing Official (CATO) in accordance with the Motorsport Australia Alcohol Policy at www.motorsport.org.au.

2. Entries

2.1 Event Format

The event will be conducted as a mystery tour in that the route and the overnight destination for each day will only be disclosed to competitors at the commencement of each day of touring.

The event will start from Sydney Motorsport Park on the morning of Tuesday, 27 July 2021. The finish of the event will be at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday afternoon, 31 July 2021 to coincide with Minis Down Under 2021.

There will be a compulsory crew briefing at Sydney Motorsport Park on the Monday evening prior to the event start on the Tuesday morning. On the Tuesday all competitors will participate in a parade lap around the Sydney Motorsport Park circuit prior to commencing the day's touring section. The first day will be touring, which will take place on public roads.

Each of the following three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday consist of a touring section on public roads, punctuated by a short motorkhana or khanacross test to test the skill of the crew. The skill tests will take place on private property.

On Saturday there will be no skill tests, only a touring section finishing at Rosehill Gardens.

2.2 Entries

Entries will open on the publication of these regulations and close at 8.00pm on 12 July 2021.

The number of entries will be limited to **40** entries, which will be accepted in order of receipt.

Entries must be lodged electronically through the Mini Monte 2021 website – <https://www.miniclub.com.au/mini-monte-2021>.

The entry fee is \$1200 (including GST), consisting of \$400 in event entry and \$800 in accommodation costs. All accommodation will be provided by the Organisers (see Accommodation section below).

Payment of the entry fee can be made in two parts:

1. Payment of the \$400 event entry cost to secure your place in the event, and
2. Payment of the \$800 accommodation cost by close of entries.

Note: If the accommodation fee is not paid by the close of entries the entry will be considered incomplete and will be rejected.

The entry fee can be paid by:

- Direct Debit – please refer to the Mini Car Club website
- Credit Card – payments can be made via PayPal or phone the Secretary, Joan, on 02 9153 7635
- PayPal – please refer to the Mini Car Club website for the PayPal link
- Cheque – please make cheques payable to “Mini Car Club of NSW” and post to MM21 Secretary, PO Box 164, Mortdale NSW 2223

Late entries may be accepted subject to the availability of accommodation.

Entries may be refused by the Event Organisers in accordance with the NCR's.

Changes in the crew and/or vehicle after the acceptance of entry will only be permitted at the discretion of the Clerk of Course.

2.3 Vehicles

As with the original Mini Monte Rally entry will be restricted to Minis. However, given the passage of time both Classic and BMW Minis will be accepted. Variants of the Classic Mini such as Mokes, Marcos, Monaco, Gem, etc will also be accepted.

All cars must be road registered and in roadworthy condition as the majority of the event will be conducted on public roads.

As there will be some form of skill test event on most days cars must be presented in a safe condition and will be visually scrutineered prior to each test.

Modifications are allowed but must be road legal in NSW.

2.4 Vehicle Condition

A completed vehicle safety check form **must be emailed** to the Event Secretary prior to 8.00pm on Friday 23 July 2021. The form can be downloaded from the Mini Monte website.

It is the responsibility of the Competitor and/or the Driver to ensure the vehicle is a safe and roadworthy condition both at the start and during the event.

Tyres must be legal for road use in NSW and have the required minimum tread depth at all times. Only "road tyres" will be permitted for the event. No rally, mud & snow or other competition only tyres are allowed.

No inspections will be done at the start venue. Visual safety checks will be conducted throughout the event and prior to the commencement of the skill tests.

If the vehicle has been issued with a Motorsport Australia logbook then a copy must be made available on request.

2.5 Recommended Equipment

Although not compulsory, it is strongly recommended that the following equipment be carried in all vehicles:

- First aid kit
- Two reflective triangles

2.6 Teams (Buddy Groups)

Cars will be grouped into teams or "buddy groups" consisting of 4 to 5 cars. The makeup of the buddy groups will be balanced to ensure that there is an equal mix of car types and variants in each group.

Each buddy group will travel and undertake the skill tests as one group. If one team in the group has a problem, then the whole buddy group will stop to assist.

Competition numbers will be allocated at the discretion of the Organisers.

2.7 Accommodation

The organisers will arrange accommodation for crews for each of the four nights at a single venue or venues as close together as possible. The cost of the accommodation will be part of the entry fee.

Crews must nominate in their entry whether they require a Twin Room (i.e. 2 single beds) or a Double Room (double bed or larger).

The Organisers will make best endeavours to meet the nominated requirement.

2.8 Meals

Crews will be responsible for all their own meals. The route will pass through towns with cafes that provide lunch. Some of the accommodation venues have dining facilities that will be booked in advance for all teams to dine together.

Some accommodation may include a continental breakfast depending on the room package.

3. Event Details

3.1 Sections and Distance

The event will be run over five days, covering a distance of approximately 350 km per day. There will be two sections per day, a morning section and an afternoon section.

3.2 Skill Tests

On days 2, 3 and 4 the route for the day will include skill tests. There will be a maximum of two skill tests on any one day. The skill tests will take place on private property.

The skill test will be either a Motorkhana or a Khanacross test. Each car will be given one run at each test. Either crew member may drive provided that they have a valid civil driver's licence and a Motorsport Australia Speed licence.

Safety requirements and penalties for the skill tests will be as per the Motorsport Australia Motorkhana and Khanacross regulations respectively. For the khanacross style test(s) the driver must wear a helmet compliant to AS1698 and the car must be fitted with a fire extinguisher.

3.3 Maps

Any maps required will be supplied by the organisers. The use of GPS navigation systems is allowed.

3.4 Route Instructions

Instructions for each morning's route will be issued to buddy groups at the conclusion of the morning crew briefing. The instructions for the afternoon section will be issued as crews complete the morning section.

At the start of each day crews will be issued with a sealed envelope containing details of the day's destination that can be used should crews lose their way. The envelope will be checked at the finish control of the day and a penalty will be applied to the buddy group if any crews in the group have needed to open their envelope.

3.5 Fuel

Fuel will be readily available in the towns that the event passes through. The maximum distance between refuel points is 150 km. It each crews responsibility to ensure that they have sufficient fuel to complete each section.

3.6 Communication

For reasons of safety every car must carry a UHF radio. This will allow organisers to communicate with competitors and also allow communication between competitors within a buddy group. The radios must have a minimum of 5 Watts output. A dash mounted unit is preferred however a handheld radio is acceptable.

3.7 Support Arrangements

No individual service or support vehicles are allowed. The event is a Touring Assembly, and they should not be required.

The Organisers will provide a number of support vehicles to assist any crews who have problems. These will generally be 4WD towing a car trailer that can, if necessary, transport a disabled vehicle to the finish destination for that day, where very effort will be made to ensure all cars are able to re-join the event for the next day.

These support vehicles are a last resort; they are not there as a service vehicle. When a competitor encounters problems it is, in the first instance, the responsibility of the other members of their buddy group to assist.

The responsibility of the service vehicles is to try to ensure that all competitors get to the next night's stopover as early as possible. This will mean that a decision to fix or not to a vehicle on the side of the road will be made very quickly.

A van will be available to carry all team bags and luggage from the start of each day to that night's destination so that they don't need to be carried in the car and emptied out for each skill test.

3.8 Emergency Contacts

Emergency contact details for the Organisers will be included with the route instructions for each section. This, in addition to the mandatory UHF radios, will allow buddy groups or crews to communicate with the Organisers in the event of a problem, i.e. a major breakdown or withdrawal from the event.

3.9 Numbers and Signage

Numbers and signage will be provided by the Organisers. This will consist of a Mini Monte windscreen banner and numbers to be displayed on the vehicles.

Each crew will also receive a presentation pack containing Mini Monte merchandise.

3.10 Results and Awards

Scoring of the event will be based on the sum of the average time for each buddy group on each skill test. There will be no penalties applied for the touring sections.

Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd outright buddy groups. There may also be a number of novelty awards.

There will be no individual awards.

4. Running of the Event

4.1 Start (Day 1)

The start will be at Sydney Motorsport Park where competitors, as a group, will complete a parade lap of the circuit. This will provide crews with a photo opportunity. The Parade will be in accordance with the NCR's of the current Motorsport Australia Manual.

Following the completion of the parade lap crews will be assembled into their buddy groups, issued with their route instructions for the first morning. As the event is a mystery tour crews will only be given details of the finish of the morning section. The departure times of the buddy groups will be spaced so that the event flows freely each day with minimal interaction between groups.

At the completion of the morning section there will be a lunch break at a convenient location. Crews will be responsible for providing/sourcing their own lunch.

At the lunch break crews will be issued with the instructions for the afternoon.

4.2 Days 2, 3 and 4

Days 2, 3 and 4 will follow the pattern of Day but with the addition of a skill test(s) at some point during the day.

A briefing for all crews, which may be in either oral or printed form, will be provided prior to the commencement of each day's running.

4.3 Day 5

Day 5 will consist of a single touring section departing from the location of the overnight stop and finishing at Rosehill Gardens.

5 Driving in a Touring Assembly

5.1 Civil Road Traffic Regulations

- a) Each Driver/Crew must comply with all relevant traffic regulations at all times and respect the rights of other road users, paying particular attention to obstruction of other vehicles, noise and legal speed limits.
- b) Traffic regulations at all times take precedence over these Supplementary Regulations. A crew may be instructed to drive slowly, or quietly, or with some other constraint within or throughout a Section.
- c) Judges of Fact may be appointed to monitor compliance with road traffic regulations.

5.2 Civil Vehicle Regulations

Each vehicle must comply with all civil road vehicle regulations.

5.3 Property Damage

Any damage to public or private property must be reported to the Organiser at the next Control or, preferably, sooner via 2-way radio or mobile phone.

5.4 "Detour" and "Road Closed" Signs

"Detour", "Road Closed" and similar signs must be obeyed and the correct route re-joined at the first opportunity unless event documentation specifically advises that the sign is to be ignored.

5.5 Retirement

Any Crew/Vehicle needing to retire from the event shall endeavour to notify a Control Official of that fact. Having retired the crew/vehicle may not re-join the event.

5.6 Re-Joining the Event

Any crew/vehicle which is temporarily unable to continue is encouraged to re-join the event at a subsequent point, provided that the Crew requests permission from a Control Official to re-join the event and the request has been approved by the Clerk of Course or his/her Deputy.