



# *TARGA TASMANIA*

*The Ultimate Tarmac Rally*

**TARGA TASMANIA 2026**

**TOUR REGULATIONS**

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## **SECTION A – ADMINISTRATION**

### **1. Promoter**

Targa Tasmania is trademarked, owned and promoted by Targa Australia Pty Ltd (*herein referred to as 'Targa'*).

### **2. Authority & Format**

Targa Tasmania (hereinafter referred to as the 'event') is an invitational only Targa rally for up to a maximum of 200 vehicles, held under these Tour Regulations and any further regulations or bulletins that may be issued by Targa Australia, along with the route instructions, all of which will have the same force as these Tour Regulations.

Targa Australia Pty Ltd is a member organization of the SFI Foundation Incorporated. Any applicable SFI Foundation Inc. specifications that Targa chooses to adhere to will be found in the Targa Competition Sporting Regulations and/or Tour Regulations and/or Targa Tasmania Technical Regulations.

The event consists of six legs of touring on open and closed roads, commencing in Launceston on 18 November 2026 and finishing in Hobart on 22 November 2026. It will be conducted over approximately 2,000 kilometres and all Targa stages will be entirely on roads with a bitumen surface. Targa reserve the right to cancel, abandon or postpone the event in extreme circumstances. Each crew member must ensure that they have read and are familiar with all tour regulations applicable to this event.

### **3. Contact**

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### **4. Alcohol and Drugs**

Any competitor may be tested for the presence of alcohol, drugs (or other banned substances) and subject to a penalty(ies) for a breach in accordance with the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy.

### **5. Alcohol Breath Testing**

Breath testing of both crew members will take place throughout the event. Any crew member with a positive reading above 0.01mg/100ml may be retested after 15 minutes. During this time, the competitor must not consume any substance by mouth until after the second test. If, after the second test, the competitor is still found to have a reading above 0.00, the crew will not be allowed to take part in any competition on the leg in which the competitor returned a positive reading and a further penalty as high as disqualification may be imposed by the Clerk of the Course. Testing may be carried out by a Targa appointed official or by Tasmania Police.

### **6. Consumption of and Carrying of Alcohol**

During the event, consumption of alcoholic beverages in any section of the competition venue under the control of the officials is expressly forbidden until all practice or competition activity is concluded for each day. Any driver or crew member who is found to be affected by alcohol on the day of the event or practice therefore shall not be permitted to participate. The carrying of intoxicating liquor in a competing vehicle is strictly forbidden and offenders will be liable to a penalty including disqualification from the event.

## **7. Communications**

The widespread availability of mobile phones and other devices mean that many crews have their own method of communication from the tour vehicle. Whilst Targa Tasmania does not intend to limit these devices, be aware of the following:

Targa Tasmania has a comprehensive communication network, linked to Targa stage tracking technology, which is designed to respond rapidly to any emergency. It is also designed to allow the event to continue with the minimum possible interruption. Above all, it is designed to protect the security of the stage.

When tour participants use their own in-car communication device to directly call 000 or others outside of event command for assistance on a Targa stage, they may inadvertently place the stage security at risk. Ambulances, police response vehicles, media, service or support vehicles might potentially enter a stage entirely unknown to event officials and with possible tragic consequences.

In the event of an incident on a Targa stage, either to you, another tour participant, or even spectator, participants are required to use the organiser's standard procedures, which for the tour are managed by each tour leader vehicle.

## SECTION B - TARGA TOUR

### 1. Crews

A crew is made up of two persons on board each vehicle and each vehicle must carry at least and no more than two people at all times.

#### A. Driver

A person holding a valid civil drivers licence acceptable to Targa and intending to be either the sole or the primary driver in the vehicle during the event.

#### B. Co-Driver

A person who may be holding a valid civil drivers licence acceptable to Targa and whose primary role is to convey to the driver the information in the road book to enable the driver to follow the correct route. A co-driver with a valid civil drivers licence may also drive at any time during the event.

#### C. Identification

For identifying each crew member participating on Targa stages, participants will be issued with Targa wristbands colour coded as follows:

- Green Wristband: Drivers
- Red Wristband: Co-Drivers

Both crew members must wear a Targa issued wristband to start each Targa stage. Failure to do so by either crew member will see the vehicle held in the start time control until such time as a replacement wristband can be fitted.

### 2. Blue Chip

A Blue Chip can be charged as a separate item over and above any applied entry fee at the sole discretion of Targa.

Blue Chip holders intending to drive at any time must be a minimum of 18 years old and hold a valid civil driver's licence (see below). Blue Chip holders who intend to navigate only must be a minimum of 16 years old.

### 3. Civil Drivers Licence

Each crew member who intends to be driving at any time during the event shall possess a current civil driving licence issued by the appropriate state government authority or overseas country. Only holders of a current Australian civil driver's licence or equivalent licence issued overseas and valid for driving in the state of Tasmania, may drive a vehicle in the event. A learner or provisional licence or permit is not accepted.

### 4. Clothing Requirements

Participants must wear neck to wrist to ankle cover and closed flat shoes whilst driving through Targa Stages. Clothing made of synthetic materials is not permitted.

### 5. Documentation

Crews must check in with all required documentation.

## **6. Entry**

A crew will not pass documentation until all fees are paid to the satisfaction of Targa.

## **7. Pre-Start Vehicle Check**

Vehicles must be presented in a ready to start condition with all compulsory equipment on board.

## **8. Road Book**

A road book which provides comprehensive details of the course will be issued to crews at documentation. The use of Stage Notes is prohibited. Crews found using Stage Notes will be disqualified from the Targa Tour immediately. It is important that at least one crew member be able to read a road book, particularly on touring stages.

## **9. Compulsory Briefing**

A compulsory briefing will be held for all crews. Crews not attending shall be referred to the Clerk of the Course who will impose a penalty as high as disqualification unless extraordinary circumstances are found to exist. Where such penalties are applied and Targa are required to provide an in person briefing, an additional fee of \$250 per person shall apply.

## **10. RallySafe**

The Rallysafe unit is fitted to monitor the speed and track vehicle positioning during the event, the fitment of RallySafe equipment to each tour vehicle is mandatory. If fitted with a RallySafe unit, these are hired at documentation for the duration of the event only.

A temporary installation kit will be supplied to each tour entrant prior to the start of the event. These kits are hired for the duration of the event only and all equipment must be returned to Targa at the end of the event. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that this installation kit is correctly fitted to the vehicle prior to presenting the vehicle at the pre-start vehicle check. Failure to do so will result in the entrant failing the pre-event vehicle check.

The RallySafe unit will be mounted in the centre of the windscreen via a suction mount and will be resting on the dash so both driver and navigator can see and hear the unit. Power for the unit will be obtained from the vehicles on board diagnostic (OBD) socket.

In the event the vehicle does not have an onboard diagnostic socket, the power will be supplied directly from the battery. In this instance entrants will need to advise Targa prior to the event, and Targa will provide a suitable power wiring harness.

The RallySafe unit will give an audible warning approaching 130km/h reminding you of the speed limit. Should a tour participant experience a problem with their RallySafe unit during the event, they should notify their tour leader as soon as possible. A RallySafe representative will then contact the tour participant to have any issues rectified.

All participants must return the tracking unit to a RallySafe representative, Tour Leader or Targa staff member. It is the participant's responsibility to return the RallySafe unit and failure to do so will result in the participant being liable for the cost of the unit.

## RallySafe Fitting Kit Disclaimer

Communication of the RallySafe system may be significantly impacted if the external 3-in-1 antenna, used for data transmission, is damaged or destroyed in an impact. This is an inherent risk of motorsport that cannot be fully mitigated.

For Tour cars fitted with a temporary stick-on 3-in-1 antenna routed through a door, care must be taken to prevent damage to the antenna cables due to an accident or from vibration during normal vehicle operation, as this may impact antenna function during the event.

## 11. Vehicle Requirements

A vehicle wishing to participate in a Targa Tour must be equipped with the following:

- A. Two Safety Triangles
- B. First Aid Kit
- C. At least one tow point- either front and/or rear
- D. Oil absorbent material: Participants are required to carry in their vehicle a 1kg bag of environmentally friendly, 100% organic, non-leaching, biodegradable oil absorbent material (this may be Kitty Litter) or 500g of specialist absorbent material
- E. Convertible and/open top vehicles must be fitted with a closed roof, which must remain closed on Targa Stages.
- F. Helmets are not to be worn at any time in closed roof vehicles to avoid increased risk of neck injuries through the possible deployment of on-board air bags and/or sudden movement of the head in the absence of full race harnesses.
- G. Tyres must be road legal for use in Australia on public roads (no slicks or R-Spec semi slicks allowed) and always maintain a tread depth above the wear indicators. Any vehicle found to have unsuitable or forbidden tyres at any time will not be allowed to proceed through the following Targa stages until the tyre/s have been changed to the satisfaction of Targa. For the avoidance of doubt, the following R-Spec/semi slick tyres are strictly forbidden from use in the tour section of the event.

<b>TARGA TASMANIA TOUR 2026 - PROHIBITED TYRE LIST</b>			
Tyres listed below are prohibited from use in the Targa Tasmania Tour.			
<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>BRAND NAME AND TYPE</b>	<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>BRAND NAME AND TYPE</b>
Bridgestone	Potenza RE-11S	Nankang	AR-1
Dunlop	DZ03G	Pirelli	P Zero Trofeo R and RS
Goodyear	Eagle F1 SuperSport R and RS	Toyo	Proxes RR and R888R
Hankook	Ventus TDZ221	Yokohama	Advan A050
Michelin	Pilot Sport Cup 2 R		

- H. It is highly recommended to securely fit a correctly maintained hand-held fire extinguisher with a total capacity of not less than 1.0kg

## 12. Inappropriate Appearance or Condition

If a vehicle is deemed by Targa to be of an appearance or condition inappropriate to the standards of the event, the entrant will be denied permission to start or re-start in the event unless the deficiencies are rectified.

### 13. Vehicle Signage and Advertising

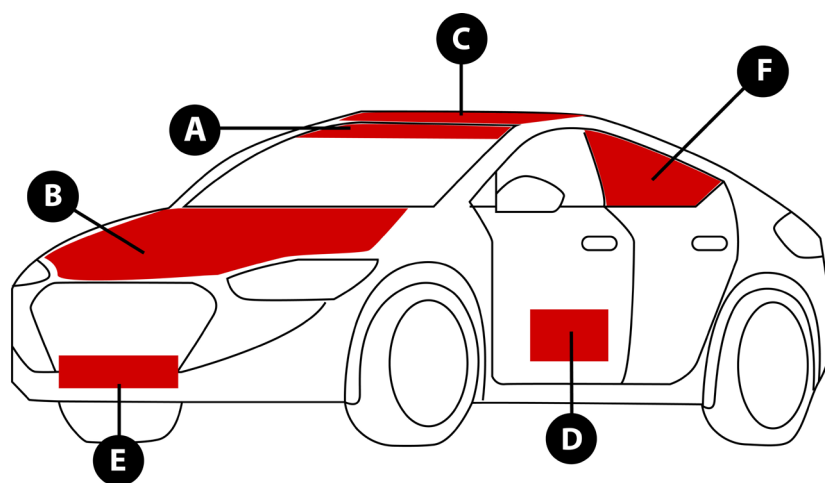
Targa retains the rights to the following areas of each vehicle in the event:

- A. The top usable area of the front windscreen. No signage must be applied below this signage.
- B. The complete and entire bonnet and cowl area except for the placement of any emergency stickers required by Targa.
- C. The complete and entire roof area except for the placement of any tracking devices required by Targa.
- D. An area of 495mm wide x 300mm deep on both front doors for the purposes of placing the front door number decals, which are a mandatory fitment.
- E. An area of 372mm wide x 100mm deep on both the front and rear bumper for the purposes of placing the front and rear number plates.

Targa will supply event front door decals and all compulsory event sponsor decals for the areas outlined in A, B & C either before the event or at documentation to allow fitting. These must be attached to the vehicle as issued and shown in the accompanying layout guide and **MUST NOT** be cut and/or altered in any way.

Targa will supply two metal number plates for the front and back of the vehicle. These must be placed in the normal number plate location and the regular number plates must be removed, if fitted.

It is recommended to apply the names of the driver and co-driver to the rear window, if available, as shown as F. in the diagram below or on the front guards on both sides of the car. This fitment is optional.



All signage must be maintained in good order and condition throughout the event. Deliberate alteration or removal of any signage provided by Targa from the vehicle before or during the event will render the entrant unable to start the next Targa stage until rectified to the satisfaction of Targa.

#### Advertising and Other Signage

Advertising and other signs are permitted on a vehicle provided the location of the sign/s does not conflict with Targa's requirements. Signs are required to be of a high standard of presentation to ensure that the interests of Targa, sponsors and entrants are protected. Sign's advertising tobacco products are prohibited under Commonwealth Government legislation.

Lettering of all signs must be carried out in a neat, regular, and professional manner. Targa may order the re-lettering of any sign or part of sign which, in their opinion, fails to comply with the

requirements of this regulation. Targa will be the sole judge as to the suitability of any sign and may direct the removal of any sign at any time. A crew will be directed to remove any sign considered by Targa to be offensive.

Each vehicle and entrant can only carry signage and/or display branding on any attire, who may be in commercial competition with the event and its sponsors, with the express written permission of Targa pre-event and placement must then not conflict with Targa requirements outlined above. At no time can an approved conflicting business and/or sponsor promote, trade, or sell any product before, during or immediately after the event.

#### 14. Course

Crews are required to follow the course in packets of up to 15 vehicles, led by a Targa Tour Leader course vehicle.

#### 15. Start Order

Targa Tour Packets and packet order may be adjusted after each leg. The Targa Tour Leader may change the order of, and/or within, a tour packet at any time. Refusal to follow the instructions of the Targa Tour Leader will see the crew not start the next or any proceeding stages.

#### 16. Reporting for the Day's Activities

Crews are required to report to the Targa start area 45 minutes before their time of departure and prepare to leave when instructed to do so by a Targa Tour Leader.

#### 17. Targa Stages

##### A. At Start of Targa Stages

Participants are to queue behind the Targa Tour Leader vehicle on the side of the road (not in the middle) as directed. The Targa Tour Leader vehicle will give a two minute warning before departure and participants are then required to be in their vehicles, with seat belts done up. If a vehicle is not ready to start in its proper order, it may be directed to pull to the side of the road and miss touring through the stage. No departure time will be recorded. Failure to move forward in convoy when instructed to do so will be reported to the Clerk of the Course, who may impose a penalty, including disqualification from the Targa Tour. Proceeding through the start line at more than 10km/h is not allowed and all instances will be reported to the Clerk of the Course, who may impose a penalty, including disqualification from the Targa Tour.

##### B. Through Targa Stages

Participants are to follow the Targa Tour Leader car through the stage in convoy and normal safe driving practices are to be always adopted. Speed will be limited to a maximum of **130km/h**, irrespective of the road being closed to public traffic. Participants are not permitted to 'drop back' and then accelerate at high speed. Observers, who will be judges of fact, will be located around the course to make judgments on the following.

1. Speeding
2. Participants not maintaining formation.
3. Sliding or drifting
4. Locked wheels while braking
5. Driving off the edges of the sealed surface
6. Body damage

Violations will be reported to the Clerk of the Course and the following action taken.

1. First offence: participants required to appear before the Clerk of the Course, who will

consider the nature of the infringement and will apply a monetary penalty as deemed appropriate.

2. Second offence: denied permission to continue in the Targa Tour.
3. Travelling along a stage in the wrong direction will lead to disqualification from the Targa Tour.

## **18. Speed Reduction Locations**

### **A. Neutral Zone (NZ)**

Neutral Zones will be located within various stages on the course. Crews are required to proceed into such zones as outlined in the Road Book. Each NZ will have a defined length, in which a defined maximum speed limit must be observed.

The NZ will feature at least one warning board prior, and the first 150m of the zone shall be used for the purpose of slowing to a speed not more than the defined speed limit. Within the NZ the speed limit must be respected until the derestriction boards, from which point the maximum tour speed may be resumed.

The RallySafe device is the judge of fact in all instances. The Clerk of the Course may impose penalties up to exclusion from the remainder of the event, if they deem appropriate.

### **B. Virtual Chicane (VC)**

Virtual Chicanes will be located within various stages on the course. Crews are required to proceed into such zones as outlined in the Road Book. Each VC will be 150m in length, in which a defined minimum speed limit must have been achieved. The VC will feature at least one warning board prior.

The RallySafe device is the judge of fact in all instances. The Clerk of the Course may impose penalties up to exclusion from the remainder of the event, if they deem appropriate.

## **19. At the Finish**

At the finish of stages, crews must slow down and be prepared to stop at the stop point and then continue to follow the Targa Tour Leader vehicle on to the next transport stage. No arrival time is recorded.

## **20. Overtaking**

Overtaking is NOT permitted unless a vehicle in front has mechanical problems and has slowed down perceptibly, and a clear signal is given by the overtaken driver. The penalty for overtaking is \$250 per offence.

## **21. Sweep Vehicles**

The last Targa Tour vehicle in each stage will be followed from the start by the Targa Tour sweep vehicle, which indicates that the Targa Tour on the Targa stage has ceased. Thereafter, Targa Tour vehicles are prohibited from starting the stage. If stopped in a stage, the vehicle is prohibited from driving along the stage until after the passage of the road open vehicle unless instructed to do so by a Targa official such as the recovery crew.

## 22. Changes

Targa may neutralise or cancel any stage or stages, re-group the field regarding running order, re-schedule any part of the course, or terminate the event at any time. Any alteration to the schedules or road books will be in writing. At no time will oral advice take precedence over written instructions.

## 23. Maximum Speed

**The maximum speed in the Targa Tour is 130km/h.** Any crew who exceeds this speed will be referred to the Clerk of the Course for further action. Any subsequent offence on a following stage will receive the penalty of disqualification at the end of this stage.

## 24. Maximum Speed on Wet Targa Stages

Targa stages deemed wet and shown as such on the start control information board have a reduced maximum speed limit of 100km/h.

Rules as outlined in section 23 are applied in the same way to this reduced speed limit.

## 25. Traffic Infringements

Throughout the entire event, each crew must observe the traffic laws of Tasmania. Any crew which does not comply with these traffic laws shall be subject to the penalty set out below.

- A. Each infringement: a cash penalty equal to that of the penalty issued by authorities. Crews will be issued with payment details. Payment must be made before the start of the next leg of the event. In the case of the final leg, payment must be made by 5.00pm on this day. Any delay in making payment shall entail suspension from the event for the period during which a fine remains unpaid. Fines and penalties applied by the Tasmania Police will be in addition to the above.

## 26. Speeding on Touring Stages

Throughout the touring sections of the event, each crew must strictly observe all posted speed limits. RallySafe units will be the judge of fact in all cases of a /crew travelling above the posted speed limit and penalties will be applied as follows to any crew who exceed the posted speed limit.

- A. First Offence: \$250
- B. Each Subsequent Offence: \$500

## SECTION C - AWARDS

### 1. General

All awards will be presented to the nominated drivers and co-drivers unless otherwise specified in the details of awards.

### 2. Targa Tasmania Tour Trophies

A **Targa Tasmania Tour Trophy** will be presented to the driver and co-driver of each vehicle who cross the Official Finish.

### 3. Finishers Medallion

A **Targa Tasmania Finishers Medallion** will be presented to the driver and co-driver of each vehicle who cross the Official Finish.

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