

Akadememos '63 "Hell Trial" Tour

Saturday to Sunday
2 – 3 September 2023

Supplementary Regulations

Subject to Motorsport Australia approval



Organised by the Melbourne
University Car Club Inc.



A round of the HRA
SCC & Touring Championships

PREAMBLE

The Akademos '63 "Hell Trial" Tour is a two-day non-speed, non-timed Navigational Assembly on open public roads between Melbourne and Traralgon. The route closely replicates the route of the famous 1963 Akademos, nicknamed the "Hell Trial" because of terrible weather and difficult navigation. The route will cover approximately 190 miles on the Saturday and 175 miles on the Sunday. Keeping with the 1963 theme of the event, all distances in the instructions will be in miles and the maps, to be provided by the organisers, will be those used in 1963.

Participants will have the option to treat the event as a serious navigational challenge (still much as was the case in 1963) or to open the "Cruising Instructions" envelope for each Section and follow simple instructions, with appropriate scoring penalties. The route has been selected to suit normal road registered cars provided they have tyres suitable for good gravel roads with some potholes and reasonable ground clearance – think 1963 Fords! Almost all minor tracks have been bypassed although those taking on the navigational challenges will still need to find where they are/were.

The event will be a round of the HRA Standard Car Class (SCC) and the HRA Touring Championships. In some cases, the SCC cars will use short sections of minor tracks that were part of the original route while non-SCC cars bypass them.

The event will start and finish in Lilydale and have an overnight stop at the Century Inn Hotel near Traralgon. Saturday night dinner for 2 crew members is included in the entry fee. It is intended that all touring will be in daylight but the later crews may finish after sunset on the Saturday.

Fords filled the first four places in 1963 and there will be special awards for any Fords and other pre 1/7/63 vehicles that compete. We aren't aware of any competitors from 1963 who can join the event but encourage family members of original crews to come along and see what their forebears did in their rallying days.

We hope you will join us.

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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1. Nature of the Event

- The Event will be known as the Akademos '63 "Hell Trial" Tour, herein after referred to as the Event and will be a Multi-Club Navigation Assembly. The Event will be conducted on public roads in Victoria to the east of Melbourne on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September, 2023.
- The Event will be run in two competition Categories:
 - Non-HRA Standard Car Class
 - HRA Standard Car Class
- The same Route Instructions will be issued for each Category but the routes as defined by re-direction instructions may differ. Where the routes differ, each route will have the same number of Route Checks and all competitors will be scored together to determine outright results.

1.2. Authority and Permit

- The Event is organised by the Melbourne University Car Club Inc. and will be held under the Motorsport Australia National Competition Rules (NCR) and the parts of the National Touring Standing Regulations referring to Navigational Assemblies (NTSR-EG and NTSR-NA). The NTSR is available on the MA website at: https://motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/manual/rally/2022/national-touring-standing-regs---2022-1.pdf?sfvrsn=b5c324db_2
- The Motorsport Australia permit number is 323/0309/02
- This Event will be conducted under and in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S Safety 1st, Legal and Integrity and Risk Management Policies which can be found on the Motorsport Australia website: www.motorsport.org.au
- In the case of an event postponement for more than 24 hours, cancellation or abandonment, entry fees shall be returned within 15 days of the date of cancellation unless the competitor states his/her intention of competing in a postponed competition. In the case of the event having been cancelled due to 'force majeure' the organisers may retain up to 25 per cent of the entry fees.
- All bulletins, regulations and notices issued after the publication of these Supplementary Regulations will be in the form of sequentially numbered documents and will be placed on the event's Historic Rally Association (hra.org.au) webpage.

1.3. Promoter

The event will be promoted and organised by the Melbourne University Car Club Inc. The contact details for the event are:

Address: 7 Roemer Cres, Alphington. Vic, 3078
Phone: 0407 405 109
Email: david@jandmck.com
Website: www.hra.org.au

1.4. Organising Committee

- Clerk of Course: David McKenzie MA Licence no: 885369
- Asst. Clerk of Course Robin Baass MA Licence no: 9721653
- Asst. Clerk of Course Barry Johnston MA Licence no: 2200203
- Checker: Paul Franklin MA Licence no: 9901832
- All e-mail correspondence to Clerk of Course at david@jandmck.com
- All postal correspondence to Clerk of Course at 7 Roemer Cres, Alphington. Vic, 3078
Any general enquiries should be made to the Clerk of Course on 0407 405 109.

1.5. Review, Requests and Protests

- Review Requests, in accordance with NTSR-EG 3.7.
- Protests, if any, must be lodged in accordance with the requirements of the NCR.

1.6. Alteration, Abandonment or Termination of the Event

- In accordance with NTSR-EG 6.5.

1.7. Judges of Fact

- The Organising Committee and all other Event Officials (which includes officials manning control locations) shall be Judges of Fact relative to:
 - (a) All activities and observations at manned Controls
 - (b) Efficiency of exhaust systems
 - (c) Observation of any quiet zone procedures
 - (d) Deviation from route including direction of travel
 - (e) Conduct of Crews, including Banned Equipment, maps and documents
 - (f) Breach of Civil Road Rules

1.8. Odometer check

- An odometer calibration check (in miles: 1.00 mile = 1.61km) will be advised in Further Regulations.

1.9. Event Format

- The Event will be conducted in two Divisions over two days (Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September) with the option to participate for only 1 day without being included in the overall placings. Each day will comprise one Division.
- All distances in event instructions will be in miles. 1.00 mile = 1.61 kilometres.
- All competitors will be scored together for outright placings even though there may be slight differences in the routes followed by HRA SCC cars and other cars. The HRA will exclude non-SCC cars when allocating points towards their SCC championship.
- The total length of the Event is approximately 350 miles.
- There will be significant use of both bitumen roads and good quality unsealed roads.
- It is recommended you start each day with a full tank of fuel. Refuelling points will be available on or near the correct route, with further information provided in the Further Regulations.

2. CREWS AND ENTRIES

2.1. Crew Members

- Crews will consist of a minimum of two people and a maximum of not more than the legal seating capacity of the vehicle. All occupants travelling in the vehicle are deemed to be Crew. Details of all Crew members must be listed on the Entry Form.

2.2. Licences

- It is the Competitor's responsibility to ensure that any Crew member who drives the entered vehicle during the Event has a current civil Driver Licence that permits driving the type of vehicle on public roads.
- The Driver as nominated on the Entry Form must possess as a minimum a current Motorsport Australia Speed Licence.
- This requirement also applies to ANY additional crew member who drives the entered vehicle during the Event. Refer also NTSR-EG 2.1.
- All crew members 18 years of age and older must be a current member of a Motorsport Australia affiliated club.
- A Motorsport Australia licence is not mandatory for crew members other than the driver(s) but any crew members who do not hold a Motorsport Australia competition licence are not covered by the Motorsport Australia personal accident insurance policy.

2.3. Entries

- Entries open on publication of these regulations and close on Wednesday 30 August at 2.00pm but we request that entries be lodged at least a week prior to the event. The number of entries will be limited to 50. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt.
- Late entries may be accepted by the organisers but late entries will not be entitled to tickets for the Saturday night dinner. The full entry fee will still be payable.
- The Entry Form is to be accompanied by payment in full.
- Entries may be made electronically by emailing the completed entry form that accompanies these Supplementary Regulations
- The entry fee can be paid by EFT (as per details below) or by other suitable arrangements made with the organisers:

BSB: 803-143	Account: 9122
Name: Melbourne Uni Car Club	Reference: AK63 + Surname of the driver

Schedule of fees

One Day entry (Saturday or Sunday)	
Entry fee (not including buffet dinner tickets)	\$130
Complete event entry (Saturday and Sunday)	
Entry fee, plus	
Two tickets to Saturday night Tour buffet dinner	\$330
Additional tickets to Tour buffet dinner (not available after Wed 30 August 2.00pm)	\$65

The Entry Fee includes the following:

- Entry for Crew of 2 or more
 - One set per car of all Official Maps and Route Instructions
 - One set of car windscreen numbers
 - Liaison with local councils and authorities
 - Numerous survey trips and an official course check
 - A thousand other laborious details
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- To score points in the HRA Club Championships, the Driver and the nominated Navigator in any vehicle must be full financial members of the HRA on the days of the Event.
 - Changes in the Crew and/or vehicle after the acceptance of entry will only be permitted at the discretion of the Clerk of Course. Any Crew member and/or vehicle that is changed after the start may continue in the Event but will not feature in results. It is a condition of entry that the car number is affixed to the top left-hand side of the windscreen. All car numbers will be issued at the discretion of the Clerk of Course.

2.4. Documentation

The following documents can be submitted electronically or handed to the Officials at Registration before starting the event.

- (a) Copies of Motorsport Australia 'Risk Disclaimer and Indemnity Form' for each nominated Crew member as listed on the Entry Form. This form is available at:
https://motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/disclaimer/motorsport-australia_disclaimer.pdf
- (b) Self-Assessment Vehicle Safety Check Forms: "Self Scrutiny Checklist – Rally/Road" and "Self-Scrutiny – Statement of Vehicle Compliance", both available at
<https://motorsport.org.au/home/competitor-resources>
- (c) Copy of Motorsport Australia Competition Licences where applicable. These can be in hard format i.e. plastic card or a print of the relevant page on the MA website or else be viewable on your mobile phone or other electronic device.

- (d) Civil driver's licence. Check the currency of your documents prior to the Event to allow renewal time if necessary.
- (e) Where the competitor is not the owner of the vehicle, written permission from the owner that the Competitor is authorised to use the vehicle in the event. The MA form available at https://motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/log-book/motorsport-australia_automobile-legal-owners-declaration6566d1e1872d444b8032b7a927eab939.pdf?sfvrsn=4dbc5147_20 is preferred.

2.5. Start Location and Starting Order

- The Event will start at the Lilydale Railway Station car park (approx.. 145.34772 degrees East and 37.75585 degrees South)
- Crews will start in the order determined by the Clerk of Course as published in Further Regulations, with the Clerk of Course having discretion to vary that arrangement on the day. Crews will be started at approximately two minute intervals, to provide separation of vehicles on the road.
- Car numbers will be issued in order of receipt of completed and paid entries, with number 1 being first, but the Clerk of Course will have discretion to vary that arrangement.

3. VEHICLES

3.1. Eligibility of Vehicles

- It is the Competitor's responsibility to ensure that the entered vehicle has current Full or Conditional Road Registration permitting its use on public roads. Registration Documents should be carried in the vehicle during the Event.
- The Event does not have an EV Safety Plan, so electric vehicles, including petrol-electric hybrids are not eligible to enter the Event.

3.2. Vehicle Condition

- The competitor as listed on the Entry Form will be required to complete a Self-Assessment Vehicle Safety Check Form and send to the Event Officials via email or hand in at Registration at the start. Refer to article 2.4 for appropriate links.
- This forms must be completed within the 14 day period prior to the Event.
- A valid Roadworthy certificate, completed within one month before the Event is an acceptable alternative. A hard copy will be required at Registration if using this option.

3.3. Recommended Equipment

- It is recommended that a fire extinguisher, warning triangles, safety vests and a first aid kit are carried in all vehicles. A trip meter is recommended but not one that a crew member can view maps on.

3.4. Banned Equipment

- No maps or other documentation, whether physical or electronic, providing information about the route and/or the roads and tracks in the areas used by the event may be carried in the vehicle other than those provided by the organisers.
- The following use of any device is banned:
 - (a) that shows the device's current location on the surface of the earth, either graphically or in data form
 - (b) that gives information so that such a location can be derived
 - (c) that opens electronically stored maps

4. EVENT SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	TIME(S)	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Mon 24 Jul	0900	Entries open	Online

Sun 20 Aug	1800	Issue of Guide to Event	Via email
Wed 30 Aug	1400	Normal Entries close	Online
Wed 30 Aug	2200	Issue of Further Regulations	Via email
Sat 2 Sep	0900	Late entries close	Lilydale RS carpark
	0900	Event start	
	0800 -1000	Registration/Documentation	Lilydale RS carpark
	1830	Finish of Day One	
	1900-2100	Tour buffet dinner	Century Inn Hotel
Sun 3 Sep	0900	Start of Day Two	Century Inn Hotel
	1600	Finish of Day Two	Olinda Park Hotel, Lilydale

All times above for 2-3 September are approximate and will be confirmed in Further Regulations

5. CONTROLS AND OBSERVERS

- 5.1. Boards placed by the organisers along the route will include Major Control Boards (“M”), Visual Route Check (VRC) boards displaying a letter (not “R”) and/or a numeral, Redirection boards displaying the letter “R” and one or more numerals, Arrow boards, Trial Entry/Rally Entry/Tour Entry and “Wrong Way Go Back” (WWGB) boards. Examples will be provided at the start but there will be not necessarily be a briefing at the start to explain the use of such boards. Crews who are unfamiliar with the use of these boards should seek guidance from the Clerk of Course prior to the day of the event start.
- 5.2. Major controls may be manned or unmanned. If manned, the crew must stop and provide their Road Card to the official for their passage through the control to be noted. If the control is unmanned, crews must record on their Road Card the VRC which is near to or on the same stake as the M board.
- 5.3. Controls will be closed as per NTSR-NA 5.2 and the schedule advised in the route instructions. The Sweep Car will remove VRC, Re-direction and other boards progressively through each Division. If a crew falls behind the Sweep Car, it risks penalties for not recording VRC and other boards on its Road Card even though it may have followed the correct route.
- 5.4. All VRC boards will be located on the left side of the road unless it is not practical to do so. Observations (i.e. questions to be answered) will be in the vicinity of the location.
- 5.5. The Event will use Redirection boards (refer to NTSR-NA 5.1 (c) (iv)) where the correct route is impassable, or where the Event Director deems redirection instructions are appropriate. Re-direction boards must be noted on the crew’s Road Card, as for a VRC. Redirection boards may not be readily visible from a vehicle driving past the start of a road or track that the Clerk of Course considers isn’t suitable for all tour vehicles to use and to which the Redirection board relates. A crew member may have to get out of their car and look for the board, which may be erected on a stake, post, fence, gate, etc and may not face towards cars approaching from the correct direction. All Redirection boards will be placed within the first 50 yards (46m) of any road or track to which they relate.
- 5.6. At a nominated VIA, there will be;
 - Nothing, or
 - a VRC Board or question, or
 - a Passage Control

If the answer to an Observation question is found missing by the setup car, an upside down VRC may be placed at the intended question location. To avoid a penalty, the information on this VRC board must be written in the place of the answer to the question.

5.5. Recording of unmanned Controls

- In accordance with NTSR-NA Article 5.1 (c) (iv) for both Major and Passage Controls except that there will not necessarily be any pre-event briefing.

5.6. Observers

- At certain points around the course there may be Observers checking compliance with the correct route. Any Crews detected on the wrong route will be given a penalty as listed NTSR-EG 3.1 & 3.2.
- Observers may also report any evidence of one crew providing unauthorised assistance to any other crew and such evidence may be used by the Clerk of Course to apply appropriate penalties
- All Control Officials are deemed to be Observers and Judges of Fact.

6. ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The Route Instructions for each Section will comprise the original route instructions used for that Section in the 1963 edition of the Akademos Trial plus “Additional Instructions” which have regulatory force. “Additional Instructions” will include the map or maps applicable to that Section and may include other instructions including a required direction of exit from the previous Major Control. For each section, there may also be additional information under the heading “Information”, which has no regulatory force. There will also be Sections that were not part of the 1963 instructions. Any such Sections are to guide competitors to refuel, food and overnight stop facilities and will be route charted.

6.2. The Route Instructions for all Competitors will be the same EXCEPT that HRA SCC crews may receive a different list of Redirection Instructions to that received by other competitors. In specific circumstances, this will provide the opportunity for HRA SCC crews to use the 1963 route while other competitors use alternative better quality roads/tracks. Where this occurs, whichever route a crew follows, they will encounter the same number of VRCs on the different route segments. As the number of possible VRCs that could be encountered will be the same for all crews, all crews will be scored towards the event outright results without differentiation between crews that follow different routes as a result of different Redirection instructions.

6.3. For each Section that was part of the 1963 Akademos Route Instructions, each crew will be provided with a sealed envelope labelled “Cruising Instructions” and marked with the Section number and their car number. Such envelopes will contain a simplified form of instructions intended to allow the crew to determine the correct route for that Section with minimal navigation skill required. Cruising Instructions envelopes are intended to be used by crews that wish to drive the route of the event without exercising navigational expertise. All unopened Cruising Instructions envelopes must be handed to each Division end control official. Any Cruising Envelope not returned at Division end unopened will incur the relevant penalty for each envelope.

6.4. If a crew opens one or more Cruising Envelopes, it is strictly forbidden to transmit, discuss or provide any of the information within that envelope to any other crew, whether directly or indirectly. Any breach of this rule may result in a report to the Stewards recommending a penalty of up to disqualification for both the crew providing and the crew receiving the relevant information. In the absence of event Stewards, the Clerk of Course will fulfil their role.

6.5. Any evidence of tampering with a Cruising Envelope that has been returned in a form claimed to be “unopened” will be reviewed by the Clerk of Course. If the Clerk of Course is satisfied that the crew may have opened the envelope, the relevant penalty will be applied.

6.6. The Event will be run under “Shortest Mapped Route” Point to Point requirements as defined in the NTSR-NA 2.3.

- (a) You may only use roads that are shown on the Official Maps or those that may be advised in the Route Instructions (which include Re-direction instructions) or other documents provided by the organisers. Where the generic word “road” is used in the Route Instructions it is deemed to apply to all mapped tracks, routes, roads and Freeways etc.
- (b) The Official Instructions and Maps will be provided at the start of each day. It is required that you rely solely on the Official Maps.

6.7. Distances

All distances in the Route Instructions will be in miles (conversion factors are 1 mile = 1.61km and 1km = 0.62 miles). Mobile phones and any electronic navigational device may not be used to measure distances unless that device cannot provide any location information including maps. A miles/kilometres conversion chart will be provided with the Route Instructions.

6.8. Abbreviations

Abbreviations will be as per NTSR-EG 4.2 except that the following abbreviations will also be used: “m” = mile and “m/h” = mile per hour.

6.9. Crews must not proceed through any gate or gateway unless that gate or gateway has a “RALLY ENTRY”, “TRIAL ENTRY” or “TOUR ENTRY” sign on or in the vicinity of the gate or gateway. Such signs may be placed on the ground within 1 metre of the gate or gateway so as not to be readily visible from a vehicle driving past and a crew member may need to get out of their vehicle to confirm the presence of a sign.

6.10. Controls and Road Cards

- All Controls must be entered and exited according to the directions given in the Route Instructions. Any road that is part of the route may be crossed but not used in the opposite direction at any time during each Division, unless specifically permitted in the Instructions to do so.
- Road Cards will be issued to all Crews at the beginning of a Division and each Crew is solely responsible for its Road Card. Officials may, at certain locations, retain the current Road Card and issue a new one.
- Various Observations must be recorded onto the Road Card in the positions reserved for those observations. These include answering questions and/or recording information from unmanned Controls, VRCs and Re-direction boards.

7. SCORING, RESULTS AND AWARDS

7.1. Penalties shall be in accordance with NTSR-EG 3.2 with the following modifications:

- Loss of Road Card 1000 points
- Not reporting to the Major Control at the end of Division 1 before its designated closing time but being permitted to start Division 2 500 points
- Missing or failing to report to a Major Control before the designated closing time 60 points
- Passage Controls:
 - Missing a Passage Control 30 points
 - Wrong direction (WD) into or out of a manned Passage Control 15 points
 - Visiting a Passage Control more than the correct number of times 15 points
 - Visiting a Passage Control out of correct sequence 15 points
- Being detected by an Observer on the incorrect route 25 points
- VRC & Observations
 - Missing a VRC, Redirection board or Observation 30 points
 - Recording a VRC, Redirection board or Observation out of correct sequence 15 points
 - Recording a VRC located on an incorrect road 15 points

- o More than one answer to an Observation question 11 points
- o Incorrect answers to Observation questions (this penalty will not apply if the Event Director is satisfied the Crew was on the correct route). Note that if the answer requires the recording of a numeral, e.g. a property number, the recording of an arbitrary number will not be deemed to satisfy the “on the correct route” criteria above. 11 points
- Cruising Instructions Envelopes
 - o Not returning an unopened Cruising Instructions Envelope at the end of each Division X points for each Section for which the envelope was not returned, where “X” is the number of points that would have been incurred if the competitor had missed every Passage Control, VRC, Redirection board and Observation on that Section, plus 60.
 - o Returning a Cruising Instructions Envelope claimed to be unopened which the Clerk of Course considers has been opened 2X points
 - o Where a penalty is applied for not returning an unopened Cruising Instructions Envelope for a particular Section, the penalties for missing items and locations within that Section, including the finish control, will not be separately applied. Neither will any credit be provided for any correct information obtained within that Section.

7.2. Breach of Civil Road Rules

- Speeding offences whether detected by the police will be penalised in accordance with NTSR-EG 3.2 (d).

7.3. Results

- Penalties shall be expressed in points lost. The Crew with the lowest total shall be proclaimed the winner, the next lowest second and so on. Ties will be resolved by "Furthest cleanest" and if still tied joint placings will be declared.

7.4. Awards

- Trophies will be presented to the Driver and Navigator for the first three outright places.
- A trophy will be provided to each Competitor who uses a make and model of vehicle that was available for purchase in Australia at or prior to 30 June 1963. To onus is on the Competitor to prove any claim about vehicle eligibility for these awards.
- Other awards and trophies may be presented at the discretion of the Organisers.

8. INSURANCE

- Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia in relation to the Event except that any crew member who does not hold a current Motorsport Australia licence during the event is not covered by this personal accident insurance. Further details can be found in the 2023 Motorsport Australia Insurance Handbook available at: <https://www.motorsport.org.au/clubs/insurance>

9. ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

- Integrity
- Motorsport Australia’s National Integrity Framework and any associated policy (including the Australian Anti-Doping Policy, Motorsport Australia’s Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy, the Motorsport Australia Alcohol Policy), apply to any activity authorised by Motorsport Australia as published at www.motorsport.org.au.
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- Any Participant including the holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of alcohol, any drug or other banned substance. In addition to any penalty imposed by Motorsport Australia, a further penalty/s may be applied by Sport Integrity Australia. Consumption of alcohol in any Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day.
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- Smoking

Smoking (which includes e-cigarettes and “vaping”) and any naked flame is prohibited within 3 metres of any refuelling/defueling operation.