

V61 – Speed trials and races

Introduction

The Northern Territory (NT) *Traffic Regulations* (Regulation 37) prohibits a person from organising, taking part in, or attending a speed trial, race or event which is to be conducted on a public road unless a permit has been granted by the Director of Transport (Director).

Events exempt from this requirement include:

- 1) Events that are authorised under Section 43A of the *Traffic Act*, or
- 2) (a) the World Solar Challenge;
(b) the Finke Desert Race;
(c) the Australian Safari; and
(d) the London to Sydney Marathon.

Requirements

A person or an organisation wishing to organise a speed trial, race or event must apply to the Director of Transport for a permit. The Competent Authority and NT Police must also approve the event.

Note: *Application Form – “Permit Application for Road Event” - is attached to this Bulletin for your convenience.*

Competent Authority

The Competent Authority is the body or authority having the care, control and management of the public road on which the event is to be conducted.

Examples of Competent Authorities include: city councils, town councils, shire councils, community councils and the Northern Territory Government (NTG).

More than one Competent Authority may need to grant their approval for an event.

Public Liability

The organiser may be required to have adequate liability insurance.

Traffic Management Plan

Where the Competent Authority deems an event is likely to cause significant disruption to normal traffic flow, the organiser shall be required to provide evidence of a Traffic Management Plan.

For events conducted on NTG controlled roads, an ‘approved’ Traffic Management Plan is a plan designed by a qualified Northern Territory Traffic Management Plan Designer in accordance with Australian Standard “AS 1742.3 Manual of uniform traffic control devices – Traffic control for works on roads”.

For NTG roads traffic management inquiries, refer to Transport and Civil Services (Road Operations) by calling **(08) 8999 4402** or emailing **roadsdarwin.ntg@nt.gov.au**.

Advisory Signs and Warning Signs

Certain events may require advisory or warning signs. Where applicable, signs shall comply with relevant standards – such as Australian Standards – for signage.

Medical Facility

The organiser may be required to provide appropriate aid, comfort or medical facility to anyone involved in an event.

Litter and Refuse

The organiser may be required to remove litter and refuse as a result of an event.

Application Time Frames

Generally, applications will not be accepted more than 3 months or less than seven (7) days prior to an event date.

Public Notice Requirement

Public notice of the application must be made not less than seven (7) days prior to an event taking place. This is not a notice of approval for the event.

Permit

The Director of Transport may grant a permit if satisfied that:

1. Approval has been granted from the Competent Authority;
2. Written consent has been granted from the NT Police;
3. Public notice of the application has been made not less than 7 days prior to the event taking place; and
4. The event will not endanger or unduly inconvenience persons in the vicinity of the event.

Note: Various conditions may be imposed on a permit.

To submit an Application:

Online: <https://nt.gov.au/driving/management/apply-for-road-event-permit>

Email: road.safety@nt.gov.au

Post: GPO Box 2520 Darwin NT 0801

Fax: 08 8924 7009

Permit Application for Road Events

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APPLICANT DETAILS

Organisation

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(CONTACT PERSON) Surname

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Given name(s)

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Postal address

Contact details

PHONE:
FAX:
EMAIL ADDRESS:

EVENT DETAILS

Event name

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Event type

Parade
 Trial
 Race
 Procession
 Speed trial
 Other (specify)

Event dates

START:

FINISH:

Assembly area

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Event times

START:

FINISH:

Finish area

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Route of travel (include details of all roads)

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Will any person involved in this event be riding in any open load space on a vehicle, trailer or float?

Yes (provide details below)
 No

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PUBLIC NOTICE (to be given no less than 7 days prior to the event)

Attachments

SAMPLE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Yes
 No

Date of Public Notice

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CONFIRMATION RECEIPT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Yes
 No

Date of Public Notice

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Details:

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DECLARATION: I declare that the information provided on this application is true and correct.

Signature

Date

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Further information on privacy can be found at www.nt.gov.au.

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COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Conditions (if any)

Signature

Date

Authorising Officer

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