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The Ultimate Tarmac Rally

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SECTION A – INTRODUCTION

The new Targa Tasmania guides, all regulations, terms and conditions, bulletins and notices apply to the running of all competitions at Targa Tasmania from 16 to 21 November 2025.

Please note that these documents replace any previous information we may have sent to you or published in the past.

This document serves to provide you a summary of key changes to the event rules and regulations following two safety reviews and a coronial inquest held in 2024. It also highlights several key changes to how the event will be run.

Please read all regulations, relevant guides, educational documents, bulletins, communiques and notices thoroughly for the full details. This document does not form part of our insurance policy and is not used for assessment of claims.

SECTION B – APPLYING TO ENTER AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Applying to Enter

Targa Tasmania has always been an invitational event where competitors could apply to compete and once approved, received an invitation to compete from Targa. This process was previously primarily applied to the type of vehicle a competitor wished to compete in.

This invitational process will now be expanded to include the assessment of the competitors wishing to compete, using a new criteria system to assess applications along with retaining the previous process used for vehicles receiving an invitation to compete.

As you will need to apply for entry, **no deposit payment** is required at the time of application. Payment only becomes required on an issuing of an invitation to compete from Targa, which will cover the competition crew and the vehicle in a competition deemed appropriate by Targa.

2. Eligibility

- A. See the requirements for entering the event as set out in the Terms and Conditions document.
- B. Eligibility criteria has been updated to only recognise previous experience in Targa Tasmania.
- C. All other motorsport experience (including other Targa events) will only be considered in determining placing a new competitor in TSD Trophy or a 130km/h speed limited competition.
- D. Ongoing eligibility will be determined on the successful winning of a Targa Trophy at each event. If unsuccessful, regardless of the reason, a competitor will be moved down a minimum of one competition level. If successful, competitors become eligible to move up one competition level or maintain their Supercup level status for the following year.
- E. All competitors must attend the Targa Academy course each year.
- F. See grid on the next page for identification of criteria required relevant to each competition.

2025 TARGA TASMANIA COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY CRITERION					
Description	Targa Tour	TSD Trophy	Trophy	Cup	Supercup
No previous motorsport experience	Y	N	N	N	N
First time competitor at Targa Tasmania without Targa approved previous motor sport experience	Y	Y	N	N	N
First time competitor at Targa Tasmania with Targa approved previous motorsport experience	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Regardless of previous Targa Tasmania competition history, has not competed in any Targa Tasmania events, in any competition, since 2016	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Competed in any Targa Tasmania since 2017 in a Trophy competition category (130km/h) but did not win a Targa Tasmania Trophy (Plate) on each occasion	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Competed in any Targa Tasmania since 2017 in a Trophy competition category (130km/h) and won a Targa Tasmania Trophy (Plate) on each occasion	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Competed in any Targa Tasmania since 2017 in a Supercup (full) competition category, but did not win a Targa Tasmania Trophy (Plate) for completing all stages	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Competed in any Targa Tasmania since 2017 in a Supercup (full) competition category and won a Targa Tasmania Trophy (Plate) on each occasion, competing in the same or similar vehicle that has been nominated for use in 2025	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2026 TARGA TASMANIA UPGRADE & SUPERCUP CRITERIA					
Competes in the 2025 Targa Tasmania in the TSD Trophy competition category (130km/h) and wins a Targa Tasmania Trophy (Plate)	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Competes in the 2025 Targa Tasmania in any Trophy competition category (130km/h) and wins a Targa Tasmania Trophy (Plate)	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Competes in the 2025 Targa Tasmania in any Cup competition category (160km/h) and wins a Targa Tasmania Trophy (Plate) competing in the same or similar vehicle that has been nominated for use in 2026	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Competes in the 2025 Targa Tasmania in any Supercup competition category (190km/h) and wins a Targa Tasmania Trophy (Plate), competing in the same or similar vehicle that has been nominated for use in 2026	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

3. Maximum Number of Vehicles Permitted

Total vehicles taking part in the event will now be capped at 300. This will be broken down as follows:

- **Competition Vehicles- 100**
 - Ten in each of the ten competitions
- **Tour Vehicles- 200**
 - Organised groups of at least ten vehicles - 150
 - Direct Entries - 50

Once each competition is full, the competition will be closed for application and remaining applications will be placed on a waiting list in the order they were received, for inclusion in the competition if there is a withdrawal. Targa reserves the right to increase a particular competition's total number of vehicles by moving vacant spots remaining in other competitions, based on demand and maintaining a maximum of **100 vehicles** across all ten competitions.

Competitors who compete in 2025 and successfully complete all stages of the course under the allocated trophy time, therefore winning a Targa Tasmania Trophy, will be given priority access to enter the 2026 event before applications are open to everyone else. This priority process will also apply to all future events, providing additional reward for winning a Targa Tasmania Trophy.

Targa reserves the right to alter the breakdown of tour participant types based on maintaining a maximum of **200 vehicles** taking part in the Targa Tour.

4. Entry Fees

Entry fees for Targa Tasmania will no longer be published due to the need to apply for entry to the event and a requirement to meet much stricter experience criteria, medical fitness and a willingness to undertake suitable training before being allowed to take part. On this basis, the requirement to pay a deposit on application has been removed.

Successful applicants will be advised of all costs associated with taking part in the event when sent their invitation to compete and all other required documents.

5. Licences

Annual licences are no longer issued. These are replaced with 'Blue Chips' issued for the event based on meeting the required eligibility and medical fitness criteria, completion of course reconnaissance in line with requirements and attendance in full of the Targa Academy.

6. Medical Fitness Requirements

All competitors, regardless of the competition entered, must submit a signed medical disclaimer confirming that he or she is medically fit to compete in the event. Competitors over 60 years of age must hold a current Motorsport Australia or Australian Auto Sport Alliance licence that has required them to undertake a medical examination.

Medical questionnaires for the purpose of providing Targa medical crews with accurate information, if needed, must also be completed, signed and submitted at documentation.

7. Minimum Age

Regardless of competition, driving or not driving, all competitors must be a minimum of 18 years of age as at the start of the event.

8. Insurance

A new component has been added to the insurance coverage which will provide coverage in the event of a fatality that in turn causes a cancellation of the event. In this instance, all participants will receive a pro-rata refund for the remaining days of the six-day event. All other components of the insurance coverage remain the same as previous Targa events.

SECTION C – SPORTING AND TECHNICAL

1. Reconnaissance

Reconnaissance is mandatory for Targa Tasmania and all competition crews must complete at least one run over every stage of the event.

If using third party safety notes, these must always be in the vehicle during reconnaissance and used to check the course. The provider of these notes must counter sign your reconnaissance disclaimer as verification that you have completed your reconnaissance of every stage of the course.

2. Competitions

Competitions are now broken up into three speed limits 130km/h (called 'Trophy'), 160km/h (called 'Cup') & 190km/h (called 'Supercup') covering the three age periods, Classic (1946 to 1988), Early Modern (1989 to 2007) and Modern (2008 to 2025). This makes nine competition options. In addition to this, TSD Trophy remains.

3. Speed Limits

The maximum speed for the event has been reduced from 200km/h to 190km/h. A 160km/h speed limited competition called 'Cup' has been introduced.

4. Average Speeds

The maximum average speed on each Targa stage has been reduced from 132km/h to 125km/h. A goal maximum average speed has been set at 120km/h and this speed will be used to determine standard base time.

5. Safety Cages

Updated safety cage regulations for all 160km/h & 190km/h speed limited vehicles to current specifications, as shown in the technical regulations.

Removal of all 'grandfathering' application to previous and older safety cage designs. i.e. all safety cages must be to current specifications.

6. Convertible Style Vehicles

Vehicles with no manufacturer hard top panel option fitted to the vehicle may only compete in TSD Trophy and in this instance must be fitted with a minimum of a half safety cage in line with other 130km/h speed limited competitions.

Vehicles with a manufacturer hard top panel option that completely closes the roof and allows for all side window glass to be fully closed may compete in any competition on the provision of correct fitment of the required safety cage.

7. Ride Height

A minimum ride height of 100mm has been introduced for all competition vehicles regardless of the competition entered.

8. Tyres

R specification and/or semi-slick racetrack style tyres are no longer allowed. Only tyres shown on the approved Targa Tyre List are allowed as shown in the technical and sporting regulations. This list includes some hybrid motorsport/road style tyres to ensure there are suitable tyres for all competition vehicles.

The maximum tyre rule system has been returned to the original Targa Tasmania system of rewarding competitors for conserving tyre use.

- Four tyres are allowed without penalty.
- Each subsequent tyre used, or instructed to be used by Targa, has a time penalty applied in each instance.

9. Wheels

Maximum and minimum rim sizes have been amended to reflect correct fitment of tyres from the Targa Tyre List.

10. Video Cameras

All competition vehicles must be fitted with forward facing cameras for the purposes of review by Targa officials, as required.

11. RallySafe

All competition vehicles must always be fitted with a working RallySafe unit whilst on the course.

12. Fuel

Only readily available fuel at petrol stations is allowed to be used up to 98RON. Only ethanol fuel up to E10 may be used.

13. Competition Running Order

Has been changed to run the fastest vehicle first through to the slowest vehicle last in the interests of reducing overtaking situations and multiple vehicles being in approximately the same location at the same time on a Targa stage.

14. Stage Conditions

An intermediate level called 'Damp' has been introduced. When a stage is deemed 'Damp' or 'Wet' the standard base time and trophy time will be increased accordingly to reflect the prevailing conditions.

When a stage is deemed 'Wet', a maximum speed of 140km/h will apply to all vehicles in 160km/h and 190km/h competitions. A maximum speed of 110km/h will apply to all vehicles in 130km/h competitions. A maximum speed of 100km/h will apply to all vehicles in the Targa Tour.

15. Speed Restriction Zones

The THIRTY-THREE Restricted Time Zones (RTZ's) used at Targa Tasmania in 2022 have been removed. These have been replaced with less than fifteen Low Speed Areas (LSA) designed to regulate speed in known high speed sections of road and Speed Limited Sections (SLS) designed to limit speed on specific sections of road of high-risk objects such as large trees, running water or ponds, poles, unprotected drops and steep terrain in the event of a vehicle leaving the road.

16. Course Signage

An additional warning board will be added to the existing warning board system called the Black Spot sign. These will be added to locations on the course where multiple incidents have occurred over the years of the event.

17. Targa Plate Trophies

The Targa Trophy system (Gold, Platinum, Diamond etc.) has been updated to merge all competitions together in terms of award recognition to fit with the new eligibility criteria.

The winning of a Targa Trophy will determine future eligibility criteria in relation to which competition a competitor may compete in. Refer to eligibility criteria above.

To view the full Targa Tasmania Sporting & Technical Regulations please visit www.targa.com.au.

If you have any questions, please feel welcome to reach out to Aleshia Penney - Competitions & Tours Manager at aleshia@targa.com.au