

2021

A new season looms and to kick off proceedings, with the first communique of the year, we extend our best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021.

Regrettably, the unprecedented and daunting COVID-19 pandemic remains with us and will no doubt continue to influence our day-to-day lives for some time to come, placing a variety of, yet to be defined, restrictions on how we conduct our personal, business, social and sporting lives.

Notwithstanding, the SACCS team are confident the 2021 season will resume as planned, albeit under austere conditions, behind closed doors, strictly controlled DSP access, no published vantage points, wearing of mask and all other published COVID protocols.

The topsy-turfy 2020 season transformed many aspects of our sport, including the way we communicated with sponsors, competitors, officials and followers, and the way we presented events incorporating shorter qualifying races and double-header events.

This upbeat approach encouraged the introduction of modified race formats offering diversity and ingenuity, a brand new road book programme, a revised qualifying race start order and a zero percent entry fee increase.

Exciting New Season



This year's SACCS championship will open with the favourite **Mpumalanga 400** in Dullstroom, presenting a new face. The two-day event will comprise a short qualifying race on Friday, 26 March followed by one loop of approximately 120 kilometres traversing new terrain. Saturday, 27 March will take competitors to the more familiar Mpumalanga 400 route towards the Belfast area, consisting

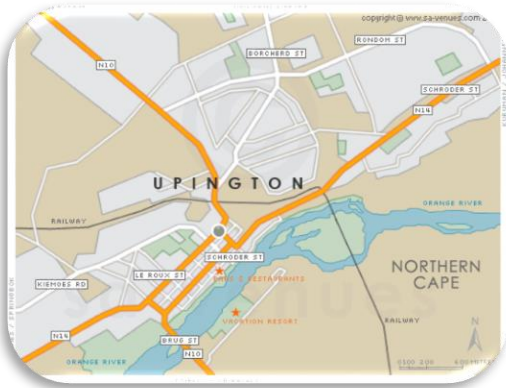
of one loop of approximately 140 kilometres, to be repeated twice. Race headquarters, the Start and Finish and the Designated Service Park (DSP) will again be located at the Cricket Oval.

Round two, the **Sugarbelt 400** at Eston on the outskirts of Pietermaritzburg, Kwa-Zulu Natal will be a new event for most and has not featured on the SACCS calendar since 2015. This two-day event, based at the Beaumont Eston Farmers' Club will kick off with a 40 – 50 kilometre qualifying race on Friday, 14 May followed by two loops of approximately 180 kilometres on Saturday, 15 May.



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Competitors can expect a challenging new-look **Toyota 1000 Desert Race** when the SACCS championship heads to uncharted territory and the varied topography of the Upington area characterised by desolate deserts, harsh landscapes and the fertile Orange River Valley. The area is best known for its export-quality grapes, raisins and wines, which are cultivated along the rich plains of the Orange River.

The three-day marathon event, which replaces the suspended 2021 Toyota Kalahari Botswana 1000 Desert Race will consist of a 40 – 50 kilometre qualifying race on Friday, 18 June followed by two loops of approximately 170 kilometres each on Saturday and Sunday 19 and 20 June.

The **Vryburg 400** on 13 and 14 August, the midway point of the championship, will feature round four and five and will comprise two one-day events. The events will consist of a short qualifying race and two loops of approximately 170 kilometres each day. The main race loops on Friday and Saturday will traverse new territory on each day.



The **penultimate round**, a two-day event at NAMPO Park on 1 and 2 October will also receive a facelift. The event will comprise a short qualifying race followed by loop one of approximately 140 kilometres on Friday, 1 October. The final two loops of the event will take place on Saturday, 2 October.

The **season finale** in Parys, an action packed one-day affair gets underway with a short qualifying race on Saturday, 13 November followed by two loops of approximately 170 kilometres.



PLEASE DO NOT LITTER

Leaving only your footprints sounds easier than it actually is.

It requires a conscious effort which includes taking certain actions, while refraining from others.

At the end of the event, when you leave the great outdoors today, your footprints should be the sole evidence that you have visited here.

New Road Book Programme

SACCS will be introducing a new internationally recognised Cross Country road book system when the season kicks off in March.

The 'homegrown' road book introduced in 2016 was extremely labour intensive, cumbersome and presented various challenges when editing changes and had no direct GPS data tie in, resulting in many hours of manual input.



System developed and designed by Americans Mike Shirley and Dave Peckham, multiple Cross Country and Baja participants, is

widely used in the Spanish, German, Italian, Hungarian and the Portuguese Baja's as well as the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge, the Silk Way Rally and the Taklimakan Rally, to name but a few.

"The new system provides us with detailed GPS track data, consistent images, colouring, style and text option making the road book easier to read and follow. It also minimises editing time when changes are required, and is more accurate. It allows competitors to print a colour marked up road book and is in line with the Dakar style electronic reader," commented SACCS Competitor Liaison Officer Mike Lawrenson.

"We are delighted with the prospects of new system which was tested on the recent Kameel 500 in North West Province with very complimentary and positive feedback", said SACCS chief executive officer Archie Rutherford.



New Road Book Page Examples

4. FIA ROAD BOOK LEXICON

Only following symbols should be used. New or additional symbols must be approved by FIA.

TRACKS		ZONES		SYMBOLS		SYMBOLS		ABBREVIATIONS	
	TARMAC ROAD		START		FENCE		PETROL STATION	L	LEFT
	TRACK		DEPARTURE SELECTIVE SECTION		BARBED WIRE FENCE		MONUMENT	R	RIGHT
	OFF PISTE OFF TRACK		FINISH		RAILROAD		ANIMALS INDIVIDUAL	L/R	LEFT AND RIGHT
	LESS VISIBLE OLD TRACK		ARRIVAL SELECTIVE SECTION		HOLE		ANIMALS	R/L	RIGHT AND LEFT
P	PISTE TRACK		TIME CONTROL		HOLE COLLAPS		CAIRN	onL	ON THE LEFT ON THE RIGHT
MP	MAIN PISTE MAIN TRACK		CONTROL ZONE END		BUMPY		ROCKS INDIVIDUAL	onR	ON THE RIGHT ON THE LEFT
RO	ROAD		START OF SERVICE AREA		TWISTY		MOUNTAIN INDIVIDUAL	kpL	KEEP TO THE LEFT
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FMP	FOLLOW MAIN PISTE		FINISH OF NEUTRALISATION		POST		VEGETATION	+V	MORE VISIBLE
FRO	FOLLOW ROAD		REFUELING POINT		ELECTRIC POLE		VEGETATION	-V	LESS VISIBLE
SAFETY		ON TRACK			ELECTRIC LINE		TALL GRASS	N	NEXT
	DANGER 1		NARROW		HIGH VOLTAGE TOWER		SMALL WADI	AT	AT
	DANGER 2		BUMP		ANTENNA MAST		LARGE WADI	IN	INTO
	DANGER 3		DIP HOLE		WELL		SANDY WADI	B^G	BIG
	DANGER FOR ALL SYMBOLS		COMPRESSION		WATER TANK		RIVER	S^M	SMALL
	START ZONE SPEED LIMIT		DITCH		BARREL		WATER AREA SEA, LAKE	A^W	ALWAYS
	FINISH ZONE SPEED LIMIT		ABOVE BRIDGE		KILOMETER MARKER		PLAIN	SR^X	STONY/ROCKY TRACK
	SPEED LIMIT		UNDER BRIDGE		TYRE		RESTRICTED AREA	SR	STONE/ROCK ON TRACK
	FINISH OF SPEED LIMIT		DOWN HILL		SIGN POST INDIVIDUAL		DISTANCE IN METER	Q^T	QUIT LEAVE
	STOP		TOWARDS		HOUSE		DISTANCE FROM TRACK	Q^T MP	QUIT / LEAVE MAIN TRACK
	SLOW DOWN		UP HILL		BUILDINGS INDIVIDUAL	DUNES / SAND		M^X	MANY
WAYPOINTS			STEP DOWN		CHURCH MOSQUE		SMALL DUNE	IMP	IMPERATIVE
	WAYPOINT MASKED		STEP UP		RUINS INDIVIDUAL		SMALL DUNES	CLP	COLLAPSED
	WAYPOINT ECLIPSE		LEFT OVER CREST		FORT		BROKEN DUNE	BAD	BAD
	WAYPOINT VISIBLE		RIGHT OVER CREST		CEMETERY		SAND SPIT	RGH	ROUGH
	WAYPOINT NAVIGATION		GATE BARRIER		VILLAGE		BIG BOWL IN DUNES	GAR	GET AROUND
	WAYPOINT SAFETY		CATTLE GATE BARRIER		BIVOUCAC		SAND PLAIN	NR	NARROW
DIRECTION			WATER CROSSING		TUNNEL		DUNES	GV	GRAVEL
180	BEARING (CAP)		CONCRETE		PIPELINE	DN	DUNE	+	AND
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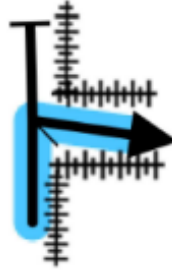
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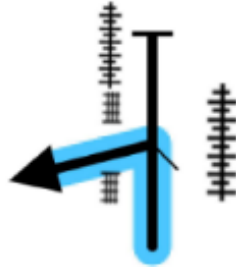
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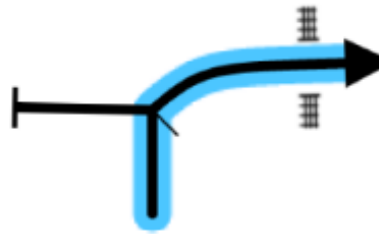
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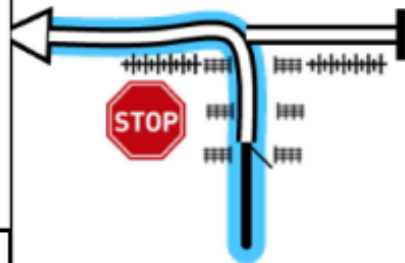


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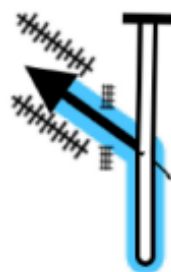


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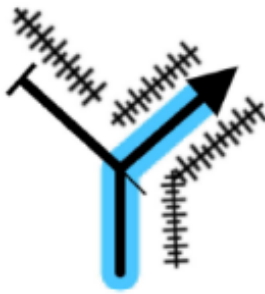
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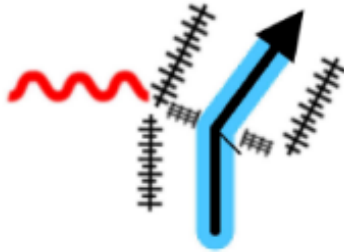
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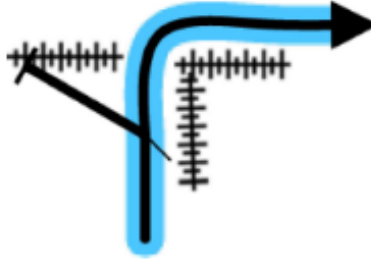


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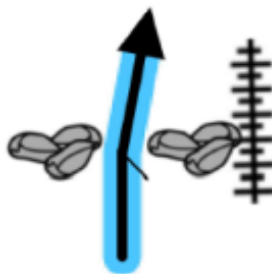
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Revamped Qualifying Race Start Order

2021 will also see the introduction of a new qualifying race start order, which will be based on the combined national overall seeding list.

Competitors will no longer start the qualifying race in Production and Special Vehicle categories, all competitors will be started in accordance with the national overall seeding positions at two-minute intervals.

The starting gap between competitors is subject to change by the COC should conditions warrant it.

To streamline proceedings only the top five seeded drivers will draw for their starting position.

Zero Percent Increased Entry Fee

SACCS are acutely aware of the current economic climate, therefore to assist competitors in these tough times the decision has been taken to hold entry fees at the prevailing 2020 fees of R 6000.00 excluding VAT for all one and two-day events and R 8500.00 excluding VAT for the marathon three-day event.

Entry fees for Class G competitors will remain at R 4312.50 excluding VAT for all one and two-day events and at R 6500.00 excluding VAT for the three-day marathon event.

DATE	VENUE	FEE ex VAT
26/27 March	Mpumalanga 400, Dullstroom	R 6000.00 / R 4312.50
14/15 May	Sugarbelt 400, Eston	R 6000.00 / R 4312.50
18/19/20 June	Toyota 1000 Desert Race, Upington	R 8500.00 / R 6500.00
13/14 August	Vryburg 400, Vryburg	R 6000.00 / R 4312.50
1/2 October	Nampo Park, Bothaville	R 6000.00 / R 4312.50
13 November	Parys 400, Parys	R 6000.00 / R 4312.50

Competitors who entered both the Ford Parys 400 and the Toyota Gazoo Racing SA Vaal 400 are reminded of the R 3000.00 ex VAT credit afforded. This credit may be used when entering any one of the 2021 events.

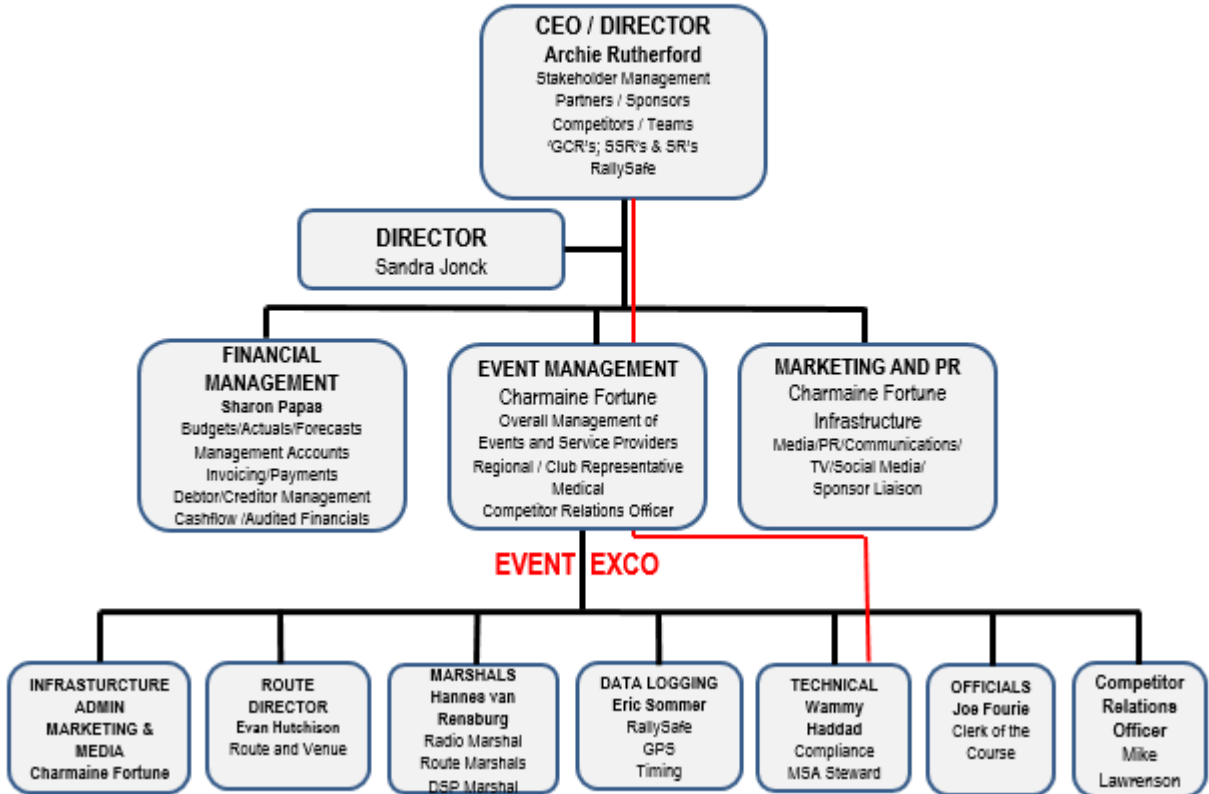
We look forward to an exciting and challenging season ahead and will keep you up to date with developments in our sport.

Suffice to say the SACCS team are always available to deal with suggestions, requests, grievances and compliments.

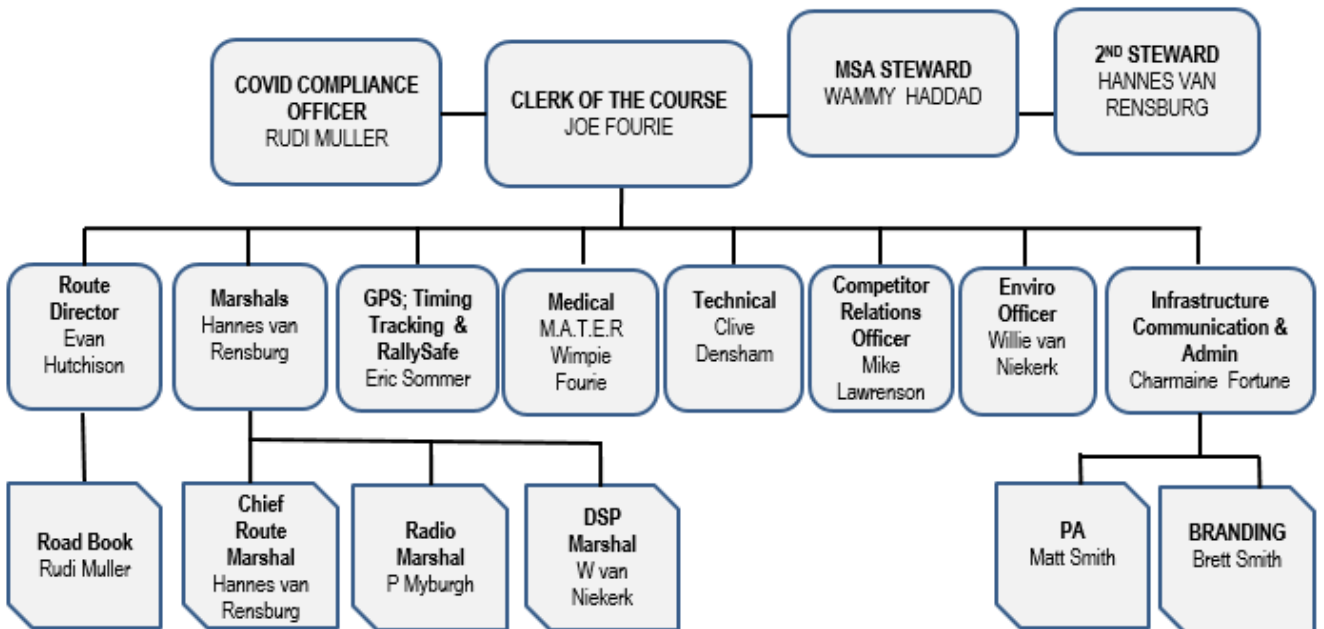
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