

# 2025 VOLUNTEERS GUIDE



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*The purpose of the manual is to provide information about the important role of volunteering for the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge. It may be updated by the issue of further editions.*

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# WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2025 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.

It is delightful to have been invited to write this welcome message to you, our volunteers. To those joining us for the first time, I hope you will find the experience fulfilling and the adventure worthwhile. To experienced volunteers may I say how much we look forward to renewing our friendships, some of which have been forged over many years.

As volunteers, I commend to you the contents of this document which will provide you with essential information and guidance in your duties. If anything is unclear, or you wish to learn more, please reach out, through the Volunteer Manager rather than look elsewhere for answers as this will help the organisation to support you more fully and shape the training needs for the future. This year will also see us make more use of online training resources and the opportunity for questions and clarification prior to the event. Once in Darwin we will have a chance to meet and review this information in order for you to perform your duties to the best of your abilities.

As the more experienced know, each edition of the event is different as we continue to evolve our regulations in line with emerging technology, lessons from previous events and feedback from participating teams.

I am delighted that our call for volunteers allows us to find and appoint those we feel have the skills to provide the level of support we need. It is of course a great experience and although it is not a holiday as such, the work that you have volunteered to do on the overland crossing of Australia will be a valuable and powerful experience. You will undoubtedly meet many people from different walks of life, different cultures and different skills and I am sure you will make many new friends.

We look forward to sharing your tales and experiences when we return to Adelaide at the conclusion of the event.

Chris Selwood  
**Event Ambassador**

# THIS GUIDE

As the event organisers for the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge, the South Australia Motor Sport Board, a division of Department of Premier and Cabinet within the South Australian Government, are governed by numerous public sector policies and frameworks and as a public sector agency have an obligation to take a consistent approach to the management and support of our volunteers.

This Volunteer Guide provides a framework for volunteer conduct and sets out not only the event requirements but the standard of behaviour that is expected of all event volunteers. It is a requirement that all volunteers abide by this Guide and all associated guides, policies, and procedures.

Associated documentation includes (copies of and/or links to relevant documents are available on the website, volunteer portal or from the Event Organiser upon request):

- Volunteer, Internship and Work Experience Policy
- Guidelines of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment for Volunteers
- Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)
- Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (SA)
- Volunteer Protection Act 2001 (SA)
- Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector

# YOUR COMMITMENT

As a volunteer you are with us because you want to be on this great adventure, and you are in full control of your availability. We ask that you think carefully before committing your time and provide sufficient notice if you are unable to deliver your commitment. Volunteers are expected to be reliable and arrive on time when and where you have been rostered. Whilst during the event your commitment may be considerable, please take time to rest and utilise the breaks scheduled for you.

On the road, the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge Organisers are represented by all of the on-road volunteers, so we have high expectations of you and expect you to behave in a professional manner always.

You are:

- A representative of the event
- A judge of fact – what that means is that your recorded observations can be used as evidence of what happened (from your perspective).
- Asked to record honestly the actions and incidents of the team
- To maintain the official records of the team's progress on behalf of the organiser.

To do this you need to:

- Observe
- Be attentive.

Depending on your role, notes you will be required to keep may include;

- Your period of duty – record start, stop, distance run, handover etc.

- Your location – reference from the lefthand column of the route notes
- Timekeeping – outside of control stops this is the Team Manager’s responsibility – your responsibility is to observe and record!
- Overnight impound of battery packs – ensuring the team does the work, your job is to observe.
- Record driver’s details, ballast, safety issues, on road incidents etc.

All volunteers need to consistently record items so that the Event Officials, Jurors, Clerk of Course, Scientific Faculty, and the Event Organiser or any entity legally required to access can review your records and understand what was happening at the time.

## **OUR COMMITMENT**

While there will be some things you will not be required to know, we will keep you informed about the event and throughout the event on anything you require to complete your duties as a volunteer. We encourage you to ask questions and will endeavour to answer these questions as accurately and as detailed as possible.

## **APPRECIATION AND RESPECT**

We recognise that as a small organisation we would not be able to prepare and stage this event without your help. We appreciate and respect the time, effort, commitment, and enthusiasm you show for the adventure that is the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge and view very seriously any disregard of this principle by paid staff or others.

We will always seek your agreement before assigning you to a task and will do our best to ensure you are never placed in a position in which you do not feel comfortable. Different tasks require different training and briefings. You will be adequately briefed in any task you are required to undertake.

# WHY IS THE BRIDGESTONE WORLD SOLAR CHALLENGE SUCH A GREAT ADVENTURE?

The unique proposition of the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge is that the 3,000 km is run in a single stage between Darwin and Adelaide. Wherever an individual team finds itself at 17:00, that is where they make their camp for the night before moving on at 08:00 the next morning!

There are three classes of competition vehicles – Challenger Class, Cruiser and Explorer class.

Explorer Class is for vehicles designed to participate in previous events but not eligible for Challenger or Cruiser class, or other vehicles approved by the organiser. Explorer class is non-competitive.

Challenger Class – Single seat competition vehicles optimised for converting solar irradiance to speed.

Cruiser Class – Vehicles with two or more seats that are judged on design as well as performance. Unlike previous events, Cruisers will drive from Darwin to Adelaide in a single stage, with well-designed Cruisers given a time advantage on day 1.

## It is all about energy management!

Challenger vehicles start in Darwin with less than 10% of the energy they need to drive to Adelaide and must collect the rest of the energy they need from sunlight as they cross the country. The more practical Cruiser cars are allowed to recharge every evening, but energy storage is limited and so they must use about a quarter of the energy of a typical electric vehicle.

## THE ADVENTURE

Having made the journey to Darwin and successfully navigating quarantine, customs, scrutineering, safety inspections and undertaken event briefings, the teams are ready to start their epic journey.

Once the teams have left Darwin they must travel as far as they can each day until 17:00 in the afternoon, when they make camp in the desert wherever they stop, until 08:00 the next day.

## Teams and Observers must be self-sufficient!

Stopping wherever you are in the desert requires some forward planning as it is unlikely there will be a hotel next door! Teams are obliged to look after their Observer. If a team chooses to go to a nearby roadhouse they may do so, BUT THEY ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE OBSERVER ALONE WITH THEIR COMPETITION VEHICLE.

During the journey there are several mandatory check points called Control Stops (see Regulation 3.27) where volunteer observers must change teams. A requirement that was introduced in 2017 is that the car must not be touched during control stop time. After the car is released from the control stop the team may, if they so wish, find a safe place elsewhere on the site and carry out any repairs.

# DEFINITIONS

**Event Organiser** – is the South Australian Motor Sport Board

**Event** – the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge staged from Darwin to Adelaide in August 2025.

**Volunteer** – a person undertaking an activity for the Event Organiser, of their own free will and without coercion, for no financial benefit.

**Regulations** – refers to the latest release of the regulations for the 2025 Bridgestone World Solar Challenges Regulations as published at <http://www.worldsolarchallenge.org>



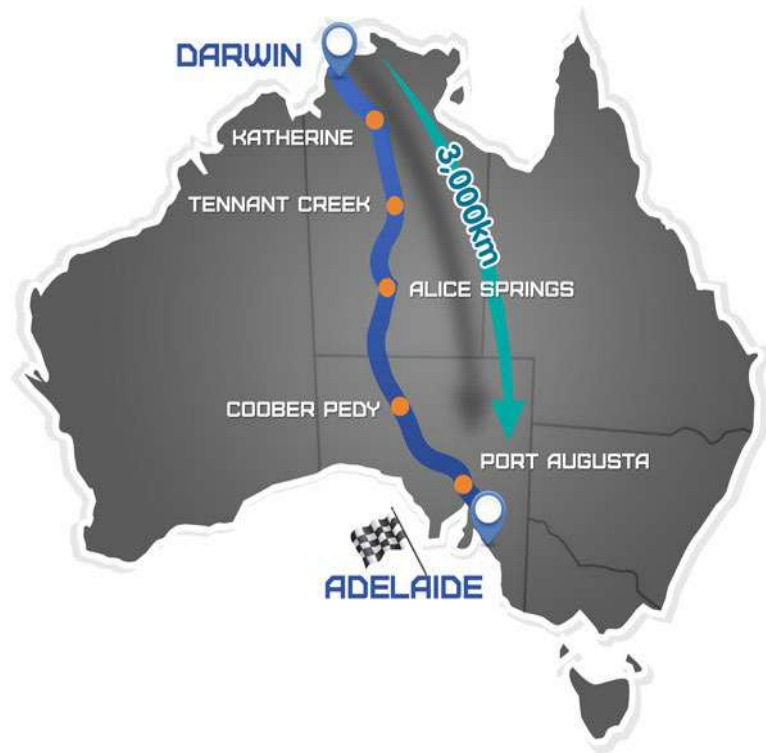
# 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday 7 May 2024	Event dates & key regulatory changes announced
Wednesday 5 June 2024 (World Environment Day)	2025 Event Regulations published.
Wednesday 5 June 2024 (World Environment Day)	Applications for Entry open Volunteer Registrations open
Friday 4 October 2024	Standard Applications for Entry close Volunteer Registrations close
Saturday 9 August 2025	Event Headquarters open in Darwin
Saturday 9 August 2025	Official event period commences
Monday 11 August 2025	Team Manager & Safety Officer briefing. Team Manager & Safety Officer must be in attendance.
Sunday 17 August 2025	Static scrutineering bump in
Monday 18 August 2025	Static scrutineering commences. All team members are required to be in Darwin.
Thursday 21 August 2025	Official Team & Volunteer Welcome function
Saturday 23 August 2025	Dynamic scrutineering commences
Saturday 23 August 2025	Team briefing
Saturday 23 August 2025	Media briefing
Sunday 24 August 2025	Official Start in Darwin
Wednesday 27 August 2025	Official Finish Line opens in Adelaide
Friday 29 August 2025	Cruiser Class finish
Sunday 31 August 2025	Street Parade
Sunday 31 August 2025	Award Ceremony

# EVENT ROUTE

## CONTROL STOPS

- #1 Katherine
- #2 Dunmarra
- #3 Tennant Creek
- #4 Barrow Creek
- #5 Alice Springs
- #6 Erldunda
- #7 Coober Pedy
- #8 Glendambo
- #9 Port Augusta
- Finish Adelaide



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*A full list of all appointed officials will be published in a Regulation Bulletin before the start of the event.*

*All Volunteers prior to the commencement of the event will be sent contact phone numbers for use during the event in Darwin. This will be emailed to you.*

# KEY DATES

**\*\*Important Note:** All event requirements including but not limited to travel, accommodation, gatherings, functions, and briefings will be conducted in accordance with health advice and social distancing requirements at the date of the proposed event. Updates will be provided closer to the event.

Activity	Date	Time	Location
<b>Route Notes</b>	June 2025	*Available electronically	
<b>Online Volunteer Training Sessions</b>	Core skills training to be conducted online	Webinar times to be advised	Volunteer Portal
<b>Scrutineers Registration</b>	Sunday 17 August	TBC	TBC
<b>Scrutineers Final Briefing</b>	Sunday 17 August	TBC	TBC
<b>Scrutineering</b>	Monday 18 – Friday 22 August	07:00 – finish (approx. 18:00)	
<b>Re-presentation will occur at a time determined by the Chief Scrutineer</b>			
<b>Observer and Control Stop Registration</b>	Thursday 21 August	13:00 – 15:00	TBC
<b>*No early registrations</b>			
<b>Bridgestone Welcome BBQ</b>	Thursday 21 August	TBC	TBC
<b>Welcome Function</b>	Friday 22 August	<b>Further information will be provided at registration</b>	
<b>Volunteer Briefings</b>	Friday 22 August	From 14:00	TBC
<b>Dynamic Scrutineering</b>	Saturday 23 August	06:30 – 12:30	Event Headquarters
<i>Transport will be provided from the Volunteer Accommodation to Dynamic Scrutineering and from Dynamic Scrutineering to the Pre-Event Briefing</i>			
<b>Mock Control Stop</b>	Saturday 23 August	06:30 – 12:30	Event Headquarters
<i>A mock control stop will be operated concurrently during Dynamic Scrutineering to allow both volunteers and teams to practice relevant Control Stop operation requirements before the event starts.</i>			
<b>Pre-event Briefing</b>	Saturday 23 August	15:00	TBC
<b>Official Start Line</b>	Sunday 24 August	Observers to report at 06:15	TBC

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<b>Street Parade</b>	Sunday 31 August	Approx 14:00	Route to be advised. Commencing from Official Finish Line, Adelaide
<b>Awards Presentation</b>	Sunday 31 August	18:00	Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide

## REGULATIONS

**It is important that you have an overview of the regulations; they are never the same as previous years.**

The 2025 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge Regulations are available from the event website - <http://www.worldsolarchallenge.org/>.

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## BULLYING HARASSMENT

Bullying, discrimination, and harassment occur when a person is bullied, harassed or discriminated against in certain areas of public life because of a characteristic protected by law, such as race, sex or disability.

The Event organiser aims to:

- Create a working environment free from bullying, discrimination and harassment and where all workers are treated with dignity, courtesy and respect;
- Implement training and strategies to raise awareness and ensure that all workers know their rights and responsibilities;
- Provide an effective procedure for complaints based on the principles of natural justice;
- Treat all complaints in a sensitive, fair, timely and confidential manner;
- Guarantee protection from any victimisation or reprisals;
- Encourage the reporting of behaviour which breaches the discrimination and harassment policy;
- Promote appropriate standards of conduct at all times.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

The Event Organiser receives and holds a great deal of personal information, which must always remain in confidence and be kept private. It is a requirement that you respect confidentiality and do not discuss sensitive information outside of the event environment.

By signing your Volunteer Agreement form, you agree that you will not disclose to any third party any Confidential Information, regardless of the manner in which that Confidential Information was disclosed to you. For the purpose of this clause, Confidential Information means trade secrets, business affairs, operations, processes, dealings, inventions, plans, advices or know-how of the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge as well as any information, data, and records of whatever kind or in any way relating to the South Australian Motor Sport Board, commercial partners or suppliers, sponsors, volunteers, participating teams and employees of South Australian Motor Sport Board and the DPC.

## DRUG AND ALCOHOL

The use of drugs or alcohol can have an adverse effect on an individual's behaviour, ability to work safely and their level of awareness regarding the potential safety risks to themselves and to others. All workers, including Volunteers, are to be fit and able to undertake their duties without being impaired by alcohol and/or any other drug whilst undertaking that work. If you are found to be acting under the influence of alcohol or other drugs whilst carrying out duties in your role as an event Volunteer, your role may be terminated.

## **MEDIA CONTACT**

Any requests from the Media for information or for interviews must be directed to the Media Manager who can be contacted through your supervisor.

Staff and Volunteers must not make any comment to members of the media at any time. This is particularly important if you are the only person at a given location. The media can be persuasive so do not allow yourself to be bullied into making unguarded comment or allowing your official notes to be compromised.

## **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The Event Organiser will not assume any responsibility for the loss, theft, or damage to any personal possessions you may bring to the event.

## **REPORTING AN INCIDENT**

The Event Organiser takes your health, safety, and wellbeing seriously. It is important that you report any incident, potential hazard or any unsatisfactory or unusual situation to your supervisor or the Event Manager.

Further training on the management and reporting of these matters will be covered in your Volunteer Training sessions.

Examples of such situations include (but are not limited to):

- Injury or illness (to anyone attending or associated with the event)
- Loss including theft or damage to property
- Bomb threat or identifying a suspicious package or article
- Safety hazards or areas requiring maintenance
- Near misses are situations where there are no detrimental circumstances but there could have been, e.g., a person trips over a cord but does not fall
- Degrading or aggressive behaviour towards yourself or any other event personnel
- Practices in place which seem unusual compared to previous events.

For major incidents or potential accidents, volunteers should immediately notify their supervisor. Act quickly so that the matter can be resolved thoroughly and there is no recurrence. Sometimes what may seem minor but unusual is still worth reporting.

## **REPRESENTING THE BRIDGESTONE WORLD SOLAR CHALLENGE**

At all times whilst you are acting on behalf of the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge as a volunteer you are required to act in a professional manner. You should be friendly, courteous, and not undertake any activity that will bring the Event Organiser/Bridgestone World Solar Challenge into disrepute.

You must wear your event shirt at all times while working during the event. It is also important that, during the event, you do not wear your event uniform when you are relaxing off duty in a public place

(such as a hotel or roadhouse). Please maintain a neat and clean appearance (as best as practical) at all times.

## **SMOKING / VAPING**

Smoking or vaping whilst on duty is not permitted. If you are on a break, you may smoke in an area away from the participants and in a discreet manner. We would ask that you dispose of your cigarette butts in an appropriate manner.

## **SUN SMART**

It is recommended that the following guidelines be adhered to when working outside in daylight hours;

- Hat to be worn at all times
- Sunscreen to be applied and re-applied every 2-3 hours
- Shade areas utilised where possible
- Sunglasses are recommended
- Breaks to be taken out of direct sun
- Drink lots of water.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

While social media appears to blur private and public spheres, activities on social media websites should be considered public activities. Despite the availability of privacy functions on social media websites, the possibility exists for content to be shared beyond intended recipients. Additionally, it should be noted that the terms and conditions of use for most social media sites state that all content becomes the property of the site on which it is posted. This makes the public nature of these websites inescapable. Online content is also essentially permanent – a fact that must also be taken into consideration when posting.

Volunteers should always think before they post and use common sense. When using social media, Volunteers should also consider the following:

- Could what you are doing harm the reputation of the Event, sponsors, or SA/NT Government?
- Could what you are doing be disruptive to the Event Organisers campaign plan?
- Are you disclosing any Event/Government material that you are not specifically authorised to disclose?
- Have you made it clear to others when your contribution is as a private individual and not as a representative of the Event/Government Department?
- Are you willing to defend what you post to the Event Organiser? Would you be comfortable saying it to a stranger at a bus stop, or posting it on a public shop window?
- Are you using Event provided infrastructure? Do you have permission to use it in this way (this may include the use of your event email address)?
- Are you behaving with integrity, respect, and accountability?



## **DRIVING EVENT RELATED VEHICLES**

Volunteers may drive an event related vehicle, Fleet SA or sponsored vehicle providing they have given proof of a relevant driver's license and sign the vehicle use agreement form. Volunteers are required to abide by the guidelines referenced in this document and relevant state road rules and legislation.

Volunteers must understand that when driving a vehicle, they are representing the Event and the organisation, and must ensure they are driving in a safe manner and abiding by the road rules at all times.

Please refer to the event vehicle pack for any information on the vehicle and sign driver form in this pack.

If at any time the driver notices an issue with the vehicle, they must report it to their supervisor immediately.

# ADVISE THE VOLUNTEER MANAGER OF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS

A large number of you will be travelling from around the world to help run the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge. When you have made your arrangements, you must let the Volunteer Manager know your plans by emailing [volunteers@worldsolarchallenge.org](mailto:volunteers@worldsolarchallenge.org)

You must advise:

- Flight details and arrival date.
- Accommodation details in Darwin including address and name of hotel/hostel if not staying in event provided accommodation.
- Accommodation details in Adelaide, if not staying in the event provided accommodation.

When you arrive in Australia, please also send us an email so that we know that you have arrived safely.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

It is **essential** that if your circumstances have changed and you are no longer able to attend the event, that you contact the Event Organisers as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements to cover your duties.

## BEFORE THE EVENT

In terms of flight planning, you should plan to arrive a few days earlier to acclimatise to the time zone and tropical conditions. However, it is essential that you arrive at least the day before you are due to present for event duties. For example, Observers should arrive no later than Wednesday 20 August to ensure they are present for registration on the afternoon of Thursday 21 August.

## VISAS

In most cases you will need a simple tourist visa which, for many countries with whom Australia has reciprocal arrangements, can be obtained online in the form of an Electronic Travel Authority however it is always best to check with your travel agent. Please refer to the Australian Government Home Affairs website <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

Please note that the BWSC is not permitted to issue official invitations for visa purposes.

## HEALTH

Darwin is in the tropical region of Australia, and although we are unaware of any specific health warnings or vaccination requirements, your personal circumstances should be checked with your doctor. Please ensure that your health information is updated on the Volunteer Portal, and that you bring sufficient quantities of any medication you require for your stay in Australia.

## WILDLIFE IN AUSTRALIA

Many roads in the Northern Territory are unfenced so beware of wandering stock. Out on the road (and camping in the bush) do not be surprised to see feral camels, pigs, buffalo, horses, dingoes (wild dogs), emus, donkeys, kangaroos, or cattle. Slow down and sound your horn to alert the animals of your presence. Never swerve to avoid wildlife – that is a common cause of drivers losing control of their vehicle.

Generally, animals will give you a wide berth, but they do like to stand on the road at night. Be aware of birds of prey and other wildlife feeding on dead animals killed on the road. Huge eagles often stand their ground until the last possible moment and may take off into the wind – which may be straight in your direction!

Poisonous spiders and snakes are plentiful; however, problems are rare. We have very few problems with snakes. They do not want to eat you. They are sensitive to vibrations on the ground and will move away, so let them. Simply keep out of their way and they will ignore you. Spiders – simply be aware. Don't leave boots outside at night and check them before putting them on.

Insect bites are also a common problem and some participants have even been hospitalised by failing to abide by a few simple precautions. Sand flies and mosquitoes are common at Event Headquarters, especially around dusk. Wear loose clothing, cover exposed skin, and use a quality insect repellent. Those containing DEET (e.g., Bushman's brand) are good. If you do suffer bites, take antihistamines, use proprietary medication (e.g., Stingose), and seek medical advice before leaving Darwin.

It is also very important to understand that Saltwater Crocodiles are common throughout the Top End and Katherine regions of the Northern Territory. Crocodiles are potentially dangerous to

humans. Crocodiles inhabit both Saltwater and freshwater habitats. It is imperative to obey warning signs and never to swim in water where crocodiles may live even if there is no warning sign, For Further Information please visit - [Crocodile safety \(nt.gov.au\)](http://Crocodile safety (nt.gov.au))

## HOW TO GET TO DARWIN

Volunteers, including most interstate and international Observers, are responsible for making their own arrangements to get to Darwin. We look forward to seeing you there.

A number of airlines fly to Australia. Most flights land at our major International Airports of Sydney and Melbourne. Only a few flights go to Darwin each day and it is important to book these flights early if you are going to be flying to Darwin.

## TRANSPORT FROM ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

Volunteers must source their own travel to Darwin.

## CREDENTIALS

All event staff will be provided with appropriate event credentials, please ensure you are wearing your credentials at all times whilst on duty.

## UNIFORMS

All BWSC event staff and volunteers will be provided with appropriate event uniforms, which will consist of an event polo (long sleeve & short sleeve) & a hat. Please wear your event uniform at all times whilst on duty in addition to maintaining a neat & clean appearance (as is practical).

Please note a detailed authority hierarchy will be distributed in due course.

*\*images below are 2023 uniforms and may change for the 2025 event*

Red Polos – Event Officials



Yellow Polos – Observers



Blue Polos – Event Volunteers



White Polos – Event Organisers, Scientific Faculty & Board



## WHAT THE EVENT WILL PROVIDE

Depending on your duties/roles you will be provided with an event uniform to be worn while you are on official duties.

	Polos	Hat	Route Notes	Watch	Accom Darwin	Accom Adelaide	Ex-gratia payment	Accom during event
<b>Event Volunteers (Blue Polos)</b>	✓3	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Event Officials (Red Polos)</b>	✓5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Control Stop Managers (Blue Polos)</b>	✓3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Assistant Scrutineer (Blue Polos)</b>	✓2	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Observers (Yellow Polos)</b>	✓3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>General Duties Adelaide (Blue Polos)</b>	✓2	✓						
<b>Event Organiser &amp; Scientific Faculty (White Polos)</b>	✓5	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

## REGISTRATION

The majority of volunteers are required in Darwin; however, some will depart from Adelaide. If you are commencing in Adelaide then individual arrangements will be made with you regarding registration. For volunteers starting in Darwin, volunteer registration will be in two parts:

## ASSISTANT SCRUTINEERS

Assistant Scrutineers are required to register at the scrutineering venue (TBC) on Sunday 17 August 2025 at a time to be confirmed (historically between 07:00 and 08:00). This registration will include those volunteers who will be continuing as Observers. Following registration, Assistant Scrutineers will be briefed, set up for scrutineering and complete any relevant training prior to Static Scrutineering commencing at 07:00 on Monday 18 August.

## OBSERVERS (OTHER THAN ASSISTANT SCRUTINEERS)

Observers (other than Assistant Scrutineers) & all other volunteers are required to register on Thursday 21 August 2025 from 13:00 to 15:00. Please do not arrive at registration prior to 13:00. Further details will be posted on the volunteer's portal in due course at [www.worldsolarchallenge.org](http://www.worldsolarchallenge.org)

**If you are not required for duties at Scrutineering, you are welcome to observe the process, but we ask that you do not interrupt the scrutineers during their duties.**

**It is not possible to register early.**

## TRAVEL AROUND DARWIN

The Bridgestone World Solar Challenge will provide a bus to get you between your accommodation and the venues where you need to be. A timetable will be attempted. Bookings are not essential. This is not an on-demand taxi service, the drivers are volunteers just like you. Further details will be posted on the volunteer's portal at [www.worldsolarchallenge.org](http://www.worldsolarchallenge.org)

## VOLUNTEERS WELCOME FUNCTION

A Welcome Function will be held in Darwin in the lead up to the event start. It's a great chance to catch up with previous volunteers and meet new ones. Details regarding the date, time and location will be provided at Registration in Darwin.

**Please Note: Wearing your Bridgestone World Solar Challenge uniform is not appropriate at this function.**

# TRAINING SESSIONS & BRIEFINGS

## OBSERVERS TRAINING & BRIEFING SESSION

Training sessions will be conducted pre-event via the volunteer portal. A physical meet and greet and induction session will be held in Darwin.

### **Thursday 21 August 2025, Venue TBC**

The Clerk of Course and Event Officials will be available for questions.

You will need to bring the following with you to the training session:

- Route Notes
- Volunteers Guide and Regulations
- Official Timing Watch
- Name Badge
- Credentials

**You must wear your Yellow Observer Polo to the training session.**

At the end of the training session, members of the Scientific Faculty and Stewards will be running a Q&A session, so think about any questions you may wish to ask!

## EVENT OFFICIALS (RED SHIRT) BRIEFING

A briefing will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 21 August 2025 (TBC)**, further details will be confirmed via the volunteer portal and at registration.

## CONTROL STOP BRIEFING

A briefing will be held on the afternoon of **Friday 22 August 2025 (TBC)**, further details will be confirmed via the volunteer portal and at registration.

## PRE-EVENT BRIEFING

### **Saturday 23 August 2025, 15:00 Venue TBC**

Transport from Event Headquarters to the venue (TBC) will be provided.

A full pre-event briefing is held for all team members, Observers and Event Officials. Observers - you will have an opportunity to meet the Team Manager of the first team you are assigned to at the end of the briefing to make arrangements to meet at the start line the next morning. Please do not leave the briefing until you have been assigned your team.

# DARWIN LOCATIONS

## VOLUNTEER ACCOMMODATION

The Event Organiser will provide shared accommodation for registered event volunteers for the event period as required to fulfill their duties. Location and details will be advised once finalised.

An on-site accommodation co-ordinator will be appointed to whom all accommodation questions can be addressed whilst staying at the venue. Contact details will be shared in due course, prior to the event.

***Individuals desiring alternative accommodation are free to make their own arrangements, however as a courtesy, please advise the Volunteer Manager so that we are not holding beds which will not be used.***

The Bridgestone World Solar Challenge bus will provide transport to and from event locations as required to meet the operational needs of the event.

## STATIC SCRUTINEERING / REGISTRATION

Location to be advised.

Bump in Sunday 17 August 2025. Operational from Monday 18 August 2025

## EVENT HEADQUARTERS

Location to be advised.

Operational from Saturday 9 August 2025.

## OFFICIAL START LINE

Location to be advised. Operational from 5am Sunday 24 August 2025.

You will need to make your own way to the start line on Sunday morning.

Observers are required to be at the start line at 06:30; unless you are allocated as a changeover Observer for the control stops located between Darwin and Alice Springs, departure arrangements will be made for you individually.

At the start line you must:

- Meet the Volunteer Manager to collect your team's logbook.
- Meet your Team Manager as arranged and locate the vehicle you will be travelling and stow your gear.



## OFFICIAL

- Check that occupant ballast is in the competition vehicle and note all of this information in the logbook.
- Return to the Muster point in time for the final briefing, exact time to be advised.

**Be at your vehicle by 07:30 – even if the team is not there. They cannot start without you!!!**

## ADELAIDE LOCATIONS

Reaching Adelaide is a major achievement for you and the team you may be accompanying. However, amongst all the excitement, your role in the event is not over just yet...

**You are still on duty until you report to the BWSC Information & Merchandise Booth at the Official Finish Line in Adelaide**, and it is very important that in the inevitable relief and often chaotic circumstances of the finish you remain focused and complete your required tasks.

All Observers must give their Team Logbook to the Volunteer Manager (or their representative) stationed at the BWSC Information & Merchandise Booth.

## STAGING AREA

Location to be advised. Operational from Wednesday 27 August to Saturday 30 August 2025.

This is a staging area only – not the finish line and not a car park.

Further details regarding the operations of this area will be provided in Darwin.

## OFFICIAL FINISH LINE

The Official Finish Line is located in Victoria Square, Adelaide CBD. The official finish line will be operational from Wednesday 27 August to Sunday 31 August, subject to team progress.

When you arrive at the Finish Line you are required to report to the BWSC Information & Merchandise Booth and do the following.

- Sign-over any logbooks or other event equipment you may be carrying.
- Check if you are required for any extra duties

Observers, please refer to the Observer Manual for further details regarding your responsibilities at the Official Finish Line.

All official volunteers are required to participate in the competition vehicle parade. Further details will be provided at registration.

If you have requested accommodation in Adelaide, please contact the Volunteer Manager for details.

## ACCOMMODATION

For those volunteers who do not live in Adelaide shared accommodation will be available, details to be advised. This will be from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August inclusive (check out Monday morning). Further details will be advised via the Volunteer Portal.

## AWARDS CEREMONY

Each volunteer receives an invitation to attend the Awards Ceremony, further details regarding date and location will be provided once arrangements are finalised.

Please wear your event uniform and join with the participants in celebrating the achievement of crossing the continent and the conclusion of the event.

Following the Awards Ceremony, it is usual for a venue to be nominated for the 'unofficial' after party, where you will be able to catch up with everyone you have travelled with.

Further details will be provided at registration and via the Volunteer Portal.

**Don't forget to bring with you any of the event polos if you may wish to trade with teams.**

# WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

## EQUIPMENT

This list is not conclusive as individual equipment will depend on individual needs; however, it's a good starting point:

**Note:** You must be able to carry all your equipment.

- Sleeping bag
- Small tent/ swag
- Small air/ foam mattress
- Event uniform/ Clothes
- Closed toe shoes
- Water bottle
- Cutlery, cup, plate, bowl



A more detailed list of equipment is provided for Observers in the Observer Manual.

Excess baggage may be transported to Adelaide on the event truck (booking essential) and checked-in at the Event Help Desk by 12:00 on Saturday 23 August. Note that items to be transported will only be accepted if **clearly labelled** with your name, role, and Australian contact phone number.

Collection of excess baggage will occur from the Information Booth at the Official Finish Line. Collection will not occur until 15:00 Saturday 30 August at the earliest, however as the event truck is subject to the progress of teams, the Volunteer Manager will provide more accurate details on the day.





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