



2027 FEMCA ASIA NITRO

200mm & 1/8th On-Road, GT8 & GTE Championship

International Entrant Information Sheet

Tuesday 9 – Saturday 13 March 2027

England Park Raceway | Brendale, Moreton Bay, Queensland, Australia

Welcome to Queensland! This sheet is designed to help our Asia-Pacific entrants plan travel, accommodation and entry requirements for the 2027 FEMCA Asia Nitro 200mm & 1/8 On-Road Championship — featuring 1/8th Scale IC On-Road, 1/10th (200mm) IC On-Road, GT8 and GTE classes — hosted by QRCCRA (Queensland Radio Circuit Car Racing Association) on behalf of FEMCA (Far East Model Car Association). Please always confirm current details (flight schedules, visa rules, opening hours) closer to the event, as these can change.

Event & Venue

The championships will be held at England Park Raceway, one of Australia's premier purpose-built on-road RC circuits and a multiple past host of IFMAR World Championship events.

Venue	Details
Track name	England Park Raceway (home of QRCCRA – Queensland Radio Circuit Car Racing Association)
Address	1 Strathwyn Street (corner of Leitchs Road), Brendale, QLD 4500, Australia
Track type	Purpose-built asphalt on-road circuit, approx. 280–295m with concrete kerbing, sunken pit area and electronic lap timing
Region	City of Moreton Bay, approx. 20km north of Brisbane CBD
Club website	www.qrccra.org.au

Rules & Event Format

Item	Details
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Classes	1/8th Scale IC On-Road, 1/10th (200mm) IC On-Road, GT8 and GTE
Rule sets	IFMAR Rules for 1/8th Scale IC On-Road, IFMAR Rules for 1/10th IC On-Road, and IFMAR GT8 & GTE rule sets apply
Practice	Track open for practice from Monday 8 March 2027. A detailed practice schedule will be confirmed once entry numbers are finalised.
Night practice	England Park Raceway is fully lit — free practice can run into the night, until approximately 8pm.
Qualifying	6 rounds of qualifying, with each qualifying heat run over 7 minutes. GTE qualifying heats will also be 7 minutes.
Lap timing	Lap times during free practice can be checked via the Speedhive app. Live timing and results during controlled practice and racing will be via LiveRC.
Masters Final	A Masters Final will also be run on Saturday for the top 10 Age 45+ qualifiers.
Catering	Onsite catering will be available throughout each race day.

Official rule documents (IFMAR, 2026):

- **1/8th Scale IC On-Road & GT8:** IFMAR World Championship 1/8th Track Rules
- **1/10th (200mm) IC On-Road:** IFMAR World Championship 1/10th IC Track Rules
- **GT8 & GTE (GT class rules):** IFMAR World Championship 1/8th GT Track Rules

Control Tyres & Fuel

The following control products will apply for this event. Full purchasing arrangements and supplier details will be released separately.

Class	Control Tyre	Control Fuel
200mm Touring Car	Matrix 35/42 Front & 37 Rear @ 62mm & 64mm	Pepe Group Energy 16% (X Blend)
1/8th Scale IC On-Road	Matrix Light 32 Front & 35 Rear @ 68mm & 75mm	Pepe Group Energy 25% (X Blend)
GT8	Sweep GT2-D40WP	Pepe Group Energy 16% (X Blend)
GTE	Sweep GT2-D40WP	Electric class — no control fuel required



Getting There

Fly into Brisbane International Airport (BNE)

Brisbane Airport is the main international gateway for Queensland and the closest major airport to England Park Raceway, with direct flights from many Asia-Pacific hubs including Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Auckland, Nadi and various points across mainland China, Japan and South Korea.

- International Terminal and Domestic Terminal are linked by a free Skygate shuttle bus / short walk (~10 minutes) — check which terminal your connecting flight departs from if flying domestically onward.
- Approximate distance to England Park Raceway, Brendale: 28–30 km.
- Approximate drive time: 25–35 minutes outside peak hour; allow up to 50 minutes in weekday peak traffic (7–9am / 3–6pm).
- Options from the airport: hire car (recommended — see below), taxi/rideshare (Uber, Ola, Didi all operate in Brisbane), or Airport Link train to Bray Park/Strathpine station followed by a short taxi/rideshare (~5 min) to the track.

Hire Car Options at Brisbane Airport

All major rental companies operate directly from the airport precinct, with desks in the terminals and depots a short shuttle ride away. Booking in advance is recommended, especially around race weekends and school holiday periods.

- **Avis** – on-airport, both terminals
- **Budget** – on-airport, both terminals
- **Hertz** – on-airport, both terminals
- **Europcar** – on-airport
- **Thrifty** – on-airport
- **Sixt** – on-airport
- **East Coast Car Rentals / Ace / Bargain** – off-airport with free shuttle, often cheaper for longer hires

Notes for international drivers:

- Australians drive on the LEFT-hand side of the road.
- A valid overseas driver's licence is accepted for short-term visitors provided it (or an accompanying International Driving Permit) is in English, or you carry an official translation/IDP alongside your home licence.
- Minimum rental age is usually 21–25 depending on the company, with a young driver surcharge under 25.
- If transporting cars/pit gear, a mid-size SUV or wagon is worth the upgrade over a small hatchback — most teams travelling with pit equipment find this far more practical.
- Consider a vehicle with a tow bar/roof rack option only if you plan to bring generators or awning gear; most gear fits in a wagon boot.

Accommodation Around England Park Raceway

Brendale sits within the Moreton Bay Region, roughly midway between Brisbane city and the Sunshine Coast. There is no accommodation directly at the track, but a good spread of options is available within a short drive, from budget motels to full-service hotels.

Property	Suburb	Approx. distance to track
Eatons Hill Hotel	Eatons Hill	~5–8 min drive — closest full-service hotel, attached to a shopping/dining complex
Aspley Carsel Motor Inn	Aspley	~12–15 min drive
Comfort Inn North Brisbane	Carseldine	~10–12 min drive, near train station

Best Western Plus North Lakes Hotel	North Lakes	~15–20 min drive, near Westfield North Lakes dining/shopping precinct
Quest / Ibis / Essence Apartments	Chermside	~15–20 min drive, self-contained apartments near Westfield Chermside
Kallangur Motel / Petrie Mill Motel	Kallangur / Petrie	~10–12 min drive, budget-friendly
Airbnb / holiday rentals	Strathpine, Warner, Lawnton, Griffin	Widely available, good for groups/teams sharing a house

Tip: book early — race weekends can coincide with other events in the region, and team groups often do best booking a house/apartment (Airbnb/Stayz) with parking and space for pit gear rather than several separate hotel rooms.

Discount codes: the organising committee is working to secure accommodation discount codes with hotels near the venue and will release these as soon as possible — keep an eye on future updates before booking.

Visa & Entry Requirements

Australia does not use the US-style "ESTA" system — the equivalent Australian entry authorisations are the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA, subclass 601) and the eVisitor (subclass 651). Which one you need depends on your passport, so please check your specific requirement rather than assuming, particularly as many Asia-Pacific entrants are NOT eligible for the free eVisitor and instead need the ETA or a Visitor visa (subclass 600).

Visa	Who it's generally for	Cost / notes
ETA – subclass 601	Passport holders from a defined list of eligible countries/regions — for Asia-Pacific this includes Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Brunei, South Korea and others. Applied for via the official 'Australian ETA' smartphone app.	~AUD \$20, usually instant approval. Apply BEFORE booking non-refundable flights.
eVisitor – subclass 651	Free, but limited to European passport holders (EU, UK, Norway, Switzerland, etc.) — not applicable to most Asia-Pacific passports.	Free, online application via ImmiAccount.
Visitor visa – subclass 600	For all other nationalities not eligible for the ETA or eVisitor, including many Asia-Pacific passport holders (e.g. China, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines).	Paid visa (from ~AUD \$190), longer processing — apply well ahead of travel.

Official links:

- Visa Finder tool (Australian Government Department of Home Affairs)
- Electronic Travel Authority (subclass 601)
- eVisitor (subclass 651)
- Visitor visa (subclass 600)

General reminders:

- Passports should be valid for at least 6 months beyond your planned departure date from Australia.
- These visitor visas do not permit paid work in Australia and are for tourism/short business purposes such as attending a competition.

- Apply for your visa/ETA before purchasing non-refundable flights, and keep a copy of your approval and travel itinerary/accommodation details in case requested at check-in or the border.
- Rules do change — always confirm current requirements for your specific passport on the Department of Home Affairs website before booking.

Things to See & Do in South East Queensland (Moreton Bay Region)

With race meetings often running over a long weekend, there's plenty of time either side to explore the Moreton Bay region and greater South East Queensland.

Moreton Bay Region

- Moreton Island – a stunning sand island accessible by ferry from Brisbane, famous for the Tangalooma shipwrecks, snorkelling, sandboarding and dolphin feeding.
- Bribie Island – relaxed beach town with calm bay-side swimming and surf beaches, roughly 45 minutes from Brendale.
- Redcliffe Peninsula – waterfront dining, the Redcliffe Jetty and a laid-back seaside promenade, about 25–30 minutes away.
- Australia Zoo (Beerwah) – Steve Irwin's famous zoo, about 45–60 minutes' drive north.
- Glasshouse Mountains – dramatic volcanic peaks with lookouts and walking trails, roughly an hour north.
- North Lakes / Westfield North Lakes – shopping, cinemas and a large dining precinct close to the track.

Wider Brisbane & South East Queensland

- Brisbane CBD & South Bank Parklands – riverside parklands, an artificial beach, markets and the Queensland Museum/Gallery of Modern Art, about 25–30 minutes south.
- Mount Coot-tha – lookout with panoramic city views, botanic gardens and planetarium.
- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary – the world's first and largest koala sanctuary, for koala and native wildlife encounters.
- Story Bridge & Kangaroo Point Cliffs – riverside walks, climbing and city skyline views.
- Gold Coast (theme parks & beaches) or Sunshine Coast (Noosa, Mooloolaba) – both roughly 1–1.5 hours' drive if extending your stay.

Restaurants for Dinner After Racing

A few options at varying distances from the track for teams looking to unwind after a day on the tarmac:

- **Eatons Hill Hotel** (Eatons Hill, ~5–8 min) – large pub-style venue with bistro dining, bars and family-friendly options, popular with visiting race teams.
- **Strathpine Centre precinct** (Strathpine, ~10 min) – food court plus a range of casual restaurants and cafés.
- **North Lakes dining precinct** (North Lakes, ~15–20 min) – Ellen Grove Road/Westfield area with a wide mix of Asian, Italian, steakhouse and casual dining.
- **Westfield Chermside dining precinct** (Chermside, ~15–20 min) – one of Brisbane's largest dining precincts with extensive Asian cuisine options, useful for entrants wanting familiar flavours.
- **Redcliffe waterfront** (~25–30 min) – seafood restaurants with bay views, worth the drive on a race-free evening.

Note: opening hours can be limited on Sundays/public holidays outside shopping centres — booking ahead for larger groups is recommended.

Other Useful Information

Topic	Details
Currency	Australian Dollar (AUD). Cards are widely accepted; some smaller vendors/food trucks may be cash- or card-only, so carry a little of both.
Time zone	Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST, UTC+10). Queensland does NOT observe daylight saving, so the offset to other Australian states can shift by an hour in summer months.
Power plugs	Type I (three flat pins). Bring a travel adapter — Australia's voltage is 230V.
Mobile / SIM	Prepaid SIMs (Telstra, Optus, Vodafone) are available at the airport and in most shopping centres; Telstra generally has the best regional coverage.
Weather	March in South East Queensland is warm, humid and towards the end of the wet season — typically 19–28°C, with high humidity and a chance of afternoon storms. Pack light, breathable clothing, sun protection (hat/sunscreen), and a compact rain jacket just in case.
Emergency number	000 (Police / Fire / Ambulance). Nearest hospitals: Prince Charles Hospital (Chermside) and Redcliffe Hospital.
Fuel & tyres	Nitro fuel and tyres are CONTROLLED for this event — see the Control Tyres & Fuel section above for details. LiPo batteries are generally not permitted on passenger aircraft, so GTE entrants should also plan to source/charge batteries locally.
Customs / biosecurity	Australia has strict biosecurity laws — declare any food, plant material, timber pit equipment or camping gear that has been used overseas on your incoming passenger card.
Public transport	A 'Go Card' can be used across SEQ trains, buses and ferries if you plan to explore Brisbane by public transport on non-race days.

Organising Committee Contacts

Accommodation deals have not yet been locked in — we are working on securing discount codes with hotels near the venue and will circulate these as soon as possible. Control tyre and fuel details are listed above; purchasing arrangements will be released together with the event entry link. Entries will close end of November 2026, to allow sufficient time for manufacturers to make and ship the control products ahead of the event. For any questions on travel planning, accommodation groups, entry queries or controlled consumables, please get in touch:

- **President:** president@qrcra.org.au
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We look forward to welcoming you to Brendale for the 2027 FEMCA Asia Nitro 200mm & 1/8 On-Road Championship!