MSA Affiliated 4X4 X-Track Racing Club is a national South African club organising and participating in extreme 4X4 obstacle racing events as part of the MSA National Motorsport calendar.

Our members are enthusiasts modifying, building and racing special vehicles to tackle 4X4 obstacles that should be impossible to drive! Several national and regional events with club supporter classes are organised throughout the country and attended by multitudes of spectators enjoying the spectacular show – not for the faint hearted!

If you want to take the next step to take your 4X4 experience to the ultimate level, feel free to contact any of us. Several classes are run, providing excitement that will definitely fit the tastes of the more adventurous amongst us. Please feel free to visit the website [www.4xtr.co.za](http://www.4xtr.co.za)

**Picking a Class** Before you decide to whip out the credit card and order a host of components for your 4X4 steed, you must first determine what class best suits your budget and **skill level**.

Please refer to the MSA 4X4 X-Track Racing Rules to determine in which class you would qualify to compete in. The rulebook is available on the MSA website to download:

[www.motorsport.co.za](http://www.motorsport.co.za)

**LICENSING**

Before anyone enters into any motorsport event in South Africa, a competitor needs to obtain a competition licence. All motorsport in South Africa is governed by a body called Motorsport South Africa – referred to as MSA which has many functions. MSA is the licensing authority for competition licences and application has to be made via them.

In turn, all motorsport in South Africa runs under the international guidelines laid down by one of two international bodies and MSA is the sole affiliate to these bodies as well as the SA Sports Council. These are:

The FIA. (Federation de Internationale de l’Automobile) This is the body that controls all car racing.

The FIM. (Federation de Internationale de Motocyclisme) This is the body that controls all two-wheeled racing.

The licence can be applied for via online at [www.msaonline.co.za](http://www.msaonline.co.za).

When applying for your licence you will need proof of club membership. You can download the club list from the MSA website and contact any one of the Drag Racing clubs. Once you have joined a club, ask them to send you a letter as proof of membership which you will need when you apply online. Secondly you would need to take out one of the Medical Insurance options with MSA.

There are three types of licences that can be applied for and these are:

**Club licence** – This licence is a restricted licence that allows competition in club events and provincial events although no points can be scored in any regional championship with a club licence.

**Regional Licence** – This licence is also a restricted licence and allows competition in all club and provincial championship events although points can only be scored in the provincial championship in the province in which the competitor resides. No competition is allowed in any national championship events with a regional licence, other than if a regional championship event is combined with a national championship.

**National licence** – This licence allows competition in any event in South Africa as well as Lesotho and Swaziland which fall under MSA.

Once you have obtained your licence you need to download the General Competition Rules as well as the category specific rules (in this case 4X4 X-Track Racing) from the MSA website. Make sure that you read through these books and familiarize yourself with all the rules and regulations of the competition. The SSR handbook will contain most of the information you need for your vehicle/motorcycle and general rules.

The concept is for the competitor to find their feet first in club events and use them to gain confidence and skills. Once you have mastered the club events, you can then move onto regional events. Similarly, keep on at your regional events until you think you’re experienced enough and fit enough to enter into a national.

Our advice to all new competitors is to not rush into higher levels regional or national too soon. By gradually getting into club events one can gain confidence and skill and will be able to cope with the very physical demands of the sport. If a new competitor moves into regionals too quickly they’ll find the going tough and may get a little disillusioned.