



## **AfrikaBurn Supplier Policy - Updated: August 2023**

### **“Make AfrikaBurn Hard Again”**

Over the past few years, there has been a significant increase in the presence of outside service providers (suppliers) in Tankwa Town. Whether this be due to folks hiring teams to deliver and set up bedouin tents, camps getting furniture delivered to site, or companies setting up a one size fits all private glamping experience in Tankwa Town; it appears that there are a large number of participants that are outsourcing the hard yards and commodifying labour, thereby depriving themselves of the full AfrikaBurn experience - where everyone is invited to work, and community is fostered through shared resources and communal effort.

AfrikaBurn has noted that the way external suppliers have been allowed to operate in recent years has had a massive impact on the community and creativity that previously existed. Theme Camps such as The Early Erections have fallen away, as Burners increasingly choose to pay suppliers instead. In this way, AfrikaBurn has both stifled creative innovation (e.g.: creative shade ideas) and squashed the community that existed at the time.

We understand and acknowledge that in some cases the use of service providers is needed - and Civic Responsibility dictates that services such as security, medics and fire response be present throughout the event. Oftentimes there are certain services (like operating a honeysucker to pump out the toilets) that need to be done by professionals, which means that their presence on site is unavoidable. Provisions are made for these services in the event structures and permitting procedures as laid out by provincial law.

This policy aims to establish clear guidelines and standards for the use of suppliers by participants, and to ensure that this usage aligns as far as possible with our principles, values, and community guidelines.

#### **1. General:**

- 1.1. Only suppliers that have registered and engaged with the AfrikaBurn Supplier Process will be allowed to operate in Tankwa Town.
- 1.2. All suppliers will only be allowed to operate from the designated Suppliers' Depot on site. Participants making use of suppliers will be expected to accompany any

suppliers setting up on their behalf at all times.

- 1.3. The Supplier Process is designed to support registered Creative Projects in bringing their gift to Tankwa Town. Therefore only registered Creative Projects may utilise suppliers on site.
- 1.4. Participants should be able to make their gift happen without relying on suppliers to do so. If you are not able to actualise your project without relying on outside suppliers, consider reevaluating what is realistic for your group to offer as a gift to the burn.
- 1.5. **No supplier is allowed to provide showers or toilets at the AfrikaBurn event.** AfrikaBurn participants are expected to build their own shower and use the toilets provided if this is something they'd like to have as part of their camp. Anyone with accessibility needs, please contact [info@afrikaburn.com](mailto:info@afrikaburn.com).
- 1.6. Deliveries will only be permitted by approved trucking companies who have registered their deliveries with the Suppliers' Gate beforehand. All Trucks will go to the Suppliers' Depot directly as they arrive and clients will need to meet their truck there in order to either arrange delivery to their camp or collect their goods. Deliveries are allowed until the first Monday of the event. Any deliveries that need to happen during the event will be considered at the discretion of the Suppliers' Gate and must be arranged in advance. No deliveries after Wednesday of the event week.
- 1.7. All tenting suppliers will be expected to down tools by sunset on Sunday before the event starts and be off site on Monday, day one of the event, by midday.

## 2. **Stretch Tents & Marquees (shade structures):**

- 2.1. All Creative Projects will be issued a project registration code during their application process. Each tent must be tagged with this code in a visible spot along the perimeter of the tent.
- 2.2. Tenting companies will not be permitted to set up any tents without being accompanied by a representative of the Creative Project.
- 2.3. 'Land grabbing' will not be tolerated. Any tent or shade structure that is erected prior to the event without any Creative Project representation on site will be collapsed.
- 2.4. **Theme Camps:** Tents may only be erected within the footprint allocated to the Theme Camp, and will need to align with the layout as submitted to the Theme

Camp Committee and in accordance with the Theme Camp guidelines.

- 2.5. **Artworks, Mutant Vehicles & Performances:** Creative Projects with Support Camps will be able to have tents erected for accommodation and workshop purposes. Support Camp registration is subject to the discretion of the Creative Portfolio and is based on the specific needs of the project.

### 3. **Sound Equipment**

We acknowledge that sound systems are incredibly specialised pieces of equipment that often require specific expertise in order to function optimally.

- 3.1. All Creative Projects bringing sound as part of their gift need to indicate this as part of their registration process.
- 3.2. Sound companies and sound engineers bringing equipment/services to site are required to register via the Supplier Process.

The AfrikaBurn Supplier Team and the AfrikaBurn Theme Camp Committee will be working together to align on the sound rigs as per the registrations and the sound companies who have registered as a supplier at AfrikaBurn.

### 4. **Decor**

No decor deliveries are permitted to site by decor suppliers. Decor is to be transported to Quaggafontein by the creative crew involved in the Creative Project.

### 5. **Generators**

Theme Camps are encouraged to communicate with their neighbours around generators to try and arrange shared usage in order to minimise the number of generators in Tankwa Town. This will be facilitated by the Theme Camp Committee. Only large, specialised generators may be delivered to site by registered suppliers, and only to the Suppliers' Depot.

Participants are required to collect their generator from the Suppliers' Depot. Servicing of generators on site is permitted, however in line with Decommodification, this service may not be billed or paid for on site

## 6. **Lighting**

- 6.1. **Theme Camps:** Suppliers are not permitted to provide lighting to Theme Camps.
- 6.2. **Artworks:** Lighting will need to be detailed in the project registration. If lighting requires a supplier to install, the supplier will need to register with the AfrikaBurn Supplier Programme or be noted as one of the crew working on the project.
- 6.3. **Mutant Vehicles:** Lighting will need to be detailed in the project registration. If lighting requires a supplier to install, the supplier will need to register with the AfrikaBurn Supplier Programme.

## 7. **Food & Drink deliveries**

Deliveries of food and beverages which form part of a camp gift only are permitted as a single entry drop off at the Suppliers' Depot. Food and beverage deliveries for personal consumption are not permitted.

## 8. **Building materials**

Deliveries of building material is permitted pre-event only and with a single-entry Supplier Pass. Material providers need to have registered via the Supplier Process. Creative Leads organising delivery of building materials need to make use of one of delivery services already registered with AfrikaBurn.

## 9. **Fuel/Paraffin**

The fuel process will be managed by Fire Services on site.

## 10. **Camper Vans**

- 10.1. Camper vans are not permitted to be dropped off onsite by the camper van company, it needs to be driven in by the participant who hired it.
- 10.2. Should a camper van need repair, camper van mechanics are only allowed to access the event site on a single-entry supplier pass, and only from 9am on Sunday, the last day of the event week.
- 10.3. The only time that a camper van will be allowed to be switched out during the course of the event is if there is a blackwater issue that poses an environmental risk. The participant is responsible for making arrangements with the Suppliers' Gate in order to action the switch.
- 10.4. Camper van suppliers may not provide any amenities over and above what is already part of the standard vehicle hire and service, which include a filled water tank, a generator with fuel, kitchenware, bed and bath linen.

- 10.5. Camper van suppliers may not stock any recreational vehicle or living container with food or beverages, costumes, camping equipment or other supplies.
- 10.6. All camper vans need to arrive on site with a pre-purchased Camper/RV eToll Disc.

## 11. **Overland Trucks**

- 11.1. All overlander trucks need to register via the AfrikaBurn Supplier Process.
- 11.2. Drivers staying on site during the event are required to have a full event ticket.
- 11.3. Overland truck companies are not permitted to prepare any meals for participants arriving on their truck (clients).
- 11.4. Overland truck companies may not provide any amenities over and above what is already part of the standard vehicle hire and service, which include a filled water tank, a generator with fuel (stored and contained as required by fuel policy), kitchenware, bed and bath linen and dome tents.
- 11.5. Providers may not stock any recreational vehicle or living container with food or beverages, costumes, or other supplies and may not erect dome tents for participants (clients).

## 12. **Camping Equipment (including Dome Tents, Bedding & Kitchen Equipment)**

Service providers are not permitted to deliver camping equipment to the AfrikaBurn event site. All equipment is only permitted to be dry hired, collected from the company's hire premises and transported to site by participants.

## 13. **Shipping/Living Containers**

- 13.1. All container deliveries need to be registered via the Suppliers' Gate. Any unregistered delivery will be sent to the container storage area, unless a representative of the Creative Crew is on site to receive and place the container on the designated site.
- 13.2. Only registered container delivery companies are authorised to operate on site in Tankwa Town.
- 13.3. No container placement is permitted on site after 7pm.
- 13.4. No container placement is permitted after gates officially open on Monday. Container movement will only be permitted on or after the Wednesday following the event week. This is to ensure that the movement of trucks does not hamper Exodus efforts. Someone from the camp is required to remain onsite until Wednesday following the event week, to ensure that the container leaves site.

This policy is a first step towards bringing us as a community back to our core ethos.

Here's to 'Making Afrikaburn Hard Again', and helping to shape a decommodified Tankwa Town that is based on Communal Effort, neighbourly connections, Radical Self-reliance, creativity and the celebration of collective achievement.