



2016 AUSTRALIAN HQ NATIONALS

Sporting Regulations



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S1 TITLE AND JURISDICTION

S1.1 Title

This event shall only be known as and referred to as the “2016 Australian HQ Nationals”.

S1.2 Authority/Jurisdiction

(a) The 2016 Australian HQ Nationals will be conducted under the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the National Competition Rules (NCR) and the Race Meeting Standing Regulations (RMSR) of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS), the Sporting Regulations published for the Nationals, the Supplementary and Further Regulations issued by the Organiser; Bulletins issued by the Stewards of the Meeting, and any Driver Briefing Notes issued by the Clerk of the Course at the meeting.

(b) The HQ CAMS Interstate Challenge has been sanctioned by CAMS as a series event Nationals competition.

(c) The National Administrator (NA) appointed by CAMS for HQ Racing is:

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S2 ADMINISTRATION

S2.1 Personnel

The following personnel have been appointed to the Nationals by CAMS and have the authority to administer the various aspects of these regulations as detailed in RMSR.

(a) Technical Commissioner (TC) Colin Roper

S3 COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in the Nationals, each Competitor must hold a current CAMS Competition Licence, be a current financial member of a CAMS affiliated car club and the HQRA National Body.

S4 AUTOMOBILE ELIGIBILITY

Each automobile must conform to the General Requirements for Cars and Drivers, and must comply with the provisions of the 3rd Category – TOURING CARS – Group 3H HQ Holden Technical Regulations as detailed in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

S4.1 Replacement Automobiles

Following the commencement of the first qualifying session of the Nationals, any automobile that has been entered to compete at that round may not be replaced with another automobile.

S5 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in the Nationals, each Driver must hold a current CAMS Provisional Circuit licence or higher and be a current financial member of a CAMS affiliated car club.

S5.1 Substitute Drivers

Prior to the commencement of the first qualifying session at the Nationals, a Competitor may nominate a substitute driver who may be permitted to compete in the remainder of the meeting subject to the approval of the Stewards of the Meeting.

S6 ROUNDS

The Nationals will be conducted over one (1) Round as detailed in the Calendar below.

S7 CALENDAR

The Nationals will be contested over the following round:

Date	Circuit
4 th 5 and 6 th of November 2016	Wakefield Park Raceway (Goulburn)

S8 ROUND FORMAT

The number length and format of track sessions will ultimately be negotiated between the Category Administrator and the Organiser and will be advised in the relevant Supplementary / Further Supplementary Regulations issued for a meeting.

Generally, the Nationals should be conducted as a two day event and the format will be as follows.

S8.1 Wakefield Park Raceway will be open and available for practice from 9.00am to 4.00pm Friday 4th November 2016, this practice day is included in the entry fee. On Thursday 3rd Nov, there is also an open practice day (Test & Tune) to which all HQ competitors are welcome, (extra practice fee applies).

S8.2 Round Format Day 1

The format for the Nationals will be as follows:

- (a) Qualifying 1- One (1) 20 minute qualifying session for 'odd numbered' cars
- (b) Qualifying 2- One (1) 20 minute qualifying session for 'even numbered' cars
- (c) Heat 1 - One (1) 10 lap heat for Group A
- (d) Heat 2 - One (1) 10 lap heat for Group B
- (e) Heat 3 - One (1) 10 lap heat for Group C
- (f) Heat 4 - One (1) 10 lap heat for Group D
- (g) Heat 5 - One (1) 15 lap heat for Group E
- (h) Heat 6 - One (1) 15 lap heat for Group F

S8.3 Round Format Day 2

- (a) Shootout - Top Ten Shoot Out
- (b) Race 1 - One (1) 20 lap repechage race
- (c) Race 2 - One (1) 25 lap Nationals Final race

S8.4 Variations to Timetable

The timetable may be varied at any time due to exceptional circumstances only with the prior approval of the Stewards of the Meeting.

S9 GRID DETERMINATION

S9.1 Heats

The grid for each heat will be determined as follows:

Heat 1 (Group A): The grid for heat 1 will be determined from combined qualifying times with the fastest qualifier on grid position 1, 3rd fastest qualifier on grid position 2, 5th fastest qualifier on grid position 3 and so on.

Heat 2 (Group B): The grid for heat 2 will be determined from combined qualifying times with the 2nd fastest qualifier on grid position 1, 4th fastest qualifier on grid position 2, 6th fastest qualifier on grid position 3 and so on.

Heat 3 (Group C): The grid for heat 3 will be determined from the finishing positions for heats 1 and 2 with the winner from heat 1 on grid position 1, the winner from heat 2 on grid position 2, 3rd placing from heat 1 on grid position 3, 3rd placing from heat 2 on grid position 4 and so on.

Heat 4 (Group D): The grid for heat 4 will be determined from the finishing positions for heats 1 and 2 with 2nd placing from heat 1 on grid position 1, 2nd placing from heat 2 on grid position 2, 4th placing from heat 1 on grid position 3, 4th placing from heat 2 on grid position 4 and so on.

Heat 5 (Group E): The grid for heat 5 will be determined from accumulated points from heats 1 to 4 with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, 3rd highest point scorer on grid position 2, 5th highest point scorer on grid position 3 and so on.

Heat 6 (Group F): The grid for heat 6 will be determined from accumulated points from heats 1 to 4 with the 2nd highest point scorer on grid position 1, 4th highest point scorer on grid position 2, 6th highest point scorer on grid position 3 and so on.

S9.2 Top Ten Shootout

The grid for Top Ten shootout will be determined from the accumulated points from heats 1 to 6 with the 10th highest point scorer commencing the shootout first, the 9th highest point scorer 2nd and so on with the last competitor to go out in the shootout being the highest point scorer.

S9.3 Race 1 - Repechage

The grid for the repechage will be determined from accumulated points from heats 1 to 6 with the 31st highest point scorer on grid position 1, 32nd highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.

S9.4 Race 2 - Final

Grid positions 1 to 10 will be determined by the results of the top ten shootout.

Grid positions 11 to 30 for the final will be determined from the accumulated points from heats 1 to 6 with the 11th highest point scorer on grid position 11, 12th highest point scorer on grid position 12 and so on.

Grid positions 31 onwards will be determined by the finishing positions of the repechage race with the winner on grid position 31, 2nd placing on grid position 32 and so on.

The grid for the Final will be limited to the track density and any remaining qualifiers after all grid positions have been allocated will be eliminated.

Note: In the event of points being tied, grid positions will be determined by qualifying times with the fastest time to be allocated the higher grid position.

S10 START PROCEDURE

The start procedure for each race will be as detailed in Race Meeting Standing Regulations – Non Championship Standing Start.

S11 POINTSCORE

S11.1 Pointscore

(a) Points will be awarded to drivers on the basis of the finishing order of each heat as follows:

Finishing Position	Points	Finishing Position	Points
1 st	30	11 th	10
2 nd	27	12 th	9
3 rd	25	13 th	8
4 th	23	14 th	7
5 th	21	15 th	6
6 th	19	16 th	5
7 th	17	17 th	4
8 th	15	18 th	3
9 th	13	19 th	2
10 th	11	20 th	1

Every other finisher - 1 point.

(b) Should any races be stopped before the completion of the allocated number of laps, run in two parts, restarted, or the result declared, the points awarded will be on the final result of that event.

(c) Points will only be used to determine grid positions for heats and races.

S11.2 Nationals Winner

The winner of the Final Race will be the winner of the 2016 Australian HQ Nationals.

S12 EVENT OPERATIONS

S12.1 Qualifying

Qualifying sessions should be scheduled consecutively.

S12.2 Heats

Sufficient heats should be scheduled to enable each competitor to compete against each other at least once.

Each round of heats should be scheduled consecutively.

Points are awarded for finishing positions for each heat which are used to determine the grid positions in subsequent heats/races.

S12.3 Repechage Race

On the conclusion of the heats the repechage race may follow to determine the remaining qualifiers for the final. The repechage race will be gridded from the remainder of the field after the first 30 grid positions are allocated to the final. The repechage field will be limited to the track grid density and any remaining qualifiers after all grid positions have been allocated will be eliminated.

S12.4 Finals

The final should be run as the feature event of the meeting and should have the maximum number of cars the track density allows.

S12.5 Competition Numbers

Each Competitor shall include their preferred Competition Number on their Entry Form/s. The NA shall have the final discretion as to the allocation of Numbers and decide matters when duplicate requests for Numbers are received. Competitors will be advised of the final decision as early as possible, at the latest with the confirmation of event entry.

S12.6 Driver Briefings

Each Driver will be required to attend a compulsory Briefing, at a time and location to be nominated in the event Supplementary/Further Supplementary Regulations. Other compulsory briefings may be convened as required.

S12.7 Impound/Parc Ferme

Each automobile must return to the designated impound/parc ferme area (or as directed by Race Officials) at the conclusion of qualifying and racing, without returning to pit or paddock areas and without interference from any third party (other than an Official of the Meeting). Automobiles may not be removed from Impound/Parc Ferme except at the direction of the TC or the Chief Scrutineer.

S12.8 Practice Starts

Practice starts are NOT permitted.

S12.9 Pit Lane

All Pit Crew members are required to sign a Pit Lane Indemnity Form prior to the first track session and to display identification as and if required by the meeting organiser.

S12.10 Removal of Automobiles from the Circuit

Following the commencement of the first practice session, it is not permitted to remove any automobile from the circuit (prior to the release of all automobiles from the impound/Parc Ferme established following the final race of that round of the Series) without the prior express written approval of the TC.

S13 TYRES

S13.1 Tyres

- (a) Six (6) tyres will be marked before the commencement of the individual competitor's first qualifying session. A maximum of 6 tyres only may be used during qualifying, heats and races.
- (b) The use of unmarked or incorrectly marked tyres during any qualifying session, heat or race is prohibited. No tyre marked for the use by one automobile may be used on another automobile during that race meeting.
- (c) The Chief Scrutineer or TC shall be Judge of Fact in respect to decisions on tyres.
- (d) If a competitor accidentally damages 3 tyres during the event, ONLY by approval of the TC a replacement tyre may be used. A penalty may apply.
- (e) The onus and responsibility lies with the Competitor and/or Drivers to ensure that Scrutineers mark their tyres in accordance with these Regulations.
- (f) Any contravention of this article may result in the Competitor and/or Driver being referred to the Stewards of the Meeting for disciplinary action.

S14 FUEL

Only Pump Fuel as detailed in Schedule G of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport shall be used for the duration of the meeting. NOTE: Mobil 98ULP (fresh) will be available on site at Wakefield Park, Competitors are reminded of standard fuel storage regulations which allow only 40L of fuel per vehicle to be stored at any one time.

Please note: With the exception of ambient atmospheric air and the specified fuel, no other substance may be added to the intake charge of the engine.

S15 SCRUTINY

Each automobile will be the subject of Targeted Scrutiny, as directed. Mandatory audits will be conducted as directed by the Chief Scrutineer.

Scrutineering and eligibility checks will commence on Friday 4th Nov 2016.

Eligibility Scrutiny will be conducted as determined by the TC, Chief Scrutineer or the Clerk of the Course. Wherever possible, scrutiny will be undertaken in the competitor's paddock area.

Automobiles are to be presented for scrutiny in a clean, neat and tidy condition, and must be maintained throughout the event in that condition.

Automobiles may be weighed at the completion of any session, heat, or race during the event.

S16 AUTOMOBILE MARKINGS

Each automobile must comply with Schedule K of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport and display the category and event sponsors decals as required by the NA. Any Competitor or Driver who fails to comply with this requirement may be ineligible for points or excluded from the competition until such time as compliance is achieved at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting.

S17 DRIVER APPAREL

Each driver must use only apparel in compliance with Schedule D of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

S18 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The CAMS Occupational Health & Safety and Risk Management policies apply to all Nationals stakeholders, including, but not limited to, management personnel, Competitors, Drivers, pit crew personnel, support personnel (including family and friends) and contractors. Stakeholders are required to comply with all reasonable directives from authorised persons, including nominated CAMS Officials and the Category Administrator's Health and Safety Supervisor.

S19 IN-CAR CAMERAS

In-car cameras are permitted at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer.

The installation of any camera is subject to approval of the Chief Scrutineer.