

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SUMMERNATS ENTRANT?

Summernats entrants are renowned for showcasing the toughest, highly modified, coolest cars in the country. Not only this, Summernats entrants embody a supportive automotive community that elevates automotive craftsmanship to an unparalleled level.

These vehicles not only catch the eye with their distinct aesthetics, they look, sound, and go like nothing to ever come off the factory floor... and their owners take ultimate pride in them.

Summernats is Australia's Biggest Horsepower Party and attracts spectators from around the world who anticipate the Summernats blend of innovation, artistry, and sheer horsepower on display.

Got a rad ride that's more than 35 years old and still rocking original vibes? You qualify too!

EVENT SANCTIONING

All competition and non-competition vehicle activity at Summernats is governed by Motorsport Australia Regulations and Summernats Event Supplementary Regulations. All Entrants must comply with the Regulations at all times.

WHO CAN ENTER

All entrants must hold a current, unrestricted, unsuspended driver's licence. The entrant must present a physical licence at time of scrutineering. The licence must be present, current and valid.

Learner Driver Permits are not permitted.

Drivers with provisional licences are permitted to enter, however there are some restrictions in place. Refer to the Summernats Entrant Terms and Conditions document for further information.

Entrants under the age of 18 years must have parent or guardian's consent to participate.

Summernats reserves the right to exclude any vehicle they deem to not properly meet the entry requirements. These requirements include but are not limited to vehicles found to be unsafe, of poor-quality construction, POST 1980 vehicle deemed to be visually standard* or vehicles featuring objectionable elements or themes.

OVERALL VEHICLE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

These can include things like:

1. Paint and body modifications
2. Engine performance upgrades and engine bay presentation
3. Custom fabrication
4. Wheel, suspension and brake upgrades
5. Custom interior, including aftermarket car audio components

We look for at least 4 or more modifications to the vehicles when we are scrutineering/Judging the vehicle. Some vehicles have very sedate mods while others are over the top and in your face! At Summernats we love them all; to keep the vibe fresh and high-octane, we need a killer mix of styles that show off the full spectrum of Street Machining culture.

When too many rides roll in with the same look, it takes away from the jaw-dropping variety that makes our event legendary. We're here to showcase innovation, individuality, and builds that push boundaries.

Let's keep the scene alive with cars that turn heads, spark conversations, and blow minds – because this show is where the best of the best shine!

*To be visually standard - These vehicles may not appeal to a high-impact street machine show because it lacks the OBVIOUS modifications or unique design features typically expected in such events. Key points include:

- **Minimal Customization:** While your vehicle may have aftermarket wheels and a lowered stance, these changes are relatively modest compared to the extensive bodywork, engine modifications, or custom paint jobs often showcased in high-impact events.
- **Lack of Visual Drama:** If paint appears plain and lacks an obvious colour update, eye-catching colours, extensive finishes, or custom airbrushing that grab attention.
- **Understated Presentation:** There's no visible indication of significant performance upgrades, unique body kits, or interior customizations, which are hallmarks of standout street machines.
- **Limited Creativity:** The modifications feel basic and may not reflect the creative or cutting-edge craftsmanship that these shows celebrate.

High-impact custom street machine shows prioritize vehicles that push design and engineering boundaries, making OTHER vehicle's modifications appear understated by comparison.

DETAILED SCRUTINEERING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Scrutineering is when we start checking your car. Our scrutineers check your car's compliance with the regulations and make sure it meets any competition-based requirements.

1. WORKING LIGHTS

Headlights, taillights, brakes lights and indicators are all required.

If an entrant presents to scrutineering with any of these non-operational, a *No Cruising Permit* will be issued.

2. CURRENT & VALID LICENCE

All entrants must hold a current, unrestricted, unsuspended driver's licence. The entrant must present a physical or digital licence at time of scrutineering. The licence must be present, current and valid. If an entrant presents at scrutineering with no licence, we are unable to conduct scrutineering. Note that entrant transfers are not permitted at any time.

3. CURRENT REGISTRATION

Where the numberplate matches the VIN. If the vehicle is not registered, the Entrant will be required to purchase an *Unregistered Vehicle Permit* which allows the entrant to cruise on the Summernats cruise route. If the vehicle is unregistered and on display – for example in the Top 60 Hall or on a Trade space, a *No Cruising Permit* will be issued.

4. PAINTWORK

Paint/exterior to be in neat order and matching the theme to the vehicle. E.g. no tire slap or mismatched panels.

5. BUMPER BARS

Are compulsory for all burnout competitors at time of scrutineering – front and rear.

6. WHEELS

a. WHEEL NUTS ON ALL STUDS

Wheel weights must be removed for burnout competition.

b. WHEELS TO MATCH FRONT & REAR

For example, same style of mags front and rear at time of scrutineering. The only exception to this is when a vehicle is travelling to the Burnout Pad for competition.

c. WHEEL GAURDS

If wheels protrude the body of the car (generally in a hot rod style vehicle), the car must be fitted with wheel guards that enclose them.

7. TREADED TYRES

No visible belts, canvas or flat spots. Tyres need to be in serviceable condition. Any vehicle running Drag Slicks will be issued a *No Cruising Permit*.

8. FUNCTIONING BRAKES

Functioning brakes must be fitted.

Front and Rear brakes required to cruise on the cruise route; however, some vehicles will only have front brakes (Burnout Cars).

The brake size and calliper size must be relevant to the Modifications ie: Major Engine Modifications while maintaining small, standard type brakes on the front does not meet

requirements. Ensure adequately sized brakes fitted.

This is checked and Brake Pedal checked on all vehicles at time of scrutineering.

9. SEATBELTS

Fitted correctly and functioning for all seats front and rear.

If your vehicle was manufactured before seatbelts were mandatory, you are not able to compete in any Driving Events but may participate in cruising.

10. SEATS

Secured and functioning – seats must be bolted in.

11. TAILSHAFT LOOPS

We recommend tail shaft loops for burnout vehicles.

12. FITTED EXHAUST

A continuous system that extends past the last vehicle door or to the rear axle line. Any exhaust protruding on the side of the vehicle must point down. A cover deflecting the exhaust output in a downward direction is acceptable.

To pass scrutineering, the exhaust must be with the vehicle. Open headers are permitted during burnout competition only.

13. COMPLETE FIREWALLS

Firewalls are to isolate the driver from the engine compartment and fuel tank/cell. This includes station wagons and vans with fuel cells in the back of the vehicle. This can be achieved by making a metal cover and securing and sealing over any opening.

Firewalls made of any flammable materials, including wood or plastic will not pass scrutineering.

14. FUEL TANKS & CELLS

Fuel tanks and cells must be separated from the cabin, of purpose-built construction, fixed securely with the correct brackets i.e., no ratchet straps or temporary fixtures. The fuel tank/cell must be sealed off from entering the cabin areas in the event of an accident or fuel spill.

15. FUEL LINES & FILLERS

Must be designed for automotive use and appropriately rated for the fuel being used.

16. SECURE BATTERY

With the correct battery securing devices. (Cable ties and ratchet straps will not pass scrutineering).

17. FUNCTIONING INHIBITOR SWITCH FOR AUTOMATICS

The vehicle should not start in gear. The test process at scrutineering is the vehicle can only start in Park and Neutral only.

If any gear other than Park or Neutral are selected and the engine turns over, the vehicle will fail scrutineering.

18. ENGINE BAY CHECKS

Be fitted with a throttle return mechanism which in the event of any throttle linkage or throttle system failure will close each throttle, no loose componentry etc.

19. BLOWER BELT GUARD

Required for all blowers protruding from a bonnet.

20. TURBOCHARGERS

Any turbochargers protruding out of the bonnet must have a filter / screen over the inlet and heat wrap over the hot side of the turbo. Exhaust must be suitable, so it does not exit out of the side guards. Any exhaust protruding on the side of the vehicle must point down. A cover that directs the outlet down is acceptable.

21. BONNETS

To pass scrutineering, a bonnet must be fitted. The only exemption to this rule is during Burnout competition. If the vehicle does not have a bonnet, a *No Cruising Permit* will be issued.

22. FIRE EXTINGUISHER (Minimum 900g capacity AS1841)

Fire extinguishers are required for all vehicles. A minimum of 900g charged dry chemical extinguisher secured within the vehicle cabin. Vehicles competing in driving events must have the extinguisher mounted within the vehicle cabin.

23. COMPETITION SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

a. FIRE EXTINGUISHER (Minimum 900g capacity AS1841)

A minimum of 900g charged dry chemical extinguisher mounted within the vehicle cabin.

b. BURNOUT COMPETITOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- i. Each driver and passenger must wear a fire suit meeting or exceeding SFI 3.2A/5 or FIA 8856:2000 as a minimum, or any other standards recognised by Motorsport Australia for burnout competition.
- ii. Closed toe shoes
- iii. Helmet meeting or exceeding AS/NZS 1698:2006 or UNECE 22.05 as a minimum

RESTRICTED ENTRY

Restricted access may be necessary for some vehicles that do not comply with the above requirements. This can include limited activities or movements at the event. Examples of these include:

- Vehicles without bonnets or exhausts
- Promotional vehicles
- Vehicles operating specialised fuels
- Purpose-built racing vehicles

SIGNAGE, BRANDING & NUMBERPLATES

Vehicles displaying excessive sponsor branding, advertising or marketing material are considered commercial participants and additional fees may be charged upon application approval or at scrutineering.

If a vehicle has objectionable elements or themes, it may be denied entry. These objectionable elements or themes can include but not limited to:

- Stickers
- Number plates
- Paintwork

DRIVER AND PASSENGER SEATING RULE FOR CRUISING

All vehicle seats must be fixed in place to an automotive industry acceptable standard.

All occupants must be seated with an approved seatbelt securely fitted whilst the vehicle is in motion.