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QUICK FACTS

- The Street Machine Summernats Grand Champion will be chosen from the 'Elite' judging category.
- A vehicle that is judged in the 'Elite' category cannot be judged again in the 'Street' category.
- Top Judged Street can be a new build but must adhere to the criteria of minimal undercarriage finish. Floors and fabrication can be painted but not smoothed and detailed. Judges will look for signs of being street driven.
- The vehicle must have been driven by the registered Entrant. This includes Grand Champion and Street Champion.
- An Entrant cannot win a Champion award more than two times in a row with the same vehicle, then not again for another two years unless the vehicle has gone through a major rebuild. A major rebuild would include new paint colour, engine, and interior and overall look.

VEHICLE JUDGING

Entrants wishing to be judged must make themselves known to judges for pre-judging at time of scrutineering. Refer to event program for times.

Static vehicles on trade stands in the various trader halls will not be judged.

TOP 60 FINALIST SHOW

Vehicles that qualify into the Top 60 Finalist Show will be listed on social media at approximately 9:00pm on Wednesday, these finalists will also receive an SMS notification. The Top 60 Finalist list will also be printed outside the Judging Pavilion on Thursday.

Each vehicle is limited to the entrant plus up to four helpers. Absolutely no children under the age of 15 years will be permitted into the pavilion for the setup period.

The Top 60 Finalists Show will be held on Thursday evening to Sunday with the vehicles staying in the Judging Pavilion overnight Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Those wishing to participate in the driving events must notify the Chief Steward or Judges before positioning their vehicle in the Judging Pavilion for the Top 60 Finalists Show. Arrangements will be made for your vehicle to exit the Pavilion in time to take part in Supercruise or Grand Champion driving events.

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DISPLAYS

Cars that are elevated with stands must have a pedestrian barrier.

It is recommended low wattage LED lights are used for displays. Entrants must also display caution signs for lights which produce heat and all electrical cords must be safely secured to ensure no trip hazards. All electrical items must test and tagged. This can be done at the Summernats but you must notify any of the judging staff if required. It is advised you complete this prior to the event.

Any branded signage must be approved by Summernats prior to displaying. Signage will be removed if deemed unsuitable.

JUDGING GROUPS

Entrants may nominate their category preference, however the judging team will classify each vehicle into one of the below categories.

ELITE

Elite recognises and rewards the supreme craftsmanship and build quality found at the absolute top level of restoration, customisation, with only the very best vehicles accepted to compete.

STREET

Street exhibits a high degree of detail and finish; however, they've been built to be registered and street driven. It's not all about good looks and breathtaking presentation, vehicles must incorporate a high degree of innovation, practicality and usability to have any chance of being a front runner in this intensely competitive category.

No undercarriage detailing will be accepted. Floor pans, chassis and mechanical components can be painted, but no filling of seams, welds or highly detailed areas.

TUFF STREET

Tuff Street presents the toughest-of-the-tough, ultra-wild streeters that refuse to tow the line, or all-out competition monsters. Some of the standout examples will include burnout weapons, extreme pro tourers, drag racers, circuit racers, drift cars and dyno monsters.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Quality of workmanship
- Innovation
- Degree of difficulty
- Cleanliness
- Presentation

Judging commences after scrutineering at GIO Stadium. Entrants are to present to Judging after finalising scrutineering.

Entrants are encouraged to advise the Judges a brief description of any detailed workmanship or modifications. When judging commences, entrants must step back from the vehicle.

Summernats defines a street machine as a post-1948 street driven vehicle that has been restored, modified or customised.

To further identify other vehicle types, Hot Rods are pre-1948 vehicles given similar re-build treatment or as described by the ASRF handbook. Hot Rods are ineligible to win a Top Judged Award but can qualify to contend for Grand Champion.

Points are awarded in the following areas taking into consideration:

BODYWORK

Assess the preparation of the body before paint is applied. Consideration is also given to gaps, straightness, quality and degree of difficulty of modifications to the body.

PAINT

Includes preparation, primer and overall finish in all areas of the vehicle.

SPECIAL EFFECTS (based on application process)

Including Kandy urethane and basecoats, 3 Layer pearls, kameleons, full custom graphics, wraps, flamed or blended finishes.

STANDARD PAINT

Is a solid, metallic or pearl colour.

INTERIOR

Key areas are creativeness, workmanship and attention to detail. Consider all items visible from the door jambs, dash, floor coverings, rear parcel, hood lining, seats, modified/fabricated panels, use of materials and fitment.

UNDERCARRIAGE

Includes the floor pan, substructure, driveline components, suspension components and all visible brackets, fuel lines etc on the underside of the car.

ENGINE BAY

Reviews the fitment and finish of engines and accessories and all other components in the engine bay, the overall detail and enhancement.

ENGINEERING

Covers all non-factory modifications that would require a degree of manufacturing including driveline and suspension components.

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ELITE AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
GRAND CHAMPION	Qualifying from the Elite category, the vehicle with high scores in judging, People's Choice and driving events.
TOP JUDGED ELITE	A Street Machine with the highest overall score in the Elite category.
TOP 10 & TOP 20	Top 20 highest scoring vehicles from the Elite category.
TOP BODYWORK	Highest scoring bodywork from assessment of straightness, alignment, glass markings, rubber seal fitment, boot, door jams, sills, floor pan and engine bay.
TOP HOT ROD	Pre-1948 including sedans, coupes, tudors, tourers, roadsters, etc judged as presented.
TOP COMPETITION	Highest scoring vehicle which can be a race car or race inspired.
TOP COUPE	Highest scoring two door with no pillar, side rear window may be fixed or movable.
TOP CUSTOM	Highest scoring vehicle with body modifications, chopped or flip front with significant changes from original.
TOP ENGINE BAY	Highest scoring from assessment of engine bay fabrication, engineering and detailing.
TOP ENGINEERED	Highest scoring from assessment of fabrication, mechanical, performance and suspension parts.
TOP FACTORY PRODUCTION MUSCLE CAR	Highest scoring original or restored retaining manufacturing guidelines.
HIGH IMPACT	An absolute standout vehicle which attracts a lot of attention.
TOP INTERIOR	Highest scoring interior judged based on workmanship, use of materials and execution.
MASTER CRAFTSMAN JOHN TAVERNA SNR	Awarded to a builder with exceptional crafting specialising in engineering and who has made a significant contribution to the industry.
TOP PRO SEDAN	Highest scoring sedan highly modified in all areas to an Elite standard and theme.

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ELITE AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
TOP PRO 2 DOOR	Highest scoring two door highly modified in all areas to an Elite standard and theme.
TOP PRO COMMERCIAL	Highest scoring commercial vehicle highly modified in all areas to an Elite standard and theme.
TOP RETRO TECH	Highest scoring pre-1986 with a post 1986 engine and engine management system.
TOP SEDAN	Highest scoring four door sedan including pillarless models.
TOP SPECIAL EFFECTS FINISH	Highest scoring custom finish.
TOP STANDARD PAINT	Highest scoring solid, metallic or pearl colour available on OEM vehicles.
TOP STATION WAGON	Highest scoring two or four door wagon with a rear seat in the 'factory' location.
TOP TUDOR	Highest scoring post 1948 two-door pillared street machine sedan.
TOP UNDERCARRIAGE	Highest scoring from assessment of undercarriage fabrication, engineering, floor pan and detailing.
TOP UTE/PICKUP	Highest scoring utility vehicle.
TOP VAN	Highest scoring van with minimum two doors.

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STREET AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
STREET CHAMPION	Highest scoring in Street judging, driving events and participation in the Street finalist show.
TOP JUDGED STREET	The entrant with the highest overall score in Street category.
TOP AUTHENTIC / RESTORED	Highest scoring vehicle in original condition from the manufacturer, allowing up to five changes, period correct but may be for safety / registration reasons.
TOP BODYWORK	Highest scoring bodywork from assessment of straightness, alignment, glass markings, rubber seal fitment, boot, door jams, sills and engine bay.
TOP COUPE	Highest scoring two door with no pillar, side rear window may be fixed or movable.
TOP CUSTOM	Highest scoring vehicle with body modifications, chopped or flip front with significant changes from original.
TOP ENGINE BAY	Highest scoring from assessment of engine bay fabrication, engineering and detailing.
TOP ENGINEERING	Highest scoring from assessment of fabrication, mechanical, performance and suspension parts.
TOP EXHIBITION	Highest scoring exhibition
TOP FACTORY PRODUCTION MUSCLE CAR	Highest scoring original or restored retaining manufacturing guidelines.
TOP HOT ROD	Highest scoring pre-1948 open or closed roof.
TOP INTERIOR	Highest scoring interior judged based on workmanship, use of materials and execution.
TOP MODIFIED	Highest scoring legally registered modified vehicle (may require proof of Engineer's Certification). Cars with a Summernats Permit are ineligible.
BEST POST-1980	Highest scoring post-1980 vehicle.
BEST POST-1980 MUSCLE CAR	Highest scoring post-1980 muscle car.

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STREET AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
BEST POST-1980 MODIFIED	Highest scoring post-1980 vehicle with body or engine modifications.
TOP RETRO TECH	Highest scoring pre-1986 that have had the engine and/or driveline replaced with a post 1986 engine and engine management system.
TOP SEDAN	Highest scoring four door sedan including pillarless models.
TOP SPECIAL EFFECTS FINISH	Highest scoring custom finish.
TOP STANDARD PAINT	Highest scoring solid, metallic or pearl colour available on OEM vehicles.
TOP STATION WAGON	Highest scoring two or four door wagon with a rear seat in the 'factory' location.
TOP TUDOR	Highest scoring two-door pillared sedan.
TOP UTE/PICK UP	Highest scoring utility vehicle.
TOP VAN	Highest scoring van with minimum two doors.

TUFF STREET AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
TOP TUFF STREET	Highest scoring un-tubbed (or mini tub to rail) street-based cars with hinged bonnet.
TUFF STREET CHAMPION	The entrant with the highest overall score in Tuff Street category.

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OTHER AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
SUPREME ENTRANT	Any visually outstanding vehicles deemed a high achiever in their respective judging groups. These vehicles will be invited by the Judges to be displayed together on Sunday morning.
BEST PRESENTED CLUB	Awarded to the club with a notable presence at the Summernats, including support or participation in events either as entrants or spectators.
SHOW & SHINE STANDOUTS	Outstanding vehicles displayed on the main arena by Entrants who have preferred not to be officially judged.
DRIVERS CHAMPION	Awarded to the Entrant with the highest points received across all Driving Events.
MEGUIARS SHOWCAR SUPERSTARS	A coveted spot in the Meguiar's Superstars qualifying for MotorEx.
PEOPLE'S CHOICE	Vehicles on display in the Top 60 Finalists Show, the entrant with the highest individual votes from event attendees.

GRAND CHAMPION

The Street Machine Summernats Grand Champion is the highest award at Summernats.

Entrants wishing to contend for the Grand Champion must inform the Chief Steward and be displayed at Top 60 Finalist Show in the designated area. Late requests after the Top 60 Finalist Show has opened may not be approved.

Points are accumulated by qualifying in the Top 60 Finalists Show, judging, votes received in People's Choice and overall performance in the Grand Champion driving events held Saturday evening. The driver must be the Entrant associated with the vehicle.

The winner will take home the Grand Champion sword and joins the elite ranks of those who have proved themselves worthy of the most prestigious prize in the Australian Street Machine scene.

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GRAND CHAMPION - PROGRAM

DAY	ACTIVITY
Wednesday	Vehicle judged
Friday	Top 60 Finalists Show
Saturday	Top 60 Finalists Show, Elite Awards Presentation, Grand Champion Driving Events, Awards and Presentation

GRAND CHAMPION - POINTS ALLOCATION

Points awarded in descending order with the number of points determined by the number of competitors e.g. 1st Place = 12 points, 12th Place = 1 point. There will only be a maximum of 12 points for Grand Champion driving events to keep the points balance correct over all the disciplines.

CRITERIA	POINTS
Qualified in Elite Finalists Show (void if in Top 20)	4 points
Placed in Top 20 (void if in Top 10)	6 points
Placed in Top 10	10 points
People's Choice (must receive min. 10 votes; void if in the Top 3 votes)	4 points
People's Choice – 3rd place	5 points
People's Choice – 2nd place	6 points
People's Choice – Winner	7 points
Driving Event – Heads-Up Go-Whoa	Placed
Driving Event – Motorkhana	Placed