

SUMMERNATS

**ENTRANT
JUDGING
GUIDE**
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TOP 60 FINALISTS SHOW

- The Street Machine Summernats Grand Champion will be chosen from the Elite judging category.
- A vehicle judged in the Elite category cannot be judged again in the Street or Tuff Street categories.
- 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, and then not again for another two years, unless the vehicle has undergone a major rebuild. A major rebuild includes a new paint colour, engine, interior and overall look.

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

Static vehicles on trade stands in the various trader halls will not be judged unless they have gone through scrutineering and pre-judging. Vehicles with a Trader Static Vehicle Pass will not be judged.

Vehicles wishing to compete in the Top 60 Finalists Show must attend scrutineering and pre-judging on Tuesday or Wednesday, as per their confirmed scrutineering time slot. Vehicles that qualify for the Top 60 Finalists Show will receive an SMS notification on Wednesday evening.

Each vehicle is limited to the entrant plus up to four helpers for Top 60 Finalists Show set-up. Absolutely no children under 15 years of age will be permitted into the Pavilion during the set-up period. You and your helpers must wear hi-vis and closed-toe shoes during set-up.

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

DISPLAYS

Cars elevated on stands must have a pedestrian barrier.

Low-wattage LED lights are recommended for displays. Entrants must display caution signs for lights that produce heat and all electrical cords must be safely secured to prevent trip hazards. All electrical items must be tested and tagged.

Any branded signage must be approved by Summernats prior to display. 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 categories below:

ELITE

Elite recognises and rewards the supreme craftsmanship and build quality found at the highest level of restoration and customisation. Only the very best vehicles will be accepted to compete.

STREET

Street exhibits a high degree of detail and finish; however, vehicles must be registered and street-driven. It's not only about good looks and presentation, but vehicles must also incorporate a high degree of innovation, practicality and usability to have any chance of being a front runner in this competitive category.

No undercarriage detailing will be accepted or judged. Floor pans, chassis and mechanical components may be painted, but there must be 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 toe the line, or all-out competition machines. Examples include burnout weapons, extreme pro tourers, drag racers, circuit racers, drift cars and dyno monsters.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging assesses:

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

Judging commences after scrutineering at GIO Stadium. Entrants must present to judging after finalising scrutineering, with entrant stickers on.

Entrants are encouraged to provide judges with 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.

Hot rods are pre-1948 vehicles rebuilt in a similar manner or as described by the ASRF handbook. Hot rods are ineligible to win a Top Judged Award but may qualify to contend for Grand Champion.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Points are awarded in the following areas, taking into consideration:

BODYWORK

Assessment of body preparation prior to paint application. Consideration is given to gaps, straightness, quality and degree of difficulty of modifications.

PAINT

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

SPECIAL EFFECTS (based on application process)

Includes Kandy urethane and basecoats, three-layer pearls, chameleon finishes, full custom graphics, wraps, flamed or blended finishes.

STANDARD PAINT

A solid, metallic or pearl colour.

INTERIOR

Creativeness, workmanship and attention to detail are key. Includes all items visible from the door jambs, dash, floor coverings, rear parcel, hood lining, seats, modified or fabricated panels, materials used, fitment and technology.

UNDERCARRIAGE

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

ENGINE BAY

Assessment of the fitment and finish of the engine, accessories and all components within the engine bay, including metal fabrication, detailing and finish under the bonnet. Also includes overall detail and enhancement.

ENGINEERING

Covers non-factory modifications requiring manufacturing, including bodywork fabrication, driveline and suspension components.

ELITE AWARDS

ELITE AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
GRAND CHAMPION	Selected from the Elite category. Awarded to the vehicle achieving high scores in judging, People's Choice and driving events. A maximum of 12 vehicles will qualify for the Grand Champion driving events.
TOP JUDGED ELITE	Highest overall score in the Elite category.
TOP 10 & TOP 20	Top 20 highest-scoring vehicles in the Elite category.
TOP UNDERCARRIAGE	Highest-scoring undercarriage fabrication, engineering, floor pan and detailing.
TOP ENGINE BAY	Highest-scoring engine bay fabrication, engineering and detailing.
TOP BODYWORK	Highest-scoring bodywork including straightness, alignment, glass markings, rubber seal fitment, boot, door jams, sills, floor pan and engine bay.
TOP INTERIOR	Highest-scoring interior based on workmanship, use of materials and execution.
TOP SPECIAL EFFECTS FINISH	Highest-scoring custom finish.
TOP STANDARD PAINT	Highest-scoring solid, metallic or pearl colour available on OEM vehicles.
TOP ENGINEERED	Highest-scoring fabrication, mechanical, performance and suspension parts.
TOP COMPETITION	Highest-scoring race or race-inspired vehicle.
TOP FACTORY PRODUCTION MUSCLE CAR	Highest-scoring original or restored vehicle retaining manufacturing guidelines.
TOP CUSTOM/CLASSIC	Highest-scoring vehicle with body modifications, chopped or flip front with significant changes from original.
TOP RETRO TECH	Highest-scoring pre-1986 vehicle fitted with a post-1986 engine and management system.

ELITE AWARDS

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TOP UTE/PICKUP	Highest-scoring utility vehicle.
TOP VAN	Highest-scoring van (minimum two doors)
TOP STATION WAGON	Highest-scoring two- or four-door wagon with rear seat in the factory location.
TOP TUDOR	Highest-scoring post-1948 two-door pillared sedan.
TOP COUPE	Highest-scoring two-door with no pillar. Side rear window may be fixed or movable.
TOP SEDAN	Highest-scoring four-door sedan, including pillarless models.
TOP HOT ROD	Pre-1948 including sedans, coupes, tudors, tourers, roadsters, etc. judged as presented.
TOP PRO SEDAN	Highest-scoring highly modified sedan built to an Elite standard and theme.
BEST POST-1980	Highest-scoring post-1980 vehicle.
BEST POST-1980 MUSCLE CAR	Highest-scoring post-1980 muscle car.
BEST POST-1980 MODIFIED	Highest-scoring post-1980 vehicle with body or engine modifications.
TOP PRO 2 DOOR	Highest-scoring highly modified two-door in all areas built to an Elite standard and theme.
TOP PRO COMMERCIAL	Highest-scoring highly modified commercial vehicle in all areas built to an Elite standard and theme.
HIGH IMPACT	An absolute standout vehicle attracting significant attention.
MASTER CRAFTSMAN – JOHN TAVERNA SNR	Awarded to a builder demonstrating exceptional craftsmanship in engineering and significant industry contribution.

STREET AWARDS

STREET AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
STREET CHAMPION	Highest combined score in Street judging, driving events and participation in the Street Finalists Show.
TOP JUDGED STREET	Entrant with the highest overall score in the Street category.
TOP EXHIBITION	Highest-scoring exhibition display.
TOP ENGINE BAY	Highest-scoring engine bay fabrication, engineering and detailing.
TOP INTERIOR	Highest-scoring interior based on workmanship, materials and execution.
TOP SPECIAL EFFECTS FINISH	Highest-scoring custom finish.
TOP STANDARD PAINT	Highest-scoring solid, metallic or pearl colour available on OEM vehicles.
TOP BODYWORK	Highest-scoring bodywork including straightness, alignment, glass markings, rubber seal fitment, boot, door jams, sills and engine bay.
TOP ENGINEERING	Highest-scoring for fabrication, mechanical, performance and suspension parts.
TOP TUFF STREET	Highest-scoring race-inspired vehicle with high performance engine and running gear.
TOP MODIFIED	Highest-scoring legally registered modified vehicle (Engineer's Certification may be required). Vehicles operating under a Summernats Permit are ineligible.
TOP RETRO TECH	Highest-scoring pre-1986 vehicle fitted with a post-1986 engine and/or driveline and management system.
TOP HOT ROD	Highest scoring pre-1948 vehicle, open or closed roof.
TOP AUTHENTIC / RESTORED	Highest-scoring vehicle in original manufacturer condition, allowing up to five period-correct changes for safety or registration purposes.
TOP FACTORY PRODUCTION MUSCLE CAR	Highest-scoring original or restored vehicle retaining manufacturing guidelines.

STREET AWARDS

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TOP CUSTOM	Highest-scoring vehicle with body modifications, chopped or flip front with significant changes from original.
TOP UTE/PICK UP	Highest-scoring utility vehicle.
TOP STATION WAGON	Highest-scoring two- or four-door wagon with rear seat in the 'factory' location.
TOP VAN	Highest-scoring van (minimum two doors)
TOP TUDOR	Highest-scoring two-door pillared sedan.
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BEST POST-1980	Highest-scoring post-1980 vehicle.
BEST POST-1980 MUSCLE CAR	Highest-scoring post-1980 muscle car.
BEST POST-1980 MODIFIED	Highest-scoring post-1980 vehicle with body or engine modifications.

TUFF STREET AWARDS

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TUFF STREET SECOND	Vehicle with the second-highest overall score in Tuff Street category.
TUFF STREET CHAMPION	Vehicle with the highest overall score in the Tuff Street category.

AWARDS

OTHER AWARDS	DESCRIPTION
PPG SUPREME ENTRANT	Visually outstanding vehicles recognised as high achievers within their respective judging groups. Selected vehicles will be invited by judges to display outside the PPG marquee on Saturday morning. Final judging is by public vote.
SHOW & SHINE STANDOUTS	Outstanding vehicles displayed in the main arena by entrants who have chosen not to be officially judged.
MEGUIAR'S SHOWCAR SUPERSTARS QUALIFIER	A qualifying position for Meguiar's Showcar Superstars at MotorEx.
PEOPLE'S CHOICE	Awarded to the entrant receiving the highest individual votes from event attendees within the Top 60 Finalists Show.

GRAND CHAMPION

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

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

A maximum of 12 entrants will be eligible to contend for Grand Champion.

Points are accumulated through qualification in the Top 60 Finalists Show, judging results, votes received in People's Choice and overall performance in the Grand Champion driving events held on Saturday evening.

The driver must be the registered entrant associated with the vehicle.

The winner receives 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.

GRAND CHAMPION - PROGRAM

DAY	ACTIVITY
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY	Vehicle pre-judged at scrutineering and nomination for Grand Champion
THURSDAY	Bump-in for the Top 60 Finalists Show
FRIDAY	Top 60 Finalists Show and final judging
SATURDAY	Top 60 Finalists Show, Elite Awards presentation, Grand Champion Driving Events and final awards and presentation

GRAND CHAMPION - POINTS ALLOCATION

Points are awarded in descending order, with the number of points determined by the number of competitors. For example: 1st Place = 12 points, 12th Place = 1 point

A maximum of 12 points will be awarded in Grand Champion driving events to maintain balance across all disciplines.

CRITERIA	POINTS
QUALIFIED IN ELITE FINALISTS SHOW (VOID IF PLACED IN TOP 20)	4 points
PLACED IN TOP 20 (VOID IF PLACED IN TOP 10)	6 points
PLACED IN TOP 10	10 points
PEOPLE'S CHOICE (MIN. OF 10 VOTES REQUIRED; VOID IF PLACED IN TOP 3)	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-TO-WHOA	Placed
DRIVING EVENT – MOTORKHANA	Placed