

**The APEX STEEL 2026 AUSTRALIAN MUSCLE CAR MASTERS ®
29TH & 30TH AUGUST 2026
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

1. Motorsport Australia Permit Number: 826/3008/01EVENT TITLE, DATE & VENUE

- 1.1 Event Title: 2026 AUSTRALIAN MUSCLE CAR MASTERS at Sydney Motorsport Park.
This will be a **'NATIONAL OTHER' 2 DAY RACE EVENT.**
- 1.2 **Date: SATURDAY 29th & 30th AUGUST 2026**
- 1.3 **Venue: Sydney Motor Sport Park, – the 3.9 km Gardner (GP) Circuit will be used.**

2. ORGANISATION AND STATUS

- 2.1 The Event shall be held under the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR) of Motorsport Australia, the Circuit Race Standing Regulations (CRSR) published by Motorsport Australia, the regulations for 5th Category – Historic Cars, relevant Championship and/or Series Sporting and Technical Regulations as approved by Motorsport Australia, these Supplementary Regulations, and any Further Regulations and instructions to Competitors that may be issued.
- 2.2 This Event will be held in accordance with Motorsport Australia's Occupational Health and Safety Policy, Integrity Policies, Legal Policies, Risk Management Policies, Safety 1st Framework and any other relevant Policy.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND EVENT STAFF

- a) Organiser: Australian Racing Drivers Club Ltd
(ABN 85000110609)
PO Box 6747 Blacktown Delivery Centre NSW 2148
Ph: 02 9672 1000 Fax: 02 9672 0208
Email: Doreen.Butchers@ardc.com.au
- b) Organising Committee: D. Butchers, M. Hancock, S. Preece, A. Fairweather, S. Peters
- c) Stewards of the Event: Glenn Pincott (Chief), Denis Willis and Dave Anderson
- d) Clerk of the Course: Michael Hancock
- e) Deputy Clerk of the Course: Stephen Preece
- f) Assistant Clerk of the Course: E. Jones, V. Morgan, P. Dane, Jean Cook & Joanne Hodge
- g) Judges of Fact: Start-Finish L. Drayton, S. Preece, P. Leikvold & M. Hancock
- h) Driving Standards Advisor: As per the respective category approved Regulations.
- i) Secretary of the Event: Doreen Butchers
- j) Deputy Secretary of the Event: Sam Peters
- k) Chief Scrutineer: Nick Nikiforoff
- l) Deputy Chief Scrutineer: Kathy Pincott
- m) Medical: Ambulance Service Australia P/L
- n) Chief Timekeeper: Lisa Drayton
- o) Competitor Relations Officer: TBA
- p) Compliance Checker: TBA

4. MEDICAL

Medical requirements will be in accordance with Article 3.1.4.3 of the Motorsport Australia Medical Service Requirements at Motor Sport Events.

5. CIRCUIT DETAILS

- a) Length: 3.9 km
- b) Direction: Anti - Clockwise
- c) Track Density: The maximum number of starters permitted in any race will be in accordance with Motorsport Australia guidelines.

6. **My Laps Race Control Management System**

The fitting of a MyLaps unit is now **mandatory** when participating in any track activity at SMSP. It should be made clear that this unit has **NO REGULATORY IMPLICATION** regarding Motorsport Australia. It is a device to assist in the management of the track between Marshal Posts and as an advisory device for the driver.

- The units remain at all times the property of ARDC.
- It is the Competitors responsibility to ensure adequate fitting to the vehicle using the materials provided.
- As this unit for the driver is advisory, there is no requirement as to it being placed in view of the driver, simply a secure place on the vehicle that can transmit a valid signal.
- Should the unit fail to be observed during any session on track, the competitor will be advised post session and steps taken to ensure there is a fully functioning unit attached to the vehicle prior to any subsequent sessions.
- There is **NO** additional charge, for the use of the unit at this Event.
- Unit can be picked up and returned to the Main Office at the base of the Control Tower, which must be done at the beginning and end of each day, to ensure that unit is adequately charged for use.
- There is now available a cable than can be hard wired into the vehicle for the purposes of charging. This can be purchased from ARDC @ SMSP and is a **onetime purchase cost of \$20.** Please contact ARDC for details.
- Should a competitor leave the venue without returning the unit, the safe return of the unit, in full working order, will be at the full expense of the Competitor and must be **received** by ARDC **within a 2-week period.**
- Failure to return the unit within the 2-week period or at all, will result in the competitor being invoiced for a replacement unit **(\$1100).**

7. **ENTRIES**

Entries for this Event will be made via the ARDC Online Event Entry System:

[CLICK HERE FOR THE COMPETITORS PAGE TO ENTER Muscle Car Masters 2026](#)

Opening date: **ON APPROVAL OF THESE REGULATIONS**

7.1 Entry Fee: **ALL CATEGORIES:**

A.R.D.C. Members	\$945 (including GST)
Non-members	\$995 (including GST)

7.2 Early Discount Closing date: **WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2026** **COB 17:00hrs**

7.3 Closing date: **WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2026** **COB 17:00hrs**

7.4 Entry Fee after Early Discount closes + \$100

7.5 PRIVATE PRACTICE

A.R.D.C. Members	\$315 (including GST)
Non-members	\$365 (including GST)

7.7 Entries shall be accepted in order of receipt.

7.8 The Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to any Competitor in accordance with the NCR.

7.9 BROADCAST/LIVE STREAMING

There is a comprehensive Broadcast / Live Streaming package attached to this event and **is included in the Entry Fee.**

8. **WITHDRAWALS**

8.1 For all categories, ARDC in writing no later than

1700hrs on MONDAY 24TH AUGUST 2026.

The ARDC will not consider refunds unless this requirement is strictly adhered to.

8.2 A \$100.00 Administration Fee will be charged for ALL withdrawals.

9. EVENTS & CHAMPIONSHIP/SERIES STAFF

9.1 These races will be held in accordance with the Motorsport Australia Manual and the relevant Sporting & Technical Regulations and appendices for 2026.

9.2 Races will be conducted for vehicles complying with Regulations for the following. Track Densities shown in brackets.

- **Touring Car Masters (47)** **2026 Touring Car Masters** **Round 4**
 - **Category Administrator** **Dean Bryant**
 - **Technical Delegate** **Gary Howard**
 - **Driving Standards Advisor** **TBA**

- **Heritage Touring Cars (Groups C & A) (47)** **Round 4**
 - **Category Administrator** **Jamie McDonald**
 - **Technical Delegate** **Chris O'Connor**

- **Group N (47)**
- **Group S (47)** **2026** **Round 3**
- **Australian Trans Am (47)** **Australian Trans Am Series** **Round 6**
- **Sports Sedans (38)** **2026 National Sports Sedan Series** **Round 3**
 - **Category Administrator** **Michael Robinson**
 - **Technical Delegate** **Laurie Griffin**

- **NSW Sports Sedan Championship (38)** **Round 5**
 - **President** **Steven Lacey**
 - **NSW MRP Delegate** **Chris Jackson**

- **HQ Holdens (54)** **NSW HQ Holden Racing Championship** **Round 4**
 - **President** **Gordon Maclay**
 - **Race Secretary** **Chris Molle**

- **5L Touring Cars** **Heritage Hot Laps**
- **Parade Laps**

9.3 In order to maximise track time and racing laps for all categories, ARDC in consultation with Motorsport Australia reserve the right to combine events. This will be done with due consideration to the relevant Championships or Series and the categories concerned

9.4 Qualifying will take place on **Saturday 29th of AUGUST 2026.**

9.5 The Organiser reserves the right to postpone or cancel the Event in accordance with the NCR.

10. LICENCE & MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Competitors must hold a current Motorsport Australia Competition Licence.

10.2 Each Driver must hold a minimum of a Motorsport Australia Provisional Endorsed Circuit licence.

Each Driver must also hold full membership to an MA Affiliated Sporting Car Club unless they comply with 10.2.1 or 10.2.2 below and unless noted otherwise against a particular Event or specified otherwise in the Sporting Regulations for the relevant category Championship/Series. or;

10.2.1 Hold a Motor Sport New Zealand competition licence and valid Tasman Visa for the event or

10.2.2 Hold the minimum of the highest-grade National Licence issued by a foreign ASN required for the Event and obtain approval to compete from the ASN that issued their licence. Each such Driver and Competitor.

10.2.2.1 Will be ineligible to score points in a Championship/Cup/Series/Trophy etc. connected with the Event unless specified otherwise in category Sporting Regulations: and

10.2.2.2 Shall be required to receive an authorisation to compete from Motorsport Australia prior to the Event.

11. AWARDS/PRIZES

Awards for this Event will be in the form of trophies and will be provided by the Organiser.

Round Awards will be presented as advised in the FSR for the event.

12. AUTOMATIC TIMING

The Organisers utilise an automatic timing system that requires all cars to be fitted with a **MYLAPS TR2** Transponder. Competitors must provide the transponder. Transponders are available for hire during the ARDC Online Entry System process, or for purchase from MYLAPS Industries - <https://mylaps.com/motorsports/> or PHONE 02 50057690.

13. PRIVATE PRACTICE AVAILABILITY

Sydney Motor Sport Park is available for Private Practice on **Friday 28th of AUGUST 2026**.

- 13.1 Entry for Private Practice can be made **during** the Online Entry System process, **WHILST ENTRIES ARE OPEN**. The GST inclusive cost is **\$315** per day to members of **the A.R.D.C.**, and **\$365 per day to Non members**.
- 13.2 Private Practice Entry **can** be made on the day, by filling in the relevant documentation and paying the required 'On the day' Entry Fee. (The cost is **\$375 inc** per day to members of **the A.R.D.C.**, and **\$425 inc per day to Non members**).

14. GARAGE AND PADDOCK ALLOCATION

Garage, Carport and Paddock allocation for this event will be by consultation with the relevant Category Manager.

15. CREDENTIALS

- 15.1 Competitors should enter Sydney Motor Sport Park via Gate A off Ferrers Road.
- 15.2 This event will be a TICKETED EVENT.
All Competitors will be given 6 TICKETS for the event.
- 15.3 Advise on any further ticket or Parking pass allocation will be advised in the FSR.
- 15.4 **Pit Crew** - Pit Lane wristband passes can be issued at Friday practice and will be valid all weekend. All Pit Crew **MUST** wear their wristbands at **ALL** times while in a **RESTRICTED AREA, ie, PIT LANE, MARSHALLING AREA**. All persons NOT wearing a Pit Crew wristband, will be removed from the area, and directed to the advised area in the FSR. There will be **NO** exceptions. The Pit Lane Disclaimer for this event can be accessed on the Muscle Car Masters page of our website, or directly at;

[CLICK HERE FOR PIT CREW DISCLAIMER FOR MUSCLE CAR MASTERS 2026](#)

16. TARGETED SCRUTINY

Scrutiny at this event will be undertaken under the Motorsport Australia Targeted Scrutiny process.

- 16.1 All vehicles must comply with the relevant requirements for their category. The Chief Scrutineer for the Event will determine which vehicles will be audited and those Competitors will be advised of a time in which the audit will occur at Scrutiny Check-In. A Motorsport Australia Vehicle Log Book must be presented. Competitors and Drivers must comply with the Motorsport Australia requirements at the time of entry.
- 16.2 All Competitors must wear apparel in compliance with Schedule D of the Motorsport Australia Manual.

17. FUEL

RaceFuels are the fuel provider for this Event. They can be contacted via email or phone racefuels.com.au,
Mobile: Mark Tierney 0419 511 517 Office: (03) 9706 5233.

98Ron, Elf Race 102 and commercial E85 fuel are available via bowser at all times. The maximum amount of fuel to be stored in each Garage is 250 litres.

a) Refuelling is not allowed in Pit Lane or in Pit Garages whilst participating in a race or session. Any refuelling done outside this period, must be done in the following manner;

- Both garage doors must be open.
- No open flame or ANY type of cigarette can be present.
- A fire extinguisher must be present under the control of a person appropriately dressed for the function. It fully covered in neck/ankle in non-flammable/flame retardant material.

18. INSURANCE

Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia.

19. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged in accordance with of the NCR.

20. INTEGRITY

Smoking (including e-cigarettes and vaping) and any naked flame is prohibited within 3 metres of any refuelling or defueling operation.

Motorsport Australia's National Integrity Framework and relevant Integrity Policies, including the Australian Anti-Doping Policy, Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy and the Alcohol Policy, apply to any activity sanctioned by Motorsport Australia.

Any participant including the holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of alcohol, any drug or other banned substance. In addition to any penalty imposed by Motorsport Australia, a further penalty/s may be applied by Sport Integrity Australia.

Consumption of alcohol in any Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day.

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