

The APEX STEEL 2026 AUSTRALIAN MUSCLE CAR MASTERS

®

29TH & 30TH AUGUST 2026

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS
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CHAPTER 1 – FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. EVENT TITLE, DATE & VENUE

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

1.2 ADMINISTRATION AND EVENT STAFF

JUDGE OF FACT	NOISE	Advised by Bulletin at Event.
JUDGE OF FACT	EXCEEDING TRACK LIMITS	Advised by Bulletin at Event.
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1.3 ADMIN - SCRUTINY CHECK-IN

- a) Admin-Scrutiny Check-In will commence on **FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST from 0700hrs until 1500hrs in the HINXMAN ROOM on the 1st floor of the Pit Garage complex at the Race Control Tower end.**
- b) All Admin-Scrutiny Check-In from Saturday onwards, must take place in the allotted time **as shown in the Event Schedule**, PRIOR TO SCRUTINEERING and any on-track activities again in the **HINXMAN ROOM on the 1st floor of the Pit Garage complex at the Race Control Tower end.**
At this point ALL aspects/requirements of Check-In will be available in the one place;
- Admin Check-In (Please bring QR Code & Log Book)
 - ALL Drivers on completion of Check-In will be issued with a **Wristband**. This wristband is to be worn until the completion of the race meeting and shown upon the request of any official.
 - Scrutiny Check-In Only need to present Log Book
 - MYLAPS GPS Compulsory
 - MYLAPS TIMING UNITS If you have hired one, or are buying a bracket

- c) TCM Admin Check will be the Category Administrator and the SOE. All other categories will be done **in person** with the Secretary of the Event
- d) Logbooks will be viewed and **RETAINED by the Scrutineers at the event.**
- e) Logbooks will be returned to Competitors at the completion of Scrutineering and any Audits and the competitor to sign to validate.
- f) No vehicle may participate in any session unless it has been authorised by the Scrutineers that is it has been provided with a sticker (which must be attached to the car).
- g) Any vehicle which, is dismantled or modified in any way which might affect the safety of the vehicle or raises questions as to its eligibility, or is involved in an accident having similar results, must be re-submitted for scrutiny.
- h) Any vehicle or Driver may be prohibited from practice or racing for safety reasons.
- i) The Clerk of the Course may require any vehicle involved in an accident to be stopped and checked during any race.

1.4 DRIVERS' BRIEFING

All **DRIVERS BRIEFINGS** at this event, will be held in the **HINXMAN ROOM** on the 1st floor of the Pit Garage building at the Race Control Tower end.

- a) **SATURDAY 1000hrs – 1020hrs ALL CATEGORIES the HINXMAN ROOM**
- b) There will be a Compulsory Drivers Briefing in the **HINXMAN ROOM** on **FRIDAY** for those **participating**, prior to **Private Practice. 0800hrs**
- c) There has been **DRIVER BRIEFING NOTES** distributed to Drivers via the Online Entry System for this Event. If there is any updated notes to be distributed, it will be done at the actual Drivers Briefing.
- d) **Drivers will still have to SIGN ON** to validate their attendance at the Briefing. Failure to comply with this may result in a Penalty consistent with Non-Attendance at a Drivers Briefing being imposed by the Stewards.
- e) Individual Categories may require a separate Drivers Briefing. The times and locations TBA via Bulletin emailed to each Competitor and Driver in the respective Category.

1.5 The APEX STEEL 2026 MCM Specific Race Details.

1.5.1 2026 Touring Car Masters Round 4

- a) Grid Determination will be in keeping with 2026 Touring Car Masters Sporting and Technical Regulations – Version 2 S9.
- b) TCM vehicles will Marshall directly out of their Pit Lane Garages, under the instructions of Mr Athol Warman.
- c) The Manner of Start for TCM will be a **Championship Rolling Start.**

1.5.2 2026 National Sports Sedan Series/NSW Sports Sedans Championship

- a) The Manner of Start and Grid Determination will be as the relevant 2026 Sporting Regulations for NSSS and NSW SSC- **Non-Championship – Rolling Start** /Race 1/qual – Progressive Grid thereafter.
- b) Race 3 will be known as The Des Wall Cup.

1.5.3 Heritage Touring Cars (Group C&A)

- a) Stephen Page Driving Standards Adviser
Paul Watson Technical Advisor

- b) The Manner of Start will be **Non-Championship Rolling Start**.
- c) Grid Determination will be Race 1/Qual, then Progressive Grid thereafter with the exception of **Race 4** will be Progressive from Race 3 but with the **TOP 10 REVERSED**..
- d) **Race 3** will be known as the **Racing for Jason Trophy Race**.
- e) **The Group C&A races will also include Invited vehicles as approved by both MA & HTC.**

1.5.4 Historic Touring Cars (Group N)

- a)

Stephen Page	Driving Standards Adviser
Bruce Richards	Technical Advisor
David Twigg	Technical Advisor
- b) The Manner of Start will be **Non-Championship Standing Start**.
- c) Grid Determination will be Race 1/Qual, then Progressive Grid thereafter with the exception of **Race 3** which will be known as **The Handicap Race**.
 - i. The Grid for this Race will be determined by;
 - ii. The average Lap Time of each driver from Race 1 and Race 2 in a REVERSE PROGRESSIVE GRID.
 - iii. Handicap points will be awarded to each driver as per the Group N pre-existing format.
- d) The Group N races will also include Invited vehicles as approved by both MA & HTC.

1.5.5 Group S

- a) Manner of Start will be Non-Championship Standing Start.
- b) Grid Determination will be Race 1 from Qualifying. Each race after a Progressive Grid.

1.5.6 HQ Holdens

- a) Manner of Start will be Non-Championship Standing Start.
- b) Grid Determination will be Race 1 from Qualifying.
- c) Races 2 & 3 will be Progressive Grids.
- d) Race 4 will be a Progressive Grid from Race 3 with the Top 10 Reversed.
This race will not form part of the HQ Holden NSW Championship.

1.5.7 Australian Trans Am

- a) Manner of Start will be Non-Championship Rolling Start.
- b) Grid Determination will be Race 1 from Qualifying. Each race after a Progressive Grid.

1.5.8 5L Touring Cars Supersprint

At this event there will be Supersprint Speed Activity conducted for 5 Litre Touring Cars.

- a) All Drivers must have the minimum of a current MA SPEED Licence
- b) All Drivers must comply with a minimum of Technical Apparel – Schedule D 1.4 Speed.
- c) All vehicles must be the holders of a Motorsport Australia Log Book.
- d) All vehicles must comply with Schedules A&B.
- e) All vehicles must undergo a Safety Check by Scrutineers prior to participation.
- f) A sticker will be provided which must be displayed on the vehicle.
- g) All vehicles will be fitted with a MYLAPS GPS Transmitter.
- h) All vehicles will be fitted with a MYLAPS Timing Transponder
- i) There will be a Qual Session to determine 'Grid' order for the first session.
- j) 'Grid' positions, (the order in which vehicles will exit the Marshalling Area), for all subsequent sessions will be Progressive from previous sessions.
- k) During all sessions, overtaking another vehicle will only be permitted on a straight. There will be no overtaking going into, during or exiting any corner. Any driver who disobeys this rule

may be Black Flagged and have a Penalty imposed by the Stewards of the event. In the case of a frequent offender, the Stewards may cease participation in any further sessions.

- l) Trophies will be awarded to 1st – 2nd – 3rd based on fastest lap times from ANY Session other than Qualifying.

1.6 MARSHALLING AREA

- a) **ALL** Categories will go to the Marshalling Area prior to all on-track sessions with the **exception** of Touring Car Masters who will leave directly from their Pit Lane Garages under the direction of appointed officials.
- b) The Marshalling Area is a restricted area.
- c) No person under the age of 16yrs will be permitted on the Marshalling Area unless they are competing in the Event.
- d) Any person entering Pit Lane must be attired in accordance with Article 3.6 of Schedule D of the Motorsport Australia Manual.
- e) All personnel/pit crew in this restricted area, must have filled in, signed, and submitted the relevant Risk Disclaimer, and have presented to Race Control to obtain a wristband.

1.7 TRACK LIMITS

- a) At this event, Track Limits will be closely monitored at **Flagmarshal Posts- 5.6, 15.3 & 17**. For infringements on Exceeding the Track Limits. A Judge of Fact will be placed at all mentioned points and Penalties applied if determined appropriate by the Stewards of the Event.

1.8 PIT LANE

- (a) No person under the age of 16yrs will be permitted in Pit Lane unless they are competing in
 - i. the Event.
- (b) All personnel/pit crew in this restricted area, must have filled in, signed, and submitted the relevant Risk Disclaimer, and have presented to the Secretary of the Event office at the base of the Race Control Tower to obtain a wristband.
- (c) No equipment may be placed on the Pit Wall during the Event.
- (d) A speed limit of 40kp/h will apply in Pit Lane at all times. If this limit is exceeded during the race, the Clerk of the Course may apply a penalty as per the CRSR and may be referred to the Stewards.
- (e) During the start of the formation lap and the first lap of any race, only Race Officials and Television Crews specifically authorised by the Clerk of the Course are permitted at the Signaling Wall.
- (f) All black flag pit lane penalties to be as per the **CRSR subject to the level of competition of the Driver**.
- (g) No passengers in Pit Lane at any time.

1.9 WITHDRAWALS - REFUNDS

- a) For all categories, other than TCM, you must advise the 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.
- b) A **\$100.00** Administration Fee will be withheld for ALL withdrawals having refunds.
- c) Any Competitor who has entered into **Private Practice** on Friday 28th August and through some circumstances their vehicle is rendered unable to compete in the weekend event must contact ARDC in writing prior to COB Friday 28th August, to be considered for a 50% Refund of their Race Meeting entry Fee.

1.10 NOISE

- a) After each Session, the Competitor of an Automobile which records a sound level between **93 and 95 dB(A) must be so advised by the Organiser.**
- b) Any Automobile which records **in excess of 95 dB(A)** during a Competition may be removed from the Track and prohibited from resuming until the Organiser is satisfied that the noise issue has been rectified.
- c) Any vehicle that continues to exceed the limit may be prohibited from resuming competition.

CHAPTER 2 - SPECIFIC CIRCUIT REQUIREMENTS

2.1 CREDENTIALS

- On Friday 28th All Competitors should enter Sydney Motor Sport Park via Gate A off Ferrers Road.
- Entry into the venue for **TCM Competitors and Drivers** will be by **prior arrangement** between ARDC & TCM and be advised to those involved by notification from **TCM Management.**
- **6 Circuit tickets** will be issued to each Competitor for this Event. Tickets will be via a link sent in an email to each Competitor. Instructions on how to download/forward tickets will be included in email.
- **1 Tender Pass** will be issued to each Competitor.
- These will be issued from the HINXMAN ROOM during Admin-Scrutiny Check-In Commencing on **FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST (0700hrs until 1500hrs),** or, at the **Security Guard at Gate A on arrival from 0600 on Saturday 29th AUGUST 2026**
- The Tender Pass **MUST** be displayed on your vehicle at all times.
- ALL Pit Crew vehicles must park in P3, on left prior to the tunnel. (no Tender Pass required).
- All participants are requested to be mindful of the space of others, allow reasonable space, leaving clear passage for all. Offenders will be asked to remove their vehicles if blocking others and will be removed if refuse.

2.2 BUMP-IN / BUMP-OUT & PARKING

- a) **BUMP IN THURSDAY 27th 2026**
North Paddock (Pit Lane Garages – Carports
& South Paddock (Amaroo)
FROM 0600hrs until 2130hrs

SKID PAN FROM 1730HRS until 2130hrs
- b) **BUMP OUT** Due to the anticipated spectator attendance at this event, and in the interest of safety, it has been decided that vehicles will **not be allowed to BUMP OUT** of the venue until after the last race of the day on Sunday, **UNLESS WITH SPECIFIC APPROVAL** from the Organisers. This does NOT apply to those at South Paddock (Amaroo) who can leave after **their** last race on Sunday.

2.3 ENTRY INTO THE VENUE

- a) Entry into the venue for **TCM Competitors and Drivers** will be by prior arrangement between ARDC & TCM and be advised to those involved by notification from **TCM Management.**
- b) Gate A will be open every day from 0600hrs.
- c) On Friday 28th AUGUST All Competitors will proceed through GATE A without showing or receiving any Ticket or Tender Pass.
- d) On **SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST**, those Competitors/Drivers that have **already picked up their Tender Passes** and have their tickets to show, should enter through **GATE AA**, which is just prior to GATE A.
- e) Those who **do not have** their Tender Passes should go to GATE A to pick them up.

- f) Space in the Paddock Area is at a premium at Sydney Motor Sport Park, and the co-operation of the competitors is sought in the following ways: -
- g) The area directly behind the Garages is not to be used as a general parking area. Offending vehicles will be removed.
- h) Vehicles not directly involved with the tendering of the competition vehicle or have received prior approval to do so, should be removed from the Paddock Area before qualifying to the spectator parking or designated areas to avoid congestion within the Paddock Area.
- i) Trailers not fully enclosed **MUST** be removed from the general paddock area behind the Garages (after being unloaded) to the P3 trailer parking area.
This is an OH&S and duty of care safety issue.
- j) Failure to comply with any of the above conditions or the directions of an Officials in the matter of parking may lead to the denial of permission to race.
- k) Competitors are reminded they are responsible for their vehicles and pit crews and as such are subject to Judicial Procedures.
- l) Competitors who leave their cars in their nominated garage after **7pm** on **SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2026**. will have their vehicle removed and be charged a Garage Hiring Fee.

2.4 FUEL

- a) RaceFuels are the fuel provider for this Event. They can be contacted via email racefuels.com.au, or phone 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.**

- b) 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. ie; fully covered in neck/ankle in non-flammable/flame retardant material.

2.5 WASTE DISPOSAL

No waste of any kind is to enter the storm water drains located in the Paddock Area. Fourteen grey 205 litre drums have been provided near the rear doors of the Pit Garages to accept waste oil and other fluid waste. They are not for disposal of used car parts (e.g. oil filters). Used racing tyres cannot be left in Garages or the Paddock Area.

2.6 END OF QUALIFYING AND RACES

- a) At the conclusion of each qualifying session, or race (indicated by a chequered flag at the start/finish line on the main straight) all Categories, with the **exception** of Touring Car Masters will re-enter the Paddock Area via the back gate near **Turn 4** at reduced speed and return to their Paddock Area, unless otherwise directed by Officials. Touring Car Masters will continue around the track and use Pit Entry.
- b) **The last lap board will be used in all races.**
- c) Any Competitor who enters the Paddock Area or Pit Lane Garages via the Back Gate or Pit Lane during the race is automatically disqualified from that race.

2.7 COMPETITOR INFORMATION

- a) No provision can be made for any Driver who misses a qualifying session. Qualifying out of session is specifically prohibited at the Event.

- b) Provisional drivers and full licence holders appearing for the first time at Sydney Motor Sport Park must report to the Assistant Clerk of the Course's office with their Motorsport Australia licence at least 45 minutes before their practice or qualifying session. The office, located on the first floor of the Control Tower, will be open from 0730 hrs. All Competitors who wish to have their licence signed for Maintenance, Provisional or International must hand their licence in at the Assistant Clerk of Course office, Race Control Tower **prior** to their first on track activity.
- c) A Change of driver is permitted PRIOR TO QUALIFYING as per the NCR and subject to the approval of the Stewards unless otherwise prevented by the relevant category Sporting Regulations.
- d) No exterior power leads are to be used to bring power onto the Skid Pan Paddock Area. Competitors must supply a small generator if they require electrical power. Any cables/hoses on the ground must be covered by an approved and recognised cable/hose mat for their entire length. Cables and hoses above the ground must be suspended 2 metres above the ground for their entire length.
- e) Do not attach hoses or cables to the cable tray on the rear of the Paddock Building. Brackets are provided above and adjacent to every Garage Rear Door.

2.8 BBQ's & CAMPING

- a) No gas or wood fuelled barbecues are allowed for cooking at Sydney Motor Sport Park.
- b) For overnight camping within the grounds of Sydney Motor Sport Park, please contact the ARDC office for Event specific details.

2.9 TWO WHEELED VEHICLES

No two wheeled vehicles (motorised scooters or motorcycles) are permitted in the Paddock Area. The only exception is motorcycles used as official vehicles. In such cases an approved helmet must be worn at all times, and all vehicles should be registered for road use.

2.10 GOLF CARTS

- a) All Golf Carts must be Registered and are only permitted if their attendance has been registered with the ARDC prior to the event.
- b) Anyone wishing to Hire a Golf Cart could contact **GOLF CART WORLD 02-9877 5550**.

2.11 INTEGRITY

- a) Smoking including e-cigarettes and vaping, and any naked flame is prohibited within 3 metres of any refuelling or defueling operation.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) Consumption of alcohol in any Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day.

CHAPTER 3 – PIT LANE SPECTATOR WALK

3.1

- a) All vehicles in Pit Lane Garages are required to participate in the PIT LANE SPECTATOR WALK.
- b) Failure to comply with the requirements of the Organisers of the event may result in a Penalty being applied.
- c) The walk will take place during the Lunch Break on Sunday 30th August.
Just prior to commencement, all vehicles are required to push their vehicles out onto Pit Lane at a 45° angle to allow optimum viewing and accessibility.
- d) As the walk starts to conclude, Spectators will be removed from Pit Lane, and crews encouraged by officials to push vehicles back into their garages.
- e) It is the intention of the Organisers to protect vehicles, crews and spectators at all times with officials monitoring at all times.

CHAPTER 4 – CAR CLUB PARADE LAPS

4.1 All vehicles will be positioned on the Grandstand side of the track in their designated Display Area.

- a) The appointed Representative for each club must have completed and submitted the required Disclaimer accepting responsibility for their clubs participants, link below,

[CLICK HERE FOR CAR CLUB REPRESENTATIVE DISCLAIMER](#)

regarding the confirmation of the requirements of the participants

- Holding the required minimum of a Provisional Civil Driving Licence
 - Read and understood the Drivers Briefing Notes provided by the Organisers.
 - Confirming the relevant vehicle has undertaken a Safety Check.
 - This is to ensure that no fluids will leak from the vehicle
 - Nothing looks like it will fall off the vehicle
 - The vehicle has the appropriate Safety Belts
 - Having no more than 1 Passenger.
- b) At the appropriate time, under the instruction of ARDC Personnel or Officials, the vehicles participating in the Parade will
 - Marshal at the Gate on the western side of the Grandstand.
 - When the marshalling of the vehicles is completed, the Gate will be opened and vehicles will proceed onto the circuit, setting up in a 2 x 2 formation, stopping behind the Safety Car.
 - When the 'train' is complete, the Course Car will be positioned at the rear.
 - Under instruction from Race Control, the Safety Car will commence on the Parade.
 - The Parade will be conducted at no more than **80kph** and will consist of
 - An OUT lap
 - A complete lap
 - An IN lap.
 - At the completion of the IN lap, vehicles will be guided through the Gate on the Western side of the Grandstand and directed to return to their designated show area.

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