



VEHICLE ENTRY GUIDE

Exhibition Park in Canberra, Flemington Road, Mitchell ACT, 02 6241 8111

INTRODUCTION

The Summernats is the largest modified car festival in the Southern Hemisphere attracting more than 100,000 spectators and more than 2,000 entrants over four days each year. In order to safely enjoy the event, it is vital that you read and understand this guide.

Information about events and competitions including a full description of judging categories, driving events and layouts, how to compete for Grand Champion and more can be found in the Summernats Participation Guide available from the website;
www.summernats.com.au



WHO CAN ENTER THE SUMMERNATS?

Summernats entrants are renowned for having the toughest highly modified cars in the country. They look, sound and go like nothing the factory would build today and their owners take ultimate pride in them. Summernats is a modified car event and that's what spectators from around the world come to see.

All Summernats entrants must hold a current, unrestricted, unsuspended drivers licence.

Learner drivers are not permitted to be entrants. Summernats can be a high-stress driving environment and in fairness to other entrants and the public it simply isn't the place for a learner.

Drivers with provisional licenses are permitted to enter however restrictions applied to the license conditions in the state of issue still apply at all times.

Entrants under the age of 18 years must have a parent or guardian's consent to participate by having them sign the Summernats participant release form on the entrant's behalf.

HOW CAN I ENTER MY CAR?

It's simple,

1. Read the 'Vehicle Entry Guide' carefully
2. Click 'enter now' Application button on our website under entrants.
3. Create a membership or log into your Entrant Portal
4. Choose an event
5. Complete the online Car Entry Application Form
6. Select & add your tickets to your order
7. Submit your car entry application for approval with payment
8. Receive your car entry approval confirmation
9. Print your tickets from your Entrant Portal members area
10. Call the Summernats office if you need advice 02 6241 8111

NOTE: Once you have registered for your entrant members portal you can submit applications for Summernats and other events and continue to visit your members area to find info on the progress of your car entry application including your entrant number, scrutineering day & time chosen and other details about your car entry you have submitted. You can also download and print your your entrant tickets from your car entry application once your car has been approved.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Vehicles must be visually modified. Minor cosmetic modifications, (i.e. wheels and suspension), or modifications limited solely to the engine are not sufficient. Internal engine modifications can be listed together with any other driveline changes but as these modifications are not obvious they may not be useful in making a decision on eligibility. If you need further clarification, call the Summernats Office on 02 6241 8111.

“Remember, Scrutineering is where we make the final decision about whether your car is good enough to enter and eligible to participate. Change of entrant details is no longer permitted.

For change of vehicle procedure please see the Summernats website for further details.www.summernats.com.au.”

All vehicles manufactured in 1986 or later must meet a range of the following ten requirements as a minimum. Basic modifications are taken into account however; visual modifications are preferred. Vehicles with extreme engineering excellence will also be considered. Acceptance is at the discretion of Summernats Management.

1. Must be extremely well-presented (perfectly clean) in every area including the underbody
2. Larger (diameter and width) non-factory wheels
3. Non-factory exhaust system from the engine to the rear of the car
4. Paint and body modifications, Non-factory body kit
5. Changes to the interior, minimum being the fitment of aftermarket seats
6. Engine detailed and dress-up parts
7. Engine performance items such as larger camshaft, turbo or supercharger install
8. Suspension and brake upgrades
9. Additional car audio components
10. Aftermarket gauges

RESTRICTED ENTRY

The following are examples of cases in which restricted access may be necessary;

- Entrants who cannot prove full registration
- Highly modified cars without an engineer's certificate
- Purpose-built, unregistered, fully sign-written race cars
- Promotional vehicles
- Entrant vehicles that do not have many obvious changes but, in the opinion of the Chief Scrutineer, are worthy of being allowed to enter will not be permitted to participate in all events and will not be allowed to cruise around Exhibition Park.

WHAT IF MY CAR IS NOT READY?

If your car is not ready to come to Summernats you have a couple of options available to you. If the original car you pre-entered is not ready you can;

Bring another car and do a 'Change of Vehicle' at scrutineering, provided the vehicle meets the minimum requirements to be an entrant vehicle. See the 'Vehicle Entry Guide' for requirements. If unsure, contact the Summernats Office on 02 6241 8111.

Use your Entrant Pass as a 'Non-Participating Entrant'. The Entrant Pass holder can use their Entrant Pass for general admission to attend the event (without a car), and will receive the entrant goodie bag, t-shirt, number plate and the car stickers once the event has concluded.

NOTE: CAR ENTRIES CAN NO LONGER BE TRANSFERRED OR GIVEN TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF USE AS A PARTICIPATING ENTRANT.

SCRUTINEERING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Scrutineering is where we check your car for safety, entry worthiness and eligibility to compete in the various competitions during the course of the event. These checks include, but are not limited to the following;

Lights – head, tail, brake, indicators

Licence – must be present, current and valid. No learner's permits

Registration – current, sight papers or check online

Wheels/Tyres – all nuts fitted, good tyres. Wheel guards must be fitted to ALL open wheel vehicles including hot rods.
NOTE: Any entrant vehicle with HQ – WB Holden stud pattern fitted with Commodore wheels will not be permitted to compete in any driving events.

Seats/Seatbelts – fitted correctly, good condition

Permit – if required

Indemnity form – entrant to sign form in presence of scrutineer

Tailshaft loop (Burnouts, Go-Whoa & Motorkhana) 360deg loop fitted within 4 – 6 inches of the front uni joint

Exhaust – all cars must be fitted with exhausts at all times during the Summernats (Burnout Masters and Burnout Championship excepted). The minimum exhaust system is a continuous system with at least one full-sized muffler per cylinder bank and pipes that extend to the rear axle line. No zoomies or open headers permitted.

Side pipes must be directed down and back toward the back of the vehicle when vehicle is on the cruise route.

Firewalls – complete firewall to isolate driver from engine compartment and fuel tank/cell. Includes station wagons and vans with fuel cells in the back of the vehicle.

Fuel cells – fixed securely with correct brackets. No ratchet straps or temporary fixtures

Fuel lines/fillers – All fuel hoses/lines and filler tubes must be designed for automotive use and rated/suited to the fuel being used

Battery – check secure

Inhibitor switch for automatics – check operation

Belt Guard – When a blower protrudes from the bonnet, a guard must be fitted over the blower belt.

Bonnet – Must remain fitted at all times except for burnout competition and/or Go-Whoa events only. Belt guards must be fitted to ALL blowers, whenever bonnet is removed for competition.

NOTE: Your vehicle must remain as it is presented at scrutineering for the full duration of the event.

“Summernats will operate two scrutineering locations so it is important you take note of which one you are supposed to attend and ensure both you and your vehicle are present at that time.”

SCRUTINEERING TIME SLOTS AND LOCATIONS

Entrants **MUST** arrive at their designated location at their scheduled time slot – not before. The schedule allows all entrants the appropriate time to pass through the scrutineering process. Both early and late arrivals have the potential to ruin the operation of scrutineering for everyone and neither will be prioritised over those entrants arriving at the correct time.

For info on events, layouts, procedures and more, see the Summernats Participation Guide on the website

FUEL AT SUMMERNATS

Under no circumstances is fuel of any type to be brought into Summernats. This includes all car parks and grounds as well as the entire Exhibition Park precinct. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any fuel brought into the venue will be confiscated. In the interests of safety, fuel can be purchased onsite directly from the official Summernats supplier and vehicles may only be refueled at the official Summernats fuel depot. It is recommended that fuel is pre-ordered prior to the event to avoid any disappointment. See www.summernats.com.au for more information as well as a link to our official fuel supplier to pre-order fuel closer to the event.

FUEL FAQS

This FAQ addresses common entrant questions about how fuel is handled, sold and dispensed at Summernats. Our top priority is to keep all Summernats attendees safe, and proper fuel handling is a very high priority.

Can I bring my own fuel?

No, you must not bring your own fuel to Summernats. The fuel requirements of 2000 vehicles are enormous. Having fuel in hundreds of locations around the venue creates an unacceptable safety risk. With that in mind, we have created the Summernats Fuel Depot. It is a managed fuel storage and distribution point where entrants may purchase a variety of fuel types during the event. Can I bring fuel and keep it at my campsite or in my trailer? You must not store any fuel whatsoever at your campsite, in your trailer, or anywhere at all inside the boundaries of Exhibition Park. This includes all vehicle and trailer parking areas.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

In the interests of safety, fuel will be available to purchase at the Summernats Fuel Depot direct from the official fuel supplier and we encourage ALL entrants to use the facility.

You no longer need to pre-order your fuel. The fuel supplier will be bringing enough fuel that can be purchased at the event on the day. You may pre-pay for your fuel and in some cases this will save you money.

Can I bring any fuel at all?

The only fuel allowed to be brought into the venue is what's in your fuel tank or fuel cell in your car. Any attempts to smuggle fuel into the event will see that fuel confiscated for the duration of the event and you will not be allowed access to it until the conclusion of the event.

How do I order fuel?

You are no longer required to pre-order fuel. Simply turn up to the Summernats Fuel Depot, let the staff know what type of fuel you're after and fill up. Simple.

How much does fuel cost at Summernats?

Please check fuel prices closer to the event.

Do you have my type of fuel?

The Summernats Fuel Depot stocks a variety of fuel types including methanol, E85, E98 and PULP. If you require an uncommon or unusual type of fuel for your vehicle you should let the Summernats office know well in advance so we can advise availability.

How can I pay for my fuel purchase?

The Summernats Fuel Depot has EFTPOS facilities available. Cash is also accepted

ALCOHOL

Alcohol must not be brought into Summernats. A range of alcoholic beverages is available for purchase at bars inside Exhibition Park.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Motorcycles, dogs or other animals, fireworks, weapons, pools and spas, drones, glass drink containers of any type, must not be brought into Summernats. You must submit to a search of your car and trailer each time you enter Exhibition Park. Vehicles in enclosed trailers will be escorted to their destination and then searched by security once car has been removed. Any alcohol, fuel or other prohibited items found will be confiscated and not returned.

SPONSORED VEHICLES

Vehicles with paintwork or windscreens displaying excessive sponsor branding, advertising or marketing material are not permitted to enter Summernats and may be refused entry. Sticker advertising or marketing conflicting with Summernats sponsors or stickers that are placed in a position required for Summernats accreditation may be required to be removed. Refer to the 'Entrant sticker guidelines' to help prevent any disappointment. Sign-written race cars may be entered only if written approval has been granted by Summernats management prior to the event. Race car owners should contact Summernats directly in all cases prior to entering.

DRIVER AND PASSENGER SEATING RULE FOR CRUISING

All vehicle seats must be fixed in place to an automotive industry acceptable standard, guidance information can be found in *the Vehicle Standards Bulletin 14 (VSB14)*.

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

BURNOUTS AND DANGEROUS DRIVING

There are to be no burnouts except on the burnout track. Burnouts on Exhibition Park roads will not be tolerated. Any action by owners/drivers deemed dangerous to the public or other entrants or any failure to adhere to all instructions from security will result in serious restrictions to your further participation in the event. Serious breaches may result in your removal from the event and bans from future events.

ENTRANT SUPPORT VEHICLE

A support vehicle is the car or truck towing your entered vehicle or a vehicle carrying spares or display equipment with limited access to load/unload at the Judging Pavilion and Burnout Track pickup area. NO CRUISING. Space inside Exhibition Park is limited. If you do not have a campsite you must park your support vehicle off-site in the prepaid car park (included in support vehicle fee) or in the trailer parking area with your trailer attached. Trailer parking area is subject to space availability. Buddies are not permitted to have vehicles inside the grounds. The nominated driver must complete and sign the 'Support Vehicle' form at scrutineering.

ENTRANT CAMPER VEHICLE

An Entrant Camper Vehicle is one which has been permitted inside Exhibition Park to be parked at the Entrant's campsite and must remain there for the duration of the event. These include support cars, campervans, buses and all vehicles that become sleeping quarters or storage with an engine or which can be driven. Once the Entrant Camper Vehicle is inside the grounds it cannot come and go through the gates. Buddies are not permitted cars on entrant campsites.

PRE-PAID GENERAL PARKING

Prepaid car parking is for non-entered vehicles that have been permitted inside Exhibition Park to unload camping gear that must then park in the General Car Park located near the Gate 7 entrance. The vehicle is not permitted re-entry into the grounds unless special approval has given by the Camping supervisor's office at Gate 7b. The General Car Park is accessible 24 hours per day.

TRAILER PARKING

Trailers are not to be left in the Entrant camping areas but can be parked just outside Gate 7 in Trailer Parking at no cost. Trailers or trucks left in the way, parked inappropriately in any car park or chained up behind the grandstand will be removed. Summernats takes no responsibility for any damage.

TABLETOPS AND TRANSPORTERS

You must tell us if your entrant vehicle will be arriving on a truck, transporter or trailer so we can direct you to the correct scrutineering location. Tabletop trucks and transporters are not permitted to park in general camping areas, especially along the edge of the service road. If you are transporting your entered vehicle with anything larger than a trailer and have made no provision for it during the event, you must book it in and provide complete details of its size etc. to the Camping Supervisor prior to the event.