



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 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 on the Summernats 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 agree to the Summernats participant release on the entrant's behalf.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Vehicles are to 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 meets standards to enter and eligible to participate.

***Change of entrant details is not permitted.
Change of vehicle is ok provided the vehicle meets requirements.”***

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. Summernats is an Aftermarket Modified car show, and therefore we are looking for Aftermarket products and modifications to the Entrant Vehicles, not factory performance products. 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 non factory 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 non factory
9. Additional car audio components non factory
10. Aftermarket gauges

NOTE: Cars 30yrs or older will be considered in standard original condition if presented as such.

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.

SCRUTINEERING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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

Lights –working head, tail, brake lights and 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.

NOTE: Any entrant vehicle with HQ – WB Holden stud pattern fitted with Commodore wheels will not be permitted to compete in any driving events. ALL Steel wheel weights not permitted and must be removed from all wheels.

Seats/Seatbelts – fitted correctly, good condition

Permit – if required

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.

ALL Methanol cars with side pipes must ensure pipes are directed down and toward the back of the vehicle or covered when on the cruise route. A simple cover over the end of the pipes that can be removed for the burnouts would be accepted.

Hot Rods Exhaust – Owners/drivers of Hot Rods with exposed engine pipes, must ensure that their engine bay is out of reach or cooled sufficiently before leaving it unattended to reduce the risk of an accidental burn to any person.

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. Factory fitted covers accepted.

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.”

FUEL

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. 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.

ALCOHOL

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

The Australian legal alcohol limits apply while driving within Summernats.

Full licence holders- limit of under 0.05 alcohol content.

Special, probationary, international, provisional licence holders - limit of zero alcohol content (0.00)

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. Any alcohol, fuel or other prohibited items found will be confiscated and not returned. A full list of prohibited items can be found on the Summernats website. www.summernats.com.au.

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

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 require written approval 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

Burnouts on Exhibition Park roads in and around the event grounds 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. If you want to do a burnout, enter the burnout comp! If you want to skid, you can do it on Skid Row.

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.

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 8. 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 on any roadway/car park or chained up behind the grandstand will be removed. Summernats takes no responsibility for any damage.

TABLETOPS AND TRANSPORTERS

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.