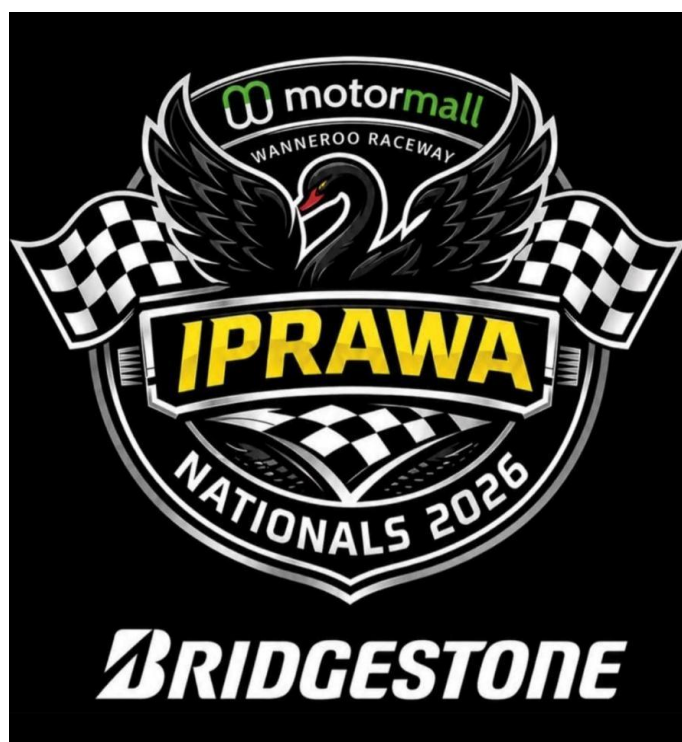




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S1 TITLE AND JURISDICTION

S1.1 Title

- 1.1.1 This *Competition* will only be known as and referred to as the “2026 Bridgestone Improved Production Nationals”.

S1.2 Authority/Jurisdiction

- 1.2.1 The 2026 Improved Production Racing Australia Nationals (*Nationals*) will be held under the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (*NCR*) and the Circuit Race Standing Regulations (*CRSR*) of *Motorsport Australia*, the Sporting Regulations published for the *Nationals*, the *Supplementary Regulations* and Further *Supplementary Regulations* issued by the *Organiser*, Bulletins issued by the Stewards, and any Driver Briefing Instructions and any other instruction issued by the Clerk of the Course at the *Event*.
- 1.2.2 The *Nationals* has been sanctioned by *Motorsport Australia* as a single event *Nationals Competition*.
- 1.2.3 The National Administrator (*NA*) for Improved Production Racing is:
- Improved Production Racing Association of Australia (IPRAA)
- Brett Watters
- Email: brett@harlandeng.com.au
- Mob. 0409 363 191

S2 ADMINISTRATION

S2.1 Nationals Organiser

- 2.1.1 The *NA* has appointed Improved Production Racing WA as the *Nationals Organiser*.
- Contact: Name: Cameron Burns
- Mob: 0410 525 556
- Email: iprawacommittee@gmail.com

S2.2 Personnel

- 2.2.1 The following personnel have been appointed to the *Nationals* by the *Nationals Organiser* and have the authority to administer the various aspects of these regulations as detailed in the *CRSR*.
- 2.2.1.1 Category Administrator (*CA*) Cameron Burns
- 2.2.1.2 Technical Manager (*TM*) Murray Hynes
- 2.2.2 The following personnel have been appointed to the *Nationals* by *Motorsport Australia* and have the authority to administer the various aspects of these regulations as detailed in the *CRSR*.
- 2.2.2.1 Technical Delegate (*TD*) Steve Cherry
- 2.2.2.2 Driving Standards Advisor (*DSA*) TBA

S3 COMPETITOR/DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

S3.1 General

- 3.1.1 To be eligible to compete in the *Nationals*, each *Competitor* and *Driver* must hold a current Motorsport Australia Competition Licence and be a current financial member of a Motorsport Australia IPRA affiliated club.
- 3.1.2 Each *Driver* must comply with the following minimum licence and age requirements of the General Appendix – Competition Licences of the *Motorsport Australia Manual*:
 - 3.1.2.1 Motorsport Australia Circuit Licence with Provisional endorsement for an *Automobile* with a weight/power ratio of more than 3.5 kg/kW;
 - 3.1.2.2 Motorsport Australia Circuit Licence without Provisional endorsement for an *Automobile* with a weight/power ratio of less than 3.5 kg/kW;
 - 3.1.2.3 15 years for an *Automobile* with a weight/power ratio of more than 5.0 kg/kW;
 - 3.1.2.4 16 years for an *Automobile* with a weight/power ratio between 3.5 and 5.0 kg/kW;
 - 3.1.2.5 17 years for an *Automobile* with a weight/power ratio of less than 3.5 kg/kW.

S3.2 Substitute Driver

- 3.2.1 Prior to the commencement of the first qualifying session at the *Nationals*, a *Competitor* may nominate a substitute *Driver* who may be permitted to compete in the remainder of the *Event* subject to the approval of the Stewards.

S4 AUTOMOBILE ELIGIBILITY

S4.1 General

Each *Automobile* must comply with the requirements of the Circuit Race Appendix – 3rd Category - Touring Cars - Group 3J - Improved Production Cars – Technical Regulations of the Motorsport Australia Manual (*Group 3J Technical Regulations*).

S4.2 Replacement Automobile

- 4.2.1 Any *Automobile* that has been entered to compete at the *Nationals* may not be replaced with another *Automobile* following the commencement of the first qualifying session for that *Automobile*.
- 4.2.2 Prior to the commencement of an *Automobile's* first qualifying session of the *Nationals*, a *Competitor* may nominate a substitute *Automobile* which may be permitted to compete in the remainder of the *Event* subject to the approval of the Stewards.

S4.3 Automobile Classes

- 4.3.1 In addition to the Capacity Classes listed in the *Group 3J Technical Regulations* (i.e. 0-1600 cc, 1601-2000 cc, 2001-3000 cc, 3001-6000 cc, 6001 cc and over), each *Automobile* will also be allocated to one of the following classes based on the effective capacity of its engine as defined in the *Group 3J Technical Regulations*:
 - 4.3.1.1 Over 2 litre (O2L): 2001 cc and above
 - 4.3.1.2 Under 2 litre (U2L): 0-2000 cc.

S4.4 Competition Numbers

- 4.4.1 Each *Competitor* may nominate a preferred competition number on their Entry Form.
- 4.4.2 The *Nationals Organiser* reserves the right to allocate or amend a competition number where necessary.

S5 ROUND

The *Nationals* will be conducted over 1 round as detailed in the calendar below.

S6 CALENDAR

The *Nationals* will be contested over the following round:

Date	Circuit
17 – 18 October 2026	Motormall Wanneroo Raceway

Note: The above calendar is subject to change. The *Nationals Organiser* will advise each *Competitor* of any change.

S7 ROUND FORMAT

The number length and format of *Track* sessions will ultimately be negotiated between the *Nationals Organiser* and the *Organiser* and will be advised in the *Supplementary Regulations / Further Supplementary Regulations* for the *Event*.

Generally, the *Nationals* will be conducted as a 2-day *Competition* with a format as follows:

S7.1 Practice sessions (Friday)

The *Circuit* will be available for practice on the Friday prior to the *Nationals*. The number, duration and format of practice sessions will be advised to each *Competitor* by the *Nationals Organiser*.

S7.2 Day 1 (Saturday)

- 7.2.1 Qualifying 1 1 x 15-minute qualifying session for U2L Class Automobiles
- 7.2.2 Qualifying 2 1 x 15-minute qualifying session for O2L Class Automobiles
- 7.2.3 Heat 1 1 x 12-minute + 1 lap heat for Groups A and D
- 7.2.4 Heat 2 1 x 12-minute + 1 lap heat for Groups B and C
- 7.2.5 Heat 3 1 x 12-minute + 1 lap heat for Groups A and C

S7.3 Day 2 (Sunday)

- 7.3.1 Heat 4 1 x 12-minute + 1 lap heat for Groups B and D
- 7.3.2 Heat 5 1 x 12-minute + 1 lap heat for Groups A and B
- 7.3.3 Heat 6 1 x 12-minute + 1 lap heat for Groups C and D
- 7.3.4 Under 2 Litre Final 1 x 21 lap race for U2L Class Automobiles
- 7.3.5 Over 2 Litre Final 1 x 21 lap race for O2L Class Automobiles

S7.4 Variation to Timetable

- 7.4.1 The *Organiser* may amend the Event Timetable at any time with the approval of the Stewards.
- 7.4.2 Any amendment to the Event Timetable will be advised by Bulletin.

S8 GRID DETERMINATION

S8.1 Group Allocation for Heats

- 8.1.1 Each *Automobile* will be allocated to Group A, B, C or D for each Heat based on its fastest lap time in qualifying session Q1 or Q2.

- 8.1.1.1 “Qualifier 1” will be the *Automobile* that achieves the fastest lap time.
- 8.1.1.2 “Qualifier 2” will be the *Automobile* that achieves the second fastest lap time.
- 8.1.1.3 “Qualifier 3” will be the *Automobile* that achieves the third fastest lap time and so on until all groups are filled.

8.1.2 The group allocation will be as follows:

Group A	Qualifiers 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and so on
Group B	Qualifiers 2, 6, 10, 14, 18 and so on
Group C	Qualifiers 3, 7, 11, 15, 19 and so on
Group D	Qualifiers 4, 8, 12, 16, 20 and so on

Note: The *Organiser* may change the number of groups depending on the number of entries.

S8.2 Heats

- 8.2.1 **Heat 1 (Groups A and D):** The grid for Heat 1 will be determined from the fastest qualifying lap time of each *Automobile* in Groups A and D with the *Automobile* with the fastest lap time on grid position 1, second fastest lap time on grid position 2 and so on.
- 8.2.2 **Heat 2 (Groups B and C):** The grid for Heat 2 will be determined from the fastest qualifying lap time of each *Automobile* in Groups B and C with the *Automobile* with the fastest lap time on grid position 1, second fastest lap time on grid position 2 and so on.
- 8.2.3 **Heat 3 (Groups A and C):** The grid for Heat 3 will be determined from the points awarded to each *Automobile* from Groups A and C from Heats 1 and 2 with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, the second highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.
- 8.2.4 **Heat 4 (Groups B and D):** The grid for Heat 4 will be determined from the points awarded for each *Automobile* from Groups B and D from Heats 1 and 2 with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, the second highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.
- 8.2.5 **Heat 5 (Groups A and B):** The grid for Heat 5 will be determined from the accumulated points awarded to each *Automobile* from Groups A and B from Heats 1 to 4 with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, second highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.
- 8.2.6 **Heat 6 (Groups C and D):** The grid for Heat 6 will be determined from the accumulated points awarded to each *Automobile* from Groups C and D from Heats 1 to 4 with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, second highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.

S8.3 U2L and O2L Final Races

- 8.3.1 The grid for the U2L and O2L Final Races will be determined from accumulated points awarded to each eligible *Automobile* from Heats 1 to 6 with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, the second highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.
- 8.3.2 The grid for each Final Race will be limited to the track density and any remaining qualifiers after each grid position has been allocated will be eliminated.
- 8.3.3 The *Organiser* will publish a grid sheet for each Final Race prior to its scheduled start time.
- 8.3.4 If an *Automobile* is withdrawn after the grid has been published, that grid position must be left vacant.

S8.4 Determining grid positions where points are tied

If points are tied, grid positions will be determined by the higher finishing position in the previous Heat. If this does not break the tie, then the next previous Heat will be considered, followed by the fastest qualifying lap time.

S9 START PROCEDURE

S9.1 General

- 9.1.1 The procedure for the commencement of each Qualifying session will be specified in the Driver Briefing Instructions issued by the Clerk of the Course.
- 9.1.2 Unless otherwise advised in the *Event* regulations, the *Start* procedure for each Heat and Race will be in accordance with Circuit Race Standing Regulations – Non-Championship Standing Start.

S9.2 Grid Formation

- 9.2.1 Each *Automobile* must proceed to the Assembly Area and Grid in accordance with the Official Timetable and the directions of officials.
- 9.2.2 Any *Automobile* failing to take up its allocated grid position prior to the commencement of the formation lap may be required to start from the *Pit Lane*.

S10 AWARDS AND POINTSCORE

S10.1 Prizes and Trophies

- 10.1.1 Trophies and/or prizes shall be awarded to:
- 10.1.1.1 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Under 2 Litre Final
 - 10.1.1.2 1st, 2nd and 3rd – Over 2 Litre Final
 - 10.1.1.3 1st, 2nd and 3rd - 0-1600 cc Class
 - 10.1.1.4 1st, 2nd and 3rd - 1601-2000 cc Class
 - 10.1.1.5 1st, 2nd and 3rd - 2001-3000 cc Class
 - 10.1.1.6 1st, 2nd and 3rd - 3001-6000 cc Class
 - 10.1.1.7 1st, 2nd and 3rd - 6001 cc and over Class
- 10.1.2 Additional awards may be presented by the *Nationals Organiser*.

S10.2 Pointscore

- 10.2.1 Points will be awarded to *Drivers* based on the outright finishing order of each Heat as follows:

Finishing Position	Points	Finishing Position	Points	Finishing Position	Points	Finishing Position	Points
1 st	50	11 th	30	21 st	20	31 st	10
2 nd	45	12 th	29	22 nd	19	32 nd	9
3 rd	40	13 th	28	23 rd	18	33 rd	8
4 th	38	14 th	27	24 th	17	34 th	7
5 th	36	15 th	26	25 th	16	35 th	6
6 th	35	16 th	25	26 th	15	36 th	5
7 th	34	17 th	24	27 th	14	37 th	4
8 th	33	18 th	23	28 th	13	38 th	3
9 th	32	19 th	22	29 th	12	39 th	2
10 th	31	20 th	21	30 th	11	40 th	1

- 10.2.2 Points for each Heat will only be awarded to the *Driver* of each *Automobile* classified as a finisher in the final results of that Heat.

10.2.3 If a Heat is stopped before the completion of the allocated number of laps, run in two parts, restarted, or the result declared, the points awarded will be on the final result of that Heat.

10.2.4 Points will only be used to determine grid positions for Heats and races.

S10.3 Nationals Winners

10.3.1 The winner of the Under 2 Litre Final race will be declared the Winner of the 2026 Bridgestone Improved Production Under 2 Litre Nationals.

10.3.2 The winner of the Over 2 Litre Final race will be declared the Winner of the 2026 Bridgestone Improved Production Over 2 Litre Nationals.

10.3.3 Each Winner will be recognised equally in any publication.

S11 EVENT OPERATIONS

S11.1 Driver Briefings

11.1.1 Each Driver must attend a compulsory briefing, at a time and location to be nominated in the event *Supplementary Regulations* or Further *Supplementary Regulations*.

11.1.2 Other compulsory briefings may be convened as required.

S11.2 Qualifying

Qualifying sessions 1 and 2 are to be scheduled consecutively.

S11.3 Heats

11.3.1 Sufficient Heats are to be scheduled to enable each *Driver* to compete against each other at least once.

11.3.2 Each round of Heats is to be scheduled consecutively.

11.3.3 Points are awarded for outright finishing positions for each Heat which are used to determine the grid positions in subsequent Heats/races.

S11.4 Finals

The Finals are the feature races of the *Nationals* and must allow for the maximum number of *Automobiles* permitted by the track density.

S11.5 Scrutineering

11.5.1 Each *Automobile* will be the subject of Targeted Scrutiny. Mandatory audits will be conducted as directed by the Chief Scrutineer.

11.5.2 Scrutineering and eligibility checks will commence on the Friday prior to the *Nationals*.

11.5.3 Any further scrutineering will be conducted as determined by the *TD*, Chief Scrutineer or the Clerk of the Course.

11.5.4 Where possible, scrutineering will be undertaken in each *Automobile's* paddock area.

11.5.5 Each *Automobile* must be presented for scrutineering in a clean, neat and tidy condition, and must be maintained throughout the *Event* in that condition.

11.5.6 A *Competitor* must make their *Automobile/s* available for inspection when directed by an official.

11.5.7 Any *Automobile* may be weighed or checked at the completion of any session, heat or race during the *Event*.

S11.6 Parc Fermé

11.6.1 Each *Automobile* must return directly to the designated *Parc Fermé* area (or as directed by officials) at the conclusion of each qualifying session, Heat and race.

11.6.2 No work may be carried out on an *Automobile* in *Parc Fermé* unless authorised by the Chief Scrutineer.

11.6.3 An *Automobile* may not be removed from *Parc Fermé* except at the direction of the Chief Scrutineer.

S11.7 Practice Start

11.7.1 A practice start is only permitted at the Pit Exit and only during a Practice or Qualifying Session subject to the following:

11.7.1.1 A practice start is prohibited at the commencement or re-commencement of any session;

11.7.1.2 An *Automobile* must stop after the Pit Exit line to perform a practice start; and

11.7.1.3 An *Automobile* performing a practice start must not hinder any other *Automobile*.

S11.8 Paddock and Pit Lane

Each *Competitor*, *Driver* and Team Member must comply with the directions of *Event* officials whilst within the venue precinct.

S11.9 Removal of Automobile from the Circuit

Following the commencement of the first practice session it is prohibited to remove any *Automobile* from the *Circuit* prior to the release of all *Automobiles* from the *Parc Fermé* established following the final race without written approval of the *TD* or Chief Scrutineer.

S12 FUEL

12.1.1 Fuel must comply Technical Appendix – Schedule G of the Motorsport Australia Manual and *Group 3J Technical Regulations*.

12.1.2 Fuel may be sampled and tested at any time during the *Event*.

12.1.3 When refuelling or undertaking any activity with fuel, each *Competitor* must comply with the following procedure:

12.1.3.1 The *Automobile's* engine must be switched off;

12.1.3.2 At least 1 crew member must be designated as a fire attendant and in possession of at least 1 x 4.5 kg dry powder fire extinguisher;

12.1.3.3 The designated fire attendant must not perform any other task during the refuelling procedure; and

12.1.3.4 A drip/catch mat/tray capable of containing any spillage must be positioned below the refuelling point of the *Automobile*.

S13 TYRES

13.1.1 The Bridgestone Potenza RE-71RS is the mandatory control tyre for the *Nationals*.

13.1.2 Only the control tyre is permitted to be fitted to an *Automobile* during each practice, qualifying, Heat and Finals Race.

13.1.3 The use of any tyre softener, chemical treatment, traction compound or tyre heating device is prohibited.

13.1.4 Tyres may be inspected, marked or impounded by the Chief Scrutineer or *TD* at any time throughout the *Event*.

S14 MARKINGS ON AUTOMOBILES

S14.1 Competition Numbers

- 14.1.1 Each *Automobile* must display its allocated competition number in accordance with the Technical Appendix, Schedule K of the Motorsport Australia Manual.
- 14.1.2 Each competition number must remain clearly visible and unobstructed at all times throughout the *Event*.

S14.2 Nationals Partner Decals

- 14.2.1 Each *Automobile* must display the *Nationals* Partner decals and signage as detailed in Attachment A for the duration of the *Event*.
- 14.2.2 The *Nationals* *Organiser* may alter the requirements of Attachment A at any time and will advise each *Competitor* accordingly.
- 14.2.3 Replacement decals will be available from the CA throughout the *Event*.
- 14.2.4 The Bridgestone windscreen banner must be fitted to each *Automobile* prior to the commencement of practice and remain fitted for the duration of the *Event*.
- 14.2.5 The Bridgestone windscreen banner may be trimmed to suit the width and shape of the windscreen, provided all Bridgestone branding remains complete, clearly legible and is not distorted.
- 14.2.6 No alterations or modifications to the Bridgestone windscreen banner are permitted other than trimming to suit the windscreen.
- 14.2.7 Any *Automobile* not displaying the *Nationals* Partner decals or competition numbers in accordance with these Sporting Regulations may be refused permission to compete until the non-compliance has been rectified.
- 14.2.8 Failure to display any *Nationals* Partner decal or signage as detailed in Attachment A or as directed by the CA may result in a penalty imposed by the Stewards.

S15 IN-CAR CAMERA

- 15.1.1 Fitment of an in-car camera to an *Automobile* is strongly recommended.
- 15.1.2 Where fitted, the camera must be securely mounted to the satisfaction of the Chief Scrutineer.
- 15.1.3 Where a camera is fitted to an *Automobile* by the *Competitor*:
 - 15.1.3.1 The camera must be recording at all times while the *Automobile* is on the *Track*;
 - 15.1.3.2 Any recording must be maintained and made available to the officials or *Organiser* on request; and
 - 15.1.3.3 Live streaming to any form of media is prohibited.
- 15.1.4 A *Competitor* must permit fitment of an in-car camera to their *Automobile* by the designated broadcaster when requested.

ATTACHMENT A

Nationals Partner Decal Placement

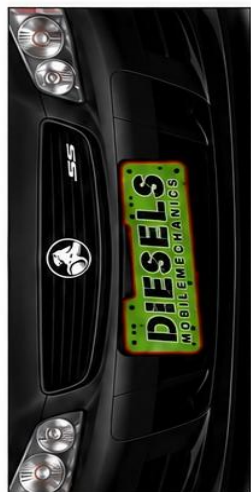
ALL DECALS ARE COMPULSORY AND MUST BE FITTED IN THE LOCATIONS SHOWN.

1. WINDSCREEN BANNER

Bridgestone banner across the top of the front windscreen.

2. NUMBER PLATE (FRONT)

Diesels Mobile Mechanics number plate centred on the front bumper.



3. BRIDGESTONE FRONT GUARD DECALS

One (1) Bridgestone decal on each front guard immediately behind the front wheel (left and right sides).



4. SIDE DECALS

TRP Ductwork, Dash Sims, Mendes Race Engines and Nelson Transport Services decals on both sides of the vehicle as shown.



5. NUMBER PLATE (REAR)

Diesels Mobile Mechanics number plate centred on the rear bumper.



COMPULSORY DECALS SUMMARY

1. Bridgestone windscreen banner
2. Diesels Mobile Mechanics number plate (front & rear)
3. Bridgestone front guard decals (both sides)
4. TRP Ductwork, Dash Sims, Mendes Race Engines and Nelson Transport Services decals on both sides
5. Dash Sims (both sides)
6. Mendes Race Engines (both sides)
7. Nelson Transport Services (both sides)

NOTES

- All decals must be clearly visible and unobstructed at all times.
- Decals must be fitted prior to the commencement of Official Practice.
- The Bridgestone windscreen banner may be trimmed to suit the width and shape of the windscreen.

ATTACHMENT B

Definitions

CA: Category Administrator appointed by the *Nationals Organiser*

DSA: Driving Standards Advisor appointed by *Motorsport Australia*

Group 3J Technical Regulations: Circuit Race Appendix – 3rd Category – Touring Cars – Group 3J – Improved Production Cars – Technical Regulations of the *Motorsport Australia Manual*

NA: National Administrator for Improved Production Car racing recognised by *Motorsport Australia*

Nationals: 2026 Bridgestone Improved Production Nationals

Nationals Organiser: Organiser of the *Nationals* appointed by the *NA*

TD: Technical Delegate appointed by *Motorsport Australia*

TM: Technical Manager appointed by the *Nationals Organiser*