



# 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 close to 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](http://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.

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. All entrants are required to hold a current, valid drivers license and must adhere to the laws applicable to your state and/or territory.

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

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.

## VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS – WHAT'S OKAY AND WHAT'S NOT?

Vehicles must be obviously 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.

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*“Remember, Scrutineering is where we make the final decision about whether your car is good enough to enter and eligible to participate in the various competition elements at Summernats. Change of entrant details is no longer permitted. For change of vehicle procedure please see the Summernats Participation Guide available at [www.summernats.com.au](http://www.summernats.com.au).”*

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See the following table for examples of minimum requirements for various types of vehicles. If you need further clarification, call 02 6241 8111.

**VE COMMODORE**

**HQ HOLDEN SS**

**SUBARU WRX**

**XP FALCON**

**HT PREMIER**

<p>Lowered, aftermarket wheels, exhaust system, aftermarket camshaft.</p> <p><b>x NOT ENOUGH MODS</b></p> <p>But if it also has; re-trimmed interior, detailed engine bay and comprehensive stereo install...</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OK TO ENTER</b></p>	<p>Re-trimmed and painted to original, new or reconditioned replacement parts, well-presented engine bay and underbody.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OK TO ENTER</b></p> <p>Because everything is new or near new and an SS is now fairly rare..</p>	<p>Lowered, aftermarket wheels, exhaust system, gauges, stereo install.</p> <p><b>x NOT ENOUGH MODS</b></p> <p>But if it also has; aftermarket turbo, detailed engine bay, custom interior...</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OK TO ENTER</b></p>	<p>Bucket seats, triple carbs, aftermarket exhaust system, lowered, well-detailed and presented.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OK TO ENTER</b></p> <p>Even though it isn't extensively modified the modifications are obvious.</p>	<p>Exceedingly well-detailed in all areas, original or very near to original factory appearance, complete restoration or original factory condition.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OK TO ENTER</b></p>
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## COMPARE WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO YOUR CAR WITH THE FOLLOWING LIST

It is preferable that vehicles manufactured in 1986 or later meet a range of the following ten requirements. Your vehicle must have at least six of the items 1-8 in order to be considered for entry.

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. 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.

## 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

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

Registration – 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

Seats/Seatbelts – fitted correctly, good condition  
Permit – if required  
Indemnity form – entrant to sign form in presence of scrutineer  
Tailshaft loop (burnouts and Go-Whoa) 360deg loop fitted within 4-6in of front uni joint  
Exhaust - all cars must be fitted with exhausts at all times during the Summernats (Burnout Masters and Burnout Championship Finalists excepted). The minimum exhaust system is a continuous system with at least one full-sized muffler and pipes that extend to the rear axle line. No zoomies or open headers permitted  
Firewalls – complete firewall to isolate driver from engine compartment and fuel tank/cell  
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  
Bonnet – Must remain fitted at all times except for burnout competition and/or Go-Whoa events only

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*“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.”*

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## 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. It is recommended that fuel is pre-ordered prior to the event to avoid any disappointment. See [www.summernats.com.au](http://www.summernats.com.au) for more information as well as a link to our official fuel supplier to pre-order fuel.

## 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, 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.

## 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. 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.

## **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) 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 7. 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.