



SANDOWN GT CLASSIC

THREE DRIVER TEAMS AN OPTION FOR SANDOWN GT CLASSIC

Teams competing in the Sandown GT Classic, to be held from December 7-9, will be able to opt for a two or three driver combination, organisers announced today.

'We have decided on the two or three driver option as a result of feedback from the regular Australian GT Championship teams and from the number of drivers who have expressed interest in gaining an opportunity to compete in the event', Rachael Wagg, Director of the Australian GT Group Pty Ltd said today.

'As promoter of the event, that we plan to become an annual affair and the hallmark event of GT racing in Australia, we consider that the two or three driver option will allow new players into the category while giving other teams the opportunity to assess new talent under actual racing conditions and reduce overall costs', Wagg added.

For the 2 driver teams each driver must complete a minimum 1 hour 30 minutes driving time and in the 3 driver teams each driver must complete a minimum of 1 hour driving time

To be conducted as Round 8 of the 2007 Australian GT Championship the Sandown GT Classic has already gained added status with the board of CAMS approving the awarding of the Australian Tourist Trophy to the winners of the event.

CAMS have revived the award that has Sir Stirling Moss, David McKay, Bib Stillwell, Frank Matich, and Ian 'Pete' Geoghegan among its past winners, in recognition of the growth and quality of the GT category in Australia.

While most driver combinations are still being finalised, John Kaias has already announced that V8 Supercar rising star Will Davison will be his co-pilot in the Aston Martin DBRS9, while James Moffat will share driving duties with John Bowe in the Team Lamborghini Australia Gallardo GT3.

The three and half hour race over an estimated distance of 500 kilometres or 161 laps will feature three compulsory pit stops with a minimum time limit of 90 seconds.

Driver pairings will see no more than 1 seeded driver per competing vehicle with any driver who has not competed in the Australian GT Championship required to lodge a resume of their driving history including all results for the preceding 5 years, to be reviewed by the AGTC Performance Review Committee for seeding.

The criteria for seeding will be based on the driver's results record, ability level and will also take into account any driver who is considered to be a professional.

Cars able to compete will be those on the Australian GT Championship eligible vehicles list and Porsche Drivers Challenge eligible vehicles list.

Any driver looking for a drive or any team looking for a driver should register their interest with Rachael Wagg, to be listed on the Australian GT website and distributed to all interested teams Rachael Wagg can be contacted at email: rachael@gtchampionship.com.au or phone 03 9387 7788

