



Category Information

2016 Australian Sports Racer Series



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Introduction

Fast, high-tech, affordable: The Australian Sports Racer Series is one of Australia's newest and most exciting motor racing categories.

The 2016 Championship consists of 5 national circuit racing events in 3 states of Australia.

With spiritual links to the hugely popular sports car racing scene of the 70s and 80s, these Le Mans prototype style sports cars offer scintillating performance, amazing dynamics and spectacularly close racing.

Designed to maximise aerodynamic performance while weighing just 400kgs, these racers are powered by high-tech production-based motorcycle engines which rev to 13,200 rpm. Capable of punching out lap times equal to the mighty V8 Supercars at many circuits around Australia, these rockets are sure to grab your attention, whether you are behind the wheel, or in the grandstand.

Visually dynamic and with intense racing, the Australian Sports Racer Series provides a great platform in the motoring industry and beyond for brand exposure and awareness to our ever increasing audience.

Sports Racers aren't just thrilling, they are accessible as well. New cars are available for as little as between \$65,000 and \$120,000 depending on make and class, while second-hand racers can be picked up for just \$40,000.

Combine this with extremely low running costs, and the Series is the perfect match for young guns, gentleman racers, and everyone in between!

The category also includes Supersport Cars such as Radical SR3 and Minetti along with Formula 1000 cars as different classes along with Sports Racers. This is true sports car racing at its best!

Drivers require a minimum of a Provisional National Circuit licence (PC), but preferably a CAMS National Circuit Licence (NC).

Four important points underpin the category;

- In relative terms, minimisation of the cost of running and maintaining the cars.
- Providing a 'place to race' in a relaxed but safe and well managed environment.
- Maintaining a close working relationship with the Shannons Nationals, CAMS and suppliers.
- Maintaining a controlled category with pro-active technical compliance.

Australian Sports Racer Series Pty Ltd is the Category Manager and provides the following:

- Organises and promotes the Series in conjunction with the Shannons Nationals and circuit operators.
- Sponsorship and media coverage for the Series.
- A sound financial base for the Series.
- Competent administrative services to competitors.
- Compliance with all CAMS requirements, ensuring that the Technical and Sporting Regulations are strictly adhered to.

The Cars/Classes

The 2016 Australian Sports Racer Series will be made up of three classes, Sports Racer, Formula 1000 and Radical/Supersports. Competitors in all three classes will compete for the Outright Australian Sports Racer Series Championship as well as their own Class Championships.

Sport Racers

Sports Racers are a restricted design open, centre seated, sports-racing car with a mid-mounted engine driving the rear wheels.

The Series currently includes many manufacturers West, HRP, Prince & Speads. The cars can be purchased new or second hand from these companies. Website links are below.

<http://www.westracecars.com.au> <http://www.dsrdownunder.com.au>



Formula 1000 (F1000)

The Australian Sports Racer Series also incorporates the Formula 1000 (F1000) on our grid as a separate class. Trophies and class points will be awarded at each round. The F1000's were created to bring together the latest in aerodynamic and mechanical design thinking. These high performance, wings and slicks open wheel cars utilise 1000cc motorcycle engines producing in excess of 185hp. All this combined with an ultra-light weight open wheel chassis and full aero produces fast paced, affordable racing action.

The F1000 distributors are West Race Cars (Firman) & DSR Downunder.



Radical/Supersport

The Australian Sports Racer Series also incorporates Supersport Cars including SR3 Radical and Minetti Sports Cars on our grid as a separate class. Trophies and class points will be awarded at each round. The SR3 Radical Sports Cars have around 250bhp (190Kw) and 170Nm of torque in a sub-500kg package, these twin-seater open cockpit projectiles have true racecar credibility and at a 10.500rpm rev-limit, they sound every bit as good as they look.



How do you join the Series?

- A. Make sure you have a current CAMS Provisional Circuit (PC) or National Circuit (NC) licence.
- B. Secure a funding package.
- C. Get hold of a Group 6 SR & Radical SR3 compliant car
- D. Enter the Series (or individual rounds) with Series Management.

Sporting and Technical Regulations

The Australian Sports Racer Series Sporting and SR6 Technical Regulations contain the **essential information** to take part in the 2016 Sports Racer Series.

The current Regulations are available on the Sports Racer Series Website www.sportsracer.com.au

We have also produced this 'Category Information' document to provide any additional information and to answer frequently asked questions.



Series Format

The Series runs with the Shannons Australian Motor Racing Nationals. The Shannons Nationals was founded in 2006, the Australian Motor Racing Nationals is firmly established as Australia's 'alternative' national motor racing tour, offering fans and competitors diversity in circuits and categories with an array of motorsport excitement to suit every kind of enthusiast.

From Formula 3 open-wheelers to international GT cars, thundering V8s and screaming LeMans-style sports cars, 'The Nationals' truly has something for everyone.

With exciting racing, a variety of quality cars and extensive television coverage on SBS Speedweek and Fox Sports Australia has attracted a lot of attention. Once known as 'The quiet achievers' of motor sport, the Nationals now have built a solid foundation and a sensational product as it continues to evolve into a series of 'must see' events for Australian motor sport enthusiasts.

Interest continues to grow and all of the rounds are at Australia's best circuits. Racing is enjoyable and well managed. www.thenationals.com.au

All rounds of the Australian Sports Racer Series run with the Shannons Australian Motor Racing Nationals to ensure industry support, a stable format and consistency of officials, series personnel, and TV product etc. In addition, the proven format will ensure that the competitors know what to expect at each round.

The Australian Sports Racer Series provides some exciting choices to pick from (**see schedule below**).

There are 5 rounds. Trophies will be awarded to the 3 highest point scorers at each round in SR1, the highest point scorer in SR2 as well as F1000 & Radical and again for the overall points at the end of the series.

The round format is normally:

- Two x 20-minute practice sessions.
- One x 20-minute qualifying session.
- Races 1 & 2 x 20 minute races expressed as a number of laps.
- Race 3 x 25 minute race expressed as a number of laps.

Unofficial practice sessions (usually 3 x 20 minutes) are included in the entry fee. These sessions are normally conducted on the day prior to the Shannons Nationals rounds.

SR1 & SR2 Championship

After a successful introduction in 2015 the SR2 Championship will continue in 2016.

The idea behind the SR2 Championship is to give mid to rear of field competitors the opportunity to take part in the podium presentation at each round of the Series, whilst also competing for the 'Outright' SR1 Championship.

All drivers will be seeded according to their performances in previous national rounds and/or their domestic race meetings. Drivers entering particular rounds of the Series will be seeded on their merits or at the discretion of category management.

SR2 points will be awarded as per the points table documented in the 2016 Series Sporting Regulations.

SR2 seeded drivers who qualify more than twice in the top three or finish a race more than twice in the top three during the 2016 Series will then only become eligible for the SR1 Championship.

SR2 drivers will be eligible for 'Outright' SR 1 points, whereas SR 1 drivers will not be eligible for SR2 points.

All drivers will be re-seeded after the final round of the 2016 National Series.



Entry Procedures

As expected, there is paperwork to be completed prior to the start of any Series/event.

Initially, we provide;

- A Series Entry Form for the Shannons Nationals. This form is valid for the Series and saves the paperwork for each individual round.
- Sporting & Technical Regulations
- Round schedules, Supplementary Regulations & Further Regulations for each round.
- Category management, including garage allocations, document checking, timing & points information etc.

At the commencement of the Series, competitors need to complete the series entry forms. An entry confirmation also needs to be completed (minimal time required) prior to each round.

An invoice will be issued by Australian Sports Racer Series Pty Ltd prior to each round. Entries fees must be paid 7 days prior to each round.

Series Entry Fee & Inclusions

The following fee (per round) are applicable;

Per Round: \$1,850 incl GST per car (\$9,250 total cost for the season).

Entry fee includes:

- Round Entry
- Garages (Premium garages for pre-registered competitors)
- Friday Practice
- Television coverage, live Internet TV coverage and media coverage.
- Category Management
- Media Management
- Round & Championship Trophies

Sponsorship

All cars are required to race with nominated decals, and other decals as per the Sporting Regulations.

2016 Schedule

The 2016 Australian Sports Racer Series will be contested in three states:

Round 1	1-3 April	Sandown Raceway
Round 2	10-12 June	Winton Raceway, VIC
Round 3	29-31 July	Queensland Raceway, QLD
Round 4	9-11 September	Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, VIC
Round 5	11-13 November	Sydney Motorsport Park, NSW (Including trophy presentation dinner).

(Note: Dates include Friday Practice)

Media Coverage

Free to Air Television

Following each round, The Australian Sports Racer Series enjoys 20 minutes of television time on **SBS Speedweek**

Speedweek shown on SBS on Sundays 2.00pm.

Audience

In 2015, Shannons Nationals TV coverage on SBS *Speedweek* attracted growing audiences that compare favourably with similar motorsport properties aired in Australia.

Shannons Nationals coverage attracted an average of **345,000 people nationally** (5 capital cities + regional audiences, supplied by Nielson TV ratings data). In 2015, the total reach of Shannons Nationals shows on SBS totalling more than **6 million people**.

This reach is further extended when subscription TV coverage is taken into account.

Pay TV

Fox Sports

The 1 hour *Shannons Nationals Show* is exclusive to Nationals categories, airing approximately one week following first airing on SBS *Speedweek*. This show is often repeated several times.

International Coverage

A considerable number of countries are provided with satellite & cable programming via the Motors TV Network reaching an estimated 21 million homes throughout the UK and continental Europe.

On Demand Coverage

SPEEDWEEK and FOX SPORTS shows are available to view online following their airing on TV, that substantially increases the level of awareness via opportunities to share content online.

The following outlets are the key 'on demand' outlets for Sports Racers TV content.

- Sports Racer Series website
- MotorsportsTV iPhone and Android Application
- MotorsportsTV and Speedweek websites

Live Internet Streaming

The action from the Sunday racing at each Nationals round is streamed live via the Internet on Motorsports TV.

The Internet TV is broadcast quality taken directly from the television outside broadcast van.

In 2015 Audiences averaged more than 7,500 per event.

With a now well known live presence Sports Racers are developing an enthusiastic following.

Print Media

Australian Sports Racer Series feature regularly on 'industry' publications in both print and electronic versions. The Series enjoys an excellent relationship with publications including Auto Action, Speedcafe.com and many other motorsport media outlets in Australia and beyond.

In addition to 'industry' media, our media manager actively pursues opportunities in 'mainstream' media at each round.

Corporate Days

Corporate days are designed to provide drivers/sponsors guests and clients the opportunity to experience the on track excitement of a genuine Sports Racer Car.

Media Manager

Amanda Jackson is the Australian Sports Racer Series Media Manager.

Amanda is a media relations and communications specialist, having undertaken Media and Communications roles for various clients both in-house and in the agency-space, including extensive work with motorsport events, venues, teams and racers.

Amanda established Jigsaw Communications in 2011 to provide public and media relations, communications and copywriting services to a range of clients including individuals, SMEs, corporate, start-ups, non-profits, sporting organisations and more and will again in 2016 play a key role in supporting the publicity/communications and social media efforts of the Sports Racer Series.

To find out more about Amanda you can go to <http://www.linkedin.com/in/cobbamanda> or www.jigsawcomms.com.au

Car Info

Car Numbers

New competitors need to apply to Series management for a car number.

If a number is not used in the Series for one year it may be re-allocated.

Control Kumho Tyres

All competitors must run the specified Kumho control tyre/s.

The following Kumho 'slick' tyres are the control tyres for the Australian Sports Racers:-

Front tyres: 170/515R13 S700

Rear tyres: 240/570R13 S700

Kumho 'wets' are available in the 180/530R13 W700 (front) and 240/570R13 (rear) sizes (and the Radical option).

The following Kumho 'slick' tyres are the control tyres for the Formula 1000's:-

Front tyres: 170/515R13 S700

Rear tyres: 200/550R13

The following Kumho 'wet' tyres are the control tyres for the Formula 1000's:-

Front tyres: 180/530R13 W700

Rear tyres: 180/550R13 W700

The price per tyre is \$425 each (incl. GST)

The Primary dealer and on-track service provider will be FSPORT, the authorised Australian representative for Kumho Motorsport.

The contact details are:

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The following services will be provided by FSport;

- The provision and maintenance of a network of authorised Kumho Motorsport Tyre Distributors, from whom all control tyre purchases will be made during normal business hours, at events or by other direct Distributor-Competitor arrangements.
- Stripping and fitting of tyres, and the balancing of wheels, at all race meetings within Australia whether it be a National Series or special event.
- Stripping and fitting of tyres, and the balancing of wheels, at other times by arrangement with the nominated Kumho Motorsport Distributor.
- The disposal of old tyres on a one for one basis when new tyres are purchased.
- Technical advice to all competitors regarding chassis set-up data and tyre management.

There will be a requirement for all cars competing in the Series to place Kumho decals on your car bodywork. The decals will be supplied by category management. Placement details will be advised shortly. Also, winning drivers will be required to wear Kumho caps on the podium.

Note. Due to Kumho not being able to supply a suitable Radical tyre option Radicals will be allowed to run on Dunlop tyres in 2016.

Fuel

A single control fuel supplier provides fuel at each event. Competitors must only use fuel that is provided by the official control fuel supplier, which is available for purchase at each round.

Race Management Radio

It is advisable (not mandatory) to have at least one radio tuned to the exclusive Sports Racer Race Management channel.

The frequency is: **471.700 MHz 71.9 Hz**

This is a LISTEN ONLY channel so that Sports Racer management can pass messages to team managers/crew chief when required (especially during races).

MoTeC Beacon: 996

A MoTeC lap counting beacon is placed at the start/finish line. The frequency is 996. The Series beacon is positioned closest to the start/finish line and no other beacons/stands may be placed within 3 metres of this 'official' beacon.

Cars for Sale/Lease

Please advise details of any suitable cars that may be for sale or if you are looking to buy or lease a car. We are happy to place details on our website and/or pass on any information to potential buyers/sellers.

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