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S1 TITLE AND JURISDICTION

S1.1 Title

This Competiton will only be known as and referred to as the "2025 Dunlop Excel Nationals".

S1.2 Authority/Jurisdiction

- 1.2.1 The 2025 Dunlop Excel Nationals (*Nationals*) will be conducted 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 Notes and instructions issued by the Clerk of the Course at the *Event*.
- 1.2.2 Motorsport Australia has sanctioned the Nationals as a single-event Nationals Competition.
- 1.2.3 The Circuit Excel Racing Association (*CERA*) has been appointed by *Motorsport Australia* as the Category Manager (*CM*) for the *Nationals*.

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S2 ADMINISTRATION

S2.1 Personnel

The following personnel have been appointed to the *Nationals* by *Motorsport Australia* or the *CM* and have the authority to administer the various aspects of these regulations as detailed in the *CRSR*:

Category Administrator (CA): Andrew Young

Technical Delegate (TD): Shane Beikoff

Driving Standards Advisor (DSA): Craig Baird

Assistant Driving Standards Advisor: Jonathan Beikoff

S3 COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible to compete in the *Nationals*, each *Competitor* must hold a current Motorsport Australia Competition Licence and be a current financial member of a *Motorsport Australia* affiliated club.
- 3.2 Each *Competitor* will be required to be registered with the *CM* and pay any applicable fee to the *CM* prior to competing in the *Nationals*.

S3 AUTOMOBILE ELIGIBILITY

Each *Automobile* must comply with Circuit Race Appendix – 3rd Category - Touring Cars - Group 3E – Circuit Excel Technical Regulations of the *Manual*.



S4.1 Replacement Automobile

- 4.1.1 An *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*.
- 4.1.2 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 *Competition* subject to the approval of the Stewards.

S5 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

S5.1 Competition Licence

To be eligible to compete in the *Nationals*, each *Driver* must hold a current Motorsport Australia Circuit Licence with Provisional endorsement or higher.

S5.2 Classes

Each *Competitor* must nominate the *Driver* of their *Automobile* for one of the following Classes on the Entry Form. If a Class is not selected on the Entry Form the *Driver* will be allocated to Trophy Class.

5.2.1 Trophy Class

Outright

5.2.2 Masters Class

Driver age between 30 and 50 years on 15 August 2025

5.2.3 Grand Masters Class

Driver age 51 years or over on 15 August 2025

S5.3 Substitute Driver

Prior to the commencement of an *Automobile's* first qualifying session at the *Nationals*, its *Competitor* may nominate a substitute *Driver* who may be permitted to compete in the remainder of the *Competition* subject to the approval of the Stewards.

S6 EVENT ENTRY

- 6.1 A Competitor will only be considered as being entered for an Event following:
 - 6.1.1 Lodgement of a completed Entry Form prior to the specified Entry closing date; and
 - 6.1.2 Payment of the nominated Entry fee prior to the specified Entry closing date; and
 - 6.1.3 Receipt of written acceptance of entry from the CM.
- Any Entry for the Nationals is by invitation only and the submitting of any Expression of Interest or Entry Form does not automatically imply that an invitation was issued or an Entry is guaranteed The CM, in its sole and absolute discretion, reserves the right to accept or refuse any application for Entry without providing any reason and prohibit any Driver from competing in any Event at any time if the Driver's actions (past or present) are deemed not to be acceptable for the Nationals.
- 6.3 The *CM* reserves the right to reject any *Entry* over and above the prescribed maximum *Entries* for an *Event*. In this case, the applicable *Event Entry* fee will be refunded.
- 6.4 If a *Competitor* withdraws (in writing) from the *Event* after the specified *Entry* closing date, in accordance with the *Supplementary Regulations* for the *Event*, the applicable *Entry* fee will not be refunded.



S7 CALENDAR

The Nationals will be contested over one Event as follows:

Date	Circuit		
16 – 17 August 2025	Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit		

S8 EVENT FORMAT

The number, length and format of *Track* sessions will ultimately be negotiated between the *CM* and the *Organiser* and will be advised in the *Supplementary Regulations* for the *Event*. Generally, the *Nationals* will be conducted as a two-day *Event* with the following format.

S8.1 Thursday/Friday Practice

Thursday/Friday will be unofficial practice subject to the conditions and timetable to be provided by the Organiser.

- S8.2 Day 1 Saturday
- 8.2.1 Qualifying 1 (Q1) 1 x 20-minute qualifying session for 'odd numbered' Automobiles
- 8.2.2 Qualifying 2 (Q2) 1 x 20-minute qualifying session for 'even numbered' Automobiles.
- 8.2.3 Qualifying 3 (Q3) 1 x 15-minute qualifying session for the fastest 50% from Q1 & Q2
- 8.2.4 Qualifying 4 (Q4) 1 x 15-minute qualifying session for the slowest 50% from Q1 & Q2
- 8.2.5 Heat 1 1 x 20-minute heat for Groups A & B (expressed as a number of laps)
- 8.2.6 Heat 2 1 x 20-minute heat for Groups C & D (expressed as a number of laps)
- S8.3 Day 2 Sunday
- 8.3.1 Heat 3 1 x 20-minute heat for Groups A & C (expressed as a number of laps)
- 8.3.2 Heat 4 1 x 20-minute heat for Groups B & D (expressed as a number of laps)
- 8.3.3 Heat 5 1 x 20-minute heat for Groups B & C (expressed as a number of laps)
- 8.3.4 Heat 6 1 x 20-minute heat for Groups A & D (expressed as a number of laps)
- 8.3.5 Race 1 1 x 24-minute Repechage race (expressed as a number of laps)
- 8.3.6 Race 2- 1 x 40-minute Nationals Final (expressed as a number of laps)

S8.4 Variations to Timetable

The timetable may be varied at any time due to exceptional circumstances (including extending a session to ensure the full amount of scheduled *Track* time) only with the prior approval of the Stewards.

S9 GRID DETERMINATION

S9.1 Heats

- 9.1.1 Each *Automobile* will be allocated to one of 4 groups based on lap times from all qualifying sessions.
 - 9.1.1.1 "Qualifier 1" will be the Automobile that achieves the fastest lap time from Q1 to Q4.
 - 9.1.1.2 "Qualifier 2" will be the *Automobile* that achieves the second-fastest lap time from Q1 to Q4.
 - 9.1.1.3 "Qualifier 3" will be the *Automobile* that achieves the third-fastest lap time from Q1 to Q4 and so on until all groups are filled.



9.1.2 The group allocation will be as follows:

Group A	Qualifiers 1, 5, 9, 13 etc		
Group B	Qualifiers 2, 6, 10, 14 etc		
Group C	Qualifiers 3, 7, 11, 15 etc		
Group D	Qualifiers 4, 8, 12, 16 etc		

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

- 9.1.3 The grid for each heat will be determined as follows:
 - 9.1.3.1 **Heat 1 (Groups A&B):** The grid for Heat 1 will be determined from the fastest qualifying lap time of each *Automobile* in Groups A and B with the *Automobile* with the fastest lap time on grid position 1, 2nd fastest lap time on grid position 2 and so on.
 - 9.1.3.2 **Heat 2 (Groups C&D):** The grid for Heat 2 will be determined from the fastest qualifying lap time of each *Automobile* in Groups C and D with the *Automobile* with the fastest lap time on grid position 1, 2nd fastest lap time on grid position 2 and so on.
 - 9.1.3.3 **Heat 3 (Groups A&C):** The grid for Heat 3 will be determined from the points awarded for each *Automobile* from Groups A & 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.
 - 9.1.3.4 **Heat 4 (Groups B&D):** The grid for Heat 4 will be determined from the points awarded for each *Automobile* from Groups B & D from Heats 1 and 2, with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, the 2nd highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.
 - 9.1.3.5 **Heat 5 (Groups B&C):** The grid for Heat 5 will be determined from the accumulated points awarded for each *Automobile* from Groups B & C from Heats 1 to 4 with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, 2nd highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.
 - 9.1.3.6 **Heat 6 (Groups A&D):** The grid for Heat 6 will be determined from the accumulated points awarded for each *Automobile* from Groups A & D from Heats 1 to 4, with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, 2nd highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.

S9.2 Race 1 - Repechage

- 9.2.1 The grid for the Repechage will be limited to the track density, and any remaining qualifiers after each grid position has been allocated will be eliminated.
- 9.2.2 The grid for the Repechage will be determined from accumulated points awarded for each *Automobile* from Heats 1 to 6, with the highest point scorer that has not been allocated a grid position in the Nationals Final on grid position 1, the next highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.

S9.3 Race 2 - Nationals Final

- 9.3.1 The grid for the Nationals Final will be determined from accumulated points awarded for each *Automobile* from Heats 1 to 6, with the highest point scorer on grid position 1, the next highest point scorer on grid position 2 and so on.
- 9.3.2 The last 4 grid positions for the Nationals Final will be allocated to the top 4 finishing positions of the repechage race.
- 9.3.3 The grid for the Nationals Final will be limited to the track density, and any remaining qualifiers after each grid position has been allocated will be eliminated.
- 9.3.4 The *Organiser* will publish a preliminary grid sheet for the Nationals Final at least 30 minutes before its scheduled start time.



S9.4 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, the *Automobile* with the fastest qualifying lap time will be allocated the higher grid position.

S10 START PROCEDURE

The Start procedure for each heat/race will be as detailed in the CRSR - Non-Championship Standing Start.

S11 AWARDS AND POINT SCORE

S11.1 Trophies

Trophies will be awarded by the CM to the top 3 Drivers in each Class.

S11.2 Point score.

11.2.1 Points will be awarded to each *Driver* 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	100	11 th	60	21 st	40	31 st	20
2 nd	90	12 th	58	22 nd	38	32 nd	18
3 rd	82	13 th	56	23 rd	36	33 rd	16
4 th	76	14 th	54	24 th	34	34 th	14
5 th	72	15 th	52	25 th	32	35 th	12
6 th	70	16 th	50	26 th	30	36 th	10
7 th	68	17 th	48	27 th	28	37 th	8
8 th	66	18 th	46	28 th	26	38 th	6
9 th	64	19 th	44	29 th	24	39 th	4
10 th	62	20 th	42	30 th	22	40 th	2

- 11.2.2 Points will only be awarded to each *Driver* classified as a finisher in the final results of each heat.
- 11.2.3 Points for any heat which is stopped (red flagged) and not restarted will be awarded in accordance with the requirements of the *CRSR*.

NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, any heat that is scheduled with a time certain finish and finishes (is chequered flagged) in accordance with the scheduled finish time will result in a full allotment of Nationals points being awarded irrespective of the number of laps completed by the leader.

11.2.4 Points will only be used to determine grid positions for heats.

\$11.3 Nationals Winners

- 11.3.1 The winner of the Nationals Final will be acknowledged as the 2025 Dunlop Excel Nationals winner.
- 11.3.2 The highest finishing Masters Driver in the Nationals Final will be the Masters Class winner.
- 11.3.3 The highest finishing Grand Masters Driver in the Nationals Final will be the Grand Masters Class winner



S12 EVENT OPERATIONS

S12.1 Driver Briefing

- 12.1.1 Each Driver must attend the Driver Briefing as conducted by Motorsport Australia.
- 12.1.2 The time, format and location of the briefing will be specified in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 12.1.3 Additional compulsory briefing/s may be convened and will be advised to each Competitor accordingly.

S12.2 Parc Fermé

- 12.2.1 The location of *Parc Fermé* will be specified by the *TD*.
- 12.2.2 Unless otherwise advised by the *TD*, at the conclusion of each qualifying session, heat and race, each *Automobile* and *Driver*, including any *Automobile/Driver* that completed the session in the *Pit Lane* or any *Automobile/Driver* that enters the *Pit Lane* whilst the Chequered Flag is being displayed, must proceed directly to *Parc Fermé* via the most direct route (or as directed by an Official) without stopping and without interference from an unauthorised third party.
- 12.2.3 Unless approved by the *TD*, at the conclusion of each qualifying session, heat and race, each *Automobile* will be under *Parc Fermé* conditions from the time the chequered flag is displayed until being released from the designated *Parc Fermé* area by the *TD*.
- 12.2.4 Unless otherwise approved by the *TD*, each *Driver* may consume a maximum of 1 litre of fluid after each session whilst in *Parc Fermé*.
- 12.2.5 Unless otherwise approved by the *TD*, with exception of the team member specified in Article S12.2.6, any unauthorised person is prohibited to enter *Parc Fermé* or touch an *Automobile* that is in *Parc Fermé*, until the *Automobile* is released from *Parc Fermé*, in accordance with Article S12.2.7.
- 12.2.6 One team member per *Automobile* must have approval from the *TD* or their nominee to enter *Parc Fermé* for the sole purpose of checking tyre pressures. Once this team member has finished checking tyre pressures, they must leave *Parc Fermé* immediately.
- 12.2.7 An *Automobile* (or any component thereof) and/or *Driver* may not leave *Parc Fermé* without the approval of the *TD* or their nominee.

S12.3 Practice

12.3.1 Automobiles will be assembled in the marshalling area prior to each practice session in the order as directed by the

S12.4 Qualifying

- 12.4.1 *Automobiles* will be assembled in the marshalling area prior to each qualifying session in the order as directed by the *CM*.
- 12.4.2 During a qualifying session, unless re-joining the *Track*, an *Automobile* may not exit the *Pit Lane* without the prior approval of the *TD*.
- 12.4.3 Any *Automobile* that breaches Article S12.4.3, will be prohibited to re-join that session and be subject to a penalty of *Disqualification* from that session.
- 12.4.4 Any *Driver* that causes a qualifying session to be stopped (red flagged) will have their fastest lap time for that session deleted from the results.
- 12.4.5 Unless otherwise approved by the *TD* or their nominee, with exception of checking tyre pressures and/or adjusting shock absorbers, no work may be carried out on an *Automobile* during a qualifying session.

S12.5 Heats

Points will be awarded for finishing positions for each heat, which are used to determine the grid positions in subsequent heats/races.



S12.6 Repechage Race

- 12.6.1 At the conclusion of the heats, a repechage race may follow to determine the remaining qualifiers for the Nationals Final.
- 12.6.2 The repechage race will be gridded from the remainder of the field after 4 less than the maximum number of *Automobiles* the track density allows are allocated to the Nationals Final.

\$12.7 Nationals Final

The Nationals Final is the feature race of the *Nationals* and must allow for the maximum number of *Automobiles* permitted by the track density.

S12.8 Pit Lane

- 12.8.1 During each practice and qualifying session, each *Automobile* must park nose-in on a 45-degree angle whilst in its designated *Pit Bay*.
- 12.8.2 During each heat/race, each Automobile must park parallel to the Pit Lane whilst in its designated Pit Bay.

\$12.9 Timing Transponder

- 12.9.1 A timing transponder must be mounted on each *Automobile* as per the 3rd Category Touring Cars Group 3E Circuit Excel Technical Regulations.
- 12.9.2 For more timing transponder information, refer to the Supplementary Regulations.

S12.10 Driver/Competitor Departure from the Precinct

For judicial purposes, each *Driver* and *Competitor* must remain at the *Precinct* following the conclusion of the final *Track* session each day, until officially released by the *CM*.

S12.11 Removal of Automobile from the Precinct

Following the commencement of the first practice session, it is prohibited to remove any *Automobile* from the *Precinct* prior to the release of all *Automobiles* from the *Parc Fermé* established following that *Automobile's* final race without the prior express written approval of the *TD*.

S13 TYRES

- 13.1 Each *Automobile* must only be fitted with the control tyres as per the Group 3E Circuit Excel Technical Regulations, i.e. Dunlop Direzza DZZ3 82V 195/50/15.
- Prior to any *Track* session, tread depth must exceed 1.5 mm except for the shoulders of the tyre as defined in the 3rd Category Touring Cars Group 3E Circuit Excel Technical Regulations.
- 13.3 A maximum of 6 control tyres will be marked by the *TD* or their nominee for each *Automobile* before the commencement of the first Qualifying session. Except where a session is declared wet by the Clerk of the Course, these marked tyres are the only tyres permitted to be used on that *Automobile* during practice, qualifying, heat and race.
- 13.4 If a session is declared wet by the Clerk of the Course, each *Automobile* may use a maximum of 4 unmarked control tyres in addition to the marked tyres.
- 13.5 The use of incorrectly marked tyres during any qualifying, heat or race is prohibited.
- 13.6 The onus and responsibility lies with the *Competitor* and/or *Driver* to ensure that tyres are marked in accordance with these regulations and further ensure that markings which are damaged from on-track incidents are shown to the approved tyre markers 30min before the next *Track* session. Tyres are to be placed at the front of the *Automobile's* garage early Saturday before Qualifying and positioned for marking on both sides.
- 13.7 If a tyre is damaged, the *TD* may approve the use of a scrubbed replacement tyre for each damaged tyre. Damaged tyres must be presented to the *TD* for consideration of replacement.



- 13.8 If an approved replacement tyre is used by an *Automobile*, that *Automobile* will be subject to a penalty of a drop of 5 grid places for its next following heat/race for each extra tyre used.
- 13.9 No tyre marked for use by one Automobile may be used on another Automobile during the Competition.
- 13.10 The *TD* will be Judge of Fact in respect to decisions on tyres.

S14 FUEL

- Only Pump Fuel, as detailed in Technical Appendix Schedule G of the *Manual*, may be used for the duration of the *Competition*.
- 14.2 With the exception of ambient atmospheric air and the specified fuel, no other substance may be added to the engine's intake charge.

S15 SCRUTINEERING

- 15.1 Each *Automobile* will be the subject of Targeted Scrutiny, as directed. Mandatory audits will be conducted as directed by the Chief Scrutineer.
- 15.2 Scrutineering and eligibility checks will commence on Friday 15th August 2025.

S16 AUTOMOBILE MARKINGS

S16.1 General

- 16.1.1 Each *Automobile* must comply with Technical Appendix Schedule K of the *Manual* and display the *Nationals* and *Event* sponsors' decals as required by the CM.
- 16.1.2 Any *Competitor* or *Driver* who fails to comply with this requirement may be ineligible for points or prohibited from continuing in the *Competition* until such time as compliance is achieved at the discretion of the Stewards.

S16.2 Competition Numbers

- 16.2.1 Each Competitor may include their preferred competition number on their Entry Form.
- 16.2.2 The CA will have the final discretion regarding the allocation of competition numbers.
- 16.2.3 Each Competitor will be advised of their Automobile's competition number as early as possible.

S16.3 Event Signage

16.3.1 Each Automobile must display the Event signage as specified by the CM.

S17 DRIVER APPAREL

Each Driver must use only apparel in compliance with Technical Appen dix - Schedule D of the Motorsport Australia Manual.

S18 IN-CAR CAMERAS

- 18.1 Each Automobile must be fitted with an in-car camera system.
- 18.2 The in-car camera system must be switched on and remain fully operational to record video images from the commencement of each *Track* session until the *Automobile* is released from *Parc Fermé*.
- 18.3 It is the responsibility of each *Competitor* to ensure that each camera is in operational condition and turned on before each *Track* session and turned off following each *Track* session.



Each in-car camera must be installed and aligned by the *Competitor* in accordance with the requirements of the *CM* (refer photo below). It is prohibited to adjust the alignment of any camera once set by the *CM*, *DSA* or *TD*.



- 18.5 The *Competitor* or *Driver* or crew member is prohibited to access the in-car camera SD card unless approved by the *CM* or *DSA* or 30 minutes have lapsed from the completion of the heat/race.
- 18.6 Unless otherwise approved in writing by the *CM*, the data stored on each SD card may not be deleted/cleared until after the completion of each *Event*.
- 18.7 Access to the video images recorded by the in-car camera system must be provided to the *CM*, *DSA*, or *TD* at any time upon request.
- 18.8 An SD card must only be removed from any camera once authorised by the CM, DSA or TD.
- Any error, action, omission or failure which causes a loss of any vision will be investigated by the *DSA/CA* and may be referred to the Stewards who may impose a penalty may.
- 18.10 Each *Competitor* must have a number of SD cards which must be clean of data at the start of the *Event* and be clearly labelled with their *Automobiles* competition number.

S19 TIMING

- 19.1 A timing transponder must be mounted on each Automobile as per the 3rd Category Touring Cars Group 3E Circuit Excel regulations.
- 19.2 For more timing information, refer to the *Supplementary Regulations*.

S20 COMPETITOR CONDUCT

- 20.1 Each Competitor, Driver and associated team member are required to comply with the following:
 - 20.1.1 Motorsport Australia Member Protection Health & Integrity Policy, and;
 - 20.1.2 Motorsport Australia Social Media Policy.

S21 COMPETITOR REQUEST FOR POST-SESSION INCIDENT INVESTIGATION

- Only a *Competitor* who has been involved in an incident that has not been the subject of a decision by the Stewards during a session may request that a post-session investigation of such an incident be conducted.
- 21.2 This can be done by filling out a "Request for Incident Review" form.
- 21.3 The request must be submitted to the *DSA* or the Clerk of the Course at any time after the conclusion of the session, but never later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the session in which the incident occurred.
- 21.4 The lodgement by a *Competitor* of a request for a post-session investigation that is frivolous, malicious, or vexatious is a breach of the *Rules*.



- 21.5 If, during an Investigation, the *DSA*, or the Clerk of the Course consider that the request is frivolous, malicious or vexatious or consider that the *Competitor* has acted in bad faith in lodging the request, the *Competitor* will be referred to the Stewards.
- 21.6 The time limits for lodgement by a *Competitor* of a request for post session investigation may only be extended by the Stewards, if it can be shown that there were exceptional circumstances that prevented the request for post session investigation being lodged in accordance with the time limits specified in the *Rules*.



ATTACHMENT A

Definitions

CA The Category Administrator for the Nationals appointed by the CM

CM The Category Manager for the *Nationals* appointed by *Motorsport Australia*.

CRSR Circuit Race Standing Regulations as published by *Motorsport Australia*.

DSA The Driving Standards Advisor for the *Nationals* appointed by *Motorsport Australia*.

Event An Event of the *Nationals*.

Precinct The area within the perimeter of the *Event* venue.

Nationals The 2025 Dunlop Excel Nationals.

TD The Technical Delegate for the *Nationals* appointed by *Motorsport Australia*.