

**2023/2024 DRAG RACING SEASON
TOP COMP COMPETITOR ADVISORY**

1. ELIGIBLE CLASSES

The Perth Motorplex Top Comp Eliminator is open to mechanically Supercharged and Turbocharged V8 Group 1 and 2 classes listed below:

The classes eligible for the Perth Motorplex Top Comp Eliminator are:

TA/D	AA/D	BB/D	BB/DA	CC/DA		
TA/FC	AA/A	AA/AA	BB/A	BB/AA	CC/AA	
TA/A	AA/FC	BB/FC	BB/FCA			
T/D	AA/AP	AA/APA	BB/AP	BB/APA		
	AA/G	AA/GA	BB/G	BB/GA	CC/G	CC/GA
	AA/API	AA/APIA	BB/API	BB/APIA	CC/API	CC/APIA

Vehicles must comply with relevant ANDRA class and safety regulations and may be subject to random classifying checks by ANDRA Stewards to confirm class legality at each event.

2. PERTH MOTORPLEX TOP COMP CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES ROUNDS

Perth Motorplex Top Comp Championship Series will run over the best the 8 of 9 rounds scheduled for the 2023/2024 season.

3. TOP COMP ALTERNATE BRACKETS

Top Comp competitors who race in an alternative bracket during the season where Top Comp is not scheduled (Eg. ANDRA Sportsman Series), points from the alternate brackets will be allocated towards the Perth Motorplex Top Comp Championship Series Point Score.

4. CHRISTMAS TREE CONFIGURATION

Perth Motorplex Top Comp Championship Series will retain the Handicap .400 (4/10th) **PRO Tree**.

5. HANDICAPPING

Class handicaps for Perth Motorplex Top Comp are based off the respective track record, subject to the following conditions:

- a. ALL Classes** will have one tenth of a second (0.1 second) added to their track record to form the class handicap. For example. A track record of 6.614 will have a class handicap of 6.71. The class handicap will not change until the track record is re-set, then at the following event, the class handicap will be the new track record plus one-tenth (0.1) of a second.
- b.** Any class that does not have a track record or the track record is not representative of the class will use the ANDRA national record or minimum plus one tenth of a second (0.1 second) as the class handicap until such time that the track record is below the ANDRA national record or minimum.
- c.** Indexes will be sent out to all entrants during the week prior to the event.

6. PERTH MOTORPLEX TRACK RECORDS

6.1 SETTING A TRACK RECORD

Track records will not require a back-up. A track record can be set on any programmed run for that class. Any new track record will be set the basis of the Class Handicap for the next event, subject to conditions in 'Rule 5. Handicapping'.

6.2 SCRUTINY OF A TRACK RECORD

The Meeting Director has the power to disallow or review a track record should it be obvious that an external factor affected the timing system or timing beams; ie: debris blowing in the beams.

6.3 COMPETITOR SCRUTINY OF A TRACK RECORD

If a competitor has reason to believe that a track record has been incorrectly set, they are encouraged to supply physical or circumstantial evidence to the Meeting Director via email within seven (7) days after the completion of the event.

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7. CLASS SWAPPING

With the introduction of the new handicapping system, class swapping is restricted in the Perth Motorplex Top Comp Championship Series.

Once a competitor has nominated in a class for the Perth Motorplex Top Comp Championship Series they may switch to a second class, once, during the racing season. The competitor may switch back to the first-nominated class, but once they have switched back to the original class, they forfeit the right to nominate in all other classes for the remainder of the racing season, including the second class they previously nominated. A competitor cannot switch to a third class.

This is done to prevent competitors who have the advantage of being capable of nominating in multiple classes with minimal adjustments to their car to protect a relatively soft track record.

The regulations will recognise that, for example, should a Funny Car damage a body it could run as an altered bodied class while the body is being repaired. This would also assist a case where a spare engine has a considerable engine capacity difference to the team's main combination.

8. ANDRA SPORTSMAN CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

ANDRA Sportsman Championship events are exempt from Track Record Handicap System and Class Swapping rules for Perth Motorplex Top Comp. At events where the ANDRA Sportsman Series Championship are scheduled the ANDRA National Index System and Full count down handicap Christmas Tree will be used.

9. RACE FORMAT – PERTH MOTORPLEX 3 ROUND FORMAT

- Non-Compulsory Qualifying Round – Afternoon session
- First Round (Compulsory Seeding Round) – 6:00pm approx.
- Second Round (Elimination Round) – 8:00pm approx.
- Final Round – 10:15pm approx.

Although typical, the above times may vary due to scheduling alterations.

9.1 Non-Compulsory Qualifying Round

A non-compulsory qualifying session will be scheduled at all events. Elapsed Times recorded during this session will be counted towards seeding as long as the Compulsory Seeding Round is attempted as per 9.2.

Teams choosing not to use this opportunity will make fewer passes reducing cost of racing.

9.2 First Round (Compulsory Seeding Round)

All entered cars wishing to contest the 'Elimination' round must contest this round. Vehicles must cross the water under their own power to be seeded into the Elimination round. The pairings are selected by the Meeting Director or a delegated representative. Lane choice is allocated to the competitor with the higher standing in the point score or in the case of the first event lane choice will be allocated in order of last season's standings if not agreed upon by the competitors involved.

9.3 Second Round (Elimination Round)

All vehicles that competed in the First Round (Seeding Round) will be seeded in the Second Round (Elimination Round) unless they have formally withdrawn due to breakage etc. Pairings and lane choice are based on Elapsed Times from the Non-Compulsory Session(s) and Compulsory Seeding Round. Once the field is seeded and competitors notified it will not be reseeded if a racer drops out or cannot make the call for the Round after that point. If the field is uneven the bye run must be run at the front of the field.

Note: *This is to stop racers from hanging back and only running as fast as they need to, to make the A-Final, thus disadvantaging the racers having to 'race' for it in a paired situation.*

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9.4 Final Round

The final round will consist of four winners from the Elimination Round in order of:

- **A-Final:** The first and second winners that went closest to or furthest underneath their respective class handicap.
- **B-Final:** The third and fourth best winners that went closest to or furthest underneath their respective class handicap.

In the event of there being 5 or 6 vehicles in the second (elimination) round, the 'B' final (for 3rd and 4th) will be contested between the 3rd best winner (that went furthest under, or closest to their class handicap) and the best loser (that went closest to or furthest under their respective class handicap) from the second round.

In the event of there being 3 or 4 vehicles in the second (elimination) round, the 'B' final (for 3rd and 4th) will be contested between the loser(s) from the second round. If a competitor that ran in the Compulsory Qualifying (as per 9.2) round misses the second (elimination) round he/she is still eligible to fill a slot in the Final if less than 4 cars run in the second round.

NOTE: If for any reason the Finals are not run points and prize money will be added together and split between the eligible competitors.

10. INCOMPLETE RUNS – Elimination Round

10.1 Impeded Run – Elimination Round

In previous seasons there have been some instances where a competitor has had to abort their elimination round pass through no fault of their own (ie: due to another competitor crossing the centre line). In this instance, the competitor who aborted their pass may elect their ET from the previous (Seeding) round (not the Non-Compulsory Round). The onus is on the competitor to advise the Meeting Director within fifteen (15) minutes of the impeded run time. The Meeting Director, in conjunction with the Starter, will determine if in fact the run was impeded.

10.2 Shut Downs – Elimination Round

Where a competitor is required to shut down by instruction of track officials through no fault of their own (ie: ANDRA rule in regard to broken vehicles on track past 100-foot mark) and are unable to complete their pass (engine too hot, etc), the innocent competitor has two options:

10.2.1 First Round Time Option: The default option is to use the ET from the previous (Seeding Round) round (not the Non-Compulsory Round). The onus is on the competitor to advise the Meeting Director within five (5) minutes of their shutdown run if they wish to take the second option below;

10.2.2 Re-run Option: At the Meeting Director's absolute discretion, and only with time permitting, the affected innocent racer may be granted the opportunity to schedule their run at the back of that session or within fifteen (15) minutes of their original run time (whichever is greater). The competitor has five (5) minutes from their shutdown run to notify the Meeting Director if they wish to request this option; otherwise it will default to the previous First Round Time Option.

11. POINTS ALLOCATION

- a. As per Point Score Regulations on the Perth Motorplex website:
<http://www.motorplex.com.au/drag-competitors/>
- b. A competitor can substitute a driver however points can only be allocated to individual drivers.

12. PRIZEMONEY

As per Prize Money Schedule on the Perth Motorplex website:
<http://www.motorplex.com.au/drag-competitors/>