

# Entering NSW Supersprint Events

## 1 Introduction

The NSW Supersprint Championship is a CAMS-sanctioned supersprint series organised by the CAMS NSW Supersprint Panel. However, neither CAMS, nor the Supersprint Panel organise or run any of the rounds in the NSW Supersprint Championship. Each round is organised and run by a CAMS-affiliated car club. The NSW MX-5 Club runs one of these rounds each year.

To compete in any of the rounds of the NSW Supersprint Championship, you will need to have a CAMS L2S speed licence. AASA licences will **not** be accepted at these events.

Some information is available on the MX5 Club of NSW's website here:

<http://nsw.mx5.com.au/motorsport/other-motorsport/supersprints>

For further information about the CAMS NSW Supersprint Championship, please visit this website:

<http://supersprintnsw.com/>

and:

<http://supersprintnsw.com/rules-forms/championship-information/>

### 1.1 Registration for the NSW Supersprint Championship

If you intend to regularly compete in rounds of the NSW Supersprint Championship, you should register each year for the NSW Supersprint Championship. There is a modest fee for this, but comes with a number of benefits:

- You get priority entry to each event for a period of time before general entries are open. This has been important in the past, since some events filled up before general entries opened. Hasn't been an issue for a year or two though.
- You will get an email informing you that entries are open to an event for series registrants, and (more importantly), tells you where to go to enter, which is useful because it can be different each time, depending upon the organising club.
- You are guaranteed of having the same competition number all year, which is helpful if you have a permanent number on your vehicle.
- If you do really well, you might be eligible for a trophy at the end of the year

The person who handles championship registration, and most communications (for example, sending out info on events being open, and sending results out) is Bob Welsh:

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Series registration needs to be done late the previous year (around November) – can't be done during the year. If you are already registered, then you'll get an email telling you that

registrations are open. If not, you will need to ask someone to forward you the link, or check the Supersprint web page from time to time. You may even spot something in the weekly email newsletter or on the MX-5 Club website to this effect. (if the Competition Secretary is on the ball...)

## 1.2 Vehicle and Driver Requirements

There are two things you need to be concerned with here:

- Driver and vehicle safety requirements
- What class your car fits into for the championship

### 1.2.1 Safety Requirements

Note that vehicle requirements and safety requirements for drivers are not the same as for MX-5 Club track days.

Starting point is the CAMS general regulations:

<https://www.cams.com.au/regulations/manual/general-requirements>

There is some information in the championship technical regulations:

<http://supersprintnsw.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/SSP-03-Technical-Regulations.pdf>

Full CAMS Manual is here:

<https://www.cams.com.au/regulations/manual/print>

CAMS speed regulations:

<https://www.cams.com.au/regulations/manual/speed>

You should familiarise yourself with these regulations.

In addition, the supplementary regulations for the specific event you wish to enter will summarise the important safety regulations for you. **You should read these supplementary regulations**, because when you sign on as a driver at an event, you are acknowledging that you have read these regulations and are familiar with them.

The supplementary regulations for an event will always be available on the webpage where you enter the event.

### 1.2.2 Vehicle Class

You will need to know which Type and which Class your car falls into when entering a NSW Supersprint Championship event, or when registering for the championship.

The Types and Classes are defined here:

<http://supersprintnsw.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/SSP-03-Technical-Regulations.pdf>

If you fall into Type 4 or Type 5, you will also need to read the CAMS 2F and 2B technical regulations respectively:

[https://www.cams.com.au/docs/default-source/manual/race/ra16-group-2b-2f-eligible-comb-2019.pdf?sfvrsn=f9e5d903\\_5](https://www.cams.com.au/docs/default-source/manual/race/ra16-group-2b-2f-eligible-comb-2019.pdf?sfvrsn=f9e5d903_5)

In addition, you should note that you will need a Dorian transponder on your vehicle to compete in NSW Supersprint events. The Dorian transponder is used to time your laps during each of these events. These can be purchased (worthwhile if you plan to do many of these events), but will also be available for hire on the day. The first time, you probably should also consider purchasing a bracket to mount the Dorian in, which makes it much easier installing and removing it each time. The bracket can be (but doesn't have to be) permanently attached to your vehicle. Please be mindful of the mounting instructions or your Dorian may not be registered by the timing system at the circuit.

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Unfortunately, not only doesn't the NSW Supersprint website let you enter NSW Supersprint events from this website, it doesn't tell you how to do it either.

Another complicating factor is that each organising club can have a different way of managing entries for their rounds of the championship. Some (like the MX-5 Club of NSW, and the NSW Road Racing Club), use the CAMS Event Entry System (see below). Others like the ARDC (Australian Racing Drivers Club) have their own event entry system. The Mini Car Club still rely on paper entry forms.

### 2.1 CAMS Event Entry System

The NSW MX-5 club uses this CAMS event entry portal for our NSW Supersprint Championship round – **NOT** for our Club track days (for these events, we use our own event entry system).

The CAMS Event Entry System can be found here:

<https://portal.cams.com.au/login?returnURL=https%3a%2f%2fportal.cams.com.au%2fmembers%2fmember-services>

The following information is correct at time of writing, but CAMS will be updating this event entry webpage at some stage, so beware!

To use this event entry system, you will need a login for the CAMS website. If you have a CAMS licence, then your ID is your CAMS licence number.

The CAMS event entry system can be a tricky thing to deal with. If you are new to the CAMS web site, before you enter an event, you will need to set up your profile.

- If you have not registered for a CAMS login, but already have a CAMS licence, click on "Retrieve Password" and you will be sent a temporary password for your existing CAMS ID (as per your licence).

- If you haven't registered for a CAMS login, and do not have a CAMS licence, please register a new account via the "New to CAMS?, Register here" link. You don't need to have a CAMS license yet to register for a login. Note however that you will need to get a CAMS licence before you can enter an event via the CAMS Event Entry System.
- If this is your first visit to the CAMS website, please enter your licence info and personal details via the links on the left. You are strongly advised to first watch the video tutorials available via the link "How to Enter".

Note that the CAMS Member Portal and the CAMS Event Entry System are two separate systems, which are connected, although the integration couldn't be described as 'seamless'.

To access the CAMS Event Entry System, click on "CAMS EVENT ENTRY" from the list of links on the left in the members portal. Then click on the "CAMS EVENT ENTRY" logo, or the "GO" button beside it.

Much of the information used by the event entry system comes from the CAMS member database (updated via the members portal). However, there is some information that must be entered into the event entry system itself.

#### 2.1.1 First time in the CAMS Event Entry System

If this is your first time in the CAMS event entry system, you'll need to fill in some additional information (over and above what you entered into your CAMS profile).

##### 2.1.1.1 My Details

Click on the 'My Details' link on the left or at the top of the page.

As it says at the top of the main webpage in the event entry system, only club membership number/expiry, shirt size, dietary and other licence can be edited on this page. If this is your first event, enter your MX-5 Club membership number and expiry date information. If this is not your first event, then check that that information is valid (especially the expiry date). This is only important for MX-5 Club run events, where there is a discount for MX-5 Club members. If this Club information is out of date, you may be charged the full entry fee without the MX-5 Club member discount.

Note: this feature of the CAMS event entry system seems to be somewhat buggy. Sometimes the discount is applied if the Club membership expiry is out of date. Sometimes the discount is not applied even if the Club information is correct. If the CAMS event entry system doesn't apply the Club discount for an MX-5 Club event for which the CAMS system is being used, then make a direct deposit instead. As with the MX-5 Club's event entry system, you can enter an event via the CAMS system without paying. If you need to do a direct deposit, please ask for a suitable reference via an email to [eventsec@mx5.com.au](mailto:eventsec@mx5.com.au).

##### 2.1.1.2 My Cars

Click on the 'My Cars' link on the left or at the top of the page.

For each car that you may be using in CAMS-sanctioned events, click 'Add Car', and add the required details for those cars. Fortunately, you'll only need to do this once. On the upside, it does make entering events much easier from that point on. If details of your car(s) change, sure that you update the details in this page.

#### 2.1.1.3 My Crew

Click on the 'My Crew' link on the left or at the top of the page.

If you have a partner or friend who often comes with you to events, add their details in here. When you enter an event later, it is then trivial to add your 'pit crew' – it is important that you do add your helpers in your event entry, as they are then covered by CAMS liability insurance. If you don't mention them, they aren't...

#### 2.1.1.4 My Transporter

Click on the 'My Transporter' link on the left or at the top of the page.

This is useful if you have a trailer or such-like that you may need to leave in the paddock. In your event entry, you can sometimes indicate that you will be leaving this in the paddock – depends upon the organisers however as to what they are allowing.

### 2.1.2 Event Entry

After you have provided your details as noted above, to enter an event click on the 'My Events' link on the left or at the top of the page.

- From the "Event" drop down list, select the event you wish to enter. If the event you are interested in doesn't appear, then the event is not open for entries. Either entries haven't opened yet, or the event is full, and no more entries are being accepted.
- Complete your entry as directed in the video tutorials.
- For dual-entered cars, the 2nd driver must also register and enter, the same as the 1st driver – **one entry per driver**. Please indicate the name of the other driver in the "Comments" box, as this will be important to the organising club when arranging run groups.

If you are entering an MX-5 Club run event, make sure your club membership number and expiry date are valid as noted above, otherwise you will be charged the full entry fee without the club member discount. Also as noted, this still might not work...

The first CAMS event you enter will be painful, but it will be much easier after that!

## 2.2 ARDC Event Entry System

The ARDC Event Entry System can be found here:

<https://www.ardconline.com.au/Account/Login>

If this is your first time in this portal, you will need to register, and set up your profile (sorry). Your CAMS ID can be used as your login ID, but you will need to choose another password for this portal.

Choose 'My Profile' and enter all the information it asks for. If you are driver and entrant (i.e. the care owner) then you need to enter all the information. This link gives you a head-start:

<https://www.ardconline.com.au/CompetitorEntry/ThingsYouNeedBeforeYouStart>

Click on 'Got It' and this will take you to the event selection page. Choose the event you want to apply for (A Supersprint in this case). 'Race Category' in the context of a NSW Supersprint means the 'Type' your car fits into (e.g. Type 1). 'Race Class' in this context means the class (e.g. 1C).

When you register for the Supersprint Series, you need to nominate the Type and Class that you intend to run in. That selection is for the purpose of scoring in the Supersprint Championship, and isn't directly related to this webpage, although the two should really line up. If they are different, then the Type/Class you are registered in is what counts.

After you've chosen the event, the Type and Class, click on 'Apply' to enter the event.

The Supplementary Regulations for the event will be linked into the event in this portal. Payment should be self-explanatory.

Note that for the Championship, in your registration form you will nominate a Club to which the points will be attributed for the Club Championship (in the case the MX-5 Club of NSW of course!). This over-rides whatever you put in your event entry.

### 2.3 Mini Car Club Round

As noted above, the Mini Car Club still use physical paper forms that must be filled out. They can however be scanned and emailed to the event secretary for the event.

If you are registered for the Supersprint Championship, the entry form will be emailed to you.

If not, then you'll need to get the entry from someone else, or from the Mini website (when general entries open).

## 3 Conclusion

The information provided above is intended to give you a head start when getting started in the NSW Supersprint Championship. It is only a guide, so don't blame the author if any of the details is wrong (things change). It might look complicated, but it isn't too bad once you become familiar with it.

Having said that, error updates or comments are welcomed.

Cheers,

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