



Supplementary Regulations

*Round 1 & 2 – 1 & 2 August 2025
Cairns Speedway*

*Round 3 & 4 – 8 & 9 August 2025
Cairns Speedway*

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WELCOME TO THUNDER IN THE CANEFIELDS 2025

Thunder in the Canefields is back at Cairns Speedway for two massive weekends of racing. Thunder in the Canefields returns as being exclusively club promoted by the Cairns Speedway club to make this into a “must do” event each season during the Winter. This event is for **360/LS Sprintcars** and supporting classes.

Thunder in the Canefields will be run with the support of Sprintcars Queensland.

Thunder in the Canefields will be run at Cairns Speedway. Supplementary Regulations apply any time before, during or after a race meeting and are not subject to appeal. Please direct any queries to Rob Goodwin, President, Cairns Speedway on 0404 849 387 or robwgoodwin55@gmail.com.

AMENDMENT OF THESE REGULATIONS

Cairns Speedway reserves the right to update, change or amend any of the Supplementary Regulations at any time and no correspondence will be entered into.

1. CONTACTS

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2. OFFICIALS / TRACK INFO

Chief Steward and assistant officials will be nominated by the Cairns Speedway.

Log books must be filled out and brought to and then collected from NQ Sprintcar representative. Indemnity form must be signed by driver before driver briefing.

Raceceivers on Channel 970 are compulsory.

Drivers briefing will be at approx. **5.30pm each Friday; 4.00pm each Saturday**

Engine Starts will be at approx. **6.30pm each Friday; 5:00pm each Saturday**.

Qualifying will commence from approx. **7.00pm each Friday; 5:30pm each Saturday**

3. CALENDAR

- Weekend #1
 - Round 1 - Friday August 1st 2025
 - Round 2 - Saturday August 2nd 2025
- Weekend #2
 - Round 3 - Friday August 8th 2025
 - Round 4 - Saturday August 9th 2025

The Series will be held across the above 4 nights of racing.

4. SERIES POINTS

The Thunder in the Canefields points structure will be as follows:

Total of points for Heats and Feature Races for the four nights.

If there are drivers tied on points after the completion of the last round, the tie breaker will be the driver who places highest over each of the four nights of Time Trials.

5. NOMINATIONS

Commitment fee for the Series will be \$250.00. **NB See “early nominations”**

You can pay your Commitment fee online – [link](#)

Note: If you are unable to follow a link, the Bank details for Cairns Speedway are:

BSB: 124-100

Account Number: 22309486

Account Name NQIMRA

Nominate directly to Cairns Speedway via online nomination on nominations.cairnsspeedway.com (required for program, marketing etc)

Bank account details to be supplied (for prizemoney & tow money transfer), payment to be made within 14 days after completion of the events.

Length of your transporter with the **tailgate down**

Nominations close on Saturday 5th July 2025 at 6pm.

Early Nominations - Nominations received **with full payment by 30th April 2025** will receive free entry to the Pits on the first night for Driver and two Crew with Speedway Licences.

There is **NO** tyre rule at this series.

6. RULES

This event will be run to the Sprintcar Control Council of Australia Racing Rules and Regulations supplemented by these Supplementary Regulations. All 360/LS Sprintcars must comply with the specifications within the current SCCA rule book.

All drivers must hold both a current Speedway Australia licence for Sprintcar Racing (AA-Sprintcars) & a SCCA licence. Crews must hold a minimum of a Speedway Australia pit entry/mechanic licence (Class C).

7. LAP-SCORING

Transponders will be used at all events. Transponders must be fitted on cars at all times. Drivers who do not have their own transponder must contact Cairns Speedway to arrange hire or use. Drivers who do not have a transponder fitted and/or working will forfeit their time or position.

8. BREAKING TRACTION

Once started drivers are not permitted to break traction (wheel spin) whilst the yellow light is on or until the chief steward directs the drivers over the receiver or directed by officials.

Any driver breaking traction prior to the form up directive will be advised to desist and may be subject to a penalty of Dangerous Driving.

Any driver that continues to break traction thereafter may be subject to disqualification.

9. WEIGHING OF CARS

During drivers' briefing the chief steward will advise the procedure for weighing cars during the meeting. The minimum standard will be all cars during qualifying, Heat winners and top 4 after the A Main event unless advised otherwise by the Chief Steward. The Chief Steward at any time can direct a driver to report to the scales.

Failure to report to the scales when directed will result in a disqualification from the race in question.

10. PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Drivers competing in this event may be required to be involved in promotional activities including but not limited to: Grand Parade, autograph sessions or interviews on the day. Once notified at drivers meeting, failure to comply will incur a 10-point penalty.

11. RACE DAY FORMAT

i) Drivers Briefing

All drivers are required to attend drivers briefing. Failure to do so could subject the driver to penalty, such as but not limited to: if a points format a 10 point deduction after heats; or if a transfer format a 5 sec penalty to a driver's best time. Drivers must attend drivers briefing in their race wear.

ii) Engine Starts and Wheel Packing

Time for engine starts will be nominated on the meeting run sheet and drivers are expected to be ready at the nominated time. Failure to do so could deem a driver does not get a start. The need for wheel packing will be determined and communicated from the promoter. If wheel packing is required it is expected that all drivers present will do equal share. If the Chief Steward deems a driver not to have done their fair share they could be subject to a points / time penalty.

iii) Hot Laps

4 laps in groups of 4 cars (Hot Lap order via Pill Draw)

iv) Qualifying

- Qualifying – will be a time trial format, 2 laps one car at a time
- Groups will be determined at the Driver's Briefing via a Pill Draw
- There will be no points for qualifying
- Qualifying will be used to rank the cars based 1 – 30 or the specific number of cars at the event

v) Heats

- There will be two rounds of heats
- Heats will have a maximum of 12 cars
- All heats will be 10 laps

vi) First Round of Heats

- The first round of heats will be "Heads Up" determined by the fastest qualifier to the front of heat 1, second fastest to the front of heat 2, etc

vii) Second Round of Heats

- The second round of heats will be an inversion of the top 8 cars (if 12 car heat), and swapping rows from the first round of heats
- Fastest qualifying times will be used to split cars that are tied on points after the heats and determine the starting order for the feature

viii) B Main (if Required)

- Will be cars 15th to 34th on points
- The race will be over 15 laps, the first 6 placegetters to the rear of the A Main and take up positions 15 through 20

ix) A Main

- The highest point scorer after the heats will start out of P1.
- The highest 14 point scorers directly into the A Main
- The race will be over 30 laps. Highest point scorer will be given lane choice on the front row only

x) Change of format

If for whatever reason the format needs to change due to unforeseen circumstances, the management of the track reserves the right to change the format which will be communicated to the drivers via a drivers briefing to explain the revised format, depending on car count, how it would be implemented.

xi) Field Sizes

All heat fields will have a maximum of 12 cars.

All main events will have a maximum of **20 cars** for feature races.

xii) Main Event Presentation

Time permitting, a 4 wide presentation lap prior to the main event and will commence and conclude on the direction of the chief steward. If any car stops due to an incident during the presentation lap they will be allowed to restart in their qualified position. All instruction will be given to the drivers via the receiver.

xiii) Post Event Scrutineering

All post-race checks/inspections will be as directed by the chief steward or the Sprintcars Queensland officials. Failure to comply with any requests from the chief steward or officials will result in a disqualification from that race. All cars completing a race shall be regarded as being in Parc Ferme conditions and cannot be touched by any crew member or driver until permission is granted by the Chief Steward.

POINTS ALLOCATION

Heat Points:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	12	7 th	6
2 nd	11	8 th	5
3 rd	10	9 th	4
4 th	9	10 th	3
5 th	8	11 th	2
6 th	7	12 th	1

Main Features:

A Main		B Main	
1 st	34	1 st	TRF
2 nd	33	2 nd	TRF
3 rd	32	3 rd	TRF
4 th	31	4 th	TRF
5 th	30	5 th	TRF
6 th	29	6 th	TRF
7 th	28	7 th	14
8 th	27	8 th	13
9 th	26	9 th	12
10 th	25	10 th	11
11 th	24	11 th	10
12 th	23	12 th	9
13 th	22	13 th	8
14 th	21	14 th	7
15 th	20	15 th	6
16 th	19	16 th	5
17 th	18	17 th	4
18 th	17	18 th	3
19 th	16	19 th	2
20 th	15	20 th	1

Tow Money

Tow Money of \$1,000 will be paid to cars travelling from Rockhampton south.

To qualify, the nominated car must compete in the complete series.

OVERALL PRIZE MONEY

To be paid at the conclusion of Thunder In The Canefields and consists of the Series Prize Fund PLUS the Round(s) Prize Fund as listed below.

SERIES PRIZE FUND

Thunder in the Canefields (**overall**) will pay out \$6,000 in series money to the top 3 drivers of the series.

#	Series Prize
1st	\$3,000
2nd	\$2,000
3rd	\$1,000

ROUND PRIZE FUND (Each Round)

Prize Money per round will be as follows and will be paid by the Promoters.

	Each Night (4 Nights)	
#	A Main	B Main
1st	\$ 2,000	Transfer to A
2nd	\$ 1,400	Transfer to A
3rd	\$ 900	Transfer to A
4th	\$ 400	Transfer to A
5th	\$ 175	-
6th	\$ 125	-
7th	\$ 100	-
8th	\$ 100	-
9th	\$ 100	-
10th	\$ 100	-
Total	\$5,400.00	-

Total for Series Feature Races - \$5,400 x 4. \$21,600

Total Series Prizemoney \$27,600.