



**2024 Pitcher Partners Winton 300**  
**SPECIAL REGULATIONS**  
9TH-11TH August 2024



**1. ENTRIES**

- 1.1 Competitors must enter online. **Only fully completed entry forms will be accepted.**
- 1.2 The first 48 fully completed entries will be accepted; entries received after this will be placed on a waiting list in the order they are received.
- 1.3 Co-Driver details are required at time of entry. Entrant and Driver 1 must be fully completed at time of entry.
- 1.4 Entries will be accepted in order of entry time and payment. Payments via Credit Card are encouraged, as Direct Deposits take time to process.

**2. THE RACE**

- 2.1 The Winton 300 is a race for invited vehicles (excluding V8 Supercars and GT cars) such as Production Cars, Super TT, Production Sports, Improved Production, BMW E30s, Porsche 944s, Mazda MX5s, Hyundai Excels and Nissan Pulsars and will be run over 300 kilometres (100 laps) of Winton Motor Raceway. Each vehicle entering the Winton 300 will be driven by one (1), two (2) or three (3) drivers.
- 2.2 The event organisers reserve the right to reject an entry based on the car being too fast or inappropriate for the event.
- 2.3 The type of tyres that may be used is unrestricted. At no time during practice, qualifying or racing may the tread, when measured at any point, be less than 1.5mm depth, save that this does not apply to the shoulder of the tyre where excessive wear may occur due to steering and cornering.
- 2.4 Tyre changes during qualifying is prohibited. The same tyres must be used throughout all qualifying sessions.
- 2.5 Tyre changes during the race (i.e. during a pit stop) are permitted.
- 2.6 A full threaded wheel nut must be used with a minimum of 9 full turns to engage the wheel on the hub
- 2.7 Pit crew are also reminded that they must “torque” each wheel nut up to the appropriate settings.

**3. PRACTICE**

- 3.1 All drivers must practice in their nominated car.
- 3.2 To be permitted to start the race, all drivers must complete at least two laps in practice or seek special dispensation from the Clerk of the Course.

#### **4. QUALIFYING and GRID POSITIONS**

- 4.1 **Qualifying** will be one 30-minute session this can be completed by either driver.  
The driver must be nominated to the Clerk Of Course 30 minutes before Qualifying.  
This will set the grid positions for the qualifying sprint race to be held on the Saturday.

#### **5. STARTING DRIVER NOMINATION**

- 5.1 All entrants must nominate their starting driver for the Sprint Race & Winton 300, by notifying the Clerk of Course, no later than 30 minutes after qualifying has finished on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
- 5.2 Failure to nominate the starting driver by this time will result in the vehicle commencing the Winton 300 at the rear of the grid.

#### **6. START PROCEDURE**

- 6.1 All cars must be in the pre-grid prior to the 1-minute board. Failure to do so will result in starting from Pit Lane
- 6.2 All Competitors will be shown a green flag in marshalling area to open the pit lane. The field is to proceed on a warm up lap to their grid position on the main straight and stop in their grid position until all cars are in position.
- 6.3 The Starter will wave green flag and display warm up lap board as the field moves off behind the Safety Car (SC).
- 6.4 The starting procedure will be a rolling start.
- 6.5 A Safety Car (SC) with flashing lights will lead the competitors on the warm up lap(s). The SC lights will be extinguished prior to Turn 10 and the SC will peel off. The pole-sitter will then maintain the speed set by the Safety Car. If the starter is satisfied that all cars are formed up correctly, he will indicate the start of the race by waving the green flag.

#### **7. SAFETY CAR**

- 7.1 During the event, incidents may occur which will require the deployment of the Safety Car. The purpose of the Safety Car is to control the field of competing cars so the appropriate response to incidents is possible.
- 7.2 Pit Lane will function as normal during Safety Car conditions, except that Pit Exit will be closed as the Safety Car exits Turn 12 until the car at the end of the S/C Train passes Pit Exit.
- 7.3 All laps completed under Safety Car conditions will be counted as race laps.

#### **8. DRIVERS**

- 8.1 A driver may only enter in (1) car in the event. There will be no cross-entries.
- 8.2 All drivers will be issued with a small adhesive label supplied by the organisers which must be placed on the RIGHT-HAND SIDE of the driver's helmet for right hand drive cars and on the LEFT-HAND SIDE for left hand drive cars to assist in driver identification.
- 8.3 No driver, in a multi driver entry, may do more than seventy percent (70%) of the total race distance which is seventy (70) laps of the one hundred (100) laps race distance

**9. DIVISIONS**

- 9.1 Divisions for the Winton 300 will be determined by the fastest qualifying lap time of each car.
- 9.2 There will be five divisions in total. If any car records a lap time faster than the fastest time for their division on more than two (2) occasions will be penalised as per 28.1.J
- 9.3 No car is permitted to go faster than 1:26.00 at any time during the weekend, including official practice, qualifying, or the race. Any car which goes faster than 1:26.00 will receive warnings for the first two infringements and will be excluded from the meeting.
- 9.4 Upon the third infringement. Any times faster than 1:26.00 in official practice or qualifying will be disallowed. With the approval of the Clerk of Course, a competitor may nominate a faster division, no later than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the sprint race.
- 9.5 The Clerk of Course reserves the right to re-allocate vehicles into Divisions based on previous lap times recorded, including times from practice at the event, or previous events.
- 9.6 Trophies will be awarded to the top three competitors in each division and the top three outright placegetters.

**10. COMPULSORY PIT STOP (CPS)**

- 10.1 The minimum number and time of CPS for all cars will be as follows:

| Division | Qualifying lap time    | Number of CPS         |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| A        | 1:26.0000 to 1:30.9999 | 2 x 5min              |
| B        | 1:31.0000 to 1:33.9999 | 1 x 5min + 1 x 2.5min |
| C        | 1:34.0000 to 1:37.9999 | 1 x 5min              |

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| D | 1:38.0000 to 1:41.9999 | 1 x 5min |
| E | 1:42.0000 and slower   | 1 x 5min |

- 10.2 The CPS time will be calculated from the time the car crosses the Timing Line at Pit Entry to the time the car crosses the Timing Line at Pit Exit.
- 10.3 On completion of a CPS, the Pit Observer will log the time and work completed during CPS.
- 10.4 Failure to complete the CPS satisfactorily will result in a penalty at the discretion of the Clerk of Course.
- 10.5 The window for Compulsory Pit Stops will be open from when the Race Leader crosses the Start Line to commence Lap 20 until the Race Leader crosses the Start Line to complete Lap 70.
- 10.6 The opening and closing of the CPS Window will be indicated by a Siren and Pit Open or Pit Closed Board displayed at the Starters Rostrum.
- 10.7 If the Safety Car is deployed during the CPS Window, the CPS Window will not be extended.
- 10.8 Compulsory Pit Stops can be completed during Safety Car periods.
- 10.9 Pit Stops outside of the CPS are allowed at any time.
- 10.10 Failure to attempt a CPS will result in a penalty.
- 10.11 The driver's safety harness must be fastened before the vehicle leaves its allocated pit bay.
- 10.12 All crew, except the Car Controller, and equipment must return behind the prescribed control line before the vehicle can leave its allocated pit bay.

## 11. DRIVERS BRIEFING

- 11.1 Attendance is compulsory for all drivers and failure to be present or on time at the Briefing will incur a penalty for the entry.
- 11.2 The Drivers & Team Manager/Car Controller Briefing will be conducted in the Drivers Briefing Room.
- 11.3 The Drivers Team Manager/Car Controller Briefing will be advised in Further Regulations.
- 11.4 If any further Driver and/or Team Manager/Car Controller Briefings are required, they will be advised at the meeting.

## 12. PIT LANE ALLOCATION AND BEHAVIOUR

- 12.1 Pit Lane/Garage allocation will be allocated in the order of receipt of completed entry.
- 12.2 There will be a 40kph speed limit in pit lane. Care must always be taken not to interfere with any other competitor or crew.
- 12.3 Any competitor entering or exiting Pit Lane at a speed in excess of 40kph or in an unsafe manner, may be penalised at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
- 12.4 Any vehicle reversing under power in Pit Lane will be penalised; however, pushing a vehicle backwards when it is safe to do so is acceptable.
- 12.5 Smoking in Pit Lane is strictly prohibited.
- 12.6 Children under the age of 16 years will not be permitted in pit lane.
- 12.7 All personnel must wear appropriate non-flammable clothing, which incorporates long sleeves, long trousers and shoes and socks when within 2 (two) meters of any refuelling.

### **13. REFUELLING PERSONNEL BRIEFING**

- 13.1 Attendance is compulsory for all drivers and failure to be present or on time at the Briefing may incur a penalty for the entry.
- 13.2 The Refuelling Personnel Briefing will be conducted in the Drivers Briefing Room located in the North Paddock.
- 13.3 The Refuelling Personnel Briefing time will be advised in Further Regulations.
- 13.4 If any further Refuelling Personnel Briefings are required, they will be advised at the meeting.

### **14. OTHER PIT STOP REQUIREMENTS AND MAINTENANCE IN PIT LANE**

- 14.1 A Car Controller must be appointed for each vehicle, who is responsible for the safe conduct of any pit stop and specifically for the safe release of the vehicle at the conclusion of the pit stop.
- 14.2 Should a driver change be performed, the drivers may assist each other to exit and enter the vehicle. Alternatively, a driver's assistant may be used to assist with a driver change or a single driver exiting and re-entering the vehicle.
- 14.3 The Car Controller may only cross the prescribed line into pit lane one (1) lap prior to the pit stop.
- 14.4 A maximum number of five (5) crew members will be permitted to attend to a vehicle during pit stops. This does not include drivers assisting each other or drivers' assistants when changing drivers.

- 14.5 If repairs or adjustments are required underneath the car, jack stands must be in place after the vehicle is raised.
- 14.6 Jacking (lifting) equipment is limited to one (1) only manually operated hydraulic trolley jack. The removal and replacement of wheels must be done with either a manual wheel brace or a pneumatic air operated tool. Electric or battery-powered rattle guns can be used, but a Fire Marshall must be on standby with an extinguisher during the use of this equipment.
- 14.7 No work is to be conducted on the vehicle whilst re-fuelling is taking place.

## **15. FUEL**

- 15.1 Competitors are not permitted to bring their own fuel on site. Fuel must be purchased from the supplier at the Circuit. No other fuel supplier will be permitted to access the Circuit.
- 15.2 Competitors using fuel that does not comply will be excluded and charged with a breach of the regulations.
- 15.3 A fuel handling and storage depot is located at the end of the South Paddock.
- 15.4 If fuel is to be transported or stored in a container the containers must meet AS2906. Metal containers are preferred.
- 15.5 Due to local WorkSafe Victoria requirements each Competitor may only store two (2) x twenty (20) Litre drums of fuel at any time except during the race event.

## **16. RE-FUELLING**

- 16.1 All refuelling personnel must be completely attired clothing of flameproof construction. This means overalls or long sleeves and trousers. gloves and balaclavas must be worn and any resultant exposed areas (e.g. eyes) must be covered to minimise risk of injury from flash fire burns (e.g. by goggles/glasses). The wearing of a full-face helmet is recommended in addition to the above.
- 16.2 The refuelling equipment must be as per AASA Appendix 6 – Refuelling Process & Approved Devices.
- 16.3 At all times refuelling of the vehicle must only be carried out in Pit lane or the area designated as a refuel zone.
- 16.4 The maximum number of persons permitted to assist in refuelling the car is two (2) plus the car controller and the fire marshals

- 16.5 At all times during the refuelling of the car, one (1) person must act as the fire attendant and must be ready and located less than one metre behind the person refuelling the vehicle with a working fire extinguisher (not less than 4.5kg).
- 16.6 The fire attendant must not participate in any other activities other than the duties of a fire attendant during the entire activity.
- 16.7 Competitors must provide one (1) x up to date, tagged and fully functional dry powder fire extinguisher (of a minimum capacity of 4.5kg with 9kg fire extinguishers being strongly recommended) per car under their control.
- 16.8 Smoking is not permitted in pit lane, the pit lane garages and/or the paddock during the meeting.
- 16.9 At all times when filling or emptying refuelling devices in the pit lane garage all personnel must be fully attired in the apparel as prescribed in the re-fuelling sections of these regulations. Competitors must also ensure that a similarly attired attendant, with a 4.5kg fire extinguisher be present.
- 16.10 The car must be connected to the other grounding connection (earthed) for the duration of all refuelling operations.
- 16.11 Teams are permitted to practice their refuelling outside of Winton 300 session times provided that all personal are properly attired.
- 16.12 The vehicle must always be stationary during re-fuelling.
- 16.13 It is advisable to notify the designated officials of your intended re-fuelling no less than one (1) lap before attempting the stop.
- 16.14 It is compulsory for any pit stop where re-fuelling is taking place to take **2:30 (two minutes and thirty seconds)** from the time the car enters Pit Lane (40 km/h sign) until the car exits Pit Lane (speed de-restriction sign).
- 16.15 Cars must turn off their engine before re-fuelling starts. Turbocharged vehicles are exempt from turning off their engine but must comply with rule 20.16 below.
- 16.16 Turbocharged vehicles are permitted to leave their engines running but must have a second appropriately- attired fire attendant stationed at the front of the car with a minimum capacity of 4.5kg (9kg fire extinguishers being strongly recommended). This attendant is additional to the three (3) re-fuelling personnel.
- 16.17 Where the fuel filler of the vehicle is located over a wheel, the wheel must be covered by a flame-retardant material to prevent the spilling of fuel on hot brakes.
- 16.18 Competitors spilling fuel on the ground during refuelling will be penalised in accordance with 29.1.C
- 16.19 All re-fuelling equipment must be scrutineered before racing commences.
- 16.20 No other work on the car may take place until re-fuelling has been completed.

16.21 Once re-fuelling has been completed, please refer to 17.4 for crew members that are allowed to work on the vehicle.

## **17. PIT CREW**

17.1 All crew members must complete the Organiser's Indemnity form and received the designated armband before entering Pit Lane. Failure to do so will result in the associated competing vehicle being excluded from the meeting.

## **18. PIT SIGNALLING WALL**

18.1 No more than three (3) persons per race vehicle may be at the signalling wall at any time and then only persons who have been nominated on the official entry form and completed the required indemnity form are permitted in Pit Lane (outside garages).

## **19. RECOVERY**

19.1 If a vehicle stops on the track during a race or practice, the driver must retire to a safe place until the recovery crews arrive, and then return immediately to their vehicle to assist the recovery crews.

19.2 Any competitor in a vehicle being towed must have their safety equipment on until they return to the pit lane.

19.3 All vehicles must be fitted with a towing eye front and rear.

## **20. ENTRY PASSES**

20.1 Each Winton 300 entry will be entitled to one (1) pass per driver and six (6) pit/paddock passes.

## **21. IN CAR CAMERAS**

21.1 In-car video cameras will only be permitted if official permission is given by the Clerk of Course and the mounting of the camera is approved by the meeting scrutineers.

## **22. SPONSOR DECALS**

22.1 Each vehicle must display any sponsor decals provided by the event organiser, failure to display the sponsor decals as provided and instructed, will result in the vehicle not being allowed to enter the circuit.

## **23. TWO WAY RADIOS / PIT CREW RADIOS**

23.1 The use of two-way communications (or single way) is encouraged.

23.2 Competitors will supply the event organiser with their frequencies. This will be used at the event to try and minimise communications issues.





23.3 Competitors are reminded that we will be in a dense area, and the use of certain frequencies may cause interference. If you're unsure about frequencies/channels, we suggest you get in contact with a professional.

## **24. PENALTIES**

24.1 All penalties will be at the discretion of the Clerk of Course and Judges of Fact. Event penalty details will be in further regulations.