2026 NSW Championship Series

Welcome to a preview of this season's NSW Championship Series including the race Brackets, race formats, point allocations, rewards, and everything else you need to know about the 2026 NSW Championship Series, where prize money, trophies and other rewards await the Series' Champions and Runners-up at the conclusion of eight rounds of racing.

It's going to be a great season; one you won't want to miss!

Competition Brackets

Iconicote Boosted Outlaws: Open to all supercharged, nitrous, turbo, or pro-charged dragsters, Funny Cars, altered and sedans running 0.00 – 7.99. DYO with a full Sportsman Tree. Race Format is as follows:

- For 4-12 entrants: Chicago Shootout with minimum one qualifying round. If a competitor does not record a sub-7.99 time in qualifying, they may be seeded at the bottom of the field at the Meeting Director's discretion based on past performance but must dial in at 7.99 or quicker.
- For Events with 13 or more entrants: Minimum one qualifying rounds and traditional Elimination format racing.
- If insufficient entries are received, Dragsters, Altereds and Funny Cars will be moved to Modified Eliminator. Doored cars will be moved to Top Sportsman.
- Top Fuel or Nitro Funny Car vehicles are prohibited from running in Boosted Outlaws. Other nitro vehicles will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Platinum Powder Coating Modified Eliminator: All Modified Eliminator vehicles running 0.00 – 10.99 in DYO Elimination format competitionusing a Sportsman Tree. **Qualifying based on Reaction Time**. Lane choice first round is on qualifying order thenevery round after is on dial-in.

Micks Metal Roofing Top Sportsman: Open to self-starting sedans, wagons and Utes running 0.00 – 8.99 in DYO Elimination format competition using a Sportsman Tree. **Qualifying based on Reaction Time**. Lane choice first round is on qualifyingorder then every round after is on dial-in.

Go Logstics Super Sedan: All Super Sedan vehicles running 8.50 – 10.99 in DYO Elimination format competition using a SportsmanTree. **Qualifying based on Reaction Time**. (**Note**: Competitors cannot dial-in quicker than 8.50-seconds. If you qualify under 8.50-seconds you will be seeded at the bottom of the field).

Bikereview.com.au Modified Bike: Open to all Competition Bike and Modified Bike entrants running 0.00 – 11.99 in DYO Eliminationformat competition using a Sportsman Tree. **Qualifying based on Reaction Time**. Lane choice first round is onqualifying order then every round after is on dial-in.

Powerplus Fuels Super Street: Super Street vehicles running 10.00 – 12.99 in DYO Elimination format competition using a SportsmanTree. **Qualifying based on Reaction Time**.

Super Gas: Super Gas vehicles running on a 9.90 index in Elimination format competition using a Pro Tree.

Extreme Bike: Open to all bikes running quicker than 8.49-seconds in Pro Tree, Heads-Up, Chicago Shootout format competition with minimum one qualifying round. If a competitor does not record a sub-8.49 time in qualifying, they may be seeded at the bottom of the field at the Meeting Director's discretion. Nitro bikes are prohibited.

Trophy Brackets

Speedflow Junior Dragster: Junior Dragster and Junior Funny Car vehicles running DYO Elimination format competition using a Sportsman Tree.

Speedflow Junior Drag Bike: Junior Dragster vehicles running DYO format competition using a Sportsman Tree. Race Format is as follows:

- For 4-12 entrants: Chicago Shootout with minimum one qualifying round. If a competitor does not record a time in qualifying, they may be seeded at the bottom of the field at the Meeting Director's discretion.
- For Events with 13 or more entrants: Minimum one qualifying rounds and traditional Elimination format racing.

Jetters HQ Street Fighter: Open to street cars running 13.00-seconds and slower in DYO Elimination format competition using a Sportsman Tree**. Qualifying based on Reaction Time.**

Heavy Duty Magazine Street Bike: Open to street bikes running 10.00-seconds and slower in DYO Elimination format competition using aSportsman Tree. **Qualifying based on Reaction Time.** (**Note**: No wheelie bars permitted).

Real Street: Open to off-street vehicles compliant with IHRA Australia Real Street rules running 9.00 - 13.99 in DYO Eliminations using a Sportsman Tree. **Qualifying based on Reaction Time**. If insufficient entries are received, vehicles will be moved to another bracket as appropriate to their class.

Competitor Entry Fees

Bracket	*Entry Fee*	*Note: Event entry includes 2 X "Racer Guest" tickets*
Boosted Outlaws	$260	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 6 crew members
Extreme Bike	$260	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Modified	$260	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Top Sportsman	$260	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 4 crew members
Super Sedan	$260	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Modified Bike	$260	Includes rider, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Super Street	$260	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Real Street	$160	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Junior Dragster	$160	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Junior Drag Bike	$160	Includes rider, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Super Gas	$260	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 3 crew members
Street Fighter	$160	Includes driver, vehicle, plus 1 crew member
Street Bike	$160	Includes rider, vehicle, plus 1 crew member

***Please Note**: Competitor entries will close at 9am on the Wednesday prior to each scheduled Event. Entries submitted past this time may be declined. A late entry fee of $100 will apply for any entry submitted past the advertised cut-off time.*

Championship Series' Round Dates

Round	Date	Early Registration/Scrutineering Date	Early Reg Times
1	Saturday, February 7th, 2026	Friday, February 6th, 2026	6pm - 9pm
2	Saturday, March 14th, 2026	Friday, March 13th, 2026	6pm - 9pm
3	Saturday, April 11th, 2026	Friday, April 10th, 2026	6pm - 9pm
4	Saturday, July 18th, 2026	Friday, July 17th, 2026	6pm - 9pm
5	Saturday, August 15th, 2026	Friday, August 14th, 2026	6pm - 9pm
6	Saturday, October 17th, 2026	Friday, October 16th, 2026	6pm - 9pm
7	Saturday, November 14th, 2026	Friday, November 13th 2026	6pm - 9pm
8	Saturday, December 12th, 2026	Friday, December 11th, 2026	6pm - 9pm

***Note 1:** Dates/times may be subject to change. Please check the Sydney Dragway website (sydneydragway.com.au) or Facebook page for any updates.*

***Note 2:** Competitors are allowed to set up their pit area and leave equipment overnight during the Early Registration/Scrutineering period. Anyone planning to stay on site overnight is required to purchase an overnight pass. These can be purchased when entering the event or on the day of the event.*

2026 Championship Series' Conditions

- Must display Series decal and Bracket sponsor decal to receive points and prize money.
- The Series will be contested over eight (8) rounds, unless stated otherwise in the individual class rules.
- If a Round of the Series is cancelled due to weather conditions or other circumstances, points will be awarded up to the point that racing was stopped. If no eliminations are run, all racers that are present and have attempted at least one (1) qualifier will receive 20 points.
- All Competition Brackets posted will be scheduled provided there are at least four (4) confirmed entries are received by 9:00am Wednesday prior to the scheduled Event.
- To receive Win/Lose points a minimum of four (4) vehicles must attempt to qualify and a minimum of three (3) vehicles must attempt to run first round of Eliminations (or Chicago Shootout)**.** If not, no Win/Lose points will be awarded, and 20 Qualifying points only will be awarded to each confirmed entrant in attendance.
- To receive First Round Lose points, you must cross the burnout box under your own power.
- Lane choice for first round is on qualifying order. Every roundafter will be based on quicker dial-in or ET.
- For any other round of racing in eliminations format, if a competitor fails to present to the starter for a round, they will be entitled to the loser (lose) points for that round (e.g. a no-show to the second round entitles a competitor to second round loss points).
- Non-self-starting vehicles cannot be re-started after entering the water box. (NOTE: For further information, refer to Racing Regulation 14 – 'Starting and Staging' in the Sydney Dragway Track Regulations).
- Sydney Dragway Supplementary Track Regulations apply in full throughout the Series.
- The Series is open to and welcomes all NSW and interstate competitors and their crew.
- The defending National Series champions reserve the right to run #1 on their vehicle during championship events.

Chicago Shootout

For all brackets running Chicago Shootout, the Sydney Dragway Chicago Shootout seeding system will be used. This system runs as follows:

- Round One: Random Pairings
- Round Two: IHRA Australia Pro Seeding
- Round Three: IHRA Australia Sportsman Seeding
- A-Final: Two highest points scorers after three rounds of racing

Points are allocated each round as follows:

- Win: Two (2) points
- Loss: One (1) point
- No-Show: Zero (0) points

Other format rules are as follows:

- In the case of uneven fields in any Round, the bye runs will be allocated in the following preference order:
  - First Bye: Top Qualifier
  - Second Bye: 2nd placed Qualifier
  - Third Bye: 3rd placed Qualifier
- No racer can be given more than one (1) scheduled bye run per event
- Seeding may be adjusted before each round to account for the following:
  - No racers paired against each other more than once (excluding final)
  - Breakages to ensure minimal number of bye runs
  - Adjustment to ensure adherence to one (1) scheduled bye run rule
- To qualify for the loss point, a racer must cross the burnout box under their own power.
- If a tiebreaker is required to determine the A-Final pairing, the process is as follows:
  - Countback from Round 3 based on the following criteria:
    - Closest to Dial In without breaking out (Dial Your Own Brackets)
    - Quickest relative to index without breaking out (Super Gas), or
    - Quickest ET (Heads-Up Brackets)
  - A racer is not required to win their Round 3 race to be eligible for countback.
  - Any run where an infraction has occurred (e.g. Red Light or Breakout) will NOT be included in the countback procedure.
  - If there is still a tie, this will revert to countback for Round 2, following the above process. Any racer that has been excluded during the Round 3 countback will NOT be reinstated in the countback procedure for Round 2.

Best Package Spot Prize

Sydney Dragway will be offering a spot prize for the best package during the first round of eliminations at every event. Rules are as follows:

- The prize is open to every DYO bracket plus Super Gas
- The prize will be awarded to the racer with the best combined reaction time and closest to dial in/index of an individual run
- The prize will only be awarded during the first round of Eliminations (Eliminations format) or first round of racing (Chicago Shootout format)
- A racer is not required to win their race to be eligible
- Any run where the racer has either red lighted, committed a boundary infraction or broken out will not be eligible
- The prize is $300 which will be paid out post-event
- If two or more racers have an identical package, the tiebreak will go to the racer that set the package first during Round 1. If the identical packages are set during the same run in Round 1, then second tiebreak will go to the racer awarded the race win

Perfect Light Spot Prize

Sydney Dragway will be offering a spot prize for the first 0.000 reaction time recoded during the third round of qualifying (or first round of racing for brackets with two qualifiers) at every event. Rules are as follows:

- The prize is open to every bracket
- The prize will be awarded to the racer with the first 0.000 reaction time regardless of bracket
- The prize is an Odyssey Batteries voucher which will be handed out during the event

Racing Licence

Competitors must hold a current full IHRA Competition Licence for their type of vehicle to compete in the Series (except Street Fighter and Street Bike). For licence requirements for your class, please refer to the IHRA Australia website.

Round Results

- Prize money will be paid as soon as possible following each event. It is the responsibility of the competitor to provide correct banking details after each event to prevent delay in payment.
- Round results will be updated on the Sydney Dragway website as soon as possible following each Event.
- In the situation where an event is rained-off or otherwise called off before its completion, points and prize money will be awarded to the last completed round of racing.
- If an event commences and is rained-off or otherwise called off before the completion of Round 1 of

eliminations, qualifying points will be awarded.

- If an event is called off before the commencement of qualifying, entries will be refunded, and no points will be awarded.

Championship Series Points Allocation per Round

Actual Field Size	Winner	R/Up	Semi	Qtr	Rnd	Rnd	Rnd	Rnd	Qualify
65 – 128	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
33 – 64	100	90	80	70	60	50	40		20
17 – 32	100	90	80	70	60	50			20
9 – 16	100	90	80	70	60				20
5 – 8	100	90	80	70					20
3 – 4	100	90	80						20
1 – 2									20

***Please Note**: 3-4 points allocation will only apply if a minimum of 4 vehicles qualify for the event.*

Chicago Shootout					
Win	**R/Up**	**3rd/4th**	**5th – 8th**	**9th – 16th**	**Qualify**
100	90	80	70	60	20

Championship Series Rewards

Round Winner and Round Runner-Up (except for Trophy Brackets)

Round Winner Rewards	Round Runner-Up Rewards
$250 plus Winner Trophy	$125 plus Runner-Up Trophy

Series Champion Rewards	Series Runner-Up Rewards
$2000 plus Series Winner Trophy 4 X GA spectator tickets to 2026 Sydney Dragway Events (excludes Third-Party Events)	$1000 plus Series Runner-Up Trophy

All classes: A minimum of six (6) rounds must be contested with Win/Lose points awarded to receive full Series prize money. For five (5) rounds or less (Win/Lose points awarded), prize money will be awarded pro-rata. Any weather-affected Event where confirmed minimum entry numbers were met will count as a Round.

Boosted Outlaws: To be eligible to be crowned series champion or series runner-up, an individual racer must have attended a minimum of six (6) rounds in the Series.

Round 7 Bonus Points: As of November 2nd, bonus points will be awarded to all entrants competing in Round 7 to compensate for event cancellations earlier in the season. Bonus points will be equal to 1.5x the normal points allocation for that round (e.g. the Winner of Round 7 will receive 150 points, Runner-Up 135, etc.). These points will apply for all brackets.

Round 8 Bonus Points: Bonus points will be awarded to all entrants competing in Round 8. Bonus points will be equal to 1.5x the normal points allocation for that round (e.g. the Winner of Round 8 will receive 150 points, Runner-Up 135, etc.). These points will apply for all brackets.

Contingencies

In the event of a tie in points for a Series Championship, the title will be awarded to the competitor who lasts longest in eliminations or is the better performer at the final NSW Championship Series event contested. For the purposes of determining 'better performer', infractions on a run will be considered under the 'first or worse principle' (e.g. a red light in the second round is considered worse than a standard loss in the second round), however other metrics such as closest to dial-in or best package will not be considered.

If still tied, the countback process will move on to the previous event and so on until the winner is determined.

Perpetual Trophies

At the end of each season, the following perpetual trophies will be awarded alongside championship trophies:

Coral Dyer Award: This trophy is awarded to the best-performing female racer for the season. As of the 2026 season, the trophy will be awarded to the female with the highest championship position in their respective bracket. If two or more racers are tied, first countback will be most points scored over the season, followed by most event wins.

Darren Shepard Award: This trophy is awarded to the winningest motorcycle rider. The trophy will be awarded to the motorcycle rider with the most event wins during the season in their respective bracket. If two or more racers are tied, first countback will be most points scored over the season, followed by highest championship position in their respective bracket.

Best Newcomer Award: This trophy is awarded to the best-performing newcomer to the NSW Championship Series. To be eligible, the racer can not have competed in more than two (2) events prior to the start of the season, and must complete a minimum of four (4) events during the season. Racers must advise the Sydney Dragway office during the season if they want to be considered for the Best Newcomer Award to allow Sydney Dragway management to verify eligibility. The trophy will be awarded to the newcomer with the most points during the season. If two or more racers are tied, first countback will be highest championship position in their respective brackets, followed by most events participated.

Testing, Grudge Runs and Licensing

No testing is permitted at any NSW Championship Event.

Grudge runs may be permitted, if time allows, around Semi-Final/Finals time. Our priority must remain focused on the competition itself – maintaining and completing an Event's schedule and achieving final round results for each Event.

Licensing for any NSW Championship Series' Bracket will be permitted at each Round of the Series under the followingconditions:

- Licensing opportunities will be limited to a maximum 10 pre-entered competitors per Round. No "On-Day" licensing entrants will be permitted. Please note: "Licensing" should not be confused with "Testing".
- A competitor who enters the Event intending to test their vehicle without completing any licencing will not be permitted to run during the Event and will not be refunded for entry fees paid.
- If a competitor completes their licencing and is signed off by an IHRA Australia steward before the first round of eliminations, they may be seeded in the field. Their final time recorded during licencing will be counted as a qualifying pass.
- If a competitor does not complete licensing and is not signed off by an IHRA Australia steward, they may not be seeded in the field.
- There will be a maximum of four (4) licensing time slots included in each Round's schedule. Additional licencing slots may be included at the discretion of the Meeting Director if time allows.
- A licensing competitor understands that priority will be given to competition brackets, and if the Event is running behind schedule one (1) or more licensing time slot will be dropped from the schedule.
- There will be a minimum of three (3) dedicated licensing time slots included in each Round's schedule, unless the Event suffers a rainout, or the Event schedule is otherwise modified due to inclement weather or circumstances beyond venue management's control.
- **Note 1**: It is the licensing competitor's responsibility to make arrangements with IHRA Australia to ensure an appropriate IHRA Steward is in attendance to observe their licensing passes as required.
- **Note 2**: There will be no licensing opportunities where a Round of the NSW Championship Series runs in conjunction with a major Event featuring Pro Category Brackets or other track Feature Brackets.

"Racer Guest Ticket" Initiative

For each entrant – at each round of the Series – Sydney Dragway will add two (2) free Racer Guest spectator tickets to your normal ticket allocation. These Racer Guest tickets are for your sponsors or prospective sponsors, business partners, friends, and family members. We hope this will encourage people to come and experience the Events first-hand – eventually to become regular spectators and supporters of the venue and perhaps even to invest in the racers and the sport overall.

"Racer Discount Tickets"

Single Day Tickets are available to purchase at the time of entry at a cost of $15 plus fees per ticket. These tickets will not be available after the close of entries.

Thank you for your support... We wish you all the best in the

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