



## **OPTIMA Search for the Ultimate Street Car AU 2020 – 2021 Competition Rules**

### **Section 1 General Rules**

- 1) This event is sanctioned by The Australian Auto Sport Alliance (AASA). This event will be conducted under the National Competition Rules (NCR's) of the AASA. All details can be found at [www.aasa.com.au](http://www.aasa.com.au)
- 2) All vehicles entered into OSUSC AU events must be domestic or import, four-wheeled vehicles that are licensed, registered, insured for regular street use, and have a factory affixed OE manufacturer production tag or plate. The OSUSC AU does not allow kit cars, modern reproductions, or other vehicles that were not issued or do not have a major OE manufacturer factory affixed production tag or plate. No open-wheeled vehicles are allowed, and all vehicles must use a factory or reproduction hood, structural fenders and body panels. Scoops, flares and other modifications are acceptable. The OSUSC AU is a series designed specifically for performance street cars. Vehicles built specifically for competition or "race cars with license plates" are not within the spirit of the series and will be scrutinized before entry. USCA officials will make the final determination of eligibility – questions should be emailed to [info@driveusca.com](mailto:info@driveusca.com)
- 3) Vehicles must display current registration plates and be able to provide paperwork if requested.
- 4) All participants must compete in all segments of the event to qualify to be the OPTIMA Ultimate Street Car:
  - a) Drag Race – 1 or more passes (See Section 2)
  - b) Autokhana – minimum 3 laps (See Section 3)
  - c) Speed Stop – minimum 2 laps (See Section 4)
  - d) Road Course – minimum 3 laps (See Section 5)
- 5) Bonus points will be awarded for competing in other elements of the event:
  - a) Show and Shine Judging – 5 bonus points
- 6) All drivers will be required to sign a liability waiver. No passengers allowed.
- 7) Only official wrist banded drivers may drive the vehicle.
- 8) Only the owner of the vehicle may drive the vehicle in any USCA event or event segment. Ownership is determined by matching the name on the registration of the vehicle.
- 9) All competitors must have a current driver's license.
- 10) Each entrant will be issued a number, which must be clearly visible on each side of the vehicle.

- 11) **Participants must use street legal tyres. Tyres will be required to pass a technical inspection at the track. Street tyres are defined as any treaded, non-competition tyre. R Compound tyres are strictly prohibited.** No modifications to tyres will be acceptable, including shaving. Any vehicle with tyres showing any evidence of modification will be immediately disqualified from the event.
- 12) Competitors must use a single set of tyres for the entire event, no tyre changing between events will be allowed. Tyres will be marked during tech. Tyre changes will be allowed in the event of a catastrophic failure, but replacements must be of the same manufacturer and model as those approved during tech inspection.
- 13) Helmet use is required during all non-highway segments of the competition. Helmets bearing any of the following markings are approved for use: AS 1698, Australian Standard; Snell SA 90, M90, SA95, SA 2010 and SA 2015 USA Standard; SF1 Spec. 31.1, 31.2, USA Standard; SIS 88.24.11(2), Swedish Standard; DS 2124.1, Danish Standard; SFS 3653, Finnish Standard; ONS/OMK, German Standard; NE 5 72 305, French Standard; E22 (with 02, 03, 04 or 05 amendments), European Standard; BS 6658-85 Type A and A/FR (including amendments), British Standard as a minimum (Helmets exceeding these standards are accepted.)
- 14) All convertibles or roadsters must have rollover protection.
- 15) Participating cars must pass a basic safety inspection that will include but may not be limited to the following:
  - a. Functional seatbelts.
  - b. Proper brake pedal pressure and travel.
  - c. Sufficient throttle return spring and secured battery.
  - d. All lug nuts in place and tight.
  - e. Hubcaps/clip-on center caps are to be removed.
  - f. All loose items must be removed from vehicle.  
(Floor mats, things hanging from rearview mirror, non-permanent phone mounts, laptops, luggage etc., and trunk items.)
- 16) Each segment of the event will be timed to 0.00.00 (except Show and Shine). A 100-point scoring system will award points based on the best time in each segment. Five (5) bonus points are awarded for the Show and Shine Judging. The competitor with the most combined points is the winner. The fastest road course time will break all ties.
- 17) Race director and event management staff will have COMPLETE discretion to deny or remove from competition anyone in the event for any reason. All decisions are final.
- 18) All vehicles will compete in one of four classes:
  - a) Vintage – 1989 and older
  - b) Modern – 1990 and newer
  - c) Fast Four AWD - all turbo, non turbo, rotary three and smaller
  - d) Fast Four 2WD - all turbo, non turbo, rotary three and smaller

## **Section 2**

### **Drag Racing Rules**

Total possible points: **100**

1. Participants must complete at least 1 pass on drag strip.
2. Single fastest time slips must be turned into USCA Officials no later than noon on Sunday.
3. Approved helmet, closed toe shoes, long sleeves and long pants required.

## Section 3

### Autokhana Rules

Total possible points: **100**

1. The official time for each run will be as measured by the automatic timer plus any penalties incurred.
2. A **two-second penalty** will be imposed for knocking a pylon over or out of its outlined box. If the pylon is left standing and touching any part of its outlined box, it is not a penalty. Pointer or "lay down" cones are considered directional aids and do not impose a penalty.
3. A **DNF (did not finish)** will be imposed for repeatedly not coming to a complete stop after crossing the finish line. Stop pylons will be designated at a generous distance beyond the finish line. Crossing or contact with any of the cones or pylons after the finish beam is considered a violation and will result in a DNF.
4. **Any vehicle that spins, loops or leaves the autocross surface (4 wheels off) for any reason will be black flagged and required to report directly to the USCA event steward as soon as safely possible. Multiple black flags issued to a participant will result in a deduction of championship points or immediate dismissal from the event.**
5. A participant's official score for the event will be the lowest timed lap of the segment.
6. The participant with the lowest timed lap in their respective class will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie within a class, considering the second fastest run of each tied participant for each session, and so on until the tie is broken will break the tie.
7. Burnouts, dry hops, etc. anywhere in the grid or staging area is strictly prohibited and may result in a deduction of championship points.
8. Approved helmet and closed toe shoes required.

## Section 4

### Speed Stop Rules

Total possible points: **100**

1. The format will be a down and back course layout that will feature a turnaround, slalom, and a stop box. The official time for each run will be as measured by the automatic timer.
2. A DNF (did not finish) will be imposed for knocking a pylon over or out of its outlined box. If the pylon is left standing and is touching any part of the outlined box, it is not a penalty.
3. The stop box shall be designed as a 9m x 12m box, designated with pylons. A DNF (did not finish) will be imposed for touching any stop box pylon.
4. The entire length and width of the vehicle must be inside the designated stop box.
5. **Any vehicle that spins, loops or leaves the speed-stop surface (4 wheels off) for any reason will be black flagged and required to report directly to the USCA event steward as soon as safely possible. Multiple black flags issued to a participant will result in a deduction of championship points or immediate dismissal from the event.**
6. A participant's official score for the event will be the lowest timed lap of the segment.
7. The participant with the lowest timed lap in their respective class will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie within a class, considering the second fastest run of each tied participant for each session, and so on until the tie is broken will break the tie.
8. Burnouts, dry hops, etc. anywhere in the grid or staging area is strictly prohibited and may result in a deduction of championship points.
9. Approved helmet and closed toed shoes required.

## Section 5

### Road Course Rules

The road course segment will be a time trial format with three run groups running multiple sessions on the designated road course. Run groups will be designated prior to segment start based on driving experience, comfort level and abilities as determined by both the participant and USCA officials. USCA officials reserve the right to move participants to a different run group based on the input of track spotters, participant feedback, and USCA official's observations. Should you believe your driving skills do not match the USCA designation, bring documentation to make your case. Run group designation is at the sole discretion of USCA officials and the Competition Director.

Total possible points: **100**

Run groups will be designated as follows:

- **Run group - Expert** – Guidelines – may have attended and graduated an advanced course at an accredited driving school, 10-12 track days per year, familiar with competitive track flags, etiquette, rules and “racing line”, may have a sanctioned competitive license, and/or competed in wheel-to-wheel racing events. Passing will be allowed in designated areas – specific event/track rules will apply and be communicated during event specific drivers meeting
  - **Run group - Intermediate** – Guidelines - may have recently attended or graduated a basic course at an accredited driving school, 5-8 track days per year, familiar with basic track flags, etiquette, rules and “racing line”, multiple sessions with certified performance driving instructor. Passing will be allowed via point-by only on designated portions of track – specific event/track rules will apply and be communicated during event specific drivers meeting
  - **Run group - Novice** – Guidelines - minimal performance driving instruction, less than 3 track days annually, driving only for fun & education, desires more instruction to be able to understand and enjoy performance driving. Passing may be allowed on designated straightaway – individual event/track rules will apply and will be communicated during event specific drivers meeting. This is a non-competitive run group with limited and monitored speed.
1. The official time for each run will be as measured by the transponder attached to the vehicle.
  2. USCA officials may, at their discretion, alter or change the road course configuration for safety, excessive speed, and to run the segment in the time allotted. Participants in all run groups will run the same course configuration.
  3. **Any vehicle that spins, loops or leaves the track surface (4 wheels off) for any reason will be black flagged and required to report directly to the USCA event steward as soon as safely possible. Multiple black flags issued to a participant will result in a deduction of championship points or immediate dismissal from the event.**
  4. A participant's official score for the event will be the lowest timed lap of the segment.
  5. The participant with the lowest timed lap in their respective class will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie within a class, considering the second fastest lap of each tied participant for each session, and so on until the tie is broken will break the tie.
  6. Swerving, burnouts, dry hops, etc. to warm tires is strictly prohibited on pit lane and may result in a deduction of championship points.

7. Contact with any marker (cone, barrel, etc.) designating a speed monitoring or limiting element such as a chicane or bus-stop, may result in the loss of your fastest recorded lap time of the day.
8. Tires must have a manufacture date within five (5) years if the event.
9. Safety Equipment Required –
  - a. Approved helmet (see Section 1.13)
  - b. Minimum - factory or better 3-point safety belts, 5-point or better recommended
  - c. Long sleeve cotton shirt and long cotton pants required.
  - d. Closed-toe shoes
  - e. Highly Recommended – Full FIA/SFI approved fire suit, head and Neck Restraint, Nomex gloves, Nomex or leather shoes.

## Section 7 Points System

This USCA scoring system awards 100 points to the winner of the segment. Subsequent points are then awarded to the 2nd through 100<sup>th</sup> place positions in descending increments. All finishers including and beyond 100 will receive 1 point.

Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1	100	26	75	51	50	76	25
2	99	27	74	52	49	77	24
3	98	28	73	53	48	78	23
4	97	29	72	54	47	79	22
5	96	30	71	55	46	80	21
6	95	31	70	56	45	81	20
7	94	32	69	57	44	82	19
8	93	33	68	58	43	83	18
9	92	34	67	59	42	84	17
10	91	35	66	60	41	85	16
11	90	36	65	61	40	86	15
12	89	37	64	62	39	87	14
13	88	38	63	63	38	88	13
14	87	39	62	64	37	89	12
15	86	40	61	65	36	90	11
16	85	41	60	66	35	91	10
17	84	42	59	67	34	92	9
18	83	43	58	68	33	93	8
19	82	44	57	69	32	94	7
20	81	45	56	70	31	95	6
21	80	46	55	71	30	96	5
22	79	47	54	72	29	97	4
23	78	48	53	73	28	98	3
24	77	49	52	74	27	99	2
25	76	50	51	75	26	100	1

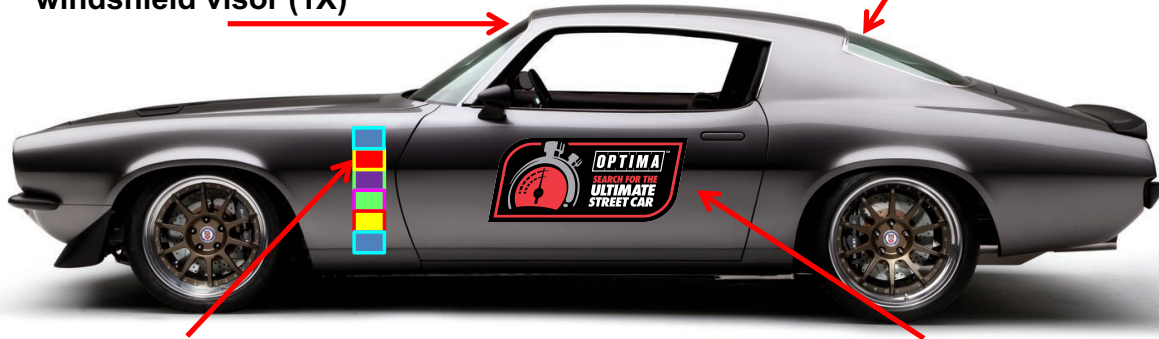




## Required Decal Placement Locations

**There are six (6) required decals for each participating car:**

- Optima Batteries (Title Sponsor) windshield visor (1X)
- Rear windshield visor (1X)



- Series sponsor stack (2X)  
(Placed between door and front wheel)
- OSUSC door panel (2X)



**Note: if any decal does not physically fit within these locations, see a OSUSC Tech Representative. Alternative placement must be approved by OSUSC officials**