

# SUPER SEDAN NEWS

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The Super Sedan Association extends a sincere apology to all members with regard to the lack of written communication (eg - newsletters) that has been distributed thus far throughout the 2004/2005 racing season. The SSA are endeavouring to remedy this oversight in an effort to ensure that all members are regularly and accurately updated about all SSA initiatives, events and administrative activities. However, please be aware that up-to-date information, including the latest results, point standings and calendar changes can also be obtained by visiting the SSA website at [www.supersedan.com.au](http://www.supersedan.com.au)

The Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those members who have been successful in the Aussie Trackwear Championship Series, the Russ Equipment Series and other local and interstate events. Furthermore, we thank all drivers who have supported SSA events so far this season and we look forward to your ongoing support throughout the remainder of the 2004/2005 schedule.

The 2004/2005 season has been extremely successful thus far, with increased prizemoney and additional events bringing greater reward and opportunity for competitors. The success of all three SSA competitions, and the overwhelmingly positive response from spectators and track promoters to our racing activities and promotional initiatives, has been achieved through the collective efforts of drivers, sponsors and officials. So, thankyou to all those who have worked hard to make our racing and associated activities a success. With the Aussie Trackwear Series now firmly established as the premier Super Sedan competition in Australia, the continued growth and success of all SSA racing activities is dependant upon the continued unity and professionalism of all SSA member competitors, officials and staff. It is very important that we capitalise on our success and popularity by ensuring that all SSA events offer the same standards in competition, management, behaviour and entertainment.

Given the amount of time that has passed since the previous edition of Super Sedan News, all members are urged to read this newsletter thoroughly as it contains important information about a variety of issues and events. A copy of the current series pointscores and an amended calendar of events is attached.

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## Venue Change

Round 10 of the Aussie Trackwear Championship Series, scheduled for Toowoomba's Charlton Raceway on February 26, has been switched Brisbane International Speedway. The scheduling of a major Rugby League fixture in Toowoomba on the same night forced the track promoters to cancel the event. The SSA and the Downs Speedway Club apologise for any inconvenience and we extend our appreciation to Brisbane International Speedway for providing an alternative venue. All nominations for the Toowoomba event will remain valid for the Brisbane fixture. Any competitor nominated for Toowoomba who will not be competing in Brisbane, or anybody wishing to be added to the nomination list, must also contact the Race Director.

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## USA vs Australia

The recently completed USA versus Australia Super Sedan Series proved to be a huge undertaking by the SSA, the track promoters and the competitors and team owners that took part. The racing throughout the series was outstanding and whilst the crowd support was a little disappointing at some venues, the feedback from those spectators who attended series events has been overwhelming positive. The series was reduced to seven rounds because of inclement weather and was not decided until the final round, with the Australian team emerging as 4 - 3 winners. Thankyou to everybody involved for their efforts, it is much appreciated.

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## Nomination Procedures

All competitors are reminded that, in accordance with the *Series Information and Supplementary Regulations*, nominations for SSA events (including the withdrawal of an existing nomination) must be submitted no later than 4.00pm on the Monday prior to the race meeting (unless otherwise advised). Any driver who fails to nominate prior to the above deadline will start rear of field in all heat races at that event. Any driver who notifies of their withdrawal from an event after the above deadline or simply fails to appear for competition, will start rear of field at their next SSA event and may be subject to other penalties.

Nominations must be submitted to the Race Director in writing (mail, fax, email) or by phone and cannot be submitted through a third party or representative (such as other drivers, crew members, other SSA officials or members of the Management Committee). All nominations received remain valid until cancelled/withdrawn by the driver in accordance with these procedures. Please remember that only those drivers who have submitted a *Nomination Form* and subsequently attend all of the events indicated on the form (a minimum of ten) or notify of their withdrawal from an event/s in accordance with the above procedures will be eligible for 200 bonus championship points at the conclusion of the series.

Furthermore, any driver that fails to arrive at the circuit by 4.45pm and/or attend the Drivers Briefing will start rear of field at that event. Attendance at the Drivers Briefing is compulsory and no excuses will be accepted for failure to attend. The SSA has been consistently inconvenienced and embarrassed as a result of drivers arriving late, or failing to arrive at all, and such behaviour will no longer be tolerated, regardless of the reason/s for such an occurrence.

## Easter Event

The Downs Speedway Club have confirmed that they will be running a two-night Super Sedan event at Charlton Raceway (Toowoomba) over the Easter weekend (March 26/27). The event will pay \$3000 to the winner of the feature race and will carry an increased total prize purse of almost \$15 000.

This event will be round 12 of the Aussie Trackwear Super Sedan Championship Series and the prizemoney structure for the event has been amended to reflect the increase in the total purse, so please be aware that the amounts listed below supersede any amounts quoted in the SSA series Information Booklet.

The Downs Speedway Club have been fantastic supporters of the SSA and Super Sedan racing this season and once again they are setting the standard with regard to prizemoney and opportunities for competitors. Therefore, all drivers are urged to show their support and take part in this event.

The amended prize money structure for this event is as follows:

1.	\$3000.00	9.	\$450.00	17.	\$240.00
2.	\$2000.00	10.	\$400.00	18.	\$235.00
3.	\$1500.00	11.	\$350.00	19.	\$230.00
4.	\$1000.00	12.	\$300.00	20.	\$220.00
5.	\$700.00	13.	\$275.00	21.	\$200.00
6.	\$600.00	14.	\$265.00	22.	\$200.00
7.	\$550.00	15.	\$255.00	23.	\$200.00
8.	\$500.00	16.	\$245.00	24.	\$200.00

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## Website

The SSA website is a great opportunity for the SSA and individual competitors to secure exposure for their racing and associated activities. The website features all the latest SSA news, results, race reports, points updates, race dates and administrative information. Drivers are invited to submit information about their own race team (such as sponsorship announcements, results, team news) for inclusion on the site. All competitors can also have their driver/team profile, including photos, included on the site and updated regularly.

A variety of SSA forms and documents (such as Information Booklets, Supplementary Regulations, Membership Forms, Newsletters, Nomination Forms etc) can be downloaded direct from the website. The site also includes contact information for the Management Committee, a calendar of events, sponsor information and links to other racing-related websites.

For further information about the opportunities available on the SSA website, contact Chris Metcalf on (07) 3359 8522 or 0410 500571.

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## **Drivers Representative**

The Super Sedan Association is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from anybody interesting in filling the role of Drivers Representative at SSA events. Ideally, this person/s would have experience as an official or competitor (such as a former driver or a current driver not competing at a particular event) or possess extensive knowledge of Super Sedan racing.

The Drivers Representative serves as a liaison between a competitor and race officials in resolving any conflict that may occur from time-to-time. The position could be filled by one person exclusively (which would require a significant commitment) or be shared amongst several people on a rotational basis.

Anybody interested in this position, or requiring additional information, should contact Chris Metcalf on (07)3359 8522 or 0410 500571.

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## **Driver Behaviour**

All competitors are reminded that they are expected to demonstrate the utmost professionalism and courtesy in their attitude and behaviour at all times. Any driver who fails to meet the expectations of the SSA in this regard will be subject to penalties in accordance with the *Series Information and Supplementary Regulations*. Drivers are also responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their crew.

Officials, drivers and spectators should not be subject to inappropriate/unprofessional behaviour from any competitor/s and the SSA reserves the right to refuse the nomination of any competitor/s who demonstrates such an attitude or engages in any behaviour that is contrary to SSA regulations.

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## **Lack of Nominations**

The Russ Equipment Series has been afflicted by a lack of nominations for all events so far this season and the remainder of the series will be in jeopardy if this continues. This series was created to assist a specific group of competitors and it is the responsibility of those drivers to ensure the ongoing existence of the series by supporting all events.

It is particularly disappointing to see such little support for the series this season given the increased prizemoney that is on offer at every round. Two rounds have already been cancelled because of a lack of nominations and the SSA will be forced to reassess the viability of the series if greater support isn't forthcoming from competitors.

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## **New Fax Number**

The fax number for the SSA Race Director (Chris Metcalf) has changed. The new number is (07) 3359 8679.