



# PRODUCTION SPORTS CAR RACING ASSOC. OF QUEENSLAND (INC)

## Minimum and Maximum Lap Times for Prod Sports QLD Events

Our Club, Production Sports Car Racing Association of QLD (PSCRAQ), exists to promote and assist racing of production sports cars in QLD including negotiating with promoters and buying grid allocations to ensure we have race meetings we can attend.

### 1 Background

In QLD at a typical race meeting we have as many 2F (slower) cars as 2B (faster) cars. We also have a few X class cars that while they aren't strictly 2B cars are similar in performance and are suitable to race with us.

Increasingly there have been a number of car to car contact incidents during lapping of slower cars. One way we are addressing this safety issue is with new detailed Driving Standards all competitors must adhere to. Another way to limit lapping is to reduce the gap between lap times of the fastest and slowest cars in our fields.

Over the last few years Victoria and NSW have allowed faster GT3 cars into their race meetings, this has had the effect of slower production sports cars stopping racing as the speed differentials were suddenly massive. It has now got to the situation where GT3s in Victoria have moved on to their own races and there are insufficient numbers of production sports cars for promoters to provide races for them. In NSW, production sports cars are mostly Cup Cars and GT3 cars and a few of the fastest production sports cars. Vic and NSW have very few 2F specification cars.

GT3 racing cars are not production sports cars and race with Prod Sports QLD as invited cars. In 2013 at a GT3 race meeting at Queensland Raceway the fastest cars were all doing 1:08 lap times on the National track layout. For reference, the fastest lap time for PSCRAQ last year was a 1:13.04s.

### 2 Planned Actions

To manage potential massive lap time differentials which risks both competitor safety and the long-term sustainability of Prodsports entries the Club is introducing minimum and maximum lap times for competitors.

Minimum lap times will apply to competitors in cars other than 2B,2F Prodsports. Maximum lap times will apply to all competitors. Competitors will have to drive within the minimum and maximum lap times, listed in the Table 1 below, to have their entries accepted for race meetings when the club has control of the grid allocation.

*Table 1 PSCRAQ Min and Max Lap Times*

Venue	Minimum lap time – Non 2B/2F	Maximum lap time
Queensland Raceway National	1:12	1:33
Lakeside	53	66
Morgan Park K Circuit	1:16	1:35

Only lap times from official time sheets will be used to assess a competitor's eligibility. Trends of competitor's lap times will be considered not just one slow or fast lap time.



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Note: Where an entry has been received from a competitor who has not competed at the designated track for the meeting and, based on times from other tracks the committee thinks the competitor may be outside these times, that competitor will be contacted and notified of the allowable lap times. The decision to either withdraw their entry or comply with the lap times is entirely re responsibility of the competitor.

Minimum and maximum lap times will be monitored and adjusted to remain relevant to improvements in 2B lap times and changes will be communicated to Club members. Changes will not be made during a race meeting.

Slower cars need to get up to speed on official time sheets by attending sprint meetings and other speed events at racetracks.

If a competitor goes faster or slower than target times during a race meeting the competitor will be allowed to complete the race meeting but their acceptance into future race meetings will be subject to discussions with the Committee as to their future eligibility.

### 3 Application of Planned Actions

Entries of competitors with official lap times outside the set guidelines at the track for the event will not be accepted for race meetings where Prod Sports have control of entries. A Committee member will contact excluded competitors informing them of non-acceptance and what would be required to be accepted.

It is acceptable for competitors of cars that are capable of faster than guideline lap times may choose to drive slower but regular lap times outside of the guidelines may result in future non acceptance of entries.