SPRING NATIONALS 2026

SPRY HOLDINGS

COMPETITOR INFORMATION PACK

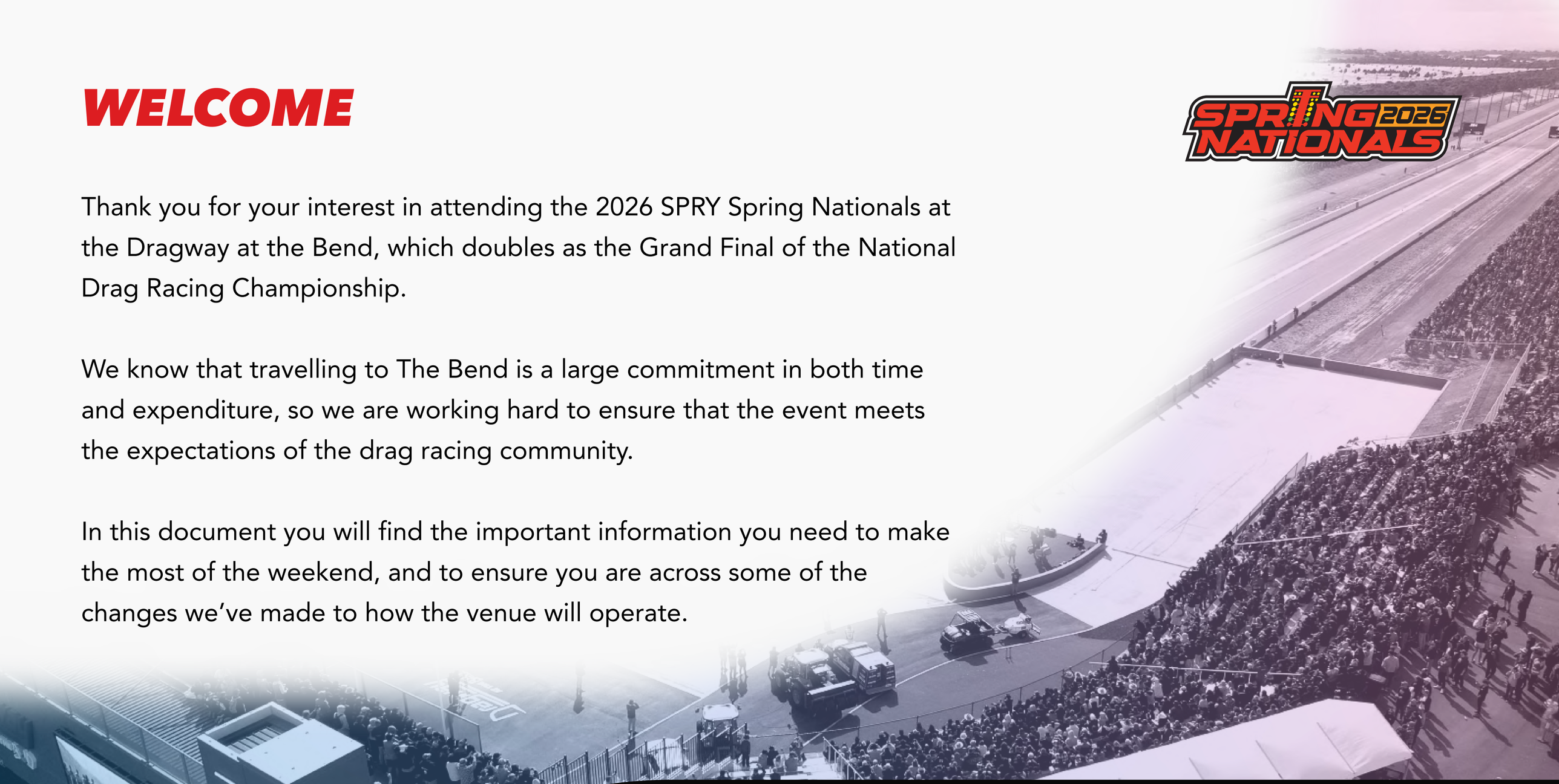
Dragway at the Bend | Shell V-Power Motorsport Park | The Bend | NDRC National Drag Racing Championship | South Australia | Blaxist Australian Top Fuel Championship | Aeroflow Sportsman Championship Series NDRC | Nitro Funny Car Championship NDRC

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in attending the 2026 SPRY Spring Nationals at the Dragway at the Bend, which doubles as the Grand Final of the National Drag Racing Championship.

We know that travelling to The Bend is a large commitment in both time and expenditure, so we are working hard to ensure that the event meets the expectations of the drag racing community.

In this document you will find the important information you need to make the most of the weekend, and to ensure you are across some of the changes we've made to how the venue will operate.



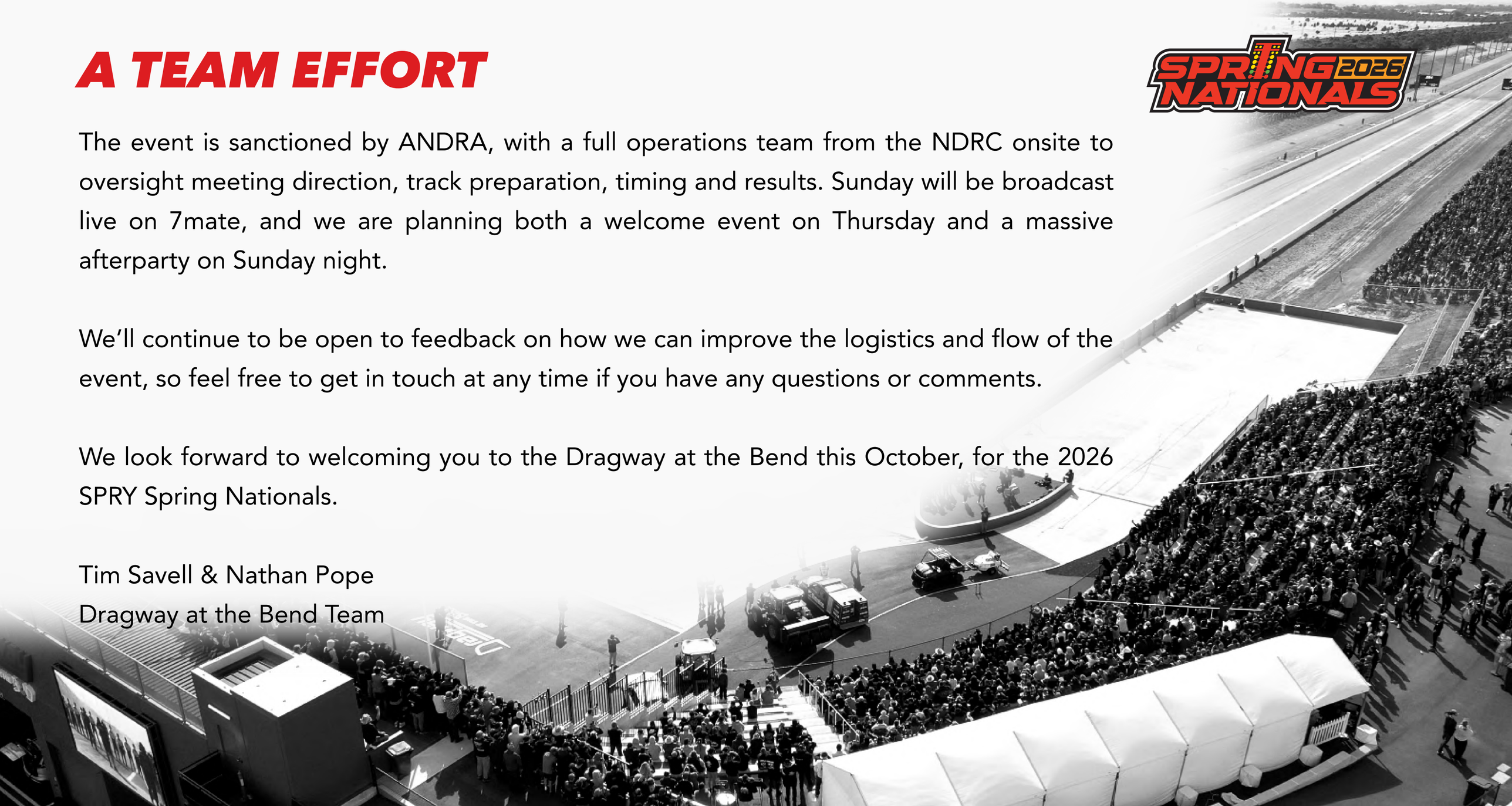
A TEAM EFFORT

The event is sanctioned by ANDRA, with a full operations team from the NDRC onsite to oversight meeting direction, track preparation, timing and results. Sunday will be broadcast live on 7mate, and we are planning both a welcome event on Thursday and a massive afterparty on Sunday night.

We'll continue to be open to feedback on how we can improve the logistics and flow of the event, so feel free to get in touch at any time if you have any questions or comments.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Dragway at the Bend this October, for the 2026 SPRY Spring Nationals.

Tim Savell & Nathan Pope
Dragway at the Bend Team



SPRY SPRING NATIONALS SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wednesday 21 October	Bump in begins from 12pm
Thursday 22 October	Test & Tune from 10am–4pm (separate to main event) Welcome Event at Podium Park from 6pm
Friday 23 October	SPRY Spring Nationals Day One Qualifying from 9am–6pm
Saturday 24 October	SPRY Spring Nationals Day Two Qualifying and Eliminations from 9am–7:30pm Top Fuel set times: 1pm and 4:30pm
Sunday 25 October	SPRY Spring Nationals Day Three Semi-finals and Finals from 9am–5pm Top Fuel set times: 11am, 1:30pm and 4pm On track Presentations and Afterparty from 5pm
Monday 26 October	Bump out concludes at 2pm

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THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER: TEST AND TUNE

While not part of the event itself, there will be a Test & Tune held at the Dragway at the Bend on Thursday 22 October.

The Test & Tune will be open to all competitors, with vehicles on track from 10am to 4pm. Entry fee for the Test & Tune is as follows:-

Adult = $350
Youth = $280

Bump in for Test & Tune competitors will be available from 12pm on Wednesday 21 October.

EARLYBIRD ENTRY FEES

Earlybird entries are open now at the same prices at the 2025 Spring Nationals. Once we've exhausted the initial allocation there will be a general release at a higher price point, and then a late entry fee will apply from Monday 5 October.

All entries will include a free event shirt, please enter your size when registering.

Entries close on Sunday 18 October.

FEE	CATEGORY
$635	Top Doorslammer, Top Fuel Motorcycle, Top Alcohol, Pro Mod, Pro Import, Pro Stock, Pro Stock Motorcycle
$535	Top Sportsman, Super Charged Outlaws, Super Comp, Competition Bike
$485	Modified, Super Sedan
$435	Modified Bike, Super Street, Super Gas, Real Street
$380	Junior Dragster
$280	Junior Bike

DELUXE PIT OPTION

For the first time ever we're making the amazing permanent pit facilities at the Shell V-Power Motorsport Park available for competitors to utilise at the 2026 Spry Spring Nationals.

We know that it's a 1 km drive or tow to the staging lanes of the Dragway at the Bend, but we think it's a viable option for those who want to focus on their racing and be away from the hustle and bustle of the Dragway itself.

These are the pit garages under the hotel that V8 Supercars use, and they feature large 12m x 12 m double pit bays with plenty of three phase and 240v power options. There are three large toilet and shower blocks accessible at all hours and you'll be able to park and camp by your pit bay for the entire period of the event.

If the area is a popular choice then the precinct will have a dedicated scrutineering shed and weighbridge available directly adjacent to the pits.

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We'll also have bracket marshals and dedicated staging lanes to ensure you get to the dragstrip with plenty of time for your next run. We will be relaying the pit commentary over the PA and playing Dragway footage on the Big Screen at the nearby podium park.

This area is available on a first in first served basis for no additional cost and is a great alternative to the temporary areas that will be set up beside the Dragway.

So for the 2026 NDRC Grand Final weekend here's an option for two-vehicle teams to leave the generator at home and provide a large and secure undercover workspace for your crew. Book your spot today.

OTHER PIT OPTIONS

Our regular pit area has space for around 170 competitors, with the main sealed area reserved for Top Fuel and Nitro Funny Cars.

The remaining permanent sites will be roughly organised in order of the cost of your entry fee, while trying to make accommodations for juniors to park with parents and for others who share bays to work together for best effect.

But we won't be able to fit everyone into this area, and we apologise in advance for those who aren't able to park in their preferred spot.

OTHER PIT OPTIONS

Temporary pit spaces with portable infrastructure will be set up in two locations:

- the unsealed VIP carpark between the pits and the OTR
- along the old drag strip which runs parallel to the existing strip. This is sealed.

Things to consider

- In the main pit area, Bays 73 – 96 and 146 – 175 also rely on temporary infrastructure.
- If you are parked in these areas we are unable to guarantee that you'll have power and lighting, so please be prepared.
- The best way to provide for a minimum standard of facility is to register for a Deluxe Pit Bay over at the main racing circuit.
- Overnight security patrols and cleaning will be in place, to ensure the comfort and safety of all patrons.
- We will also set up a temporary toilet and shower facility for those who are parked on the old drag strip.

OFF-TRACK ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Thursday welcome function and Sunday evening afterparty, there are many things for you and your team to enjoy while you're here for the 2026 SPRY Spring Nationals.

The Dragway at the Bend is part of the larger Shell V-Power Motorsport Park that includes

- Rydges Pit Lane Hotel + APEX Restaurant & Bar
- The Bend Welcome Centre with cafe and free Motor Museum
- The Bend Kartdrome - competitors enjoy discounts all weekend
- BIG 4 Holiday Park with Swimming Pool, Mini Golf and a Kids Adventure Park
- OTR station with Hungry Jacks and Wokinabox
- You can also book a Driver Experience on the main circuit, in one of our performance cars

For all there is on offer visit www.thebend.com.au or our dedicated event page, springnats.thebend.com.au

MORE INFORMATION

Entry Portal	www.outix.co/comp/SpringNATS26
Test & Tune Entries	www.outix.co/comp/SpringNATS26-T&T
Event website	springnats.thebend.com.au
NDRC website	nationaldragracing.com.au

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