

THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF W.A. (Inc)

Position Paper re: CAMSWA Speed Series.

1. The Vintage Sports Car Club of WA has resolved to withdraw invitation to the CAMSWA Speed Series, as an entity, to compete in VSCCWA-organized Hill-climb events from the 1st of January 2011. Individual entrants, who compete in the Speed Series, will still be welcome to enter such events where they meet entry qualification applying to those events.

The VSCCWA has taken this step for three main reasons:

- The repeated and ongoing lack of respect for, and outright rudeness to, organizers and officials by some entrants and officials of the series, has made it too difficult to get suitably qualified officials to volunteer to run the events.
- The Series now has over one hundred registered competitors. It is our belief that that none of our hill-climbs can be safely, successfully completed in one day for more than ninety entrants. Therefore the series cannot be invited *en masse* to enter an event which is run for our members.
- The Series is increasingly attracting more sophisticated purpose-built vehicles, that are able to attain much higher speeds than occur at ordinary club-level events. This presents a much higher risk factor than this Club, or its officials on the day are necessarily prepared to accept.

2. The VSCCWA views with concern the styling of a fifteen event program as a State Series. Under Calendar Committee guidelines, State series are given priority for calendar dates over Club events. No other State Series has more than four events qualifying as “State” level. The nett effect of a fifteen event program is to squeeze available resources and personnel to a point where Clubs find it difficult to mount a fiscally viable event. There is no doubt that the Speed series is an elite competition: elite competitions can only exist where there is an active grass-roots competition running to feed into it. If Clubs, which are the grass-roots are squeezed out, the inevitable outcome will be the death of the Speed series, all of which is a loss to motor sport in WA..

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