



2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge

Murray Bridge, South Australia

April 27th – 1st May 2026

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Welcome to Bulletin 6 for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge.

There are only a few weeks till the Entries and Payments close for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge – **Reminder the closing date is Friday 20th March.**

The accommodation rooms are filling and the entries are flowing in each week, so if you are thinking about attending, please get your entry forms and payments in as soon as possible.

Entry Forms and Merchandise Order Forms are available on the Sprite Club of SA web site:

https://spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=14105

If you wish to pay your entry via EFT here are the Sprite Club Bank Account details:

Sprite Club of SA Inc

Account BSB: 085-005

Account Number: 805038516

Please note entries close on Friday 20th March 2026.

The Organising Committee would like to remind all of the Social Activities that are on during the evenings, with a range of meals, venues and additional activities to keep all entertained once the sun has gone down.

Monday 27th April

After the Registrations and Room Allocation there is a Welcome BBQ hosted by the Murray Bridge RSL. This BBQ will be between 5.00pm and 7.00pm to allow the travellers to arrive from either Adelaide or the other States and have a meal before retiring for the night. It is also a chance to catch up with old friends or make some new ones before the events commence.

Tuesday 28th April

After a day of touring the Evening Meal will be at the Bridgeport Hotel, commencing with pre-dinner drinks and nibbles from approx. 6.00pm

The meal will consist of a Buffet Main Meal followed by dessert.

This will also be a night of Rocker Cover Racing – so start dusting off your racing special, or head to the shed to start building a creation to race down the sloped track and take first prize! – Refer to the Rules attached. Dress Attire will be “Regalia Night” so wear your Club’s Merchandise, or something Spritely from the past, or ebay, or Amazon, etc

Wednesday 29th April

After a day at the track or touring Strathalbyn, a prime steak is on the menu for tonight at 1924 River Front Steakhouse Restaurant, on the banks of the River Murray.

With Pre-dinner drinks, an evening enjoying the steak or other cuisine and the fellowship of your Club Members, will make this an enjoyable night.

There will be a Quiz to test your memory or knowledge throughout the evening.

No attire theme for this night – just enjoy yourselves.

Thursday 30th April

For the Social Package attendees, they will enjoy a leisurely 3-hour cruise – with a two-course lunch on the Captain Proud. This will showcase the river in the best way possible, gliding along the water, enjoying the sights and sounds of the area.

The Evening Meal will be the Gala Awards Dinner, which will be held at the Bridgeport Hotel. With pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, the evening will be a two-course meal, with two mains and dessert to follow.

Throughout the night we will present the Awards for both the Competition and other event that have made up the 2026 Nationals. Events like the Observation Run and Show 'n' Shine will form part of these awards.

The Attire for the Evening will be a 1960's Theme – fitting with the vehicles we drive, and a time the River changed from a transport route to a recreational venue. So, start thinking about your evening wear – or check out the Op Shops in Murray Bridge for the latest addition for your attire!

Friday 1st May

To say our farewells the Committee has arranged a Farewell Breakfast at the Bridgeport Hotel. A feed of eggs and bacon to fuel yourselves for the drive – either towards home, or towards Adelaide for more sightseeing or preparation for the MSCA Peter Hall Memorial 6-Hour Regularity Relay.

As a stop-off on the way to Adelaide, we have secured an opportunity to display our vehicles at the National Motor Museum at Birdwood. This will allow time for those to wander through the vast collection of classic, vintage and modern vehicles and associated motoring memories.

Therefore, there are lots of events packed into the 2026 National Challenge to keep you active for the duration of the event – and we haven't even mentioned the other Social and Competition events that will be occurring throughout the days.

If you have any questions about the Social or Competition Packages or any of the specific events, please contact the 2026 National Challenge Committee for more information.

As part of the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge there is specialised merchandise available for purchase.

These will include the following with the distinctive 2026 National Challenge Logo printed to the item:

- Polo Shirts
- Soft Shell Jackets
- Puffer Vests
- Caps
- Metal Grille Badges



Attendees will also receive a Welcome Pack – including the bits'n'pieces you will need, program, maps, name badge, etc.

For the competition events, particularly the Super Sprint, we have secured several grid positions. These will be exclusively for those who chose the Competition Package.

If you are interested in just competing at The Bend on Wednesday 29th April, there may be grid spaces available, subject to the final entry numbers.

Please contact Sue Stephenson with your expression of interest if you are interested one of these grid spaces.

For more information, please contact the organising committee:

2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

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ROCKER COVER RACING – THE RULES!

The Racing Format

Rocker cover races take place on a sloped track, approximately 5 meters in length with another 5 meters of flat. The goal is to reach the finish line first!

The Rocker Cover:

The vehicle must be constructed using an A-Series rocker cover, ensuring authenticity and honouring the engine's legacy. Given how hard it is to find an old A series rocker cover, we will accept other engine types!

The rocker cover itself must not be modified. No aerodynamics allowed!

It may be mounted on a plinth or drilled to mount wheels.

Maximum allowable width – 210mm (otherwise it might not fit on the track!)

Maximum allowable length – not more than 80mm longer than the rocker cover itself.

Wheels (amended): please note the updated regulations with regard to wheels!

All racers must have at least four three wheels.

All races must have at least three wheels must in contact with the track at all times

Wheels may be constructed from any material, including, but not limited to, plastic, timber, carbon fibre and steel. For Sprite Club racing, steel wheels do not need a rubber cover.

Wheel Size: not more than 150mm diameter (6")

Max weight: 3kg. **THERE WILL BE SCALES.** There is no minimum weight,

Oil Caps: Cars must have an oil cap fitted in its standard location, but breather lines may be removed.

Aerodynamics: You must not add aerodynamic aids or modify the original valve cover height.

Power: Racers are powered by gravity alone. No motors, magnets, jet power etc!

