



APPLICATION FOR MEDIA CREDENTIALS GENERAL INFORMATION

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications for Media Credentials at Hidden Valley Drag Strip (HVDS) include five (5) parts:

1. General Information;
2. Terms and Conditions / Release and Waiver of Liability Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement;
3. Application Form;
4. Medical Information;
5. Letter of Assignment (to be provided by the applicant's employer and included with your application).

All applications must be submitted on the 'Media Credentials Application Form' which may be obtained in either of two ways:

1. Download the **Media Credentials Application** package from the Hidden Valley Drag Strip website (www.hiddenvalleydrags.com); or
2. Contact the Hidden Valley Administration Office during office hours and request a copy to be posted.

All applications for media credentials must be received at least two weeks (14 days) before the start of the event for domestic media and one month (30 days) for international media. All completed applications are to be addressed to:

Media Credentials
HVDRA
GPO Box 3726
DARWIN NT 0800

ACCESS LEVELS

Media credentials and access to HVDS may be granted at either of two levels:

1. Season Credentials (issued to approved track photographers/videographers/journalists for the season);
2. Event Credentials (issued to approved applicants for specified events only).



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IMPORTANT NOTES

- 1) Media credentials, vests and wristbands are not transferable.
- 2) All first-time applicants must submit examples of previous motorsports coverage (photos and/or story).
- 3) If granted media credentials to cover a HVDS Event, future consideration of credentials applications will be based on proof of coverage of the HVDS Event for which you were previously approved.
- 4) Media personnel are responsible for confirming their credentials before the event.
- 5) Where approved credentials were requested to be posted but have not been received, HVDS must be advised by noon on the last business day prior to the event to enable alternative arrangements to be made on your behalf.
- 6) HVDS welcomes and appreciates coverage from members of the media. However, application for media credentials does not guarantee approval.
- 7) Approved media credentials remain subject to adherence to HVDS Media Policy Terms and Conditions.

DEFINITIONS

Cameraman: means a Cinematographer and/or Videographer. See following relevant definitions.

Cinematographer: means a person filming an event with a cine-film camera in motion footage format for purposes of approved video production or public broadcast. Hereafter referred to as a Cameraman as distinct from a (stills) Photographer.

Director: means a person directing an approved video or film (motion footage) production.

Film: means motion footage in any format as distinct from (still) photographs.

Journalist: means a person reporting on or from an event in written format.

Photographer: means a person photographing an event with a film or digital camera in stills format for purposes of approved magazine, newspaper or website publication.

Photojournalist: means a person reporting on or from an event in both (still) photographic and written formats.

Presenter: means a person or spokesperson presenting information during an approved video, film or radio production.

Producer: means a person producing an approved video or film production.

Talent: means actors, dancers, models, promotional personnel and the like.

Trackside Photo Area: means the area as defined under HVDS Media Policy Terms and Conditions – Parts 3.1 and 3.3.

Videographer: means a person filming an event with a video or digital motion camera for purposes of approved video production or public broadcast. Hereafter referred to as a Cameraman as distinct from a (stills) Photographer.

Videography: means motion footage including videotape, digital and cine-film formats as distinct from (still) photographs.

HVDS: means Hidden Valley Drag Strip and includes all the land and all the facilities upon that land which is under the control of Hidden Valley Drag Racing Association.

HVDS Event: means any event promoted by Hidden Valley Drag Racing Association.

HVDRA: means Hidden Valley Drag Racing Association



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1) GENERAL

- 1) A media pass grants access to the authorised media pass holder only.
- 2) All other accompanying persons must pay entrance fees via the ticket gates.
- 3) Entrance and access to restricted areas is as individually specified by the credentials issued.
- 4) Enclosed shoes must be worn at all times while on HVDS premises.
- 5) An Approved Media List will be provided to HVDS credentials officials for each event. The list will provide credentials officials with relevant information regarding an individual's approved access rights.
- 6) A HVDS vest will be issued to photographers/cameramen only, to facilitate recognisable access to the trackside photo area.
- 7) Journalists are not permitted to enter the trackside photo area and do not require a HVDS media vest.

2) AGREEMENT

- 1) Each photographer/cameraman must sign the HVDS Media Policy to be granted access to photograph/film any HVDS Event. By signing below, you are accepting and agreeing to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the HVDS Media Policy and accepting the grant of a limited licence by HVDRA to enter the venue and photograph/film a HVDS Event.
- 2) Each photographer/cameraman agrees that HVDRA may have use of all images and/or footage for purposes of marketing and promotion as deemed appropriate by HVDRA.
- 3) Use and reuse of all photographic images/film footage attained is governed by the HVDS Media Policy Terms and Conditions unless you have a separate written agreement with HVDRA regarding your event photography/videography in which case the terms of that separate agreement shall prevail.
- 4) Nothing herein constitutes a licence to use marks or third parties, or authorises you to use the name, image, or likeness of any recognisable person, whether a participant in the race or a spectator.
- 5) In order to facilitate trackside access, photographers/cameramen are required to confirm whether there have been any changes to HVDS Media Policy in advance of each event he/she attends. The photographer/cameraman agrees to comply in all regards with the HVDS Media Policy including modifications made by HVDRA thereto. Details of any modifications will be available from the HVDRA Administration Office prior to and during all events.



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3) TRACKSIDE PHOTO AREA

- 1) **Definition:** The trackside photo area is defined as;
 - i) that area located behind (outside) the safety barrier on each side of the track, extending from the start line to 225 feet (70 metres) down track. Photographers/Cameramen are not permitted beyond this point at any time without written permission from HVDS, refer: part 3.3 Top End (finish line and beyond). Compliance with Media Policy Terms and Conditions parts 4.1–5.7 inclusive is required at all times.
 - ii) That area located between the lanes as marked in blue, but not in front of the race starter
 - iii) All staging lane areas
- 2) **Access:** Only photographers/cameramen are permitted to enter the trackside photo area. A HVDS vest is mandatory for all photographers/cameramen accessing this restricted area. It must be worn at all times and is not transferable. An Australian National Drag Racing Association (ANDRA) Release and Waiver of Liability must be signed to receive a HVDS vest and the appropriate wristband. HVDS reserves the right to approve or deny all credential requests and to revoke credentials, prior to and during any event. A fee may be charged by HVDS.
- 3) **Top End:** (finish line and beyond): Access is available only by written permission from HVDS.

4) PERMISSIBLE AREAS

Note: All photographers/cameramen must adhere to the following restrictions at all times.

1. Photographers/Cameramen are to remain behind (outside) the safety barrier at all times.
2. Photographers/Cameramen are not permitted over the safety barrier at any time.
3. Photographers/Cameramen must not lean against or over the safety barrier at any time.
4. Cameras and/or equipment must not be mounted on or placed against the safety barrier.
5. Photographers/Cameramen must walk cautiously behind the burnout area when crossing from one side of the track to the other.
6. Photographers/Cameramen must not cross in front of or through the burnout area.

5) CONDUCT

1) **Compliance with the directions of HVDS staff or officials and/or ANDRA stewards**

At all times photographers/cameramen shall follow directions given by HVDS staff, officials or representatives and/or by ANDRA stewards.

2) **Non-interference with the event and other media personnel**

Photographers/Cameramen shall not interfere with or impede any spectators or other media personnel, the conduct of any race, the photographing/filming of any race, or any part of the event.

3) **Precautions and danger**

Performance in drag racing is measured in split-seconds. Be aware and vigilant at all times. Do not take your eyes off the vehicles racing.

4) **Media vest**

A HVDS media vest must be worn at all times while in the venue. Media vests are provided for accredited photographers only and are not transferable. Violations will result in immediate revocation of privileges. In all cases a deposit is required to be made when collecting a media vest (car keys, current driver's licence or current credit card). The deposit will be returned upon return of the media vest on



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completion of the assignment or close of the event. Non-return of a media vest will incur a \$100 replacement fee which may be billed directly to the photographer or to his/her employer publication.

5) **Attire**

For access to the trackside photo area, shirts (fully-covered shoulders) and fully enclosed shoes (closed heels and toes) must be worn. HVDS highly recommends, but is not required to provide, personal protective equipment (PPE) such as skin, eye and ear protection.

6) **Ladders**

The use of ladders with two (2) steps only is permitted. Ladders must not be placed against the concrete safety barrier.

7) **Courtesy**

The trackside photo area is a working environment. Please be courteous to your media colleagues and leave the area when you are not working.

6) CREDENTIALS INCLUSIONS

Where approved, your credentials may either be posted to your nominated address or held for 'Will Call' at the HVDS Administration Office, whichever has been nominated by you on the HVDS Media Credentials Application Form. Media credentials will include:

- Event ticket (either Photographer or Journalist);

7) ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

- 1) Enter via Competitor Entrance at Turn 14;
- 2) Park on the grassed area near turn 14 or follow parking officers' directions to the designated media car park area;
- 3) Walk to credentials officials located within the Drag Strip Control Tower;
- 4) Sign the ANDRA Release and Waiver of Liability;
- 5) If an approved photographer, collect a HVDS media vest in exchange for your deposit (car keys, current driver's licence, or current credit card).



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WARNING – MOTOR SPORT IS DANGEROUS

In exchange for being able to attend or participate in the event, and as a condition of the issue of media credentials, you agree;

- To release Hidden Valley Drag Racing Association (HVDRA), the Australian National Drag Racing Association Inc (ANDRA), promoters, sponsor organisations, land owners and lessees, organisers of the event, race teams, competitors, their respective servants, officials, representatives and agents (collectively, the "**Associated Entities**") from all liability for your death, personal injury (including burns), psychological trauma, loss or damage (including property damage) ("**harm**") howsoever arising from your participation in or attendance at the event (including any negligence on the part of the Associated Entities), except to the extent prohibited by law;
- That the Associated Entities do not make any warranty, implied or expressed, that the event services will be provided with due care and skill or that any materials provided in connection with the services will be fit for the purpose for which they are supplied; and
- To attend or participate in the event at your own risk,

And you acknowledge that;

- The risks associated with attending or participating in the event include the risk that you may suffer harm as a result of:
- Motor vehicles (or parts of them) colliding with other motor vehicles, persons or property;
- Acts of violence and other harmful acts (whether intentional or inadvertent) committed by persons attending or participating in the event; and
- The failure or unsuitability of facilities (including grandstands, fences and guard rails) to ensure the safety of persons or property at the event.
- Motor sport is dangerous and that accidents causing harm can and do happen and may happen to you.

You accept the conditions of, and acknowledge the risks arising from, attending or participating in the event and being provided with the event services by the Associated Entities.

I (Applicant's name in full) _____ have read and fully understand the written content of all of the above wording and agree to fully abide by all Terms and Conditions under the HVDS Media Policy.

Applicant's name in full: _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____



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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

NOTE: Section 74 of the Trade Practices Act ("the Act") implies a warranty of due care and skill into contracts for the supply of services to consumers, as defined in the Act. To the extent that the warranty applies to any contract relevant to the Release and Waiver of Liability, it cannot be excluded.

Subject to that warranty, if applicable and IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or participate in any way in the EVENT(S) or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA (defined as any area requiring special authorisation, credentials, or permission to enter any area to which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited), THE UNDERSIGNED, for himself/herself, his/her personal representatives, heirs and next of kin:

1. Acknowledges, agrees, and represents that he/she enters and he/she further agrees and warrants that, if at any time, he/she is in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and he/she feels anything to be unsafe, he/she will immediately advise the officials of such and will leave the RESTRICTED AREAS and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENT(S).
2. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the promoters, participants, racing associations, sanctioning organizations, or any subdivision thereof, track owners, officials, car owners, drivers, pit crews, rescue personnel, any person in any RESTRICTED AREA, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S), premises and event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions, or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the premises or EVENT(S) and each of them, their directors, officers, agents and employees, all for the purposes as herein referred to as "Releasees", FROM ALL LIABILITY, TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
3. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
4. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
5. HEREBY acknowledges that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. The UNDERSIGNED also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.
6. Hereby agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State/Territory in which the EVENT(S) is/are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Applicant's name if full: _____
Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____
Full name of Witness: _____
Full residential address of Witness: _____
Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____
Signature of Witness: _____ Date: _____

AND

I (APPLICANT'S NAME IN FULL) HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE WRITTEN CONTENT OF THE ABOVE WORDING AND AGREE TO FULLY ABIDE BY ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER THE HVDS MEDIA POLICY.

Applicant's name in full: _____
Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____