

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2009/10 V8 Touring Cars CHAMPIONSHIP



Preamble

MotorSport New Zealand Inc hereby declares the following articles to be those governing Competitors in the MotorSport NZ V8 Touring Cars Championship, and Hamilton 400 meeting.

These articles are at all times to be read in conjunction with:

- The National Sporting Code (NSC) and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules, and
- The MotorSport New Zealand Race Championship General Prescriptions (Schedule CH), and
- Event Directors Series Written Briefing, and
- The Technical Regulations – Schedule TL, and
- Individual Event Supplementary Regulations.

A Sanctioning Permit No: 7028 has been issued in the name of MotorSport NZ.

1 INTERPRETATIONS:

Please refer to the definitions outlined in Schedule CH

In these Articles the following expressions shall have the meanings set out:

The “**Championship**” means the MotorSport NZ V8 Touring Cars Championship category for cars complying with Schedule TL; and

“**Inviting Clubs**” means the MotorSport NZ clubs hosting Rounds of the championship; and

“**Hamilton 400**” means the non-championship trophy meeting where competitors will compete for specific awards: and

“**MotorSport NZ**” means MotorSport New Zealand Inc; and

“**National Sporting Code**” means the National Sporting Code issued by MotorSport NZ from time to time; and

“**Official New Zealand V8 Touring Cars Ltd test day**” means a circuit testing day arranged by New Zealand V8 Touring Cars Ltd, and

“**Round**” means the race meeting at which drivers may score points towards the Championship includes, with all necessary modifications, the Hamilton 400; and

“**Supplementary Regulations**” means so far as they are applicable to the Championship the Standing Regulations set out in Schedule CH together with the Supplementary Regulations issued for each Round: and

“**The MotorSport Company**” or “**TMC**” is the official promoter of the Championship.

2 ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 Drivers licencing requirements are detailed in Schedule CH and if the entrant is other than the driver, an Entrant's Licence is required in the name of the entrant.

Note: *Under the provisions of the Tasman Visa Agreement between CAMS and MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Australian competitors holding both CAMS General Competition Licences and Tasman Visas may enter any of the NZ Race Championships and be eligible for awards.*

- 2.2 Eligibility shall be for cars complying with the specifications set out in Schedule TL issued by MotorSport NZ.

- 2.3 All entrants and drivers shall agree to submit their vehicle to eligibility scrutineering when required by MotorSport NZ Technical Officers or Series Scrutineers for compliance to Appendix 2, Schedule A and Appendix 4 of the National Sporting Code.

3 CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL:

- 3.1 At each Round the following personnel, and/or their approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out:

- 3.1.1 **Championship Promoter:** The MotorSport Company Limited
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Mobile Phone No: +64 27 447 5669 or +64 27 447 5670
E-mail: themotorsportcompany@motorsport.org.nz
Contacts: Kerry Cooper / Peter Blakeman

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ for:

- (a) The promotion of the Championship; and
- (b) The supply of all Championship decals.

3.1.2 V8 Touring Cars Championship

- Coordinator:** David Slater
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Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Liaise with Inviting Clubs and The MotorSport Company on matters pertaining to the championship; and
- (b) Ensure correct placement of decals on competing vehicles.
- (c) Liaise with event Officials on any sporting aspect for the category.

Also required to:

- (a) Attend TMC coordination meetings at events
- (b) Attend Stewards meetings at events
- (c) Undertake a category drivers briefing at each Round

- (d) Ensure round award winners attend on-track presentations at conclusion of final category race on Sunday

3.1.3 V8 Touring Cars Championship

Scrutineer: Barry Carrington
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Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Undertake safety audits including management of vehicle log books; and
- (b) Impound and affix seals as required, and
- (c) Undertake technical eligibility checking; and
- (d) Be Judge of Fact, Schedule TL Control Parts; and
- (e) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(d)) with respect to weights and measures; and
- (f) Liaise with MSNZ Technical Manager, Series Officials and Championship Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the category.

4 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE:

4.1 The Championship will comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	6/8 November 2009	Pukekohe	NZIGP Inc
2	27/29 November 2009	Ruapuna	Canterbury Car Club Inc
3	15/17 January 2010	Teretonga	Southland Sports Car Club Inc
4	22/24 January 2010	Levels	South Canterbury Car Club Inc
5	12/14 February 2010	Manfeild	Manawatu Car Club Inc
6	12/14 March 2010	Taupo	Taupo Car Club

MotorSport NZ reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds of the Championship due to force majeure without affecting in any way its powers to award any title.

4.2 There will also be a non championship trophy Round as follows:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
Trophy Event	16/18 April 2010	Hamilton 400	MotorSport New Zealand

5 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION (ENTRY):

5.1 Registration for all rounds of the Championship and Hamilton 400 meeting must be made by the Entrant and the Driver on the official entry form. **Entry is restricted to Entrants / Drivers holding an appropriate New Zealand V8 Touring Cars Limited Teams Agreement.**

5.2 In submitting registration for Round(s) of the Championship and Hamilton 400 meeting all Entrants and Drivers agree to comply with these articles and the National Sporting Code including all appendices and schedules to the code.

5.3 Ticket allocation for all Rounds will be eight (8) plus two (2) car passes per entry.

6 AWARDS:

6.1 At the Annual MotorSport NZ Awards Function the overall winner (highest overall points scorer from all Rounds of the Championship) will be awarded the MotorSport NZ V8 Touring Car Trophy and the Gold Star Race Champion - Saloon.

7 TESTING, QUALIFYING, AND STARTING POSITIONS:

7.1 Non event vehicle use:

(a) Drivers in the Championship must nominate, to the V8 Touring Cars Championship Coordinator, one circuit (the testing circuit) at which the competition vehicle entered in the Championship by that entrant/driver can be used for testing. This nomination must be received by 1 September 2009 or prior to any testing being undertaken.

(b) This is the only circuit on which a Driver, entered in the Championship, may drive any V8 Touring Cars Championship competition vehicle outside of a Round. Testing at circuits during an Official New Zealand V8 Touring Cars Ltd test days is permitted. Once a round at a circuit has been run it may then be used for promotional purposes on application to the Championship Coordinator.

The Official New Zealand V8 Touring Cars Ltd test days will be at Taupo Motorsport Park on:

- 28/29 September 2009
- 28/29 October 2009
- February 2010

(c) Any Driver failing to comply with this requirement will incur a penalty – refer Schedule CH.

(d) The Hampton Downs circuit is not permitted as a nominated testing circuit.

7.2 Testing for Rounds One - Six: Two testing sessions will be available. The Driver may only use their competition vehicle (which they have entered in the Round) in these sessions.

7.2.1 Testing for Hamilton 400: Details will be contained in the Event Supplementary Regulations or by Bulletin.

7.2.2 No testing of a V8 Touring Cars competition vehicle will be permitted on the circuit at which the Round is scheduled to be held from Monday to Friday (inclusive) in the week prior to that Round (unless advised as in 7.2.1)

7.3 Qualifying:

- (a) Refuelling is not permitted during any qualifying sessions.
- (b) At all Rounds all Competitors may contest the first elimination session of 20 minutes.

This session will determine the final qualifying position of Competitors qualifying 21st through to the last slowest Competitor for the first race.

- (c) At the conclusion of the first session the fastest 20 Competitors will then contest a second elimination session of 15 minutes.

This session will determine the final qualifying position of Competitors qualifying 11th fastest through to the 20th fastest Competitor for the first race.

- (d) At the conclusion of the second session the fastest 10 Competitors will then contest a one lap shoot out.

This session will determine the final qualifying position of Competitors qualifying 1st (pole position) through to the 10th fastest Competitor for the first race.

The session will be run in order from 10th fastest to fastest from second session. The track time will consist of one warm up lap, one flying timed lap and one slow down lap.

Competitors are to be ready for release onto the circuit as the previous car completes their flying lap. As the slow down lap is being completed Competitors are to return to pit lane.

Any competitor who is not ready for release onto the track as required will forfeit their lap and be placed in ascending order from second session commencing at grid position 10.

- (e) Should the Event Director deem that the conditions have changed during any session he may revert to previous sessions times to establish a grid for Race One.

7.3.1 There will be a 5 minute gap between each session.

7.4 Starting Positions:

7.4.1 There will be three races at all Rounds of the Championship. All three races will be on Sunday.

7.4.2 Starting positions for **Race One** will be determined by the fastest lap times achieved from Qualifying – refer article 7.3 above - fastest Competitor to the front.

7.4.3 Starting positions for **Race Two** will be determined by the finishing order of Race One. Any non-finishers will be placed at the rear of the grid in qualifying time order. Any Competitors who did not start Race One will then be placed in a final group at the rear in qualifying time order.

7.4.4 Starting Positions for **Race Three** will be determined using the following method:

- Competitors will be ranked in descending order using combined Round points gained by the drivers in races One and Two of that Round plus any relevant penalties, with the highest scoring driver ranked one, then
- In the case of equal points qualifying times (fastest Competitor to the front) will be used to allocate the higher position, then
- When an order has been achieved the grid will be reversed.
- In the event of a Competitor having no Round points, their qualifying times will apply. They will be placed in a descending order behind the last Competitor on the grid.

8 RACE DISTANCES:

Round	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Venue
1	12 laps	12 laps	22 laps	Pukekohe
2	10 laps	10 laps	20 laps	Ruapuna
3	12 laps	12 laps	22 laps	Teretonga
4	12 laps	12 laps	22 laps	Levels
5	12 laps	12 laps	22 laps	Manfeild
6	10 laps	10 laps	20 laps	Taupo
Trophy Event	TBC	TBC	TBC	Hamilton 400

At all Rounds the Event Director, in consultation with the Stewards, reserves the right to amend and/or cancel races in the case of Force Majeure.

9 GRIDS AND STARTS:

9.1 All races at all Rounds will be rolling starts under the control of the official Safety Car.

10 IN CAR CAMERA TO MONITOR COMPETITOR BEHAVIOUR (Judicial Camera):

10.1 All V8 Touring Cars will be required to carry the New Zealand V8 Touring Cars Limited in car camera.

10.2 This camera must be mounted in accordance with any instructions issued. The mounting of the camera will be supervised, where required, by the Championship Coordinator or his appointed official.

10.3 The camera is not designed to be broadcast standard and is not for broadcast use by the Promoter's television production company.

10.4 The Promoter will approach Competitors separately with the terms of lease for the official TV broadcast units as in previous seasons.

10.5 At any time during an Event the Championship Coordinator or his appointed official can access footage from the Judicial Camera.

10.6 The footage is not available to the Competitors unless permission is granted by the Event Director.

10.7 All rights to the footage remains the property of TMC at all times.

11 PIT SPACE ALLOCATION:

11.1 A marquee will be allocated to each Competitor. The Championship Coordinator will issue a notice regarding the terms and conditions of use of all marquees prior to the commencement of the Championship.

11.2 Except when required as part of the programme, or for approved technical reasons, Competitors are to have their competition vehicles in this area, for each round from:

- Saturday: 9am – 5pm
- Sunday: 9am to one hour after conclusion of V8 Touring Cars last race.

The front entrance must be open during these times, except when a car is involved in a track session with the front of the car facing the front opening.

11.3 Failure to comply with this requirement will incur a fine of \$1000.

12 TYRE TYPE, ALLOCATION AND MARKING PROCEDURES:

12.1 Only the control tyres as per Schedule TL, Part B & C, Article 13.2 are permitted for any Round of the Championship, the Endurance Championship, and the Hamilton 400 meeting.

12.1.1 The only tyres permitted to be used are those that have been specifically marked for the 2009/10 Championship and Hamilton 400 except as provided for in Article 12.1.4 and 12.4 below. The tyres will be marked for use on a specified competition vehicle. It is not a requirement to have wet tyres marked.

12.1.2 These tyres may only be purchased from New Zealand V8 Touring Cars Limited.

12.1.3 Dry tyres marked for the 2009/10 Championship and wet controlled tyres are the only tyres that may be used in private testing from the first Round until the end of the Championship and subsequent Hamilton 400 meeting.

12.1.4 Round one test sessions: At the first round entered any V8 Touring Cars controlled tyre may be used. This includes 2008/09 marked tyres

12.2 New “dry” tyre allocation for the Championship: The maximum number of new “dry” tyres that may be purchased for each Round of the Championship and Hamilton 400 meeting are as follows:

- **First Round Entered – eight (8)**
- **Subsequent Rounds – four (4)**

12.3 “Dry” Tyre allocation per Round: The tyres available are limited to those purchased for that Round (refer 12.2) and any previously marked 2009/10 Championship tyres.

12.4 “Wet” Tyre allocation per Round: There is no controlled allocation of “wet” tyres per Round.

- 12.4.1** If the meeting is declared “wet” by the Event Director only “wet” specification tyres may be used.
- 12.4.2** New wet tyre orders for each Round must be placed with the Championship Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the Round at which the tyres are required.
- 12.5** **Specifically prohibited for all tyres are the following modifications:**
- Hand cut tread grooves,
 - Filing and buffing,
 - Tyre warmers,
 - Chemical treatments, and
 - Any means of artificially enhancing tyre performance.
- 12.6** **Tyre marking:** Marking for “dry” tyres will take place on the Friday (between 1600hrs – 1800hrs) and on Saturday (between 0900hrs – 0930hrs) of each Round of the Championship and Hamilton 400 meeting on Thursday (between 1600 hrs – 1800 hrs) and on Friday (between 0900hrs – 0930hrs) at the Dunlop Tyres Compound under the supervision of the Championship Scrutineer.
- 12.7** It is the Competitor’s responsibility to ensure that tyre markings remain clearly visible. Whenever a tyre marking becomes illegible, the Competitor must advise the Series Scrutineer accordingly, who will decide upon the appropriate course of action.

13 ENGINES:

- 13.1** All engines used during the Championship and Hamilton 400 will be uniquely identified with a championship seal on the engine block affixed by the Championship Scrutineer.
- 13.1.1** It is the responsibility of each Competitor to ensure that this seal remains intact at all times.
- 13.2** Competitors must declare to the Championship Scrutineer prior to Saturday testing at the first Round entered the number of the championship seal that is attached to the engine that is fitted to their vehicle for that Round. Refer Schedule TL, Part A article 4.0.
- 13.3** Any subsequent change of engine must be notified to the Series Scrutineer prior to using it during the meeting
- 13.3.1** Competitors may have one free engine change without penalty.
- 13.3.2** The penalty for any subsequent engine change is to start from the rear of the grid for the first race that the changed engine is introduced.
- 13.3.3** Failure to declare an engine change will be judged as competing in an ineligible vehicle and penalty CH 40.8 will apply

APPENDIX 1

Decal placements and Sponsorship requirements

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