

## ACCREDITED ARTICLES GOVERNING The 2020-21 NEXEN Tyre Mazda Racing Series

### Preamble

The North Island Mazda Rotary Racing Association Inc. (NIMRRA) Club hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing a motor racing series for the Mazda Racing Series North Island Series, for drivers of Mazda RX7 and RX8 models as permitted under technical regulations Schedule M appended to these Articles.

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**The Series is held under a MotorSport NZ Accrediting Permit No: 200460**

The Series is organised and held in accordance with the MotorSport NZ National Sporting Code, the Standing Regulations and any Supplementary Regulations applicable to and issued by the Organisers of each Round of the Series.

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

- The National Sporting Code (NSC) and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules,
- The Technical Regulations - Schedule M
- The Event Supplementary Regulations issued by the inviting Clubs.

### 1. INTERPRETATION:

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

**“Series”** means the Nexen Tyres Mazda Racing Series, being a series of events, the results of which are aggregated to form a final result for any or each of the eligible categories contained in these Articles; and

**“The Club”** or **“NIMRRA”** means The North Island Mazda Rotary Racing Association Inc; and

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

**“NZ Pro7”** means the National Series for Series One RX7 cars from the North Island Mazda Rotary Racing Association Inc and from the RX7 Register; and

**“NZ Pro7 Plus”** means the National Series for Series 4 and 6 RX7 cars from the North Island Mazda Rotary Racing Association Inc and from the RX7 Register; and

**“Pro7”** means the Series 1 Mazda RX7; and

**“Pro7 Plus”** means the Series 4 and Series 6 Mazda RX7 models; and

**“Register”** means the South Island RX7 Register Club; and

**“Round”** means each Meeting and / or Event, the results of which qualify for points in the Series; and

**“Round Organiser”** or **“Inviting Club”** means the MotorSport NZ member Club organising a Meeting and/or Event which is a round of the Series; and

**“RX8”** means the Mazda RX8 cars, and

**“Series Organiser”** means The North Island Mazda Rotary Racing Association Inc; and

**“TRB”** means the Technical Regulations Bureau as described under the Constitution of the Association.

**2. OBJECTS:** To promote and foster Mazda Rotary racing by presenting entrants and drivers with a well promoted series to ensure that the total emphasis of the formula is on developing driver skill by creating an environment which focuses on the importance of chassis tuning and race craft as opposed to technical advantage.

**3. ELIGIBILITY:**

**3.1** All Drivers shall hold a C1 Grade Competition Licence or higher and if the Entrant is other than the Driver, an Entrant’s Licence is required in the name of the Entrant.

**3.2** Eligibility shall be for vehicles complying with the specifications set out in Schedule M and may include a TRB approved evaluation prototype being tested for future inclusion in the Series. Any such prototype shall start all races from the back of the grid for which it is being developed and shall not be entitled to score points in the Series.

**3.3** All Competitors / Entrants shall agree to submit their vehicle for eligibility/safety scrutineering inspections as and when required by the appointed Series Scrutineer, and/or a MotorSport NZ licensed Technical Officer. Any costs incurred during disassembly of components shall be met and accepted by the Competitor / Entrant.

**3.4** Official Series Seals may be applied by the Series Scrutineer, at any time, to components and/or assemblies of components in compliance with Appendix Two, Schedule A, Article 3.7. All seals shall be clearly detailed in the vehicle’s MotorSport NZ logbook. Refer to Article 15 of these Articles.

**3.5** All drivers and entrants shall be financial members of the NIMRRA Club / Register or any MotorSport NZ affiliated Club.

**Note:** *Drivers who are not current members of The Club shall not be eligible for Series points.*

**3.6 Classes:** There are six(6) distinct classes as follows:

- Pro7 Class
- NZ Pro7 Class
- Pro7 Plus Class
- NZ Pro7 Plus Class
- RX8 Class
- NZ RX8 Class

**3.7 Tyres:** All Nexen specified tyres must be purchased through NIMRRA.

#### **4. SERIES PERSONNEL:**

**4.1** At each Round of the Series the following personnel, or their approved assistant/s shall have the responsibilities and authorities set out:

##### **4.1.1 Mazda Racing Series**

<b>Series Coordinator:</b>	Stuart Hewer
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<b>Mobile Phone No:</b>	027 444 7951
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Who shall have the authority of a Series Coordinator set out in the National Sporting Code and who shall be responsible for and authorised on the Club's behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all administrative matters pertaining to the Series, and
- (b) Record and publish all Series points schedules, and
- (c) Liaise with Inviting Clubs on all matters pertaining to these Articles, and
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the Series, and
- (e) Provide the Inviting Club with grid starting positions where these differ from those detailed in Appendix Four Schedule Z, Article 6.1.
- (f) Attend Stewards meetings

The Series Coordinator may appoint a Series Secretary to assist with administrative duties in connection with the Series.

##### **4.1.2 Mazda Racing Series**

<b>Series Secretary</b>	Roger Beuvink
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##### **4.1.3 Mazda Racing Series**

<b>Series Scrutineer:</b>	David "Furg" Ferguson
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Who shall have the duties and authority of a Series Scrutineer as set out in the NSC and who shall be responsible for and authorised on the Club's behalf to:

- (a) Appoint appropriate Scrutineers to assist with inspections, and
- (b) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Series, and
- (c) Affix seals as per Article 14 below, as and when deemed appropriate, and
- (d) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series in order to ascertain compliance with the technical regulations, and
- (e) Assist competitors with technical inquiries relative to the technical regulations applicable to their vehicle, and
- (f) Liaise with Event Officials and Series Coordinator on any technical conformity issue for the classes, and
- (g) Be Judge of Fact, Schedule M Control Parts

The Series Scrutineer may appoint an assistant(s) to assist with technical duties in connection with the Series.

**4.1.6 Mazda Racing Series  
Engine Management  
System Scrutineer:**

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Who shall have the duties and authority of a Scrutineer as set out in the NSC and who shall be responsible for and authorised on the Club's behalf to:

- (a) Inspect the Control Part engine management system for compliance, and
- (b) Be Judge of Fact, Schedule M Control Part engine management system.

**4.1.7 Mazda Racing Series  
RX8 ECU Technician:  
Mobile Phone No:  
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**4.2** All correspondence shall be addressed to the Series Secretary who is authorised by the Register / Club to carry out all the necessary administrative duties for the Series.

**5. SERIES STRUCTURE: (rounds may be subject to change)**

**5.1** The Mazda Racing Series North Island Series shall comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	24-25 October 2020	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	IRC / Manawatu Car Club Inc
2	4 – 6 December 2020	Pukekohe Park Raceway	Speed Works Inc
3	22 – 24 January 2021	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	Speed Works Inc
4	5 – 7 February 2021	Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park, Taupo	Speed Works Inc
5	19 – 21 February 2021	TBA	Speed Works Inc
6	26 – 28 March 2021	Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park, Taupo	Speed Works Inc

The Series Organiser reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds of the Series due to force majeure without affecting in any way its power to award any title.

**5.1.1** The Mazda Racing Series NZ Series shall comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	19 – 21 February 2021	TBA	Speed Works Inc
2	TBC	South Island	TBC

**5.1.2** The Mazda Racing Series Pro7 Plus / Rx8 Series shall comprise of three(3) North Island Rounds and one (1) South Island Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	22 – 24 January 2021	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	Speed Works Inc
2	19 – 21 February 2021	TBA	Speed Works Inc
3	26 – 28 March 2021	Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park, Taupo	Speed Works Inc
4	TBC	South Island	TBC

## **6. ROUND FORMAT:**

**6.1 Practice Sessions** may be available to Drivers prior to any Round of the Series and shall be subject to availability and track hire charges as set by the Inviting Club/s.

**6.2 Qualifying Sessions** shall run to the following format:

Round	Qualifying Session 1	Qualifying Session 2
All rounds	Minimum of one(1) 15 minute session	Optional refer event regulations
National Champs Rounds	Refer Event Regulations	Refer Event Regulations

**6.3 Races** shall run to the following format:

Round	Race One	Race Two	Race Three
All Rounds	Minimum of 8 laps	Minimum of 10 laps	Minimum of 8 laps

**6.4 Grids and Starts:** The start procedure for all Races shall be:

- (a) The Mazda Racing Series Pro7 Plus / RX8 Class cars will start simultaneously off the starter's lights, or such other procedure as designated by the Meeting organisers.
- (b) The Pro7 group will start off a flag drop at a five(5) second delay following the extinguishing of the starter's lights. The front row of Pro7 cars will form up on the next available full row behind the RX8 cars and will be held there by red flag until the starters lights extinguish.
- (c) Any other grid of invited cars will start off a subsequent flag drop at a five(5) second delay following the release of the Pro7 cars. The front row of invited cars will form up on the next available full row behind the last Pro7 car.

### **6.4.1 Race starting positions:**

- (1) **Mazda Racing Series North Island Pro7, Pro7 Plus / RX8:** The race starting positions for all Rounds are as follows:

- (a) **Race One:** Grid positions will be determined by the fastest lap achieved in the qualifying session, fastest driver to the front with Pro 7 Plus / RX8 Classes combined.
- (b) **Race Two:** Grid positions will be determined by the finishing positions of Race One with the first ten(10) cars (Pro 7 Plus / RX8 Classes combined, and Pro 7 separate) in reverse grid formation. The remaining cars will start in order of finishing Race One. Where more than one(1) driver fails to finish Race One, their starting order will be from the rear of the grid in reverse order of their qualifying times, (the fastest qualifier will take the last position).
- (c) **Race Three:** Grid positions will be determined using the following method:
  - (i) Drivers will be ranked in descending order using combined Race Points gained by the driver in Races One and Two at that Round, with the highest scoring driver (Pro 7 Plus / RX8 Classes combined) ranked in grid position one; then
  - (ii) In the case of equal Race Points at that Round, qualifying times will be used to allocate the higher position; then
  - (iii) In the event of a driver having no Race Points at that Round, their qualifying times will apply. They will be placed in a descending order behind the lowest ranked Race Series Points driver.

**Note:** *The fastest qualifier will be deemed the driver who posted a tied time first.*

- (2) **NZ Pro7, NZ Pro7 Plus and NZ RX8:** The race starting positions for all Rounds are as follows:
  - (a) **Races One and Two:** Grids will be formed as per (1)(a) and (b) above.
  - (b) **Race Three:** Drivers will be ranked in descending order, using a combined total Race Points equivalent to the actual finishing position in each of Races One and Two at that Round gained by that driver, with the highest scoring driver (Pro 7 Plus / RX8 Classes combined) ranked in grid position one.

## 7. TIMEKEEPING:

- 7.1 The Round Organiser, the Inviting Club, the host circuit shall provide timing equipment that will be deemed to be the official timing equipment for the meeting.
- 7.2 All competitors shall ensure that timing equipment is looked-after with all due care and attention whilst in their possession and that all equipment is returned as and when requested.
- 7.3 Return of working transponders is entirely the responsibility of the competitor who will incur a charge for lost equipment.

## 8. PENALTIES, PROTESTS and APPEALS

- 8.1 Penalties shall be applied in accordance with the prescribed articles of NSC Part VIII- Penalties.

- 8.2** Any protest or appeal should be lodged in accordance with the NSC and the Competitor shall advise the Series Coordinator and the Competitor Relations Officer (where appointed for the Meeting).
- 8.3** Competitors / Entrants have the right to lodge a Protest/s in accordance with NSC Part IX – Protests.
- 8.4** Competitors / Entrants have the right to lodge an Appeal in accordance with NSC Part XI – Appeals.

**9. SERIES ENTRY:**

- 9.1** Entry into the **Mazda Racing Series Pro7, Pro7 Plus / RX8** Series should be made through the MotorSport Online system (<https://possum.motorsport.org.nz>). By entering the Series all Competitors/Entrants agree to comply with these Articles and those of the National Sporting Code. Any entries made after the closing date may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Series Coordinator.

**Note:** Contact the Series Coordinator if entry will not be made via MotorSport Online system.

- 9.1.1** Entry into the **Mazda Racing Series NZ Pro7, NZ Pro7 Plus / NZ RX8** Series should be made through the MotorSport Online system (<https://possum.motorsport.org.nz>). By entering the Series all Competitors/Entrants agree to comply with these Articles and those of the National Sporting Code. Any entries made after the closing date may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Series Coordinator, but in any case not later than the date stipulated in Art 9.1.2.

**Note:** Contact the Series Coordinator if entry will not be made via MotorSport Online system.

- 9.1.2** Closing Dates for the NZ Series shall be as follows:

**(1) Mazda Racing Series NZ Pro7, NZ Pro7 Plus / NZ RX8:** two(2) weeks prior to the first Championship Round.

- 9.2** Entry to each Round of the Series (which is separate to the Series Entry) should be made through the MotorSport Online system (<https://possum.motorsport.org.nz>) before the specified closing date at the sole discretion of the Series Coordinator. Any entry will not be deemed valid until payment is received.

**Note:** Contact the Series Coordinator if entry will not be made via MotorSport Online system.

- 9.3** The Club / Register will allocate competition numbers to all Competitors / Entrants of the Series. All numbers on competing vehicles shall comply with the prescriptions of Appendix Two; Schedule A, Article 6.2 – Competition Numbers. Refer Article 15.3 for permanent numbers

**10. CONDITION OF ENTRY:**

- 10.1** The Competitor / Entrant, by entering the Series, is deemed to be in acceptance of these Series Articles as they are presented, and shall be at all times responsible for the presentation of their competing vehicle with respect to safety requirements under Schedule A, and eligibility requirements under Schedule M.

**10.2** The Competitor/Entrant, by entering the Series is deemed to be in acceptance of, and will at all times comply with, any specific requirements of the official Series Sponsor/s, as detailed within these articles.

**10.3** The Series Organiser reserves the right to accept or decline entries into the series as per NSC 21.

## **11. POINTS:**

**11.1** Separate points will be applied to all eligible competing classes.

**Note:** *Pro7 Plus and RX8 will run a combined grid/points at each round. Championship points will be awarded to each competitor based on their finishing position in their class in each race. In the case of Pro7 Plus and the Rx8 classes, championship points will be awarded to each competitor based on their finishing position in each race of the combined grid. Ie: The two classes will be treated as one for awarding points.*

**11.2** Points will be recorded and published by the Series Coordinator and will be allocated to all eligible Drivers based on their Class finishing positions in each Race at each Round of the Series.

**11.3** For the avoidance of doubt the Rx8 and Pro7 Plus classes will be combined into one Class for the 2020-21 season forward known as the Nexen Mazda Racing Series Championship.

**11.2.1** The points will be allocated as follows:

<b>All Classes</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	75	11 <sup>th</sup>	30	21 <sup>st</sup>	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	67	12 <sup>th</sup>	28	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	60	13 <sup>th</sup>	26	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8
4 <sup>th</sup>	54	14 <sup>th</sup>	24	24 <sup>th</sup>	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	49	15 <sup>th</sup>	22	25 <sup>th</sup>	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	45	16 <sup>th</sup>	20	26 <sup>th</sup>	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	42	17 <sup>th</sup>	18	27 <sup>th</sup>	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	39	18 <sup>th</sup>	16	28 <sup>th</sup>	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	36	19 <sup>th</sup>	14	29 <sup>th</sup>	2
10 <sup>th</sup>	33	20 <sup>th</sup>	12	30 <sup>th</sup>	1

**11.2.2** Points Allocation:

- (a)** Points for the Pro7, Pro7 Plus / RX8 Series will be allocated to current members of the Club.
- (b)** Points for the NZ Pro7, NZ Pro7 Plus / NZ RX8 Series will be allocated to current members of the Club and the Register.
- (c)** Drivers who are not current members of the Club or Register are not eligible for points in the Series.

## **12. AWARDS:**

**12.1** Mazda Racing Series Pro7, NZ Pro7, Pro7 Plus, NZ Pro7 Plus, RX8 and NZ RX8 Series titles shall be awarded to the respective Drivers who have gained the highest aggregate of points throughout all Rounds that constitutes each Series.



**12.2** The Series winner/s shall receive the following Series Awards at the Annual General Meeting / Awards function:

- (1)** Mazda Racing Series Pro7, NZ Pro7, Pro7 Plus, NZ Pro7 Plus, RX8 and NZ RX8 Silverware Trophies and miniatures. The trophies shall be returned at the end of the period of entitlement.
- (2)** The “Craig Casey Memorial Trophy” is presented by Merv Casey in memory of his son, a former competitor in Pro7 Racing. This is awarded to any member or non-member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club and shall be returned after the period of entitlement.

**13. PARC FERMÉ:**

**13.1** At the conclusion of any qualifying session and/or race, Drivers upon directive from the Series Scrutineer or their appointed assistants, shall drive their competing vehicle directly (and without any team personnel/crew intervention) from the track to the designated Parc Fermé. The location of Parc Fermé will be notified on the official notice board of the meeting.

**Note:** *It is the competitors’ responsibility to ensure that all their team personnel are familiar with the Parc Fermé regulations and limitations as detailed in NSC Article 60.*

**13.2** The Series Scrutineer may authorise entry of team personnel for the purposes of vehicle eligibility inspections.

**13.3** Unless the Series Scrutineer consents in each particular case, any car unable to proceed to Parc Fermé under its own power must nevertheless be delivered there as soon as practicable.

**14. OFFICIAL SEALS**

**14.1 Provision for fitment of official seals:** All vehicles shall have provision for wire seals to be affixed to the following bolts. Accordingly, a 3.0-mm hole shall be pre-drilled in readily accessible positions in such a manner that the relevant part cannot be removed without breaking the affixed seal.

- (1)** Inlet manifold; two front bolts that are used to bolt the inlet manifold to the engine in such a manner that neither the inlet manifold nor the adapter plates can be removed without breaking the seal.
- (2)** Engine beneath flywheel inspection plate; two top “through” bolts
- (3)** Gearbox side; two adjoining bolts
- (4)** Final drive head; two adjoining bolts
- (5) For Pro7 Plus:** The throttle body and the inlet manifold shall have holes drilled in such a position that they cannot be separated without the seal being broken.

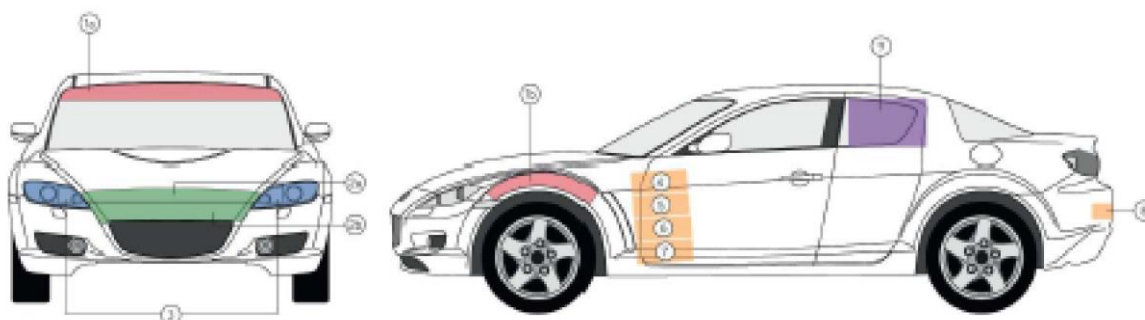
**14.2** All cars may have seals fitted on the Inlet Manifold, Engine, Gearbox and Final Drive Head at any time during the season at the discretion of the Series Scrutineer.

**14.3 Removal of official seals:** Official ('C' Type) seals shall not be tampered with, broken or removed during the Series or within 30 days after the final Round of the Series, unless written permission is obtained from the Series Scrutineer. Any sealed component removed from the vehicle shall be immediately forfeited to the Series Scrutineer / Coordinator upon request. Prior to competing in any Race of the Series, all competitors shall present their cars to the Series Scrutineer, where seals are not fitted in accordance with 14.1 above.

**Note:** For additional information on official seals refer to Appendix Two, Schedule A, Article 3.7 of the current MotorSport Manual.

**15. DECALS**

**15.1** All Competitors shall ensure that their competing vehicle and apparel have specified spaces reserved for the Series Sponsors at all Rounds of the series and shall include:



Partner Location	Description
1A & 1B	These locations are reserved for the Primary “naming rights” Series Sponsor and offer maximum television and spectator exposure. These areas are maximised for visibility. Partner Location also receive “naming rights” sponsorship on all television and media. <i>This location has already been reserved for the 2020/21 season - NEXEN Tyres</i>
2A & 2B	These locations are reserved for the Secondary Series Sponsor and also offers maximum frontal exposure for both television and spectators. This area is approximately 700mm x 180mm.
3	The front headlight location is reserved for an Associate Sponsor who are interested in moderate television exposure and spectator recognition. <i>This location has already been reserved for the 2020/21 season - Pit Stop Pukekohe</i>
4, 5, 6, & 7	These locations are reserved for Associate Sponsors and offer moderate exposure. These areas are approximately 250mm x 80mm. <i>These locations have already been reserved for the 2020/21 season - Arrow Electrical, Aarque Group, Racetech &amp; Fortune Auto</i>
8	This location is reserved for an Associate Sponsor and offers moderate recognition and exposure. This area is approximately 250mm x 180mm. <i>This location has already been reserved for the 2020/21 season - Pit Stop Pukekohe</i>
9	This location is reserved for the Race Number (210mm) – fluoro yellow, club supplied.

**15.1.1** One(1) set of decals will be supplied free, replacements thereafter at current cost.

## 15.2 Competition Numbers and Drivers Name:

(1) **Competition Numbers:** The Club supplied (210mm high, Club Series font style only, Fluorescent Yellow) competition numbers are to be used. Placement will be as follows:

- **RX8 Class:** on the side rear door glass windows
- **Pro7 Plus Class:** on the side rear pillar / side rear screen with 20mm background contrasting colour if needed.
- **Pro7 Class:** on the side guard/door number panel with contrasting black/white or fluorescent yellow on contrasting black.

All classes are to use the Club supplied (150mm Club Series font style, fluorescent yellow) competition number on the left hand front windscreen below screen banner. UV faded fluorescent numbers shall be replaced.

(2) **Driver Name:** The Driver's name shall appear on both rear side windows or on the side of the rear screen and shall respect Schedule A.

## 16. TELEVISION AND IN-CAR CAMERAS:

16.1 Competitors / Entrants shall have fitted and recording during all official Qualifying and Series races, an in car camera, positioned to give a clear view facing forward of the track and at least one of the driver's hands whilst on the steering wheel.

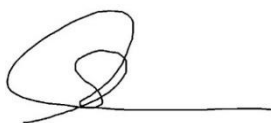
16.2 All in car camera installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Series Scrutineer and/or Chief Scrutineer of the Meeting.

16.3 It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the cameras are fitted correctly and in working condition (including sufficient battery life and memory card capacity) for all track sessions.

16.4 Recorded video footage must be made available to the Series or Event officials upon request within one(1) hour of the completion of any Qualifying or Race. Failure to produce video footage on request may result in a penalty of loss of Series points to a maximum of 100% of points earned in that race or deletion of qualifying time(s) from that qualifying session.

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These Accredited Series Articles are issued for 2020-21 NEXEN Tyre Mazda Racing Series by the Administration.



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