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HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP
ARTICLES**



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PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand Inc. hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing Competitors in the 2021/22 MotorSport New Zealand Hillclimb Championship. These Articles are at all times to be read in conjunction with the Standing Regulations set out in Appendix Five, Schedule C (Part 1), to the National Sporting Code issued by MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Schedule XC and in conjunction with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club.

This Championship is held under MotorSport New Zealand Championship Permit No: **210528**

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective date	Article reference	Subject / Notes
NZHC-21-001	22/10/2021	Article 9 and 10	Removal of obsolete rule
NZHC-21-002	25/11/2021	Article 9	Practice runs/Reconnaissance runs

1 INTERPRETATIONS

In these Articles the definition of the terms used within this Schedule shall be referenced from the National Sporting Code, and as detailed below:

The “**Championship**” means the **2021-2022** MotorSport New Zealand Hillclimb Championship as set out in these Articles; and

The “**Inviting Club**” means the MotorSport New Zealand Member Club(s) organising events which comprise Rounds of the Championship; and

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

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

“**Round**” means two paired events, being a Gravel Hillclimb and a Sealed Hillclimb at which the registered driver may score points towards the Championship; and

“**Schedule XC**” means the Technical Regulations applicable to Cross Cars; and

“**Supplementary Regulations**” means so far as they are applicable to the Championship, the Standing Regulations set out in Appendix Five, Schedule C, Schedule XC to the National Sporting Code together with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club.

2 ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 **Vehicles:** All vehicles competing in the MotorSport NZ Hillclimb Championship must comply with the following:

- (a) **Safety** Cages are mandatory. If any individual Round allows non caged **vehicles** to enter then, these competitors will not feature in the championship points.
- (b) The vehicle must comply with Schedule A and will be subject to the MSNZ **Safety** Audit process.
- (c) The same Registered vehicle must be used across the two events of a round. Registered Vehicles may only be changed at the discretion of the Championship Coordinator.
- (d) A competitor may not change vehicles after the close of documentation for the event they are wishing to score points in. (NSC Part III - 37).
- (e) **Cross Cars** must comply with Schedule XC at all times. **Cross Cars** must also comply with the **Cross Car Championship Control Tyre:**
 - **Rear - Goldspeed CR Yellow**
 - **Front - Goldspeed**
- (f) **Electric Vehicles** must comply with Schedule A, and all relevant MSNZ technical guidelines, however **Electric Vehicles (EV's)** are not eligible to win the MSNZ Gold Star in the 2021-2022 Championship.

2.2 **Competitors:** All Drivers shall hold an M Grade Competition Licence or higher and if the Entrant is other than the Driver, an Entrants licence is required in the name of the Entrant. **Temporary M Grade** Licences will not be permitted.

3 CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL:

At the Championship the following person, or their MotorSport NZ approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out:

3.1.1 Championship Coordinator: (North Island)	Donna Elder
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Championship Coordinator: (South Island)	Malcolm Mitchell
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Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Record and publish Championship points; and
- (b) Liaise with the Inviting Club on all matters pertaining to these articles.

3.1.2 **Championship Scrutineer – Final:** **TBA**
Mobile Phone No:

Who is responsible for and authorised by Motorsport NZ to:

- (a) Undertake Safety Audits and compliance checks on **vehicles** entered in the Championship Final only.

- (b) Complete a Safety Audit Worksheet at end of the Final.

4 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

4.1 As a result of the current uncertainty with the COVID lockdown levels Nationwide, the Championship shall comprise of one (1) Qualifying Round in each Island followed by a Final Round. The Final Round will alternate between Islands for each subsequent Championship.

4.2 All Rounds will comprise of two(2) events, being a Gravel Hillclimb and a Sealed Hillclimb. Competitors may enter either of the Hillclimbs individually, or both. The final round will occur over one weekend.

4.2.1 Motorsport NZ may, in exceptional circumstances, permit the two(2) events that make up a Round of the Championship to be contested on separate weekends.

4.3 The Round can be organised by one or more Clubs.

4.4 **Hillclimb Championship:** Competitors may register to enter the following Categories:

- (1) **MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship:** for registered competitors in any eligible vehicle contested over both Legs of any one(1) qualifying Round and the Final Round (total of four(4) Hillclimbs). Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for both Hillclimb Challenges.
- (2) **MSNZ 2WD Hillclimb Championship:** for registered 2WD vehicles excluding Cross Cars contested over both Legs of any one (1) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 4 Hillclimbs). Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship and both Hillclimb Challenges.
- (3) **MSNZ 4WD Hillclimb Championship:** for registered 4WD vehicles contested over both Legs of any one (1) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 4 Hillclimbs). Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship and both Hillclimb Challenges.
- (4) **MSNZ Cross Car Championship:** for registered Cross Car vehicles contested over both Legs of any two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of seven(7) Hillclimbs). Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship and both Hillclimb Challenges.

4.5 **Hillclimb Challenge:** Competitors may register to enter the following Challenges:

- (1) **Gravel Hillclimb Challenge:** for registered vehicles contested over the Gravel Leg of any one(1) qualifying Round and the Final Round (total of two(2) Hillclimbs), and/or
- (2) **Sealed Hillclimb Challenge:** for registered vehicles contested over the Sealed Leg of any one(1) qualifying Round and the Final Round (total of (two)2 Hillclimbs).

Notes: For the avoidance of doubt:

1. All competitors registered for the MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship are eligible for the Gravel Hillclimb Challenge and/or Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Trophies.

2. All competitors registered for the MSNZ 2WD Hillclimb Championship are eligible for the MSNZ Gold

Star Hillclimb Championship, as well as the Gravel Hillclimb Challenge and/or Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Trophies.

3. Competitors entered in individual Hillclimb Challenges (under 4.5) only are not eligible for any of the championships defined under 4.4 above.

4. All competitors registered for the MSNZ Cross Car Championship are eligible for the NZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship as well as the Gravel Hillclimb Challenge and/or Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Trophies. The Cross Car Competitors will have additional events. Points from these events will only count towards the Cross Car Championship.

5. Electric Vehicles points will count towards the Challenges only.

5 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

5.1 Entry into the Championships and Challenges shall be made on the Championship Registration Form, and submitted to the Championship Coordinator or their representative, for acceptance no later than the conclusion of Documentation at any of the qualifying rounds. They will only score points from the receipt of registration onwards. No new Registrations will be accepted at the final.

6 ROUND ENTRY

6.1 Entry to each Round of the Championship shall be made to the Inviting Club(s) of the Round, as advised in the Round Supplementary Regulations.

For details about each Round refer to the MotorSport NZ Website

<https://www.motorsport.org.nz/hillclimb-championship/>

6.2 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

Organising Club	Date	Round
Queenstown Car Club	27 th November 2021	South Island Qualifying Round Seal
Ben Nevis Day One	5 th March 2022	South Island Qualifying Round Gravel
Pukekohe Car Club	19 th February 2022	North Island Qualifying Round Seal or Gravel (TBC)
Pukekohe Car Club	20 th February 2022	North Island Qualifying Round Seal or Gravel (TBC)
Hawkes Bay Car Club	26 th March 2022	Final Round – North Island Gravel (Taumarunui)
Hawkes Bay Car Club	27 th March 2022	Final Round – North Island Seal (Taumarunui)

Additional Point Scoring events in the NZ Cross Car Championship	
Waimate 50 Hillclimb Weekend	23-24 October 2021 (two events)
Ben Nevis Day Two	6 th March 2022

6.3 By entering the Championship all Entrants and Drivers agree to comply with these Articles and the National Sporting Code, including its applicable Appendices and Schedules and the individual event Supplementary Regulations.

6.4 Should the final Round be oversubscribed, priority will be given to Registered Championship Competitors in descending order of Championship points, then to registered Hillclimb Challenge competitors in descending order of Challenge points.

6.5 Force Majeure: If due to Force Majeure, the required number of runs cannot be completed the appointed MotorSport NZ Stewards, after consultation with the Clerk of the Course have the authority to approve the reduction of the minimum requirements.

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

7 POINTS

7.1 Points will be awarded on a Percentage Points System, with Points being calculated in the following manner for each registered competitor's fastest run:

- (a)** Identify the "Winners Time" within each championship or challenge by finding the fastest time. Timing will be recorded to the 100th of a second
- (b)** Calculate each registered competitor's points (rounded to two (2) decimal places) using the following formula;

$$\text{Your Points} = (\text{"Winner's Time"} / \text{"Your Fastest Time"}) \times 100.$$

(Example: The winner's time is 200 seconds; your time is 300 seconds. The winner will score $(200/200) \times 100 = 100$ points, while you score $(200/300) \times 100 = 66.67$ points.)

7.1.1 If a competitor starting a Hillclimb fails to achieve a time on that Hillclimb, that competitor will be awarded no points for that Leg, however, shall be eligible for all points achieved from the other Leg.

7.2 In the event of a tie in the final results of the Championship, the Championship Coordinator will apply the following criteria:

- (a)** Should a tie exist in the final then the best times of each affected competitor shall be averaged with the title being awarded to the person having the best averaged time.
- (b)** Should a tie still exist then the Stewards shall refer the matter to MotorSport NZ who shall base its choice of title winner using other such consideration it deems appropriate or it may decide to appoint joint title winners.

7.3 To be eligible to score championship or challenge points at the Final, registered competitors must have scored points at **one (1)** qualifying round.

7.4 The points scored at the additional events for the NZ Cross Car Championship will not be included in the overall NZ Goldstar.

8 AWARDS

8.1 The MotorSport NZ title of Gold Star Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship. The Champion shall be presented The MSNZ Hillclimb Championship Cup at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Function (date, time and venue to be confirmed).

- 8.2** The MotorSport NZ Cross Car Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the Cross Car vehicle gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship. The award for the Cross Car Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Function (date, time and venue to be confirmed).
- 8.3** The MotorSport NZ 2WD Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the 2WD vehicle gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship. The award for the 2WD Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the final Round of the Championship.
- 8.4** The MotorSport NZ 4WD Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the 4WD vehicle gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship. The award for the 4WD Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the final Round of the Championship.
- 8.5** **Sealed Hillclimb:** The Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Trophy shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest points over the Sealed Hillclimb Legs of the Championship. The award for the Sealed Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the final Round of the Championship.
- 8.6** **Gravel Hillclimb:** The Gravel Hillclimb Challenge Trophy shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest points over the Gravel Hillclimb Legs of the Championship. The award for the Gravel Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the final Round of the Championship.
- 8.7** **Island Champion:** Due to the reduced number of Rounds, the Island Championship will not be awarded in 2021/22.

9 GENERAL

- 9.1** The use of "Pace Notes" or similar navigation assistance is strictly prohibited and will result in a penalty. If a competitor wishes to use "Pace Notes" or a similar navigation assistance, they must notify the Clerk of the Course, and will be excluded from the championship results.
- 9.2** The Judges of Fact for the following infringements will be listed in the individual event Supplementary Regulations.
- (i) False or jump start, or
 - (ii) Causing a mis-time through collision with the timing equipment, or
 - (iii) Gaining an unfair advantage by and/or not following the proper course
- 9.3** ~~No Registered driver who is entered in a Motorsport NZ Hillclimb Championship Event is permitted to be a passenger in any other competing vehicle during that event.~~
- 9.4** The event will consist of one timed Practice run and three (3) official timed runs, or at the discretion of MotorSport New Zealand the event may consist of a reconnaissance run and three(3) official runs.
- 9.4.1** ~~The exception is the Ben Nevis event, where the competitors will get a Reece run and three(3) official runs.~~
- 9.5** The Official Electronic Timing must be to 100th's and provide a printout or a log must be available showing the start and finish times.

9.6 If a Round needs to be cancelled or a Registered Competitor is forced to withdraw from an event due to Covid-19 restrictions, including but not limited to regional lockdown or the requirement to isolate, the Championship Coordinators will liaise with Motorsport NZ to decide how the championship results may be calculated.

10 PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

10.1 Penalties shall be applied in accordance with the prescribed articles of NSC Part VIII Penalties, and as outlined in Schedule P unless otherwise specified in Article 10.5.

10.2 Any protest or appeal should be lodged in accordance with the NSC, and the Competitor shall advise the Championship Coordinator and the Competitor Relations Officer (where appointed for the Meeting).

10.3 Competitors / Entrants have the right to lodge a Protest/s in accordance with NSC Part IX – Protests.

10.4 Competitors / Entrants have the right to lodge an Appeal in accordance with NSC Part XI – Appeals.

10.5 Penalty Schedule:

	Type of Infringement	Penalty
10.5.1	Use of Pace Notes or similar navigational assistance	Exclusion from the Championship Results for the round
10.5.2	False or Jump Start	The penalty shall be the slowest competitors time on that run (including any penalties that person may have incurred) plus thirty(30) seconds.
10.5.3	Causing a mistime through collision with the timing equipment	The penalty shall be the slowest competitors time on that run (including any penalties that person may have incurred) plus thirty(30) seconds.
10.5.4	Gaining an unfair advantage by and/or not following the proper course	The penalty shall be the slowest competitors time on that run (including any penalties that person may have incurred) plus thirty(30) seconds.
10.5.5	No Driver who is registered in a Motorsport NZ Hillclimb Championship Event is permitted to be a passenger in any competing vehicles during that event.	Exclusion of the driver from the days results