

Section Two - Historic and Classic Competition Philosophy

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Preamble: In accord with the Constitution and By-laws of MotorSport New Zealand Inc a representative advisory commission has been established with powers to make proposals and recommendations to the MotorSport NZ Executive aimed at ensuring Historic and Classic vehicles have an active competition role.

A: Philosophy

Historic and Classic motorsport is that branch of the sport where vehicles from a past era are used in friendly rivalry to allow them to be exercised in a manner that the manufacturers intended. It is not a branch of the sport where series and trophies for winning races are held in higher regard than the sheer enjoyment of being involved.

B: Responsibilities

1. The Historic and Classic Advisory Commission will provide:

- (1) A framework of competition regulations for vehicles produced during the time period covered by the Commission's brief being to:
- (a) Provide to competitors and officials regulations that will be as clear and useable as practicable. They will provide stability in the regulations to allow competitors to build vehicles with the confidence that the vehicle, if built to comply with current regulations, will continue to comply in future years if it is not modified from its build specification.
 - (b) Endeavour to provide for vehicles to be able to retain as near as possible their original appearance, and where necessary retain the ability to be used as everyday cars.
- (2) Safety standard regulations appropriate to the vehicles covered by the Commission.

Whilst recognising that the safety requirements of the era covered by the Commission were of a lower level than current, the Commission will ensure that the respective vehicles are as safe as is possible in the context of motorsport. This may mean that the standards required will be higher than ever envisaged by the vehicle manufacturers of the time.

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- (3) Protection of the brand name “Historic Race Meeting” and obvious derivatives of that name.

The Commission will protect the brand name “Historic Race Meeting” and derivatives thereof such as “Historic and Classic Race Meeting,” “Classic and Thoroughbred Race Meeting,” etc. This will generally mean that meetings that hide behind scrutineering to varying standards to allow the acceptance of entry of a wider range of vehicles than those covered by regulations covered by this Commission will be denied the use of the brand.

- (4) Clear guidelines to event organisers and promoters, and competitors, outlining their obligations to each other and their obligations to the Historic and Classic movement as a whole.
- (5) A list of available classes, known as vehicle categories.
- (6) Encouragement for the formation, under the umbrella of a member club, of special interest competitor registers to assist event organisers with promoting a range of races at meetings.

2. Organisers will be expected to provide:

- (1) Meetings with formats that conform to the philosophy of the Historic and Classic movement.

Recognising that the philosophy of the movement includes the use of vehicles in friendly competition, organisers will be expected to provide meetings that encourage owners of appropriate vehicles to enter and race those vehicles amongst other vehicles and owners of like mind.

- (2) Appropriate vehicle groupings at meetings that are promoted under the brand “Historic Racing” or derivatives.

- (a) Organisers are expected to provide race groupings of vehicles that are appropriate to the vehicles entered for their meeting.

It is inappropriate for single seater vehicles to be grouped with saloons, and old slow vehicles with newer faster vehicles.

- (b) Scrutineering Audits shall be carried out on at least 15% of vehicles entered in the event, checking for;
- (i) Compliance with Appendix Two Schedule A or Appendix Six Schedule AA requirements as appropriate, and
 - (ii) Compliance with the vehicle’s Certificate of Description as appropriate.

3. Competitors will be responsible for:

- (1) Competing and dealing with all other competitors and event officials and helpers in a manner of good sportsmanship and friendly rivalry.

The Historic and Classic movement philosophy is about using appropriate vehicles in a manner of friendly rivalry. Over aggressive driving and pit manner is not part of the way the movement wishes to operate. Competitors are expected to enter, compete and act in a manner that respects this philosophy.

- (2) The safety and eligibility compliance of their vehicle.

Note: *In line with the above, and with the general philosophy, competitors are responsible to themselves, the event organisers and promoters, and this Commission to ensure that the vehicle, which they use in Historic and Classic motorsport is eligible to compete at the meetings, and in the vehicle categories or class breaks entered.*