



# ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2017-18 BNT V8s CHAMPIONSHIP



## Preamble

MotorSport New Zealand Inc. hereby declares the following articles to be those governing Competitors in the MotorSport NZ BNT V8s Championship class.

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 NZ Race Championship General Prescriptions (Schedule CH), and
- The Technical Regulations – Schedule TC1 or Schedule TL, and
- Individual Round Supplementary Regulations.

**A Sanctioning Permit No: 13255 has been issued in the name of MotorSport NZ.**

**Note:** *All text changes from the previous issue of this Schedule are highlighted such. Text changes for grammatical and/or formatting reasons are not highlighted.*

## 1 INTERPRETATIONS:

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

The “**Championship**” means the MotorSport New Zealand BNT V8s Championship categories for cars complying with Schedules TC1 or TL; and

“**Inviting Clubs**” means the MotorSport NZ clubs hosting 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 the race meeting at which drivers may score points towards the Championship includes, with all necessary modifications, and

“**Supplementary Regulations**” means so far as they are applicable to the Championship the Standing Regulations set out in the Supplementary Regulations issued for each Round.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY:

**2.1** 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.



**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 issued by MotorSport NZ as follows:

**(1) Class 1:** cars complying with Schedule TC1.

**(2) Class 2:** cars complying with Schedule TL.

**(3) Invitation:** V8 cars that do not meet the above Schedule requirements but fit within the "Spirit of the Category" may be permitted to compete at the sole discretion of MotorSport NZ and the NZTC Board. Invitation cars will not be eligible for MotorSport NZ Championship points. Cars will be eligible for the NZ Touring Cars "Invitation Cup".

**2.3** All entrants and drivers shall agree to submit their vehicle to eligibility scrutineering when required by MotorSport NZ Technical Officers or Championship Scrutineers for compliance to Schedules TC1, TL and/or Schedule A.

### **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 Administrator:** NZ Touring Cars Limited  
**Address:** PO Box 89139  
Torbay Auckland 0742  
**Phone No Gary Lathrope:** 0274 522 991  
**Phone No Rachael Murray:** 021 999 664  
**E-mail:** gary@gr8events.co.nz rachael@gr8events.co.nz  
**Contacts:** Gary Lathrope - Rachael Murray

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 Championship Race Director:** Craig Finlayson  
**Phone No:** 06 323 6510  
**Mobile Phone No:** 021 213 7427  
**E-mail:** Craig.finlayson@inspire.net.nz

Who is authorised by MotorSport NZ to undertake the duties outlined in Schedule CH Article 3.1.2.



**3.1.3 Championship Coordinator:** Gary Lathrope  
**Mobile Phone No:** 0274 522 991  
**E-mail:** gary@gr8events.co.nz

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Liaise with Inviting Clubs and MotorSport NZ on matters pertaining to the championship; and
- (b) Ensure correct placement of decals on competing vehicles, and
- (c) Liaise with event Officials on any sporting aspect for the category, and
- (d) Be Judge of Fact, Schedules **TC1** and TL Control Parts.

Also required to:

- (a) Attend MotorSport NZ 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

#### **3.1.4 Championship Scrutineers:**

	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Class 2</b>
<b>Name:</b>	Ron McMillan	Daniel Cresswell
<b>Mobile:</b>	021 931 765	029 456 2102
<b>E-mail:</b>	roadrace@ihug.co.nz	daniel@csystems.co.nz

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Undertake Safety Audits including management of vehicle logbooks; and
- (b) Affix seals as required, and
- (c) Undertake technical eligibility checking; and
- (d) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(d)); and
- (e) Liaise with the Championship Officials and Championship Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the category; and
- (f) Report to the senior MSNZ Technical Officer on duty or Race Director as appropriate at rounds with their proposed technical checking programs and subsequent results prior to the final Stewards meeting.
- (g) Apply Success Ballast as required.

Who may have deputies and assistants to whom they may delegate any of their responsibilities and authorities by way of notice posted on the official notice board at each Round.

**3.1.4.1 Parity Tuner:** Dave Heerdegen  
D-Tech MotorSport, Tauranga  
**Mobile Phone No:** 027 203 7234  
**E-mail:** dtechmotorsport@gmail.com

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) administer the equalisation of performance for Class One vehicles, and
- (b) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(d)).



**3.1.5 Championship Media Delegate:** Freddy Foote  
**Mobile No:** 027 4960 260  
**E-mail:** freddy@f2communications.co.nz

Who is responsible for Media for BNT V8s.

#### **4 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE:**

**4.1** The Championship will comprise the following Rounds:

<b>Round</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Inviting Club</b>
<b>1</b>	3-5 November 2017	Pukekohe Park	MotorSport NZ
<b>2</b>	1-3 December 2017	BMMP Taupo	MotorSport NZ
<b>3</b>	12-14 January 2018	Ruapuna	MotorSport NZ
<b>4</b>	19-21 January 2018	Teretonga	MotorSport NZ
<b>5</b>	9-11 February 2018	Manfeild CCA	MotorSport NZ
<b>6</b>	9-11 March 2018	Hampton Downs	MotorSport NZ

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.

#### **5 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION (ENTRY):**

**5.1** Registration for all Rounds of the Championship must be made by the Entrant and the Driver on the official entry form.

**5.2** In submitting registration for Round(s) of the Championship 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** The entry fee will be \$750.00 (GST inclusive) for all Rounds. For competitors who pre-enter for the entire Championship prior to 20 October 2017 the Series entry fee will be \$3750.00 (GST inclusive). Category conditions apply.

**5.3.1** Ticket allocation for Round 1 will be eight(8) plus two(2) vehicle passes per entry. All remaining Rounds will be twelve(12) plus two(2) vehicle passes per entry.

**5.4** **Entry Fees are due as follows (refer also to the entry form):**

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Amount (includes GST)</b>
19 October 2017	Full fees for Round 1
16 November 2017	Full fees for Round 2
28 December 2017	Full fees for Round 3
4 January 2018	Full fees for Round 4
25 January 2018	Full fees for Round 5
22 February 2018	Full fees for Round 6



**5.4.1** The Championship Promoter may consider the acceptance of late entries provided that the entry is lodged in full conformity with entry requirements and is accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$150.00 per Round (inclusive of GST).

**5.4.2** There will be no refunds given once an entry has been processed. Credits against future competition will be considered in exceptional circumstances. The Series entry fee will be non-refundable unless under extreme circumstances as agreed by the Championship Administrator.

## **6 AWARDS:**

**6.1** At the Annual MotorSport NZ Awards Function the following award will be made:

**(1)** The overall Class 1 winner of the Championship (highest points scorer from all Rounds of the Championship) will be awarded the MotorSport NZ Touring Car Trophy.

**(2)** The overall Class 2 winner of the Championship (highest points scorer from all Rounds of the Championship) will be awarded the MotorSport NZ Touring Car Cup.

**6.2** At the conclusion of the final Round of the Series the following award will be made:

**(1) Invitation Cup:** The overall winner of Class 1 and Class 2 Invitation Cars (highest Category points scorer from all Rounds) shall receive the BNT V8s Invitation Cup.

## **7 PRACTICE, QUALIFYING, AND STARTING POSITIONS:**

**7.1 Practice:** One(1) practice session will be available. The Driver may only use their competition vehicle (which they have entered in the Round) in this session.

**7.1.1 No testing of a BNT V8 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 a Friday Practice session is specified in the Supplementary Regulations of the Round.

### **7.2 Qualifying:**

**(1)** Refuelling is not permitted during any qualifying sessions.

**(2)** All Classes will qualify in the same session.

### **7.3 Starting Positions:**

**7.3.1** There will be three(3) races at all Rounds of the Championship.

**7.3.2** All Classes will compete in the same races.

**7.3.3** The start of Races One and Two will be rolling starts. The grid for Class 2 cars will start behind the Class 1 cars. There will be a gap between the last Class 1 car and the first Class 2 car. The grid for Invitation Cars will start at the rear of each respective Class.



**7.3.4** The start for Race Three will be a standing start. The grid for Class 2 cars will be in front of the Class 1 cars. There will be a grid gap between the two(2) classes. The grid for Invitation Cars will start at the rear of each respective Class. The Class 2 cars will be signalled to start, there will be a thirty(30) seconds delay prior to the start signal for the Class 1 cars.

**7.3.5** Starting positions for **Race One** (for all Classes) will be determined by the fastest lap times achieved from Qualifying – refer Article 7.2 above - fastest Competitor to the front.

**7.3.6** Starting positions for **Race Two**:

- **For Class 1 cars:** will be determined by the Car's second fastest lap time achieved from Qualifying. Invitation cars off rear of the Grid in finishing order of Race 1.
- **For Class 2 cars:** will be determined by the finishing order of Race One and then the top five(5) positions will be reversed. 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 of the grid in qualifying time order. Invitation cars off rear of the Grid in finishing order of Race 1.

**7.3.7** Starting Positions for each Class in **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.
- In the case of equal points, qualifying times (fastest Competitor to the front) will be used to allocate the higher position.
- **Class 1 Cars only:** Reverse grid.
- Invitation Cars in both Classes will start off the rear of both Grids in the following order; based Invitation class 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.

## 8 RACE DISTANCES:

Round	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Venue
1	16 laps	16 laps	16 laps	Pukekohe Park
2	12 laps	12 laps	12 laps	BMMP Taupo
3	12 laps	12 laps	12 laps	Ruapuna
4	12 laps	12 laps	14 laps	Teretonga
5	12 laps	12 laps	14 laps	Manfeild CCA
6	14 laps	14 laps	14 laps	Hampton Downs

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



## **9 IN-CAR CAMERA TO MONITOR COMPETITOR BEHAVIOUR (Judicial Camera):**

- 9.1** All BNT V8s Championship cars will be required to carry an approved New Zealand Touring Cars Limited in-car camera. The position of fitting this camera takes precedence over any other camera fitted in the vehicle.
- 9.2** 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.
- 9.3** It is the Competitors responsibility to ensure the camera is switched on and recording during all Practice, Qualifying and Race Sessions. For cameras not recording Penalty Schedule CH.40.33 will apply.
- 9.4** At any time during an Event the Championship Coordinator or his appointed official can access footage from the Judicial Camera.
- 9.5** The footage is not available to the Competitors unless permission is granted by the Race Director.
- 9.6** The Promoter will approach Competitors separately with the terms of lease for the official TV broadcast units as in previous seasons.
- 9.7** All rights to all camera footage remains the property of MotorSport NZ at all times.

## **10 PIT SPACE ALLOCATION:**

- 10.1** A marquee or pit garage where available 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.
- 10.1.1** The Championship Coordinator will allocate an area in pit lane for each competitor when they are not in a pit garage.
- 10.2** 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(1) hour after conclusion of BNT V8s last race.

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

- 10.3** Failure to comply with this requirement will incur a fine of \$500.

## **11 TYRE TYPE, ALLOCATION AND MARKING PROCEDURES:**

- 11.1** Only the Dunlop control tyre (dry and wet specification) as per Schedule TL, Part B & C, Article 13.2, Schedule TC1 are permitted for use at any Round of the Championship.



**11.1.1** Only (dry) Dunlop control tyres that have been specifically marked for the current Championship may be used except as provided for in Article 11.4 below. The tyres will be marked for use on a specified competition vehicle.

**Note:** *It is not a requirement to have the control wet tyres marked.*

**11.1.2** The Dunlop control tyres may only be purchased from NZ Touring Cars Limited.

**11.1.3 First Round entered test sessions:** Any marked or unmarked BNT V8s control tyre may be used.

**11.2 New “dry” tyre allocation for the Championship:** The maximum number of new “dry” tyres that may be presented for marking for each Round of the Championship are as follows:

**(1) Class One Cars:**

- Round One – eight(8)
- Round Two – six(6)
- Round Three – six(6)
- Round Four – six(6)
- Each Subsequent Round entered – four(4)

**(2) Class Two Cars:**

- Round One – six(6)
- Round Two – six(6)
- Round Three – Four(4)
- Round Four – four(4)
- Each Subsequent Round entered – two(2)

**11.2.1** For those Competitors entering the Championship after the conclusion of Round One, the maximum number of “dry” tyres (new and used) that may be presented for marking are as follows:

**(1) Class One Cars:**

- First Round entered after Round One - eight(8) new and four(4) used.
- First Round entered after Round Four - six(6) new and two(2) used.
- Each Subsequent Round entered - four(4) new.

**(2) Class Two Cars:**

- First Round entered after Round One - six(6) new and four(4) used.
- First Round entered after Round Four - four(4) new and two(2) used.
- Each Subsequent Round entered - two(2) new.

**Note:** *The used tyres described above for the first and second Rounds entered may be tyres marked from a previous season and are additional to that described in Article 11.3 below.*

**11.3 “Dry” Tyre allocation per Round:** The tyres available are limited to those purchased for that Round (refer Article 11.2) and any previously marked control tyre from the current Championship.

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





**11.4.1** If the meeting is declared “wet” by the Race Director only “wet” specification tyres may be used.

**11.4.2** 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.

**11.5 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.

**11.6 Tyre marking:** Marking will take place on the Friday (between 1400hrs–1800hrs) of each Round of the Championship at the Dunlop Tyres Compound under the supervision of the Championship Scrutineer.

**11.7** It is the Competitor's responsibility to ensure that tyre markings remain clearly visible. Whenever a tyre marking starts to become illegible, the Competitor must advise the Championship Scrutineer accordingly, who will decide upon the appropriate course of action.

**12 ENGINE CONTROLS / PROCEDURES / PENALTIES:**

**12.1** Only engines fitted with an ID tag by the Championship Scrutineer may be used in the Championship.

**12.2** There is no maximum on the number of engines authorised for use during the series although each engine presented (for use at a Round of the Championship) must be declared to the Championship Scrutineer for the fitment of “C” type seals and identification tag.

**12.3** All seals shall be applied in accordance with the individual Category technical regulations.

**12.4** Any ‘sealed and tagged engine’ may be used indiscriminately during the Championship under the following provisos;

- (1)** The Championship Scrutineer shall be informed prior to any engine change\* being made at a round of the Championship.
- (2)** The identification tag and all applied ‘C’ seals remain intact.

\* An engine change means the substitution of one engine with another in the Competitors vehicle.

**13 DRIVER APPAREL:**

**13.1 Driver Safety Apparel Requirements:** All drivers shall wear the following driver safety apparel/equipment when competing at a round of the series to which these regulations apply;



- (1) A **protective helmet** in compliance with FIA Standard 8860-2004, 8860-2010 or 8859-2015, or SA2015, SAH2010, SA2010 or SA2005.
- (2) **Protective clothing**, including overall, underwear, balaclava, socks and shoes in compliance with FIA Standard 8856-2000.
- (3) A **Frontal Head Restraint (FHR)** in compliance with FIA Standard 8858-2002 / 8858-2010 being either a HANS<sup>®</sup> system or a Hybrid<sup>®</sup> system.

**14 MEETING RIDES:**

**14.1** Meeting Rides shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Schedule CH.

**15. CONTROLLED FUEL:**

**15.1** The controlled fuel for all BNT V8s will be Gull Force 10, the controlled fuel will be available for purchase from the Gull Container at each Round.

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## APPENDIX 1

### Decal placements and Sponsorship requirements

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