



### 2020 – 2021 MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP ARTICLES



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# **MotorSport New Zealand Hillclimb Championship Articles 2020 – 2021**

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## ARTICLES GOVERNING THE MOTORSPORT NZ HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

#### **PREAMBLE**

MotorSport New Zealand Inc. hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing Competitors in the 2020/21 MotorSport NZ 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), Schedule XC, to the National Sporting Code issued by MotorSport New Zealand Inc and in conjunction with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club.

This Championship is held under MotorSport NZ Championship Permit No: 200347

#### 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 MotorSport NZ Hillclimb Championship as set out in these Articles; and

The "Inviting Club" means the MotorSport New Zealand member clubs 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.

"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) Roll Cages are mandatory. If any individual Round allows non caged cars to enter then, these competitors will not feature in the championship points.
  - (b) The vehicle must fully comply with Schedule A and will be subject to the MSNZ 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 Appendix Five, Schedule XC at all times.
- **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. Day 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:** Donna Elder **Mobile Phone No:** 021 773 266

E-mail: ClubSport@motorsport.org.nz

**Championship Points Keeper:** Cameron Morison **Mobile Phone No:** 027 428 6813

Email: ClubSport@motorsport.org.nz

The Coordinator and Points keeper 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.

Cross Car Advisor: Hayden Paddon

Email: hayden@paddonrallysport.co.nz

The Adviser is responsible to act in an advisory role to clarify any technical questions with regards to the Cross Car vehicles. He will refer any Championship questions to the Championship Coordinator.

3.1.2 Championship Scrutineer – Final: To be confirmed Mobile Phone No: To be confirmed

They are responsible for and authorised by Motorsport New Zealand to:

- (a) Undertake Safety Audits and compliance checks on cars entered in Championship Final only.
- (b) Complete a Safety Audit Worksheet at end of the Final.





#### 4 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

- 4.1 The Championship shall comprise of two (2) Qualifying Rounds 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) legs of 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 two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 6 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 two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 6 Hillclimbs). Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship and both Hillclimb Challenges.
  - (3) 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 6 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 Categories:
  - (1) Gravel Hillclimb Challenge: for registered vehicles contested over the Gravel Leg of any two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 3 Hillclimbs), and/or
  - (2) Sealed Hillclimb Challenge: for registered vehicles contested over the Sealed Leg of any two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 3 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 Gravel Hillclimb Challenge and/or Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Trophies.

#### 5 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

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, on MSNZ Possum Online entry system or the clubs official entry form by their specified closing dates with all details completed.

For details about each Round refer to the MotorSport NZ Website http://www.hillclimbchampionship.co.nz/

#### 6.2 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

Organising Club	Date	Round
Hawkes Bay	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	Nth Is Qualifying Round One Seal
Hawkes Bay	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Nth Is Qualifying Round One Gravel
RATEC	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Sth Is Qualifying Round One Seal
Marlborough	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Sth Is Qualifying Round One Gravel
Pukekohe Car Club	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Nth Is Qualifying Round Two Seal
Pukekohe Car Club	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Nth Is Qualifying Round Two Gravel
RATEC	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Sth Is Qualifying Round Two Seal
Marlborough	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Sth Is Qualifying Round Two Gravel
South Otago	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Final Round - South Island Gravel
South Otago	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Final Round - South Island Seal

- 6.3 In competing in 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, preference of entry will be given to Registered Championship Competitors priority 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 100<sup>th</sup> of a second
  - (b) Calculate each registered competitor's points (rounded to two (2) decimal places) using the following formula;

Your Points = ("Winner's Time" /"Your Fastest Time") x 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 <u>or</u> 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 two (2) qualifying rounds.

#### 8 AWARDS

8.1 The MotorSport NZ title of Gold Star Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest points over the Championship. The Champion shall receive The MSNZ Hillclimb Championship Cup at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Dinner (date, time and venue to be confirmed).

Registered Cross Car Competitors are NOT eligible for the Overall Goldstar Title in 2021.





- 8.2 The MotorSport NZ 2WD Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the 2WD vehicle gaining the highest points over the Championship. The award for the 2WD Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Dinner (date, time and venue to be confirmed).
- 8.3 The MotorSport NZ Cross Car Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the Cross Car vehicle gaining the highest points over the Championship. The award for the Cross Car Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Dinner (date, time and venue to be confirmed).
- **8.4 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.
- **8.5 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.
- **8.6 Island Champion:** There will be a trophy awarded to the driver gaining the highest points in the two (2) qualifying rounds in the Championship held in the Island that isn't hosting the final. The 2020/21 Island Champion will be from the **North** Island Qualifying Rounds.

#### 9 PENALTY SCHEDULE

**9.1** Unless specified in this Article, penalties and conditions outlined in Schedule P will apply.

Where a penalty in this Schedule applies then it shall override the equivalent penalty contained in Appendix One, Schedule P. All other sections of Schedule P will continue to apply when not at variance with this table.

Category of Offences	Penalty
Art 10.1 Use of Pace Notes or similar navigational assistance	Exclusion from the Championship Results
Art 10.2 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.
Art 10.2 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.
Art 10.2 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.





Art 10.3	
No Driver who is registered in a	Exclusion of the driver from the days results
Motorsport NZ Hillclimb	
Championship Event is permitted	
to be a passenger in any	
competing car during that event.	

#### 10 GENERAL

- **10.1** 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.
- **10.2** A penalty shall be incurred for:
  - a false or jump start, or
  - causing a miss-time through collision with the timing equipment, or
  - gaining an unfair advantage by and/or not following the proper course

The Judges of Fact for these items will be listed in the individual event Supplementary Regulations.

- 10.3 No Registered driver who is entered in a Motorsport NZ Hillclimb Championship Event is permitted to be a passenger in any other competing car during that event.
- 10.4 The event will consist of one timed Practice run and three (3) official timed runs
- **10.5** The Official Electronic Timing must be to 100<sup>th</sup>'s and provide a printout or a log must be available showing the start and finish times.





### MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP AND CHALLENGE TROPHY REGISTRATION FORM 2020 - 2021

MSNZ Hillclimb Championship (includes both Challenges)	Gravel Hillclimb Challenge Only
MSNZ 2WD Hillclimb Championship (includes both Challenges)	Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Only
MSNZ Cross Car Championship (includes both Challenges)	

#### PLEASE INDICATE WHICH CHAMPIONSHIP YOU WISH TO REGISTER FOR.

Driver / Entrant Detai	ils:	
Driver's Name:		
Address:		
Email Address:		
Telephone – Home:		Telephone – Mobile:
Financial Member of the following MotorSport NZ Member Club: (Name of Club)		
Vehicle Details		
Vehicle Make:	MSNZ Log Book #:	
Vehicle Model:	MSNZ Roll Cage Homologation #:	
2WD or 4WD:		
Driver's Signature:		
Signed		Date/

Please send this form to <a href="mailto:clubsport@motorsport.org.nz">clubsport@motorsport.org.nz</a> or hand it to the Championship Coordinator or their representative at Documentation