

## ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2021 TCR NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP

### Preamble

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

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 – TCR Technical Regulations, and
- Individual Round Supplementary Regulations.

**A Championship Permit No: 210125 has been issued in the name of MotorSport New Zealand.**

### OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

This table records all official Amendments issued during the season relative to these Articles;

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective date	Article reference	Subject / Notes
TCR-21-A001	16 March 2021	7	Change of Calendar
TCR-21-A001	16 March 2021	8	Championship Entry
TCR-21-A001	16 March 2021	16	Change of tyre allocation
TCR-21-A002	14 April 2021	20	Change of fuel type

### 1 INTERPRETATIONS:

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

The “**Championship**” means the MotorSport New Zealand TCR New Zealand Championship categories for vehicles complying with TCR Technical Regulations; and

“**Inviting Clubs**” means the MotorSport NZ clubs hosting Rounds of the Championship; and

“**MotorSport NZ**” and “**MSNZ**” 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

**“Non-Professional Driver”** will be determined by the Category Management

**“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; and

**“TCR NZ”** means Touring Car Championship New Zealand.

## **2 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:**

**2.1** All drivers shall hold a C2 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 Motorsport Australia and MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Australian competitors holding both Motorsport Australia 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 vehicles complying with the TCR Technical Regulations.

**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 Schedule TCR and/or Schedule A.

**2.4** All drivers shall agree to submit their driver apparel when required to a MotorSport NZ TCR NZ Technical Officers or Championship Scrutineers for compliance to Schedule A.

## **3 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY**

**3.1** All vehicles must comply with the 2021 TCR Technical Regulations and their relevant TCR Technical Forms to be eligible to compete in the Series.

**3.2** The TCR Series is defined as a Sprint Series and any component, system or function that is listed as an option for Endurance Racing in the TCR Technical Regulations or the TCR Technical Form is not permitted to be used at any time during the Series.

## **4 VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION**

**4.1** All vehicles entered in the Series must produce, on request, the following vehicle documentation:

- a)** A valid MotorSport New Zealand Technical Passport, or equivalent vehicle logbook document
- b)** A valid copy of the vehicle’s TCR Technical Form
- (c)** A valid Safety Cage Certificate for the vehicle

## **5 DATA LOGGERS**

**5.1** All vehicles competing in the TCR Series shall be fitted with a data-logger as specified in the 2021 TCR Technical regulations.

- 5.2** Each vehicle must have four SD cards available for their vehicle at each Round of the Series that shall be used as follows:
- a) One SD card to be installed in the datalogger for all Practices and Qualifying Sessions, and
  - b) One SD Card installed for each Race. (One for each race)
- 5.3** All SD Cards must be empty at the start of each Round.
- 5.4** Each SD Card must be clearly marked with the car's competition number.
- 5.5** The SD Card shall only be removed from the data-logger by the Technical Delegate or the Championship Data Scrutineer.

**6 CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL:**

- 6.1** At each Round the following personnel, and/or their approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out:

**6.1.1 Championship Coordinator:** Lindsay Dodd  
**Phone No:** 027 438 3997  
**E-mail:** [lindsay@lindsaydodd.co.nz](mailto:lindsay@lindsaydodd.co.nz)

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Supply all Championship decals and ensure correct placement of decals on competing vehicles; and
- (b) Promote the Championship, and liaise with Inviting Clubs and MotorSport NZ on matters pertaining to the championship; and
- (c) Liaise with Event Officials on any sporting aspect for the category, and

Also required to:

- (a) Attend MotorSport NZ coordination meetings at events
- (b) Attend Stewards meetings at events
- (c) Undertake a category driver briefing at each Round
- (d) Ensure round award winners attend on-track presentations at conclusion of final category race on Sunday

**6.1.2 Championship Race Director:** Ben Aro  
**Mobile Phone No:** 0274 919 369  
**E-mail:** [Ben.Aro@dayleitm.co.nz](mailto:Ben.Aro@dayleitm.co.nz)

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

**6.1.3 Championship Technical Personnel:**

**Technical Delegate:** To be advised  
**Phone:** To be advised  
**E-mail:** To be advised

**Championship Data Scrutineer:** Justin Scelly  
**Phone No:** 021 356 002  
**E-mail:** [justin@baigent.co.nz](mailto:justin@baigent.co.nz)

**Championship Scrutineer** Terry Carkeek  
**Phone No:** 021 378 446  
**E-mail:** terry@motorsport.org.nz

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Undertake Safety Audits including management of vehicle logbooks; and
- (b) Affix seals as required, and
- (c) Undertake technical eligibility checking; and
- (d) Access, download and export data from each vehicles data-logger
- (e) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(d)); and
- (f) Liaise with the Championship Officials and Championship Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the category; and
- (g) 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.
- (h) Coordination and liaise with the TCR Technical Delegate.

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.

**6.1.4 Championship Media Delegate:** Jordie Peters  
**Mobile No:** 027 479 1510  
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Who is responsible for Media for TCR NZ.

## **7 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE:**

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

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	23-24 April 2021	Highlands Motorsport Park	Highlands Motorsport Club

MotorSport New Zealand 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.

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

**8.1** Entry into the Championship should be made through the MotorSport Online system (<https://possum.motorsport.org.nz>). 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.

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

- 8.1.1 Championship Entry Fees:** The Championship entry fee has been set at \$200.00 (ex.GST) payable no later than fourteen(14) days prior to the first round the competitor is competing in. This fee is to cover additional expenses incurred by TCR NZ. The bank account for direct credit is 12 3149 0230385 50. Please use your last name and allocated race number as a reference.
- 8.2** Entry to each Round of the Championship (which is separate to the Championship entry) should be made via the Inviting Clubs method as detailed in the Round Supplementary Regulations.
- 8.3** The per round entry fee will be \$1,450 (ex.GST) for all Rounds, payable directly to the Championship Coordinator at least seven(7) days prior to the Round entered. Any entry will not be deemed valid until payment is received.
- 8.3.1** The per round entry fee will include the use of pit garages and/or marquees.
- 8.3.2** There will be no refunds given once an entry has been processed. Credits against future competition will be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- 8.4** The Championship Coordinator will allocate competition numbers. All numbers on competing vehicles must be of the minimum dimensions as set out in Appendix One and Two of these Articles.
- 8.5** Ticket allocation for all rounds will be as detailed in the Round Supplementary Regulations.
- 9 AWARDS:**
- 9.1** Points will be awarded as detailed in Schedule CH, Article 10.
- 9.2** The overall winner of the Championship (highest points scorer from all Rounds of the Championship) will be awarded the MotorSport NZ TCR New Zealand Trophy at the Annual MotorSport New Zealand Awards Function.
- 10 PRACTICE, QUALIFYING, AND STARTING POSITIONS:**
- 10.1 Practice:** Sessions will be available to all Drivers prior to any Round subject to availability and track hire charges set by the Inviting Club.
- 10.1.1 No testing of a TCR competition vehicle** will be permitted on the circuit at which the Round is scheduled to be held from Monday to Thursday (inclusive) in the week prior to that Round.
- 10.1.2 Official Category test days** maybe be organised by the Category Coordinator. All teams will be notified as and when these may happen.
- 10.2 Qualifying:**
- 10.2.1 Duration:** All qualifying session will be a minimum of 20(twenty) minutes long, in conjunction with the 2021 Super Production Accredited Race Series.
- 10.2.2** During qualifying all vehicles must remain outside their allocated pit area or on a 45-degree angle outside their put lane garage until released by the Championship Scrutineer.
- 10.3 Races:**
- 10.3.1** There will be three(3) races at all Rounds of the TCR NZ Championship in conjunction with the 2021 Super Production Accredited Race Series.

**10.3.2** The TCR NZ Championship shall form the front of the grid with the front of the 2021 Super Production Race Series forming up three full grid rows behind the last row of the TCR NZ grid.

**10.3.3** No TCR NZ Championship vehicle may be used in any other races of the Meeting except for those races scheduled for the TCR NZ Championship.

**10.3.4 Starting Positions:**

**10.3.4.1** Starting positions for **Race One** will be determined by the fastest lap times achieved from Qualifying with the fastest Competitor to the front.

**10.3.4.2** Starting positions for **Race Two** will be determined by the finishing order of Race One.

**10.3.4.3** Starting Positions for **Race Three** will be determined by will be determined by the combined Race Points gained by the driver in Races One and Two at that Round, with the highest scoring driver to the front. In the case of equal Race Points at that Round, the fastest lap recorded by the tied competitors in either qualifying, Race 1 or Race 2 will be used to allocate the higher position.

**10.3.4.4** If a Driver fails to finish Race One;

- (1) They shall be placed at the rear of the TCR NZ Championship grid for the Race Two.
- (2) If more than one Driver failed to finish, they shall be placed at the rear of the TCR NZ Championship grid in order of the number of laps completed in the previous race.
- (3) If a Driver failed to start Race One, they shall be placed to the rear of all others and if there are more than one in this situation, they shall be placed in order as decided by the Race Director.

**10.3.5 Start Procedure:** The start of all Races will be a standing start in accordance with Schedule CH.

**11 RACE DISTANCES:**

**11.1** All races will be run to a maximum of 30 minutes plus 1 lap.

**11.2** 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.

**12 PARC FERME AND TECHNICAL CHECKS**

**12.1** At the completion of any Practice, Qualifying Session or Race, all Vehicles shall return and park at a 45-degree angle outside their pit garage and will remain in Parc Ferme conditions until released by the Championship Scrutineer.

**12.1.1** Vehicles not required for technical checks will be released by the Championship Scrutineer.

**12.1.2** Vehicles selected for technical checks will be presented to the Technical Area.

**13 BALANCE OF PERFORMANCE (BOP)**

**13.1** The Balance of Performance (BOP) shall be determined by WSC before the start of the Series and may be adjusted by the BOP compensation Automatic Formula as defined by WSC Technical Bulletin.

- 13.2** The BOP and the adjustments to the technical specifications of the vehicle are determined by WSC.
- 13.3** The latest WSC BOP decision received by MotorSport New Zealand before midnight on the Thursday night before each Round shall be applicable for the duration of that Round. Any BOP decisions received after midnight Thursday shall come into effect after the completion of the final race of that Round.
- 13.4** Prior to qualifying, all drivers must report to the Championship Scrutineer with all their safety apparel to obtain a driver weight
- 14 IN-VEHICLE CAMERAS TO MONITOR COMPETITOR BEHAVIOUR (Judicial Camera):**
- 14.1** It is compulsory for each vehicle to be fitted with judicial in-car camera(s) in accordance with Schedule CH. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure it is fully operational during all meeting sessions.
- 14.2** This camera must be mounted in accordance with any instructions issued but must ensure that a forward mounted camera captures both the steering wheel and the front view from the front windscreen. A second camera must be positioned to show a clear, unimpeded view of the driver from the dash area on the passenger side of the vehicle.
- 14.3** The mounting of the camera will be supervised, where required, by the Championship Coordinator or their appointed official.
- 14.4** 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.
- 14.5** At any time during an Event the Championship Coordinator or their appointed official can access footage from the Judicial Camera.
- 14.6** The footage is not available to the Competitors unless permission is granted by the Race Director.
- 14.7** The Promoter will approach Competitors separately with the terms of lease for the official TV broadcast units as in previous seasons.
- 14.8** All rights to all camera footage remains the property of MotorSport NZ at all times.
- 15 PIT SPACE ALLOCATION:**
- 15.1** A marquee or pit garage will be allocated by the Championship Coordinator 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.
- 15.1.1** The Championship Coordinator will allocate an area in pit lane for each competitor when they are not in a pit garage.
- 15.2** 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:
- Day 1 : 9am - 5pm
  - Day 2 : 9am until one(1) hour after conclusion of TCR NZ last race.

**15.2.1** The front entrance of the marquee or pit garage must be open during these times with the front of the vehicle facing the front opening, except when a vehicle is involved in a track session.

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

**16 TYRE TYPE, ALLOCATION AND MARKING PROCEDURES:**

**16.1** Only the Michelin control tyre (dry and wet specification) as per TCR Technical Regulations are permitted for use at any Round of the Championship.

**(1)** Dry weather tyre: Michelin 27/65-18 S9M (Hard)

**(2)** Wet weather tyre: Michelin 27/65-18 P2L

**16.1.1** The Michelin control tyres may only be purchased from the approved provider who will also provide trackside support and fitting services.

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**16.1.2** Only (dry) Michelin control tyres that have been specifically marked for the current Championship may be used from Qualifying onwards. The tyres will be marked for use on a specified competition vehicle and must be fitted to the wheel in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. This includes directional and asymmetrical.

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

**16.2 New "Dry" tyre allocation for the Championship:** The maximum number of new tyres that may be presented for marking at Round One is **eight(8)**. The "dry" tyre allocation applies from the commencement of the qualifying session to the end of the final race for the round.

**16.3.1** Damaged dry tyres may be replaced at the Championship Scrutineer's discretion under the following conditions:

1. The tyre is replaced from the competitors tyre pool including tyres from a previous round of the current season, and
2. The tyre's manufacturer or their representative has determined that the tyre is unsafe to use, and
3. The Race Director has determined that the damage was caused by other than the competitor's error, and

**16.4 "Wet" Tyre allocation per Round:** There is no controlled allocation of wet tyres per Round.

**16.4.1** If the meeting is declared "wet" by the Race Director only "wet" specification tyres may be used.

**16.5 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.

**16.6 Tyre marking:** Tyre marking will take place as noted in the Supplementary Regulations at each Round of the Championship at the Michelin Tyres Compound or in front of the car's allocated pit area under the supervision of the Championship Scrutineer.

**16.6.1** The times for tyre marking for each Round will be advised by the Championship Scrutineer.

**16.7** 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.

**16.8 Tyre use during Practice:** For practice sessions, tyres used may be previously used tyres or new unmarked tyres at the competitor's discretion.

**16.9** It is permitted that "wet" and "dry" tyres may be fitted to a car at the same time.

**16.9.1** The same type of tyre must be fitted to the same axle.

**16.9.2** Wets tyres must be used if the race is declared wet.

## **17 ENGINE CONTROLS / PROCEDURES / PENALTIES:**

**17.1** Only engines with an ID tag/seals fitted by the Championship Scrutineer may be used in the Championship. Any engine found to be used may be subject to a penalty as detail in Schedule CH.

**17.2** 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.

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

**17.4** 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.

## **18 DRIVER APPAREL:**

**18.1 Driver Safety Apparel Requirements:** All drivers shall wear driver safety apparel/equipment in accordance with Schedule A, Part One, Article 4.

## **19 MEETING RIDES:**

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

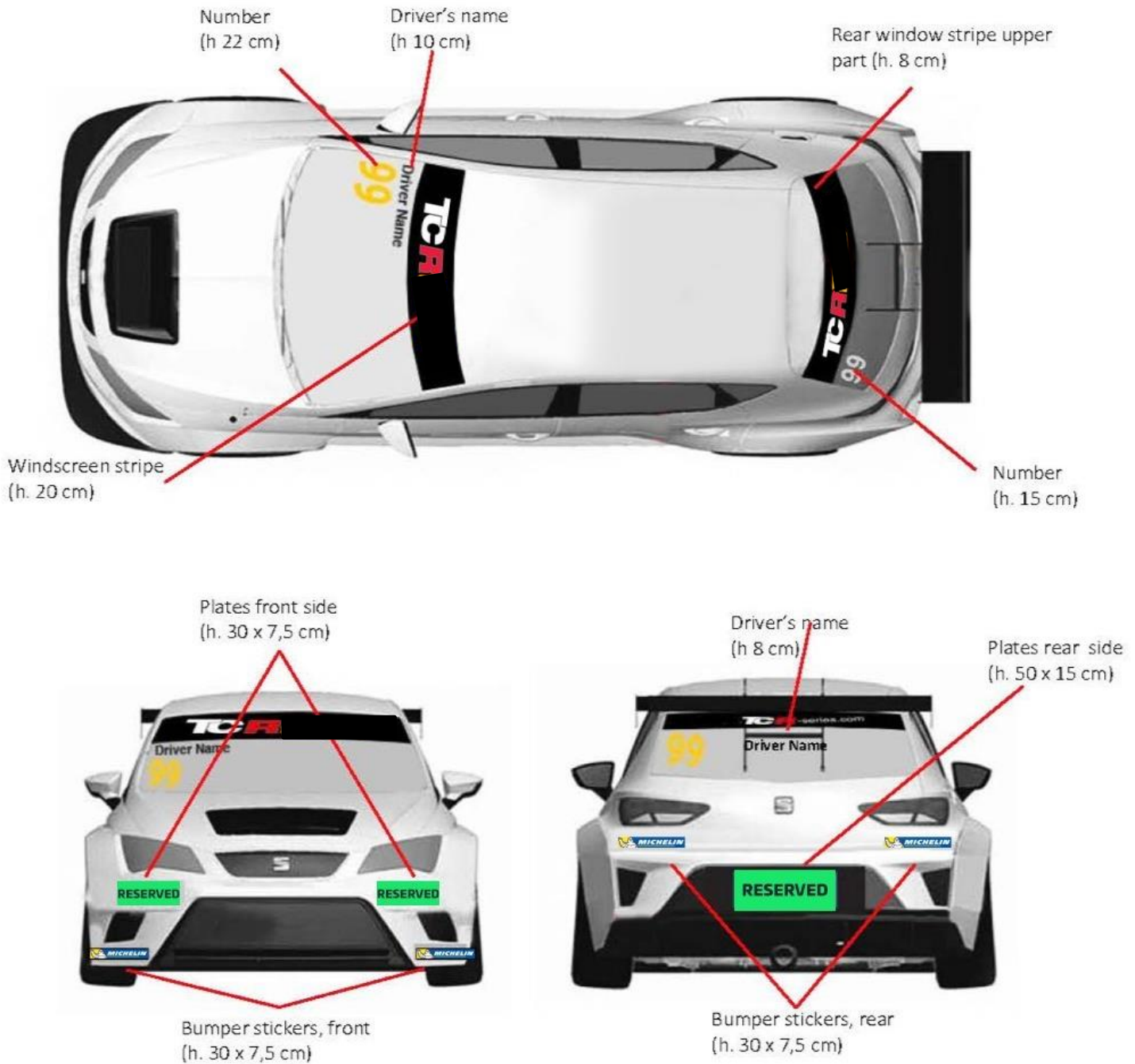
**20. CONTROLLED FUEL:**

**20.1** The controlled fuel for all TCR NZs will be NPD 100Plus.

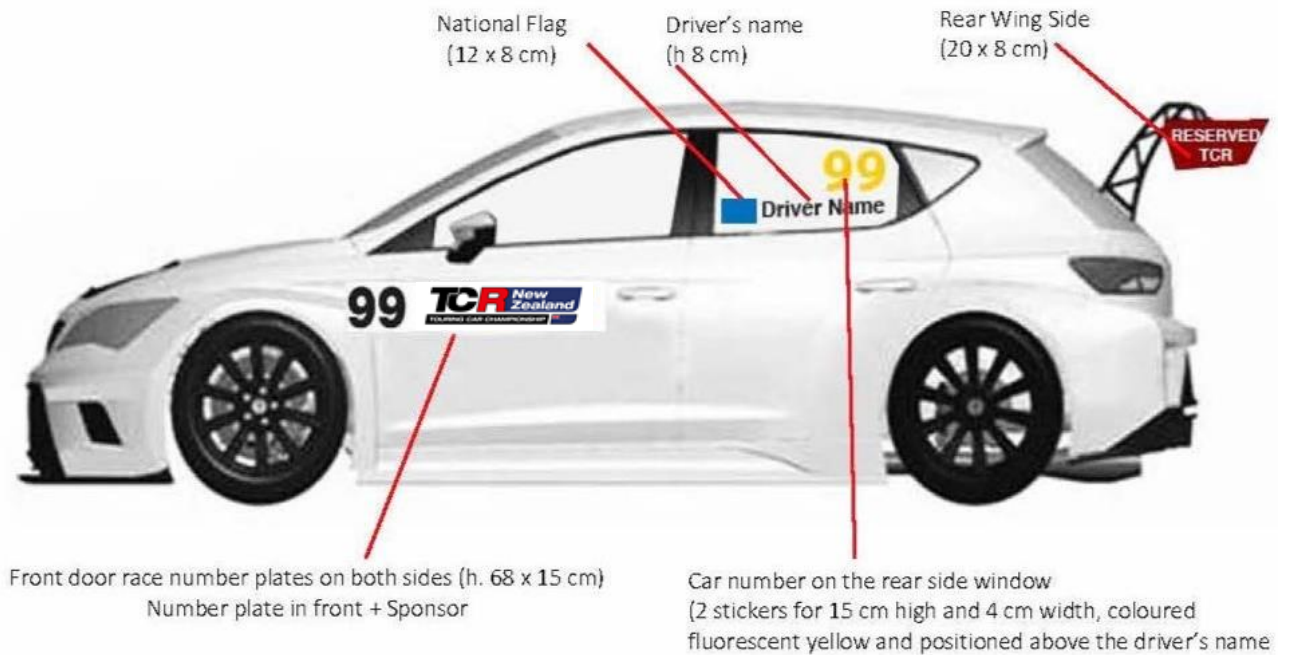
**20.2** Refuelling is not permitted during any qualifying or race sessions.

## DECAL PLACEMENTS AND SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### APPENDIX 1 – Markings on Automobiles



## APPENDIX 2 – Markings on Automobiles - Side



### Additional stickers to be provided by teams:

- a) Name of the driver style: initial of the first name, dot, space, family name (e.g. J. Smith)  
font: Helvetica Bold  
colour: White  
position on each side: rear side window below the car number height: 8 cm  
position at the front: right side of the windscreen between the windscreen stripe and car number (height: 10 cm)  
position at the rear: middle of the rear window (height: 8 cm)
- b) National flag dimensions: 12 x 8 cm  
position on each side: rear side window

### APPENDIX 3 – Apparel Signage

