

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2022-2023 NZ FORMULA FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

Preamble

MotorSport New Zealand Inc hereby declares the following articles to be those governing competition for drivers in the MotorSport NZ Formula First Championship.

A Championship Permit No: 220459 has been issued in the name of MotorSport NZ.

The Championship is organised and held in accordance with the current MotorSport NZ National Sporting Code, the Standing Regulations applicable to all Races (Schedule Z), and any Supplementary Regulations applicable to and issued by the Organising / Inviting Club of each Round of the Series.

These articles are at all times to be read in conjunction with:

- The National Sporting Code (NSC) and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules,
- The Technical Regulations - Schedule V,
- The Event Supplementary Regulations

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

1. INTERPRETATIONS:

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

The **“Championship”** means the MotorSport NZ Formula First Championship for cars complying with Schedule V; 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; and

“Supplementary Regulations” means so far as they are applicable to the Championship the Standing Regulations set out in Appendix Four, Schedule Z to the National Sporting Code together with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the inviting club.

‘The Club’ means the Formula Vee Association of New Zealand (Inc.).

2. OBJECTIVES:

Formula First is designed to be a fair, low-cost National Championship with close and exciting racing that is enjoyed by young aspiring drivers and experienced racers alike. Often the first step on the ladder for New Zealand’s motorsport stars.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

3.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1.1** 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 Trans-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 rounds of the NZ Race Championship and be eligible for awards.*

- 3.1.2** All drivers shall be financial members of Formula Vee Association New Zealand.

3.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.2.1** Eligibility shall be for vehicles complying with the specifications set out in Schedule V.
- 3.2.2** All competitors shall agree to submit their vehicle to eligibility / safety scrutineering as and when required by the appointed Championship Scrutineer and/or MotorSport NZ Technical Officer. Any costs incurred during disassembly of components shall be met and accepted by the Competitor.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL:

4.1 At each Round the following personnel, or their approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out:

4.1.1 Championship Coordinators:

Robin Bennett	021 952 536	robin@salonwarehouse.co.nz
Dom Kalasih	0274 414 309	dom@transporting.nz

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

(a) Record and publish all Series points schedules.

(b) Liaise with race officials on matters arising.

(c) Attend event organiser meetings.

(d) At the request of any Competitor, provide support and observe during judicial process/hearings.

Note: *The Championship Co-ordinator will not contribute to the decision-making process and respects that is entirely the discretion and judge of the duly appointed Clerk of Course.*

(e) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles.

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.

4.1.2 Championship Secretary:	Stephanie Harris
Address:	P.O. Box 2, Feilding
Mobile Phone No:	0272 635 947
Email:	steph@feilding.co.nz

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

(a) Deal with all administrative matters including receiving all Championship and Round entries.

(b) Liaise with Inviting Clubs on all matters pertaining to these Articles.

(c) Record and publish all Championship points schedules.

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.

4.1.3 Formula First Championship Scrutineers:

Name	Scrutineer Licence	Phone
Ian Foster	054957Y	027 477 1092
Dom Kalasih	952668Y	027 441 4309
Dave Scammell	912584Y	029 248 5439

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.

4.1.4 Formula First Technical Officers:

Name	Phone	Email
Rex Clark	021 062 4314	jennycla@xtra.co.nz
Devan Gregory	022 325 8304	dcgregory@xtra.co.nz
Stu Andrews	027 544 3366	corina-stu@xtra.co.nz

Who are authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to undertake duties in accordance with the National Sporting Code Article 85.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY:

5.1 Entry into the Championship should be made through the Formula Vee Association of New Zealand Inc (FVANZ).

5.1.1 Championship Entry Fee:

(a) The Championship entry fee has been set at \$250.00 (incl GST) payable by **10 October 2022**. This fee is to cover additional expenses incurred by FVANZ.

(b) For those competitors not contesting all Rounds of the Championship the cost will be \$40.00 (incl GST) per Round, to be paid to the Championship Secretary at least fourteen (14) business days prior to the Round entered.

(c) The bank account for direct credit is 03-0626-0116531-00.

5.1.2 The Series reserves the right to accept or decline entries into the series as per NSC 21.

5.2 By entering the Series, all Competitors / Entrants:

- (1)** Are deemed to be in acceptance of these Series Articles as they are presented, and
- (2)** Agree to comply with these Articles and those of the National Sporting Code, and
- (3)** Shall be at all times responsible for the presentation of their competing vehicle with respect to safety requirements under Schedule A, and eligibility requirements under these Series Articles, and
- (4)** Shall comply with any specific requirements of the official Series Sponsor(s), as detailed within these Series Articles.

5.3 Entry to each Round of the Championship (which is separate to the Championship Entry Fee in 5.1.1 above) should be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Round.

The respective Round Entry Fees as outlined in 5.3.1 below are payable to:

Formula Vee Association of New Zealand Inc (FVANZ).
03-0626-0116531-00.

Any entry will not be deemed valid until payment is received.

5.3.1 Round Entry Fees and Format:

(1) For Rounds 1, 6 and 7 the entry fee for each Round is \$400.00 (incl. GST).

- The fee includes “Stable” Hire however, please advise the Championship Secretary if you would like one.
- The Championship Secretary will email Entry Forms for these rounds to competitors.
- On Friday testing will be available. The fee for Friday testing is separate and can be paid at the track or at this link: <https://manawatucarclub.org.nz/product/payment/>

(2) For Rounds 2 and 3 the Entry fee for each round is \$500.00 (incl. GST).

- Entries shall be made at this link: www.motorsportentry.com.
- Friday testing will be \$200.00 (incl. GST).
- The Championship Secretary will email separate instructions to assist entries being completed online and testing being paid.

(3) For Rounds 4 and 5 the Entry fee for each round is \$770.00 (incl. GST)

- The Championship Secretary will email through instructions on how to enter.
- The Entry fee includes testing.

5.3.2 The Championship Secretary has the right to decline an entry if an entrant or driver has outstanding (unpaid) entry fees corresponding to any earlier completed rounds, as provided for under Article 25 of the National Sporting Code.

5.3.3 Competitors are required to give the Championship Secretary a minimum of ten (10) working days’ notice of withdrawal or non-attendance at any Championship Round entered by that competitor as indicated on the Championship Entry form.

5.3.4 The Championship Secretary may consider the acceptance of late entries provided the entry is lodged in full conformity with entry requirements and is accompanied by an additional late entry fee of 50% of the entry fee (inclusive of GST).

5.4 Under no circumstances shall the driver and/or entrant, manager or any of their team communicate with any Championship Sponsor without gaining permission to do so from the Championship Coordinator or their designated representative.

6. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE:

6.1 The Championship will comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	21-23 October 2022	Manfeild	Manawatu Car Club
2	12-13 November 2022	Pukekohe	Historic Racing Club
3	26-27 November 2022	Hampton Downs	Historic Racing Club
4	3-5 February 2023	Hampton Downs	MotorSport New Zealand
5	10-12 February 2023	Taupo	MotorSport New Zealand
6	24-26 February 2023	Manfeild	Manawatu Car Club
7	1-2 April 2023	Manfield	Manawatu Car Club

- 6.2** 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 power to award any title.
- 6.3** Electronic timing will be used at each Round. Transponders must be unmodified, fully functional and installed in accordance with Schedule A, Part One, Article 6.3.

7. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT:

7.1 Testing:

(1) Round 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7: Testing sessions will be available to drivers prior to any Round subject to availability and track hire charges set by the Inviting Club.

(2) Round 4 and 5: On Friday there will be three (3) test sessions each of 20 minutes duration.

7.2 Qualifying: For all Rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of minimum fifteen(15) minutes duration. Qualifying sessions will take place on the Saturday of each Round.

7.3 Race format: Races are scheduled to run to the following format:

Round	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
2	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
3	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
4	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps
5	6 laps	6 laps	6 laps	6 laps
6	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
7	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A

7.3.1 It is expected that at all Rounds Race One will be on Saturday, and Race Two and Three will be on Sunday. For Round 4 and Round 5, the fourth Race will also be on Sunday.

7.4 Race Starting Procedures: All starts will be a standing start in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 4, Schedule Z. If at any round the maximum grid density allowed under the circuit licence is exceeded the grid will be reduced to the correct amount by excluding the appropriate number of slowest qualifying cars from Article 5.2 above.

7.5 Race Starting Positions: Starting positions for all Races will be determined by the fastest lap times achieved, fastest cars being to the front, from Qualifying and/or subsequent Races.

7.6 At all Rounds, the Championship Coordinator in conjunction with the Event Director or Clerk of the Course, and/or the Stewards of the Meeting, reserves the right to shorten and/or cancel practice / Qualifying sessions and/or races in the case of force majeure.

8. PARC FERME:

8.1 At the conclusion of any qualifying session or race, Drivers, upon directive from the Technical Officer(s), may be required to drive their competing vehicle directly (without any pit crew intervention at all) from the track to the designated Parc Fermé. The location of Parc Fermé will be notified on the official notice board of the meeting.

Note: Drivers should ensure that they and all their team personnel are familiar with the Parc Fermé regulations and limitations as detailed in the National Sporting Code Article 60.

- 8.2** No intervention of any kind is permitted whilst the vehicle is in Parc Fermé unless specifically authorised by the appointed Technical Officer(s).

9. PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS:

- 9.1** Penalties shall be applied in accordance with the prescribed articles of NSC Part VIII - Penalties.
- 9.2** Any protest or appeal should be lodged in accordance with the NSC and the Competitor shall advise (as a matter of courtesy) the Championship Coordinator and the Competitor Relations Officer.
- 9.3** Competitors/ Entrants have the right to lodge a Protest/s in accordance with NSC Part IX – Protests.
- 9.4** Competitors/ Entrants have the right to lodge an Appeal in accordance with NSC Part XI – Appeals.
- 9.5** The Championship Coordinator will advise the Clerk of the Course of Competitors who fail to comply with correct decal, overall patch and official competition number set placement as set out in Appendix One to these articles. Such referrals shall result in the loss of practice times or exclusion from race results whichever is appropriate.
- 9.5.1** No protests shall lie between drivers and/or entrants, on the irregularity of wearing, placement or positioning of sponsors decals on vehicles or elsewhere as contained in these articles.

10. DATA ACQUISITION AND IN-CAR CAMERAS:

- 10.1** Any in-car camera and/or data acquisition information recorded shall be made available to Event Officials or Championship Officials upon request. Such recordings or data shall be provided unmodified in any way and must be available for a minimum period of two (2) hours after the conclusion of the final Race.

11. POINTS:

- 11.1** **Points:** Points will be allocated for each Championship Race at each Round to all Drivers based on overall finishing order:

1 st	75	11 th	30	21 st	10
2 nd	67	12 th	28	22 nd	9
3 rd	60	13 th	26	23 rd	8
4 th	54	14 th	24	24 th	7
5 th	49	15 th	22	25 th	6
6 th	45	16 th	20	26 th	5
7 th	42	17 th	18	27 th	4
8 th	39	18 th	16	28 th	3
9 th	36	19 th	14	29 th	2
10 th	33	20 th	12	30 th	1

- 11.1.1** Points will only be allocated to current members of The Club. Drivers who are not current members of The Club are not eligible for points in the Championship.

12. AWARDS:

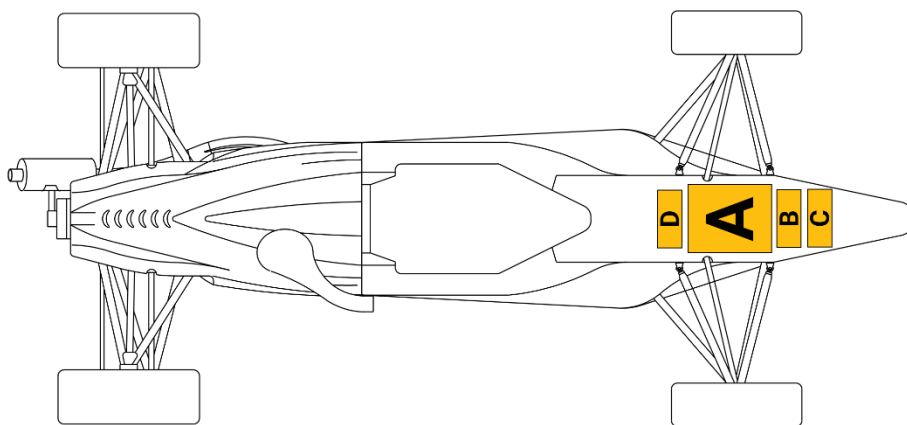
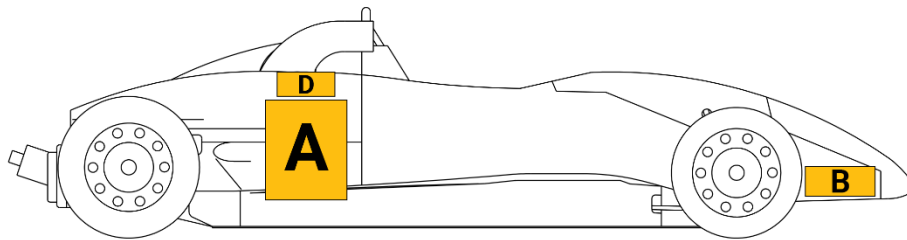
- 12.1** The MotorSport NZ title of NZ Formula First Champion shall be awarded to the driver gaining the highest aggregate points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship.
- 12.2** The Champion will be presented the Formula First Championship Trophy at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Function.

These Championship Series Articles are issued for 2022-23 NZ Formula First Championship by the Administration.



Raewyn Burke
Sporting Manager
MotorSport New Zealand
6 October 2022

APPENDIX ONE



	Location	Decals
A	Both sides	Car Number
B	Nose cone, top and sides	Sponsor sticker (TBA)
C	Top of nose cone	Formula First sticker
D	Above Car number	MotorSport New Zealand Championship sticker

Note: All decals on the sides of each car shall be placed as high as practically possible and on vertical surfaces.

