

## ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2023-2024 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.

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), these Championship Articles, 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

**A Sanctioning Permit Number of 239011 has been issued in the name of MotorSport NZ.**

### OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

MotorSport NZ may issue amendments to these Championship Articles or Technical Schedule where it is deemed necessary to amend or clarify any article. These amendments will be issued by the Chief Executive Officer or their representative in the form of Championship Amendments.

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

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective date	Article reference	Subject / Notes
FV-23-A001	28/11/2023	5.1	Additional Round added to the Championship.
FV-24-A002	02/02/2024	6.3	Number of laps increased for Round Three due to scheduling allowance
FV-24-A003	17/04/2024	4.2.2	Inclusion of Entry Fee for Round 8
FV-24-A003	17/04/2024	6.1 & 6.3	Inclusion of Championship Format for Round 8

## **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

“**Round**” means the race meeting at which drivers may score points towards the Championship; and

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

## **2. ELIGIBILITY:**

### **2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:**

**2.1.1** 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 Circuit Competition Licences and Trans-Tasman Visas may enter any rounds of the NZ Race Championship and be eligible for awards.*

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

**2.1.3** All drivers shall affix the sponsor and/or Club’s patch to their overall, as set out in Appendix One to these Articles. These patches will be supplied by the Club.

### **2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:**

**2.2.1** Eligibility shall be for vehicles complying with the specifications set out in Schedule V.

**2.2.2** 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.

**2.2.3** All competing vehicles shall reserve the spaces for the Championship sponsors’ and official Championship decals at all Rounds, as set out in Appendix One to these Articles. Except for the Competition number, these decals will be supplied by the Club.

### **3. CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL:**

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

**3.1.1** The appointed series personnel may have deputies and assistants to whom they may delegate any of their responsibilities and authorities by way of Bulletin posted on the Official Notice Board at each Round.

**3.1.2 Championship Coordinator:** Dom Kalasih  
**Mobile Phone No:** 0274 414 309  
**Email:** [dom@transporting.nz](mailto:dom@transporting.nz)

Who shall have the duties and authority of a Championship Coordinator as set out in the National Sporting Code and who is responsible for and authorised on the Championships behalf to:

- (a) Liaise with race officials on matters arising.
- (b) Attend event organiser meetings.
- (c) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles.

**3.1.3 Championship Secretary:** Stephanie Harris  
**Address:** P.O. Box 2, Feilding  
**Mobile Phone No:** 0272 635 947  
**Email:** [steph@feilding.co.nz](mailto: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.

**3.1.4 Championship Scrutineer:** Rex Clark  
**Mobile Phone No:** 021 062 4314  
**Email:** [jennycla@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jennycla@xtra.co.nz)

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to undertake duties in accordance with the National Sporting Code Article 85, and:

- (a) Establish the Sch V technical eligibility audit programme at the Round; and
- (b) Impound and affix seals as required; and
- (c) Undertake technical eligibility checking; and
- (d) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(1)(d)) with respect to weights and measures; and

- (e) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(1)(f)); and
- (f) Liaise with event Officials and the Championship Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the category; and
- (g) Undertake Safety Audits.

**3.1.5 Assistant Championship Scrutineer:** Dom Kalasih  
**Mobile Phone No:** 0274 414 309  
**Email:** [dom@transporting.nz](mailto:dom@transporting.nz)

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Undertaking duties as delegated by the Championship Scrutineer; and
- (b) Undertake Safety Audits.

#### **4. ENTRY:**

##### **4.1 CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY:**

**4.1.1** Entry into the Championship shall be made through the Formula Vee Association of New Zealand Inc (FVANZ).

##### **4.1.2** Championship Entry Fee:

- (a) The Championship entry fee has been set at \$250.00 (incl GST) payable by 10 October 2023. 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  
 Formula Vee Association of New Zealand Inc (FVANZ)  
 03-0626-0116531-00.

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

##### **4.1.4** By entering the Championship, all Competitors / Entrants:

- (1) Are deemed to be in acceptance of these Championship 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 Championship Articles, and
- (4) Shall comply with any specific requirements of the official Championship Sponsor(s), as detailed within these Championship Articles.

## 4.2 ROUND ENTRY:

4.2.1 Entry to each Round of the Championship (which is separate to the Championship Entry Fee in 4.1.2 above) should be made at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Round.

The respective Round Entry Fees as outlined in 4.2.2 (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.

### 4.2.2 Round Entry Fees and Format:

(1)

Round	Entry Fee (inc GST)	Testing	Garaging
1	\$420.00	Not included	Yes - Stables
2	\$420.00	Not included	Yes - Stables
3	\$860.00	Included	Not included
4	\$420.00	Not included	Yes - Stables
5	\$610.00	Not included	Not included
6	\$610.00	Not included	Not included
7	\$420.00	Not included	Yes b Stables
8	\$610.00	Not included	Not included

**Note:** Please inform the Championship Secretary if you would like a stable at those applicable Rounds.

(2) The Championship Secretary will send email instructions for entering each Round, as well as instructions on registering for test days where applicable.

4.2.3 Competitors are requested 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.

4.2.4 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).

4.3 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.

## **5. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE:**

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

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	21-22 October 2023	Manfeild	Manawatu Car Club
2	2-3 December 2023	Manfeild	Manawatu Car Club
3	2-4 February 2024	Hampton Downs (International Circuit)	MotorSport NZ
4	24-25 February 2024	Manfeild	Manawatu Car Club
5	16-17 March 2024	Taupo	Historic Racing Club
6	23-24 March 2024	Hampton Downs	Historic Racing Club
7	6-7 April 2024	Manfeild	Manawatu Car Club
8	27-28 April 2024	Taupo	Historic Racing Club

**5.2** 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.

**5.3** 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.

## **6. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT:**

**6.1 Testing:**

(1) **Rounds 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8:** Testing sessions will be available to drivers prior to any Round subject to availability and track hire charges set by the Inviting Club.

(2) **Rounds 5 and 6:** On Friday there will be three (3) test sessions each of 15 minutes duration.

(3) **Round 3:** On Friday there will be three (3) Practice sessions each of 20 minutes duration.

**6.2 Qualifying:** For all Rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of minimum fifteen(15) minutes duration.

**6.3 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	8 laps
3	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
4	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
5	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
6	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
7	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
8	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A

**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 6.2 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 Clerk of the Course and/or the Stewards of the Meeting following consultation with the Series Coordinator (where practicable), reserve the right to shorten and/or cancel any 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 Championship Scrutineer(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 Championship Scrutineer(s).

**9. DATA ACQUISITION AND IN-CAR CAMERAS:**

**9.1** 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.

**10. POINTS:**

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

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

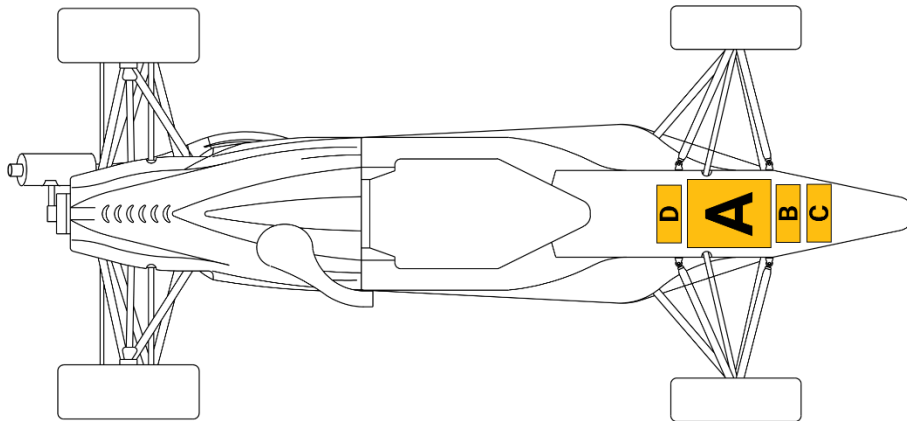
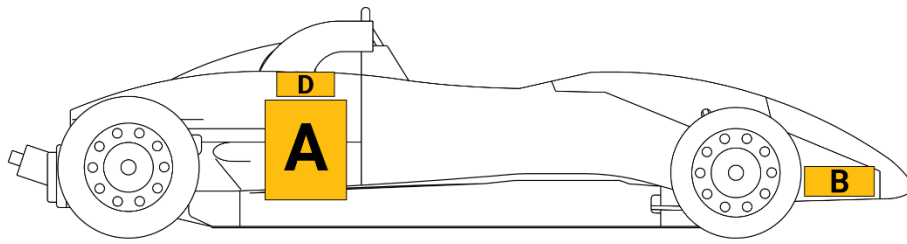
**10.1.1** Points will only be allocated to current members of The Club.

**11. AWARDS:**

**11.1** 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.

**11.1.1** The Champion will be presented the Formula First Championship Trophy at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Function.

# 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.

