

## ACCREDITED ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2023-24 NEXEN Tyre Mazda Racing Series

### Preamble

The New Zealand Mazda Racing Series Incorporated (NZMRS) hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing the Mazda Racing Series North Island, South Island and New Zealand Series, for drivers of Mazda RX7 and RX8 models as permitted under the technical regulations; Schedule M appended to these Articles.

**The Series is held under a MotorSport NZ Sanctioning Permit No: 239005**

The Series is organised and held in accordance with the MotorSport NZ National Sporting Code, the Standing Regulations applicable to all Races (Schedule Z), these Accredited Series Articles, and any Supplementary Regulations applicable to and issued by the Organisers of each Round of the Series.

**The Mazda Racing Series has been categorized as a Level 1 Accredited 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 M
- The Event Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Clubs.

### OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

MotorSport NZ may issue amendments to these Series 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 Series Amendments.

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

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective date	Article reference	Subject / Notes
MRS-23-A001	1 December 2023	5.1	Removal of Round 6 from the Series Structure.

## **1. INTERPRETATION:**

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

The “**Series**” means the Nexen Tyres Mazda Racing Series, being a series of events, the results of which are aggregated to form a final result for any or each of the eligible categories contained in these Articles as organised by The Club; and

“**The Club**” or “**NZMRS**” or “**Series Organiser**” means New Zealand Mazda Racing Series Incorporated; and

“**Master**” means a competitor who is 45 years or older on the 1st of August 2023; and

“**Historic**” means the Series 1 Mazda RX7; and

“**Rx7 Plus**” means the Series 4 and Series 6 Mazda RX7 models; and

“**RX8**” means the Mazda RX8 cars; and

“**Rookie**” means a competitor who is competing in their first two seasons in the Mazda Racing Series; and

“**Round**” means each Meeting and / or Event, the results of which qualify for points in the Series; and

“**Round Organiser**” or “**Inviting Club**” means the MotorSport NZ Member Club organising a Meeting and/or Event which is a round of the Series; and

“**Team**” means a group of two or more Mazda Racing Series competitors who have registered with the Series to contest the Team Trophy; and

“**TRB**” means the Technical Regulations Bureau as described under the Constitution of the Association.

## **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.

**2.1.2** All drivers and entrants shall be financial members of The Club.

### **2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:**

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

**2.2.2** All Competitors / Entrants shall agree to submit their vehicle for eligibility/safety scrutineering inspections as and when required by the appointed Series Scrutineer, and/or a MotorSport NZ licensed Technical Officer. Any costs incurred during disassembly of components shall be met and accepted by the Competitor / Entrant.

**2.2.3 Classes:** There are two(2) classes of the Mazda Racing Series as follows:

(a) RX8 and RX7 Plus Class

(b) Historic Class (comprising of Series 1 RX7 cars)

**2.2.4** The Series may invite competitors to compete with vehicles that don't comply with the specifications set out in Schedule M. Refer to Article 4.4.3, 6.4.1 and 9.1.1.

**2.2.5 Tyres:** All Nexen tyres must be purchased through The Club:

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**Phone No:** 027 226 7104

**2.2.6** All Competitors shall ensure that their competing vehicle and apparel have specified spaces reserved for the Series Sponsors at all Rounds of the series in accordance with Appendix One of these articles.

### **3. SERIES PERSONNEL:**

**3.1** At each Round of the Series the following personnel, or their approved assistant/s shall have the responsibilities and authorities set out below.

**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 Mazda Racing Series**

**Series Coordinator:** Stuart Hewer  
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Who shall have the authority of a Series Coordinator set out in the National Sporting Code and who shall be responsible for and is authorised on the Club's behalf to:

- (a) Deal with administrative matters pertaining to the Series, and
- (b) Record and publish all Series points schedules, and
- (c) Liaise with Inviting Clubs on all matters pertaining to these Articles, and
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the Series, and
- (e) Provide and/or assist the Inviting Club/s with grid starting positions in accordance with Article 6.5 of these Articles, and
- (f) Attend Stewards meetings, if requested, and
- (g) Liaise with the Clerk of the Course and Competitor Relations Officer at events, and
- (h) Report any non-conformity to the Series Scrutineer or the Clerk of the Course.

### 3.1.3 Mazda Racing Series

**Series Secretary**

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**Email:**

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Who shall be responsible for and authorised on the Club's behalf to deal with administrative matters pertaining to the Series.

### 3.1.4 Mazda Racing Series

**Series Scrutineer:**

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Who shall have the duties and authority of a Series Scrutineer as set out in the NSC and who shall be responsible for and authorised on the Club's behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Series, and
- (b) Affix seals as per Schedule M, as and when deemed appropriate, and
- (c) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series in order to ascertain compliance with the technical regulations, and
- (d) Assist competitors with technical enquiries relative to the technical regulations applicable to their vehicle, and
- (e) Liaise with Event Officials and may liaise with the Series Coordinator on any technical conformity issue for the classes, and
- (f) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(d)) with respect to weights and measures; and
- (g) Report to the Clerk of the Course any instances where a breach of the technical regulations has been identified.

## 4. SERIES ENTRY:

- 4.1** Applications for membership into the Mazda Racing Series shall be made through via [Mazda Racing Series website](#), no later than ten(10) calendar days prior to the first round of the Series the competitor is entering.

Applications made after this may be accepted at the sole discretion of The Club and may be subject to a late fee. Membership may not be deemed valid until payment is received by The Club.

- 4.1.1** The Club reserves the right to accept or decline entries into the series (or part thereof) as per NSC 21.

- 4.2** 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.

The Club will allocate competition numbers to all Competitors / Entrants of the Series. Competitors are to supply the physical number sets.

- 4.3** Teams wanting to contest the “Team Trophy” in either the North Island or South Island Series shall register their team with the Series Secretary via email prior to their first Series’ round.

**4.4 Round entry:**

- 4.4.1** The method of entry to each Round of the Series (which is separate to the Series Membership) shall be as notified by The Club and will close ten(10) calendar days prior to each round of the Series. Entries made after closing date may be accepted at the sole discretion of The Club. Entry may not be deemed valid until payment is received by The Club.

- 4.4.2** Competitors may be subject to a late entry fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to The Club if any entry is not received by the closing date.

- 4.4.3** Where entries received exceeds maximum circuit grid capacity, entries will be accepted as follows:

- (a) Mazda Racing Series competitors in order of entry received and paid, then
- (b) Any other invited competitors in order of entry received and paid.

**5. SERIES STRUCTURE:**

- 5.1** The Mazda Racing Series North Island Series shall comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	20-22 October 2023	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
2	17-19 November 2023	Taupo International Motorsport Park	MotorSport NZ
3	15-17 March 2024	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	MotorSport NZ
4	5-7 April 2024	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
5	18-19 May 2024	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	Historic Racing Club

- 5.2** The Mazda Racing Series South Island Series shall comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	3-4 November 2023	Levels Raceway	South Canterbury Car Club
2	26-28 January 2024	Levels Raceway	South Canterbury Car Club
3	9-11 February 2024	Ruapuna	MotorSport NZ
4	16-18 February 2024	Highlands Motorsport Park	MotorSport NZ

- 5.3** The Mazda Racing Series New Zealand Series shall comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	9-11 February 2024	Ruapuna	MotorSport NZ
2	16-18 February 2024	Highlands Motorsport Park	MotorSport NZ
3	15-17 March 2024	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	MotorSport NZ
4	5-7 April 2024	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club

- 5.4** The Inviting Club shall provide timing equipment that will be deemed to be the official timing equipment for the meeting.

- 5.5** The Club reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds of the Series due to force majeure without affecting in any way its power to award any title.

**6. ROUND FORMAT:**

- 6.1 Test Sessions** may be available to Drivers prior to any Round of the Series and shall be subject to availability and circuit hire charges as set by the Inviting Club/s or Venue.

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

- 6.3 Races** distances for all rounds are as follows:

Race One	Race Two	Race Three
10 laps	12 laps	10 laps

- 6.4 Starts:** The start procedure for all Races shall be a Standing Start in accordance with Schedule Z, Article 8.1, with all classes starting simultaneously.

- 6.4.1** Each class will form up (in accordance with Article 6.5 below) on the grid as follows:

- (a) The RX8 and RX7 Plus Class will form up on the front rows of the grid; then,
- (b) The Historic Class will form up on the next available grid box behind the last RX8 and RX7 Plus class cars then:
- (c) Any other grid of invited cars will form up with one full grid row spacing behind the Historic Class (if present).

- 6.5 Race starting positions:** The race starting positions for all Rounds are as follows:

- (a) **Race One:** Grid positions will be determined by the fastest lap achieved in the qualifying session for each class, fastest driver to the front.
- (b) **Race Two:** Grid positions will be determined by the finishing positions of Race One with the first ten(10) cars in each class in reverse grid formation. The remaining cars will start in order of finishing Race One. Where more than one(1) driver fails to finish Race One, their starting order will be from the rear of the grid of their class, in order of their qualifying times. Any competitor who has been disqualified from Race One will start behind these competitors, in qualification time order.
  - (i) If a competitor receives a post-Race penalty during Race One that gives them a positive effect for reverse top 10 grid(s) in Race Two, then that competitor will start at the rear of the reversed top ten(10) cars in order of penalty being received.

(c) **Race Three:** Grid positions will be determined using the following method:

- (i) Drivers will be ranked in descending order using combined Race Points gained by the driver in the preceding races at that Round, with the highest scoring driver of the Round ranked in grid position one; then
- (ii) In the case of equal Race Points at that Round, qualifying times will be used to allocate the higher position; then
- (iii) In the event of a driver having no Race Points at that Round, their qualifying times will apply. They will be placed in a descending order behind the lowest ranked Race Series Points driver.

**6.6** At all Rounds, the Clerk of the Course and/or the Stewards of the Meeting, reserves the right to shorten and/or cancel any practice/qualifying sessions and/or Races in the case of Force Majeure.

**7. PARC FERMÉ:**

**7.1** At the conclusion of any qualifying session and/or race, Drivers upon directive from the Series Scrutineer or their appointed assistants, shall drive their competing vehicle directly (and without any team personnel/crew intervention) 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:** *It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure that all their team personnel are familiar with the Parc Fermé regulations and limitations as detailed in NSC Article 60.*

**7.2** The Series Scrutineer may authorise entry of team personnel for the purposes of vehicle eligibility inspections.

**7.3** Unless the Series Scrutineer consents in each particular case, any car unable to proceed to Parc Fermé under its own power must nevertheless be delivered there as soon as practicable.

## **8. PENALTIES, PROTESTS and APPEALS**

**8.1 Driving Standards:** In addition to any penalties imposed by the Clerk of the Course or Stewards, the following penalties shall also be applied by the Clerk of the Course or Stewards at any Series event. The points penalty shall be applied to each race result and the "offence" will accumulate from either (i) – Careless Driving or (ii) Dangerous Driving during the season.

**8.2** The points penalty shall be applied to each race result and will accumulate during the season.  
(i)

<b>Penalties issued under A4Z.5 - Breach of the Code of Driving Conduct and A4Z.6 – Careless Driving</b>	
1st Offence	Deduction of 5 Series Points
2nd Offence	Deduction of 10 Series Points
3rd Offence	Deduction of 15 Series Points plus a 5-grid penalty. Any grid penalty shall apply to the next race in the 2023-2024 Series.
4th Offence	Deduction of 20 Series Points plus exclusion from the next Round of the 2023-2024 Series.

(ii)

<b>Penalties issued under A4Z.7 – Dangerous Driving</b>	
1st Offence	Deduction of 10 Series Points
2nd Offence	Deduction of 20 Series Points
3rd Offence	Deduction of 30 Series Points plus a 10-grid penalty. Any grid penalty shall apply to the next race in the 2023-2024 Series.
4th Offence	Deduction of 40 Series Points plus exclusion from the next Round of the 2023-2024 Series.

**8.2.1** Any breach of the requirements contained in Article 11 may result in a penalty of loss of Series points to a maximum of 100% of points earned in that race or deletion of qualifying time(s) from that qualifying session.

## **9. POINTS:**

**9.1** Points will be allocated to Drivers based on their overall finishing positions within each class, in each Race, at each Round of the Series:

<b>All Classes</b>							
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	44		<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	23		<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	12
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	40		<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	22		<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	11
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	37		<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	21		<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	10
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	34		<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	20		<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	9
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	32		<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	19		<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	8
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	30		<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	18		<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	7
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	28		<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	17		<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	6
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	27		<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	16		<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	5
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	26		<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	15		<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	4
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	25		<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	14		<b>32<sup>nd</sup></b>	3
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	24		<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	13		<b>33<sup>rd</sup></b>	2
						<b>34<sup>th</sup> and lower</b>	1



**9.1** Points will only be allocated to current members of the Series.

**9.1.1** Any such invited competitor shall not be eligible for overall, or Class round points and their placing shall be ignored for the purposes of calculating overall and Class points.

**9.2** Rookie Cup points will be allocated in accordance with 9.1, to competitors competing in their first two(2) seasons of the Mazda Racing Series.

## **10. AWARDS:**

**10.1** Round Trophies shall be awarded as follows:

- (a) To the respective competitors who have gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd within the RX8 and RX7 Plus class within each Round that constitutes the North Island, South Island and National Mazda Racing Series.
- (b) To the competitor who has gained the highest aggregate of points within the Historic Class within each round that constitutes the Mazda Racing Series.
- (c) To the highest aggregate of points scored by a Rookie.
- (d) To the highest aggregate of points scored by a Master.

***Note:** Round trophies may be presented at the following Round, or at the Annual Prizegiving function.*

**10.2** Mazda Racing Series titles shall be awarded to the respective competitors who have gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall in each class, in each series in accordance with Article 9.1 of these Series Articles. Titles will be presented at the annual prizegiving.

**10.3** The following will be presented at the Annual General Meeting / Awards function:

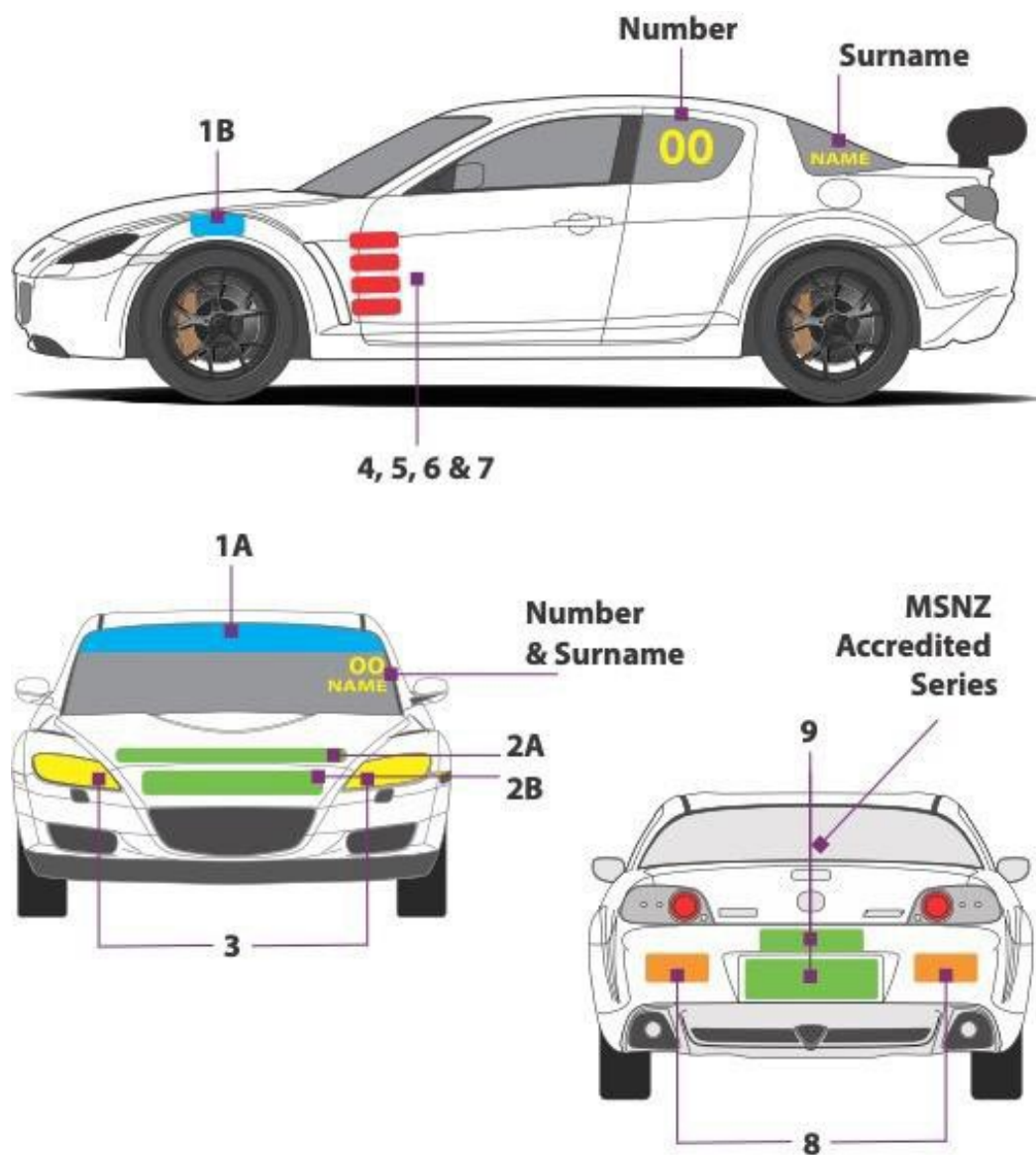
- (1) Mazda Racing Series Title Trophies and miniatures. The trophies shall be returned at the end of the period of entitlement.
- (2) The “Masters” trophies shall be awarded to the eligible competitors in both the North and South Island Mazda Racing Series who gained the highest aggregate points in their respective islands.
- (3) The “**Rookie of the Year**” trophies shall be awarded to the eligible competitor in both the North and South Island Mazda Racing Series who gained the highest aggregate points and has not previously won this award.
- (4) The “**Team**” trophy shall be awarded to the team with the highest average points gained by all competitors registered to a team, whether they started a race or not. A team can apply to the board throughout the season to remove a team member if they are unable to compete due to unforeseen circumstances. Once the removal is accepted and registered it will reset the average for a team from the next event onwards.

***Note:** There will be two “Team” trophies (one for the North Island Series and one for the South Island Series).*

**11. IN-CAR CAMERAS:**

- 11.1** Competitors / Entrants shall have an in-car camera fitted and recording during all official Qualifying and Race sessions, positioned to give a clear view facing forward of the track and at least one of the driver's hands whilst on the steering wheel.
- 11.2** All car camera installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Series Scrutineer and/or Chief Scrutineer of the Meeting.
- 11.3** It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the cameras are fitted correctly and in working condition (including sufficient battery life and memory card capacity) for all Qualifying and Race sessions.
- 11.4** Recorded video footage must be made available to The Club or licenced event officials upon request as soon as practicable, within one(1) hour of the completion of any Qualifying or Race.
- 11.5** All footage must be retained by all competitors for a duration of (fourteen)14 days after the conclusion of the Event.
- 11.6** Recorded video footage shall be made available to The Club upon request at the conclusion of each round for the purpose of Club promotion.

## APPENDIX ONE - DECALS



Sponsor Location	Description
1A & 1B	These locations are reserved for the Primary “naming rights” Series Sponsor and offer maximum television and spectator exposure. These areas are maximised for visibility. Partner Location also receive “naming rights” sponsorship on all television and media.
2A	This location is reserved for the Secondary Series Sponsor and also offers maximum frontal exposure for both television and spectators. This area is approximately 700mm x 100mm.
2B	This location is reserved for an additional Secondary Series Sponsor and also offers maximum frontal exposure for both television and spectators. This area is approximately 700mm x 120mm.
3	The front headlight location is reserved for an Associate Sponsor who are interested in moderate television exposure and spectator recognition.
4, 5, 6, & 7	These locations are reserved for Associate Sponsors and offer moderate exposure. These areas are approximately 250mm x 80mm.
8	This location is reserved for an Associate Sponsor and offers moderate recognition and exposure. This area is approximately 250mm x 180mm.
9	This location is reserved for the Secondary Sponsor and offers a rear facing position. <b>Note:</b> <i>There are two locations available. Position 1 is the rear number plate, this area is approximately 565mm x 185mm. Alternate position is above the number plate on the bumper if the driver has sold the number plate to personal sponsorship. This area is approximately 500mm x 110mm.</i>
Number & Surname	This location is reserved for the Race Number and driver's surname. A MotorSport New Zealand Accredited Series decal shall also be at the centre of lower rear windscreen.

**AP1.1** One(1) set of sponsors decals will be supplied free, replacements thereafter at current cost.

**AP1.2 Competition Numbers and Drivers Name:**

- (1) **Competition Numbers:** The Club allocated (210mm high, Club Series font Helvetica Bold, Fluorescent Yellow or Yellow) competition numbers are to be used. Placement will be as follows:

- **RX8:** on the side rear door glass windows
- **RX7 Plus:** on the side rear pillar / side rear screen with 20mm background contrasting colour if needed.
- **Historic:** on the side guard/door number panel with contrasting black/white or fluorescent yellow on contrasting black.

**Windscreen:** All classes are to use the Club allocated (150mm Club Series font style, fluorescent Yellow or Yellow) competition number on the left hand front windscreen below screen banner.

- (2) **Driver Name:** The Driver's name shall appear on both rear side windows or on the side of the rear screen and on the front windscreen below or beside the race number, and shall respect Schedule A. The colour of the name shall be yellow or white.