

# ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2023 MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

## PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand Inc. hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing Competitors in the 2023 MotorSport New Zealand 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 One), to the National Sporting Code issued by MotorSport New Zealand Inc,
- Schedule XC, and
- And in conjunction with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club.

This Championship is held under MotorSport New Zealand Championship Permit No: 230150

Amendment Number	Issue date	Article reference	Subject / Notes
NZHC-23-A001	01/03/2023	5.1	Confirmation of Championship Entry closing date

## 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 2023 MotorSport New Zealand Hillclimb Championship as set out in these Articles; and

The “**Inviting Club**” means the MotorSport New Zealand Member Club organising events which comprise of the Championship; and

“**Schedule XC**” means the Technical Regulations applicable to Cross Cars; and

“**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) Safety Cages are mandatory for Championship competitors. Any non-caged vehicles may enter the event with the approval of the Organising Club, but these competitors will not feature in the championship points.

- (b) The vehicle must comply with Schedule A and will be subject to the MSNZ Safety 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 that Leg.
- (e) Cross Cars must comply with Schedule XC at all times. Cross Cars must also comply with the Cross Car Championship Control Tyre:
  - Rear - Goldspeed CR Yellow
  - Front - Goldspeed
- (f) Electric Vehicles must comply with Schedule A, and all relevant MSNZ technical guidelines, however Electric Vehicles (EV's) are not eligible to compete for the MSNZ Gold Star in the 2023 Championship.

**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. Temporary M Grade Licences are not 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:** Glenn Howden  
**Mobile Phone No:** 0274368901  
**E-mail:** [waymad11@gmail.com](mailto:waymad11@gmail.com)

Who is 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.

**3.1.2 Championship Scrutineer:** Mike Macready  
**Mobile Phone No:** 021 745 433

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

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

### **4 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE:**

**4.1** The Championship 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 Championship will occur over one weekend.

**4.2 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 the Championship.

- (2) **MSNZ 2WD Hillclimb Championship:** for registered 2WD vehicles excluding Cross Cars contested over both Legs of the Championship. Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship.
- (3) **MSNZ 4WD Hillclimb Championship:** for registered 4WD vehicles contested over both Legs of the Championship. Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship.
- (4) **MSNZ Cross Car Championship:** for registered Cross Car vehicles contested over both Legs of the Championship. Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MSNZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship.

## **5 CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY:**

**5.1** Entry into the Championship shall be via the entry form for each Leg, and submitted to the Organising Club or their representative, for acceptance no later than 7pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023

## **5.2 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:**

<b>Organising Club</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Leg Number</b>
<b>South Otago Car Club Inc</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Leg 1 - Sealed Event
<b>South Otago Car Club Inc</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Leg 2 - Gravel Event

**5.3** By entering 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.

**5.4 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.

**5.4.1** MotorSport NZ reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Legs of the Championship without affecting in any way its powers to award any title.

## **6 POINTS:**

**6.1** 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 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;

$$\text{Your Points} = (\text{"Winner's Time"} / \text{"Your Fastest Time"}) \times 100.$$

(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.)

- 6.1.1** 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.
- 6.2** 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 then the best combined times of each affected competitor shall be averaged with the title being awarded to the competitor having the best averaged time.
  - (b)** Should a tie still exist then the title shall be awarded to the competitor who had the fastest time in the first run of the first Leg.

## **7 AWARDS:**

- 7.1** The MotorSport NZ title of Gold Star Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship. The Champion shall be presented The MSNZ Hillclimb Championship Cup at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Function on 20 May 2023 in Wellington.
- 7.2** The MotorSport NZ Cross Car Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the Cross Car vehicle gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship. The award for the Cross Car Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Function on 20 May 2023 in Wellington.
- 7.3** The MotorSport NZ 2WD Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the 2WD vehicle gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship. The award for the 2WD Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the conclusion of the Championship.
- 7.4** The MotorSport NZ 4WD Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the 4WD vehicle gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship. The award for the 4WD Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the conclusion of the Championship.

## **8 GENERAL:**

- 8.1** The use of "Pace Notes" is permitted.
- 8.2** The event will consist of one timed Practice run and three (3) official timed runs, or at the discretion of MotorSport New Zealand the event may consist of a reconnaissance run and three(3) official runs.
- 8.3** The Official Electronic Timing must be to 100<sup>th</sup>'s and a printout or a log must be available showing the start and finish times.

## **9 PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS:**

- 9.1** Penalties shall be applied in accordance with the prescribed articles of NSC Part VIII Penalties, and as outlined in Schedule P unless otherwise specified within these Articles.
- 9.2** The penalty for making a False Start will be a 10 second time penalty.