

# ACCREDITED ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2024-25 Super Mini Challenge Race Series

## Preamble

The Mini Racing Drivers Club of N.Z Super Mini Challenge Inc. hereby declares the following articles to be those governing a Motor Racing Series for drivers of Super Mini Challenge (SMC) eligible cars.

## The Series is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 249012

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 Organising / Inviting Club of each Round of the Series.

The Super Mini Challenge Race Series has been categorised as a **Level 2** 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 SMC
- The Event Supplementary Regulations issued by the inviting Clubs.

**Note:** *All text changes from the previous issue of this Schedule are highlighted such. Text changes for grammatical and/or formatting reasons are not highlighted.*

## 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

## **1. INTERPRETATION:**

In these Articles, the definition of terms used within this Schedule shall be referenced from the National Sporting Code, and as detailed below:

“**The Series**” means the 2024-2025 Super Mini Challenge Series for vehicles complying with Schedule SMC; and

“**The Club**” means the Mini Racing Drivers Club of N.Z Super Mini Challenge Incorporated, 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

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

“**Scratch Grid**” means the method of determining the starting positions determined by lap times achieved in Qualifying, Practice and/or previous Race(s), fastest vehicles being to the front.

“**Delayed Class Grid Start**” means the method of forming cars into a race grid, grouped into separate grids by Technical Class rules, with a time delay between each successive Class grid being released by the starter.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY:**

### **2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:**

**2.1.1** All Drivers shall hold a C1 Grade Competition Licence or higher and where the Entrant is other than the Driver, an Entrant’s Licence is required in the name of the Entrant.

#### **Notes:**

- 1. Under the provisions of the Trans-Tasman Visa Agreement between Motorsport Australia and MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Australian competitors holding both a Motorsport Australia Circuit Competition Licence and Trans-Tasman Visas may enter any round of the Series.*
- 2. All other overseas competitors shall be bound by the requirements of MotorSport NZ Foreign Participation and shall be eligible for Series points.*

**2.1.2** All Drivers and Entrants shall be financial members of the Club or any MotorSport NZ affiliated Club.

### **2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:**

**2.2.1** Eligibility shall be for vehicles complying with the specifications as detailed in the Technical Regulations, Schedule SMC.

**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** Official Series Seals may be applied by the Series Scrutineer, and / or a MotorSport NZ licensed Technical Officer, to components and/ or assemblies of components in compliance with Appendix Two, Schedule A, Part One, Article 3.7. All seals shall be clearly detailed in the vehicles MotorSport NZ logbook.

**2.2.4 CLASSES:** There are four classes as follows;

- (1) **Class 1: Mini Seven;** being cars in compliance with Schedule SMC, Part B, Section One, Technical Regulations applicable to Mini Seven Class.
- (2) **Class 2: Mini Miglia NZ;** being cars in compliance with Schedule SMC, Part B, Section Two, Technical Regulations applicable to Mini Miglia NZ Class.
- (3) **Class 3: Super Mini;** being cars in compliance with Schedule SMC, Part B, Section Three, Technical Regulations applicable to Super Mini Class.
- (4) **Class 4: Mini Open Class;** being cars in compliance with Schedule SMC, Part B, Section Four, Technical Regulations applicable to Open Mini Class.

**2.3** All Competitors shall ensure that their competing vehicle has the specified spaces reserved for Series and Sponsor decals (supplied by the Club) at all Rounds of the Series, as detailed in Appendix One of these Articles.

- (1) The primary reserved position is as stated first, with a secondary option given in brackets (where an option is allowed).
- (2) Competition number sets shall comply with the requirements of Schedule A, Article 6.2, and the Driver's surname shall appear on both of the vehicle's rear side windows.

**Note:** *Competition numbers sets, and Driver's surname decals shall be provided and applied by the Competitor.*

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

**3.1** At each Round of the Series the following personnel shall have the responsibilities and authorities as 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 Series Coordinator:** Phil Deane  
**Home Phone No:** 04 526 2057  
**Mobile Phone No:** 021 494 407  
**Email:** [phil.classicminis@gmail.com](mailto:phil.classicminis@gmail.com)

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

- (a) Liaise with Inviting Club/s on all matters pertaining to these Articles, and
- (b) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the Series, and

- (c) Provide and/or assist the Inviting Club/s with grid starting positions in accordance with Article 6.6 of these Articles

**3.1.3 Series Secretary:** Kevin Sweeney  
**Phone Home:** 07 8466607  
**Mobile Phone No:** 027 242 5398  
**Email:** [Kevin.margaret@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Kevin.margaret@xtra.co.nz)

Who is responsible for and authorised on the Club's behalf to

- (a) Deal with all administrative matters pertaining to the Series, and  
(b) Record and publish all Series points schedules.

**3.1.4 Series Scrutineer:** Ken Douglas  
**Mobile Phone No:** 027 530 2614  
**Email:** [automotion-motorsport@xtra.co.nz](mailto:automotion-motorsport@xtra.co.nz)

Who shall have the authority of a Series Scrutineer set out in the National Sporting Code and who is responsible for and authorised on The Register's behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Series, and  
(b) Affix official seals, 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) To report, to the Clerk of the Course, any instances where a breach of the technical regulations has been identified.

**3.2** All correspondence shall be addressed to the Series Secretary who is authorised by the Club to carry out all the necessary administrative duties for the Series. Correspondence is to be addressed to:

The Mini Racing Drivers Club Secretary,  
59 Tupelo St  
Pukete  
Hamilton 3200

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

- 4.1** Entry into the Series should be made with the Club Secretary by completing the Series Entry form.
- 4.1.1** The Series entry fee will be \$75.00. Any Series entry will not be deemed valid until payment is received.
- 4.1.2** The Club reserves the right to accept or decline entries into the series 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 Schedule SMC.

4.3 Entry to each Round of the Series (which is separate to the Series Entry) should be made as directed in the Meeting Supplementary Regulations.

## **5. SERIES STRUCTURE:**

5.1 The Series shall comprise of the following Rounds:

<b>Round</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Inviting Club</b>
1	8-10 November 2024	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	MG Classic Racing Register Inc
2	7-8 December 2024	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
3	4-5 January 2025	Taupo International Motorsport Park	Historic Racing Club
4	25-26 January 2025	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	Historic Racing Club
5	21-23 March 2025	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	Historic Racing Club
6	26-27 April 2025	Taupo International Motorsport Park	Historic Racing Club

*NB: NZ Mini 7 Championship is at Levels Raceway Timaru 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025.*

5.1.1 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.

5.2 The Club reserves the right to amalgamate with or compete in conjunction with any other race series, class or Club at any Round of the Series without in any way affecting its powers to award any title. Any such invitation shall be decided by the Club's Committee.

## **6. ROUND FORMAT**

6.1 **Test Session(s):** may be available to Drivers on the Friday prior to any Round of the Series and shall be subject to availability and track hire charges as set by the Inviting Club(s).

6.2 Super Mini Challenge will run with the Pre-65 Accredited Race Series in one(1) combined grid in accordance with Article 6.6.

6.3 **Qualifying Session(s):** shall be one session of a minimum of fifteen(15) minutes duration.

6.4 **Race format:** There shall be three races at each Round. A fourth race may be run at some Rounds where program times permits and shall be a non-points scoring Race.

## 6.5 Races distances:

Round	Venue	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
1	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
2	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
3	Taupo International Motorsport Park	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
4	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
5	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
6	Taupo International Motorsport Park	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps

## 6.6 Races (Round 1 through to Round 6): shall be run to the following race structures:

- (a) **Race One:** Shall be a 'Scratch Grid Start'. The entire field of cars shall form a single grid, determined by qualifying times from Qualifying Session(s), fastest driver to the front.
- (b) **Race Two:** Shall be a "Handicap Race Grid Start. Competitors within each of the four Super Mini Challenge classes will form a start group, with the handicap time for each start group determined by the fastest lap time achieved within that specific class during either Qualifying or Race One. Slowest competing class to the front. The Pre-65 competitors will be positioned within the Super Mini Challenge handicap in accordance with their accredited series articles.
- (c) **Race Three:** Shall be a "Handicap Race Grid Start", as per Schedule Z Article 8.5. Handicap split times shall be calculated by the Series Coordinator, in consultation with the meeting officials, based on each driver's fastest lap time from Qualifying Session(s), Race One and Race Two.

**Note:** *The Series Coordinator reserves the right to combine classes in each Race where any Class is represented by three(3) or less cars. Cars forming the grid of a slower Class shall be combined into the grid of cars in the next fastest Class. This shall affect only the on-track positioning of cars. The award of Class points from the race results shall remain unaffected.*

- 6.7 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.

## 7. PARC FERME:

- 7.1 Upon directive from the Series Scrutineer or their appointed assistant, competitors may be required to drive their competing vehicle directly (and without any team personnel / crew intervention) from the track to the designated Parc Fermé, the location of which 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.*

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

**8. POINTS:**

**8.1** Points will be allocated to Drivers based on their Class finishing positions in each Qualifying session and each Race, at all Rounds of the Series.

**8.1.1** Points will be allocated to all competitors in each event.

**Note:** *Competitors who are not current members of The Club are not eligible for Series awards and prizes. Should a non-Club member win a trophy position, the trophy will not be awarded for that season.*

**8.2** The Series points will be allocated for Class placing in each of the four(4) Classes, awarded as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	20	7 <sup>th</sup>	6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15	8 <sup>th</sup>	5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	9 <sup>th</sup>	4
4 <sup>th</sup>	10	10 <sup>th</sup>	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	8	11 <sup>th</sup> and Lower	2
6 <sup>th</sup>	7		

**8.3** Additional Bonus Points are awarded as follows:

- (1) Fastest lap in each Class in each Race = 1 Point
- (2) Each Competitor, at each round that is farthest away from their hometown, will receive double points based on their class finishing position in Race One.

**9. AWARDS:**

**9.1** The presentation of Series Awards shall be made at the conclusion of the Series, at a time and place and in a manner as specified by the Club.

**9.2** The **OVERALL SERIES WINNER** shall be the Driver with the highest total of all points accumulated during the Series.

**9.3** The Series and Class winner/s shall receive the following award/s:

**(a) Series:**

- Overall Series Champion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Series
- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Series

**(b) Classes 1 - 4:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the Class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Class
- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Class

**10. IN-CAR CAMERAS**

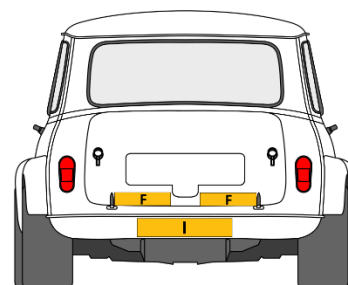
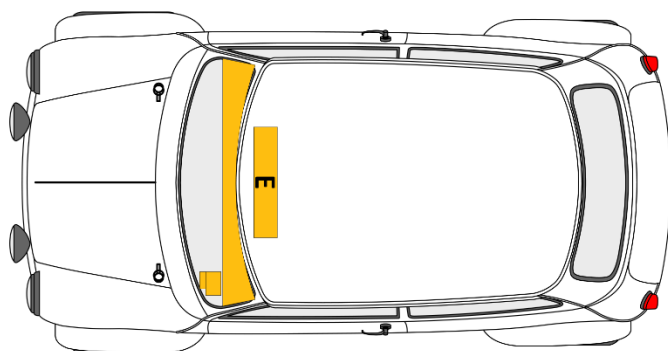
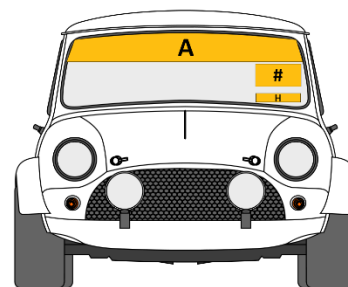
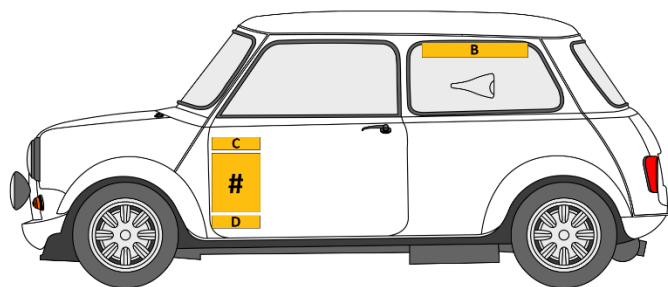
- 10.1** All in-car camera installations shall be fitted in accordance with Appendix Two, Schedule A, Part One, Article 6.4 and shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Series Scrutineer and/or Chief Scrutineer of the Meeting.
- 10.2** In-car camera footage must be made available to the Clerk of the Course and/or Steward(s) upon request.

**11. TIMEKEEPING**

- 11.1** The Round Organiser, the Inviting Club, the host circuit or the Series Coordinator shall provide timing equipment that will be deemed to be the official timing equipment for the meeting.
- 11.2** Official timing of Qualifying Session(s) and Races shall be by electronic timing system, when available at Series Rounds. Such electronic timing shall use MyLaps circuit compatible timing transponders.



## APPENDIX 1 DECALS



	Location	Branding Decals/ Badges
A	Top of windscreen	Series sponsor banner, being approx 100mm deep, with Class coloured segments of approx 100mm x 120mm.
B	Top of side rear window on both sides of vehicle	Class coloured strip, being same colour as windscreen segments, approx 100mm deep.
C	Above door numbers on both sides of vehicle	Sponsor decal, being approx 180mm x 60mm
D	Near the door numbers on both sides of vehicle	MotorSport New Zealand Accredited Series sticker
E	Roof panel (centre of bonnet)	Reserved for future Sponsor decal (TBA)
F	Rear bumper (lower half of boot lid)	Two Sponsor decals, being approx 120mm long
G	Race overalls	Sponsor badge, not lower than 200mm from top of the overall
H	Bottom edge of windscreen on the passenger side below the car number & leading edge of bonnet	White 'www.miniracing.co.nz' profile cut lettering decal on windscreen, or; Black or White for contrast on bonnet, approx 600mm x 40mm
I	Centre of rear bumper (centre of rear valance, visible below bumper)	Black or White 'www.miniracing.co.nz' profile cut lettering decal, for contrast, approx 600mm x 40mm