

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2025-2026 NZ Formula First Championship

Preamble

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

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

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; and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations.

The Championship is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 259018

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

MotorSport New Zealand 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

1. INTERPRETATIONS

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

“Championship” means the MotorSport New Zealand Formula First Championship for vehicles complying with Schedule V;

“Inviting Clubs” means the MotorSport New Zealand Clubs hosting Rounds of the Championship;

“Round” means the Race Meeting at which Drivers may score points towards the Championship;

“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; 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 New Zealand Race Championship and be eligible for awards.

- 2.1.2** All Drivers shall affix the sponsor and/or Club’s patch to their overalls, 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 New Zealand 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 Championship 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
Phone: 027 441 4309
Email: 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 Championship's 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: 5 Victoria Court, Feilding
Phone: 027 263 5947
Email: steph@feilding.co.nz

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand 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: Mike Macready
Phone: 021 745 433
Email: m.w.macready@gmail.com

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

- (a) Establish the Schedule V technical eligibility audit programme at the Round.
- (b) Impound and affix seals as required.
- (c) Undertake technical eligibility checking.
- (d) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(1)(d)) with respect to weights and measures.
- (e) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(1)(f)).
- (f) Liaise with event Officials and the Championship Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the Category.
- (g) Undertake Safety Audits.

3.1.5 Assistant Championship Scrutineer: Matt Pedersen
Phone: 027 746 2308
Email: madmatt21p@gmail.com

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Undertake duties as delegated by the Championship Scrutineer.

- (b) Undertake Safety Audits.

4. REGISTRATION/ENTRY

4.1 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION:

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

4.1.2 Championship registration fee:

- (a) The Championship registration fee has been set at \$300.00 (incl. GST) payable by 27 October 2025. 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 \$50.00 (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)
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4.1.3 The Championship Coordinator reserves the right to accept or decline registration into the Championship.

4.1.4 By registering for the Championship, all competitors/Entrants:

- (1) Are deemed to be in acceptance of these Championship Articles as they are presented;
- (2) Agree to comply with these Articles and those of the National Sporting Code;
- (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;
- (4) Shall comply with any specific requirements of the official Championship Sponsor(s), as detailed within these Championship Articles; and
- (5) Under no circumstances shall communicate with any Championship Sponsor without gaining written permission to do so from the Championship Coordinator or their designated representative.

4.2 ROUND ENTRY:

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

4.2.2 The respective Round Entry Fees as outlined in Article 4.2.4(1) below are payable via the MotorSport New Zealand website.

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

4.2.4 Round Entry Fees and Format:

(1)

Round	Entry Fee (incl. GST)
1	To be advised
2	To be advised
3	To be advised
4	To be advised
5	To be advised
6	To be advised
7	To be advised

(2) The Championship Secretary will email instructions regarding pit areas and testing charges when individual Round entries are received.

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

4.2.4 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.

4.2.5 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 (incl. GST).

5. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

5.1 The Championship will comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	9 November 2025	Taupo International Motorsport Park	Auckland Car Club
2	14-16 November 2025	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	MG Classic Racing Register Inc
3	6-7 December 2025	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club Inc
4	20-22 February 2026	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club Inc
5	14-15 March 2026	Teretonga Park	Southland Sports Car Club
6	21 March 2026	Levels Raceway	South Canterbury Car Club
7	25-26 April 2026	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club Inc

5.2 MotorSport New Zealand 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:** Friday test sessions may be available to Drivers prior to any Round subject to availability and track hire charges set by the Inviting Club.

6.1.1 No testing of a Formula First competition vehicle will be permitted on the circuit at which the Round is scheduled to be held from Monday to Thursday inclusive in the week of the Round, except any test sessions organised by the NZ Formula First Championship.

- 6.1.2** Practice starts during any Practice session are permitted only at the pit exit speed de-restriction line provided that any car that is following is not delayed or hindered at any time.
- 6.2 Qualifying:** For all Rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of minimum twenty(20) minutes duration.
- 6.2.1.** Practice starts when initially leaving pit exit during Qualifying are not permitted. It is permitted to do a practice start on any subsequent leaving the pits at the pit exit speed de-restriction line provided that any car that is following is not delayed or hindered at any time.
- 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	6 laps	6 laps	6 laps	N/A
3	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps
4	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps
5	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps
6	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A
7	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	N/A

- 6.4 Race Starting Procedures:** All starts will be a standing start in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 4, Schedule Z.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.5.1** Starting Positions for Race One will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved from the Qualifying session, fastest driver to the front.
- 6.5.2** Starting Positions for Race Two will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in either the Qualifying session or Race One, fastest driver to the front.
- 6.5.3.** Starting Positions for Race Three will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in either the Qualifying session or Race One or Two, fastest driver to the front.
- 6.5.4** Starting Positions for Race Four will be determined by the lap time achieved in either the Qualifying session or Race One, Race Two, or Race Three, fastest driver to the front.
- 6.6** At all Rounds the Clerk of the Course and/or the Stewards of the Meeting following consultation with the Championship 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 FERMÉ

- 7.1** 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.

- 7.2** If any vehicle is not able to proceed to Parc Fermé under its own power then it must nevertheless be delivered there as soon as practicable as directed by the Championship Scrutineer.

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

8. DATA ACQUISITION AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

- 8.1** 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 following the conclusion of the final Race.

9. RACE RADIO

- 9.1** Radio communication between pit and car during any qualifying and races is prohibited.

- 9.1.1** Official Race Radio one-way communication is however permitted. Radios must be set to 'Receive' only.

10. POINTS

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

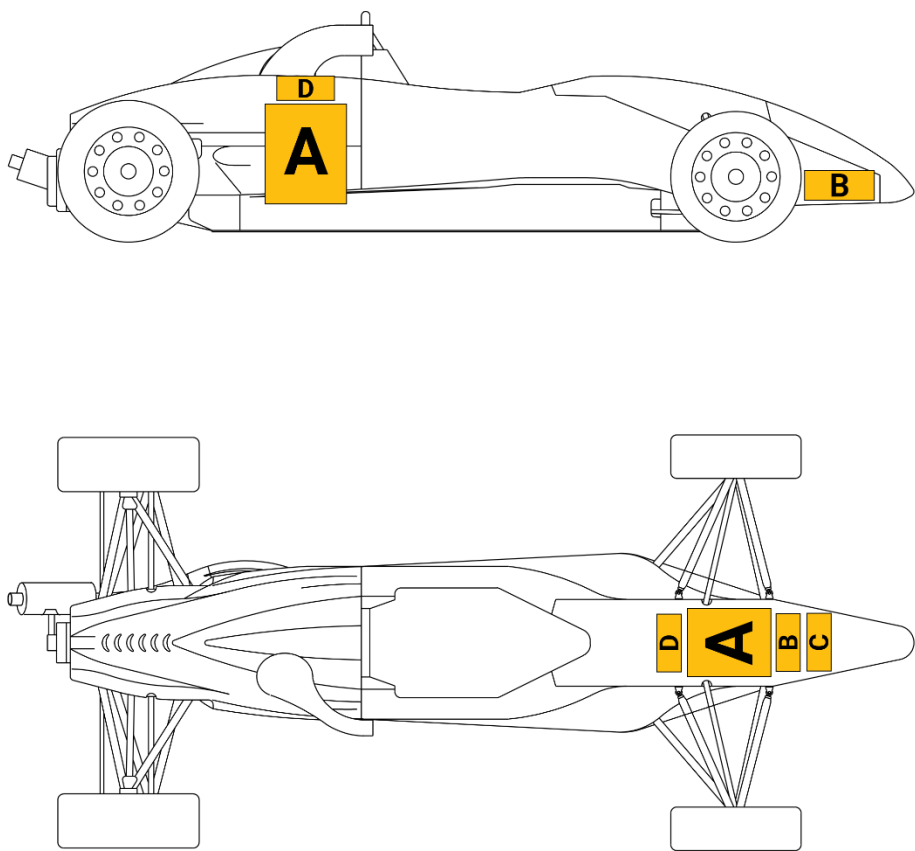
1 st	75	11 th	30	21 st	10
2 nd	67	12 th	28	22 nd	9
3 rd	60	13 th	26	23 rd	8
4 th	54	14 th	24	24 th	7
5 th	49	15 th	22	25 th	6
6 th	45	16 th	20	26 th	5
7 th	42	17 th	18	27 th	4
8 th	39	18 th	16	28 th	3
9 th	36	19 th	14	29 th	2
10 th	33	20 th	12	30 th	1

11. AWARDS

- 11.1** The MotorSport New Zealand 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 New Zealand 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.

