

# ARTICLES GOVERNING the 2025-26 NORTH ISLAND FORMULA FORD RACE SERIES

## Preamble

North Island Formula Ford Inc declares the following articles to be those governing a Motor Racing Series for competitors of Schedule F compliant cars.

## The Series is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 259007

The Series is organised and held in accordance with the current 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 North Island Formula Ford Race Series has been categorised 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 F,
- The Event Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Clubs.

## OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

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:

**“The Club”** or **“NIFF”** means the Organising Club, being North Island Formula Ford Inc; and

**“Rookie”** means a competitor competing in their first full season in the North Island Formula Ford Race Series; and

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

**“Round Organiser”** or **“Inviting Clubs”** means the MotorSport NZ Member Club hosting each Round of the Series; and

**“The Series”** means the North Island Formula Ford Race Series for cars complying with Schedule F.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY:**

### **2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY**

**2.1.1** All competitors shall hold a C1 Grade Competition licence or higher and if the entrant is other than the competitor, an Entrant's Licence is required in the name of the entrant.

(a) *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.*

(b) *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 competitors shall be financial members of The Club.

### **2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY**

**2.2.1** Eligibility shall be for Formula Ford cars complying with the specifications set out in Schedule F.

**2.2.2** All Competitors shall agree to submit their vehicle for eligibility and safety audit inspections as and when required by the appointed Series Scrutineer, and/or a MotorSport NZ licensed Technical Officer.

**2.2.3 Classes:** There are three(3) classes as follows:

(1) **Class One:** Eligibility shall be for cars manufactured after 31 December 1999 and complying with the current Schedule F technical regulations for Class One cars, and all models of the Van Diemen Stealth, irrespective of their year of production or any modifications made.

(2) **Class Two:** Eligibility shall be for cars manufactured after 31 December 1989 and prior to 1 January 2000 and complying with the current Schedule F technical regulations for Class Two cars.

- (3) **Class Three:** Eligibility shall be for cars manufactured prior to 1 January 1990 and complying with the current Schedule F technical regulations for Class Three cars.

**2.2.4** If a competitor changes a car during the season, they must inform the Series Coordinator.

**2.2.5** All competing vehicles shall reserve the spaces for the Series sponsors' and official Series decals at all Rounds, of which will be provided by the Series.

All competitors shall carry competition numbers and competitor's name in the locations and to the dimensions set out in Appendix One to these Articles.

**Note:** *The Series Coordinator may permit variation of decal location for individual vehicles upon application.*

**2.2.6** Historic Formula Fords compliant with Schedule F, or Schedule AA and Schedule K may be invited to compete at any round of the North Island Formula Ford Series. Any such competitor shall not be eligible for overall or class round points and shall be ignored for the purposes of calculating overall and class points. For Round 4 & 5, Historic Formula Fords are required to qualify within 107% of the fastest qualifying time in order to compete in the remainder of the Round. The NZ Formula Ford Race Director may exercise discretion in specific instances.

**2.2.6.1** Historic Formula Ford competitors shall be current financial members of the North Island Formula Ford Club, or Historic Formula Ford Club.

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

**3.1** At each Round the following personnel, or their approved assistant, shall have 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 Official Bulletin posted on the Official Notice Board at each Round.

**3.1.2 Series Coordinator:** Ian Barlow  
**Mobile No:** 027 766 4420  
**E-mail:** [ibarlow84nz@gmail.com](mailto:ibarlow84nz@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) Deal with all administrative matters within reason, pertaining to the Series, and
- (b) Record and publish all Series points schedules, and
- (c) Liaise with Inviting Club/s on all matters pertaining to these Articles, and
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the Series, and

**3.1.3 Series Scrutineer:** Ron McMillan  
**Mobile Phone No:** 021 931765  
**E-mail:** [ronroadrace@gmail.com](mailto:ronroadrace@gmail.com)

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 Club's behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Series; and
- (b) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series in order to ascertain compliance with the technical regulations; and
- (c) Assist competitors with technical enquiries relative to the technical regulations applicable to their vehicle; 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 Series Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the category; and
- (g) To report to the Clerk of the Course any instances where a breach of the technical regulations has been identified.

#### **4. SERIES REGISTRATION:**

**4.1** Registration into the Series and the Club shall be made on the North Island Formula Ford 2025-26 Membership Form obtained from the Series Coordinator or a committee member.

**4.1.1** The Series reserves the right to accept or decline registration into the series.

**4.2** By registering for 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.

**4.3** Only the official race number registered with the NZ Formula Ford Race Number register may be used. No duplication of race numbers is permitted. The North Island Formula Ford Series Co-Ordinator manages this register. Ian Barlow [ibarlow84nz@gmail.com](mailto:ibarlow84nz@gmail.com).

**4.4** Sponsor badges as outlined below will be provided by the Club and must be attached (in compliance with Schedule A, Article 4.3) to the competitor's overalls in the left or right chest position.

(a) Hampton Downs Academy Badge

(b) A Yokohama badge

**4.5 Round Entry:** Unless otherwise advised by the Series Co-Ordinator, entry to each round of the series is to be made between the particular Inviting Club and the individual entrant. North Island Formula Ford will manage the distribution of the relevant documents.

**4.5.1 Round Refund Policy:**

(1) In the instance where the Series is charged a total entry fee to cover the entire class, refunds to the individual competitor will be considered at the Series' discretion.

(2) At events where the Series are not responsible for the collection of Round entry fees for the entire class, the refund policy will be stated within the Event Supplementary Regulations.

**5. SERIES STRUCTURE:**

**5.1** The Series will comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	5 October 2025	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	Auckland Car Club
2	9 November 2025	Taupo International Motorsport Park	Auckland Car Club
3	6-7 December 2025	Circuit Chris Amon - Manfeild	Manawatu Car Club
4	14-15 March 2026	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	NZIGP
5	27-29 March 2026	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP

**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 powers to award any title.

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

## **6. ROUND FORMAT:**

**6.1** At the completion of any official Practice, Qualifying or Race session, competitors will be advised whether they are required to present their vehicle or any components for technical inspection and shall follow any instructions from the Series Scrutineer(s) or their designated representatives

**6.2 Testing:** Test Sessions may be available to competitors prior to any Round of the Series and shall be subject to availability and track hire charges as set by the Inviting Club/s.

**6.3 Practice:** Official Practice sessions may be provided for at specific Rounds of the Series. When applicable, these will be advised in the Supplementary Regulations.

**6.3.1** 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.

**6.4 Qualifying:** At all rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of no less than (10) minutes duration.

Vehicles shall assemble in the Assembly Area in any order or as directed by Series Coordinator who may use previous practice time or series points as appropriate.

**6.4.1** 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.

**6.5 Race lengths:** Races are scheduled to run as follows:

Round	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Venue
1	12 laps	12 laps	13 laps	N/A	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park
2	9 laps	9 laps	11 laps	N/A	Taupo International Motorsport Park
3	12 laps	12 laps	12 laps	18 laps	Circuit Chris Amon - Manfeild
4	12 laps	12 laps	12 laps	15 laps	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park
5	12 laps	12 laps	12 laps	15 laps	Taupo International Motorsport Park

**6.5.1** At all Rounds the Clerk of the Course and/or the Stewards of the Meeting, following consultation with the Series Coordinator (where practicable) reserves the right to shorten, lengthen and / or cancel any practice / qualifying sessions and / or Races in the case of Force Majeure.

## **6.6 Assembly and Formation:**

(1) Vehicles will form up at the Assembly Area in starting order.

(2) Practice starts leaving pit exit and prior to the commencement of each Race are not permitted.

(3) Upon vehicles being released from pit exit, the Competitor occupying pole position shall set the pace for the entire field. All drivers should maintain a close but safe distance to the vehicle in front.

**Note:** *As the field approaches the final corner before reaching the starting grid all vehicles shall reduce speed. It is requested that all competitors form into single file, line astern, and maintain this formation until they approach their designated starting positions. At that point, competitors may then move into their respective grid boxes.*

- 6.7 Race starting positions:** Starts for all races at each round will be a “Standing Start” in accordance with the provisions of Appendix Four, Schedule Z.
- (1) Starting Positions for **Race One** will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved from the Qualifying session, fastest competitor to the front.
  - (2) Starting Positions for **Race Two** will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in the Qualifying session or Race One, fastest competitor to the front.
  - (3) Starting Positions for **Race Three** will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in the Qualifying session or Race One or Race Two, fastest competitor to the front.
  - (4) Starting Positions for **Race Four** (where applicable) will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in the Qualifying session or Race One, Race Two, or Race Three fastest competitor to the front.
- 6.7.1** Round 4 and Round 5 will be combined with the 2026 NZ Formula Ford Championship. Race Starting positions will be calculated based on the full combined grid of both series.
- 6.7.2** Historic Formula Ford vehicles as outlined in 2.2.6 of these articles will be gridded following the same method as 6.5 above, however will form their own grid one full grid row behind the rest of North Island Formula Ford Series.

## **7. TYRE TYPE, ALLOCATION AND MARKING PROCEDURES:**

- 7.1 Tyre type:** Only tyres as specified in Schedule F are authorised for use within the Series.
- 7.1.1** Yokohama control tyres shall only be purchased from the authorised distributor, being North Island Formula Ford Inc or the South Island Formula Ford Club.
- 7.2 Tyre allocation:** All classes shall have a maximum allocation of eight(8) front tyres and eight(8) rear tyres per competitor.
- 7.2.1** For those Competitors contesting both the North Island Formula Ford Race Series and the 2026 NZ Formula Ford Championship at the combined Rounds, please refer to the 2026 NZ Formula Ford Championship articles for confirmation of tyre allocation which takes precedence.
- 7.2.2** All tyres must be marked on the side-wall with the NIFF stencil and the car number by the Series Scrutineer or their nominee.
- 7.3 Practice:** Any marked or unmarked tyres may be used in the official Practice session(s) of the Round.
- 7.4 Qualifying and Races:** Only marked tyres shall be used for Qualifying and Races.
- 7.5** Tyres that have been marked for the Series may only be used at Series' Rounds. The Series Scrutineer reserves the right to stencil the tread surface at the end of each Round. If stencilled, these tyres must not be used until the beginning of the following Round.
- 7.6** In the event of any marked tyres being accident damaged, and the Competitor's tyre pool being exhausted, the Series Scrutineer(s) may allow a replacement tyre to be used from another source, of similar condition and wear level of the damaged tyre.

## **8. DIRECT TO DRIVER RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 8.1** It is compulsory to have a fully functioning direct to driver radio receiver for all official Practice and Qualifying sessions, and Races. Radio communications to Competitors will be solely related to any safety-related matters where practicable.

Direct to driver radio communications serve as a supplementary aid and shall not supersede any official signals conveyed to drivers.

- 8.2** This radio receiver must be purchased from NIFF.
- 8.3** No outgoing radio transmission function from the car is permitted.
- 8.4** The frequency is 455.168750MHz.

## **9. PARC FERME:**

- 9.1** Upon directive from the Series Scrutineer or their appointed assistant, all competing vehicles must be driven directly (and without any team personnel/crew intervention) from the track to the designated Parc Fermé, the location of which will be notified via notice on the Official Notice Board of the meeting, and at Driver's Briefing.

**Note:** Competitors 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.

- 9.2** Only the competitor and one representative per entry are permitted to be present, at the sole discretion of the Series Scrutineer(s), at any technical inspection, unless the Series Scrutineer(s) have given specific permission for any additional representatives to be present.

## **10. POINTS**

- 10.1** Points will be allocated as follows:

- (a) Two(2) points shall be awarded to the Competitor who qualifies first overall at each Round, and
- (b) To Competitors based on their overall finishing positions in each Class, in each Race, at each Round of the Series, in accordance with 10.2, and
- (c) To Competitors based on the overall finishing positions in each Race, at each Round of the Series, in accordance with 10.2, and

### **10.2 Points:**

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> and lower	1



**10.3 Round Podium Presentation:** will be arranged by the Series at the conclusion of the last race of each round.

## **11. AWARDS**

**11.1** The overall Series Champion shall be the competitor from any Class with the highest overall points scored over all Rounds of the Series.

**11.2** The Class Series Champion for each of Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 shall be the competitor with the highest Class points score awarded from all the Rounds of the Series.

**11.3** The following awards will be made according to the results of the Series as follows.

- (a) Overall: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- (b) Class 1: 1<sup>st</sup>,
- (c) Class 2: 1<sup>st</sup>,
- (d) Class 3: 1<sup>st</sup>,
- (e) Rookie of the Year: Rookie with the highest overall placing at the conclusion of the season.

**11.4** The Competitor who sets the fastest eligible lap time in Qualifying shall:

- (a) At Round 1, 2, and 3, receive five-hundred-dollars (\$500) in prize money, and
- (b) At Round 4 and 5, receive one thousand and ten dollars, and ten cents, (\$1010.10).

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

## APPENDIX ONE – DECALS AND LOCATIONS

Location	Branding Decals/ Badges
<b>A</b> – Both sides of the nose box towards the front	Yokohama
<b>B</b> – Next to the race number at the rear of the vehicle and optionally on the nose box area.	Napa Autoparts
<b>C</b> – Across the nose box below the race number	Hampton Downs Academy
<b>D</b> – Above each race number	MotorSport New Zealand Accredited Series decal Rodin Cars
<b>E</b> – At the base of each race number	Not allocated
<b>F</b> – Front nose box area	Giltrap Group
<b>G</b> – One race number on the bonnet as far forward as possible. One race number on each side of the car.	Race Number

