

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2025 MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand Inc. hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing Competitors in the 2025 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 in conjunction with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club.

This Championship is held under MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 259024

Amendment Number	Issue Date	Article Reference	Subject/Notes
A001	14 11 2025	Art 4.2, Art 5.1, Art 7	Addition of Gravel and Sealed Hillclimb Challenges

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 2025 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 New Zealand Hillclimb Championship must comply with the following:

- 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.
- The vehicle must comply with Schedule A and will be subject to the MotorSport New Zealand Safety Audit process.

- (c) To be eligible for the Championship, the same registered vehicle must be used across the two events of the round. Registered vehicles may only be changed at the discretion of the Championship Coordinator, and only if changed prior to the close of documentation for Leg 1.
- (d) 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
- (e) Electric Vehicles must comply with Schedule A, and all relevant MotorSport New Zealand technical guidelines, however Electric Vehicles are not eligible to compete for the MotorSport New Zealand Gold Star in the 2025 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 New Zealand approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out:

3.1.1 Championship Coordinator: Donna Elder
Phone: 021 773266
Email: elderclubsport15@gmail.com

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand 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 Technical Officer: Keith Hargraves
Phone: 021 2532399
Email: termop.hargraves@gmail.com

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

- (a) Undertake Safety Audits and compliance checks on vehicles entered in the Championship, working alongside the Chief Scrutineer appointed by the organising club.
- (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 compete in 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) **MotorSport New Zealand Gold Star Hillclimb Championship:** for registered competitors in any eligible vehicle contested over both Legs of the Championship.

- (2) **MotorSport New Zealand 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 MotorSport New Zealand Gold Star Hillclimb Championship.
- (3) **MotorSport New Zealand 4WD Hillclimb Championship:** for registered 4WD vehicles contested over both Legs of the Championship. Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MotorSport New Zealand Gold Star Hillclimb Championship.
- (4) **MotorSport New Zealand Cross Car Championship:** for registered Cross Car vehicles contested over both Legs of the Championship. Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the MotorSport New Zealand Gold Star Hillclimb Championship.
- (5) **Gravel Hillclimb Challenge:** for registered competitors contested over the Gravel leg of the Round, and/or
- (6) **Sealed Hillclimb Challenge:** for registered competitors contested over the Sealed leg of the Round.

5 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

5.1 Registration into the Championship will be automatic by entering the event leg which MUST be via the MotorSport New Zealand Online entry system for each Leg, and submitted along with the payment, for acceptance no later than the date and time listed in the Event Supplementary Regulations. It is possible to indicate NON REGISTRATION on the event entry form.

- (1) To be eligible for any of the Championships a competitor must be entered in both the Seal and the Gravel Legs.
- (2) If a competitor only enters one of the Legs i.e. seal or gravel and not both, they are eligible only for the Challenge for that surface, and not any of the Championships.

5.2 Championship Dates:

Organising Club	Date	Leg Number
Pukekohe Car Club Inc	22 November 2025	Leg 1 - Sealed Event
Pukekohe Car Club Inc	23 November 2025	Leg 2 - Gravel Event

5.3 By registering for 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 New Zealand Stewards, after consultation with the Clerk of the Course have the authority to approve the reduction of the minimum requirements.

5.4.1 MotorSport New Zealand 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 100th of a second.

(b) Calculate each registered competitor’s points (rounded to two (2) decimal places) using the following formula;

Your Points = (“Winner’s Time” / “Your Fastest Time”) x 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 New Zealand 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 MotorSport New Zealand Hillclimb Championship Cup at the Annual MotorSport New Zealand Awards Function.

7.2 The MotorSport New Zealand 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 Annual MotorSport New Zealand Awards Function.

7.3 The MotorSport New Zealand 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 New Zealand 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.

7.5 The Motorsport New Zealand Gravel Challenge shall be awarded to the driver of the vehicle gaining the highest points on the Gravel Leg of the Championship. The award for the Gravel Challenge shall be presented at the conclusion of the Championship.

7.6 The Motorsport New Zealand Sealed Challenge shall be awarded to the driver of the vehicle gaining the highest points on the Sealed Leg of the Championship. The award for the Sealed Challenge shall be presented at the conclusion of the Championship.

8 GENERAL

- 8.1** The use of “Pace Notes” or similar navigation assistance are NOT permitted and their use will result in exclusion from the Championship
- 8.2** No Registered Championship Competitor may be taken as a passenger in a car, this will result in exclusion from the Championship. If an official Reece run is undertaken then a registered competitor may be taken as a passenger in the Reece run.
- 8.3** 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.
- 8.4** The Official Electronic Timing must be to 100th's and a printout or a log must be available showing the start and finish times.
- 8.5** The Judges of Fact for the following infringements will be listed in the individual event Supplementary Regulations:
- (i) False Start,
 - (ii) Causing a mis-time through collision with the timing equipment.

9 PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 9.1** Penalties shall be applied in accordance with the prescribed articles of National Sporting Code Part VIII Penalties, and as outlined in Schedule P unless otherwise specified within these Articles. These penalties may only be as the result of a Clerk of the Course decision and be included on the decision form.
- 9.2** Penalty Schedule:

	Type of Infringement	Penalty
9.2.1	False Start (A vehicle shall be deemed to have made a false start if it crosses the start line before the starting signal has been given, or is moving forward when the starting signal is given)	Addition of 30 seconds on that run.
9.2.2	Causing a mistime through collision with the timing equipment	The penalty shall be the slowest competitors time on that run (including any penalties that person may have incurred) plus 30 seconds.
9.2.3	Gaining an unfair advantage by and/or not following the proper course	The penalty shall be the slowest competitors time on that run (including any penalties that person may have incurred) plus 30 seconds.