

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2025 NEW ZEALAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand Inc hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing Competitors in the 2025 MotorSport NZ New Zealand Rally Championship.

The Championship is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit Number:

The Championship is organised and held in accordance with the MotorSport NZ National Sporting Code, the Standing Regulations 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 [International Sporting Code](#) and its appropriate Appendices for Round 1 And 6 (where applicable),
- The Technical Regulations MotorSport NZ Appendix Two Schedule A, Appendix Six Schedule RH and FIA Appendix J, specifically Articles 251, 252, 253, 254, FIA Appendix L, (where applicable), and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Clubs.

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

MotorSport NZ 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.

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1. INTERPRETATIONS

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

“**Appendix J**” means the vehicle safety and specific technical regulations issued by the FIA; and

The “**Championship**” means the “2025 New Zealand Rally Championship” as set out in these Championship Articles; and

“**FIA**” means the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile; and

“**FIA R5**” means R5 and Rally2 vehicles; and

“**Inviting Clubs**” means the MotorSport NZ Member Clubs organising events which also comprise rounds of regional or club events; and

“**Manufacturer**” means the manufacturer of, or official New Zealand distributor of the make of vehicle entered in the Championship; and

“**Principal Driver**” means the registered crew member who actually drives the competing vehicle on all Special Stages of each Round; and

“**Rally New Zealand**” or “**RNZ**” means Rally of New Zealand Ltd who have been granted the commercial and promotional rights to the Championship by MotorSport NZ and will represent the Inviting Clubs; and

“**Round**” means the Event at which drivers may score points towards the Championship; and

“**Supplementary Regulations**” means so far as they are applicable to the Championship the Standing Regulations set out in Appendix Three, Schedule R to the National Sporting Code together with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club of each Round.

“**Control Tyre**” means MRF Tyres as referred to in Appendix 4 of these articles and in accordance with articles 17.1, 17.2 and 17.3 of these articles.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All Drivers (Driver 1 only) competing in Category 1 must hold an R2 Grade competition licence or higher (except as provided for in clause 2.1.2).

(a) Under the provisions of the Trans-Tasman Visa Agreement between Motorsport Australia and MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Australian competitors holding both Motorsport Australia Rally Licences and Trans-Tasman Visas may enter the NZ Rally Championship and score points.

(b) Foreign participants may enter and score points in the Championship in accordance with Appendix One, Schedule L, Article 6.1.

2.1.1 All other Drivers and Co-Drivers must hold an R1 Grade competition licence or higher (except as provided for in Article 2.1.2).

2.1.2 Drivers and Co-Drivers entered in the international field of any FIA permitted event must hold an INT C-R Grade Competition Licence and a Medical Clearance Card.

2.1.3 If the Entrant is other than the driver, an Entrant's Licence is required in the name of the Entrant.

2.2 Vehicle Eligibility: The various categories of the Championship are open to the following vehicles:

2.2.1 Category 1: 4WD

(1) Vehicles eligible for Category 1 are:

- (a)** MotorSport NZ AP4 vehicles complying with the MotorSport NZ Group AP4 technical regulations, or
- (b)** Group NZ 4WD vehicles complying with MotorSport NZ Group NZ-National Rally Car technical regulations.
- (c)** R4 kit vehicles complying with FIA R4 Kit technical regulations, or
- (d)** S2000 vehicles complying with FIA S2000 technical regulations, or
- (e)** FIA R5 vehicles complying fully with FIA R5 technical regulations and their respective homologations, or
- (f)** Motorsport Australia AP4 vehicles complying with Motorsport Australia AP4 technical regulations.
- (g)** Vehicles accepted for National Championship competition in another ASN, with final weight, restrictor size or any other performance restriction to be determined by MSNZ and NZRC Promoter.

(2) World Rally Cars are permissible in this Category provided they:

- (a)** Fully respect their FIA homologation, and
- (b)** Are more than fifteen(15) years old as at 1 January 2025.

(3) All Category 1 forced induction vehicles shall be fitted with a restrictor in compliance with the relevant technical regulations, with a maximum internal diameter of 34mm. FIA specification R5 vehicles are permitted a maximum of 32mm restrictor. Additionally, AP4(NZ) vehicles running FIA WRF Specification fuel as specified in Article 16.1.1 must be fitted with a restrictor with a maximum internal diameter of 32mm.

(4) It is permissible for Category 1 forced induction vehicles to install a pressure sensor on to the turbo restrictor housing for the sole purpose of controlling turbo compressor speed under the following conditions:

- (a)** All the air feeding the engine shall continue to pass through the restrictor
- (b)** Maximum diameter of the sensor hole for the sensor unit is 2.0mm
- (c)** The turbo pressure sensor shall not be situated between the restrictor minimum diameter and the rotational axis of the compressor impellor

(5) Vehicles originally designed and constructed to meet FIA specifications for S2000 and R5 vehicles shall maintain full compliance with the vehicle's FIA homologation and technical regulations unless issued with a MotorSport NZ logbook before 31 August 2014.

- (6) Minimum weight:** All Category 1 vehicles shall respect the minimum weight as follows. Weights shall be inclusive of one(1) spare wheel, safety equipment and all fluids, and excluding Driver, Co-driver and their safety apparel:

(i)	Vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 1992	1230kg
(ii)	Naturally aspirated 4WD vehicles	1230kg
(iii)	AP4 specification vehicles with an uncorrected capacity of up to 1620cc	1230kg
(iv)	AP4 specification vehicles with an uncorrected capacity of between 1621cc and 1821cc	1300kg
(iv)	FIA WRC, R5, R4, R4 kit, and S2000 vehicles	Must respect their homologated minimum weights respectively
(v)	All other 4WD vehicles manufactured after 1 January 1992	1350kg
(vi)	Forced induction 4WD vehicles manufactured after 1 January 1992 with an uncorrected capacity of less than 1800cc	1300kg

- (1)** The minimum weight of the competing vehicle shall be the weights listed above ((i) through (vi)) plus the addition of 160kg measured under the following conditions:

- (a)** The competing vehicle weight is the weight of the vehicle as it competes with the crew on-board (driver + co-driver with their safety equipment) and one spare wheel.
- (b)** When two spare wheels are carried in the vehicle, the second spare wheel must be removed before weighing.
- (c)** At no time during the competition may a vehicle weigh less than this minimum weight.
- (d)** In case of a dispute during weighing of the competing vehicle, the driver and codriver as well as their safety equipment will be removed; this includes their helmets and FHR's, and the vehicle will be re-weighed. For the avoidance of doubt vehicle must meet both weights at all times during the competition.

- (7)** All Category 1 vehicles are required to complete an Engine Capacity Declaration Form prior to or at the first round of the Championship the vehicle competes at. Engine Capacity Declaration Forms are also available from the Championship Scrutineer.

2.2.2 Category 2: NZ-2WD

- (1)** Vehicles eligible for Category 2 are:
- (a)** FIA Group N 2WD cars complying with FIA Group N 2WD regulations, or
 - (b)** R1, R2 and R3 cars complying with FIA R1, R2 or R3 regulations, or

- (c) those Front Wheel Drive (FWD) cars complying with MotorSport NZ Manual Appendix Two, Schedule A and having a maximum capacity of 2000cc corrected.

2.2.3 Category 3: Open Class 2WD for vehicles complying with MotorSport NZ Manual Appendix Two, Schedule A.

2.2.4 Category 4: Historic for vehicles compliant with:

- (1) The Technical eligibility regulations for the FIA European Historic Sporting Rally Championship for which a Historic Technical Passport (or equivalent) is required; or
- (2) The Historic Technical eligibility regulation for Sporting Rallies of the ASN of the competitor for which a Historic Technical Passport (or equivalent) issued by the ASN is required; or
- (3) MotorSport NZ [Schedule RH \(Rally Historic\)](#) for which a Motorsport NZ Certificate of Description (COD) is required.

Note: *All vehicles with alloy safety cages are specifically prohibited.*

2.2.5 Category 5: Rally Challenge Trophy for vehicles:

- (1) Vehicles eligible for Category 5 are:
 - (a) **Class 5A:** 4WD cars complying with MotorSport NZ Manual Appendix Two, Schedule A. Cars complying with Article 2.2.1 (1)(a), (c), (d), (e) or (f) are not eligible for this class. However, cars complying with Article 2.2.1 (1)(a) are only eligible for this class if the driver has not been registered in Cat 1 for the previous 2 years.
 - (b) **Class 5B:** 2WD cars complying with MotorSport NZ Manual Appendix Two, Schedule A.
- (2) All 4WD forced induction vehicles in Category 5 Class 5A over 1800cc shall be fitted with a restrictor in compliance with Appendix Two Schedule A, with a maximum internal diameter of 36mm.
- (3) **Minimum weight:** All Category 5 Class 5A vehicles shall respect the minimum weight as follows. Weights shall be inclusive of one(1) spare wheel, safety equipment and all fluids, and excluding Driver, Co-driver and their safety apparel:

(i)	Vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 1992:	1230kg
(ii)	Naturally aspirated 4WD vehicles:	1230kg
(iii)	Forced induction 4WD vehicles manufactured after 1 January 1992 with an uncorrected capacity of less than 1800cc	1300kg
(iv)	All other 4WD vehicles manufactured after 1 January 1992	1350kg

2.2.6 Vehicles competing in the international field of Round One or Six (FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship) must be in compliance with the relevant FIA homologation. Alternatively, National Cars (those eligible for the NZRC) require an approval from the event organisers/FIA.

2.3 Proof of Vehicle Eligibility

2.3.1 The Competitor must submit on request of a MotorSport NZ Championship Scrutineer, the vehicle's homologation papers (including all current homologation extensions), vehicle logbook and COD (applicable for Historic cars). The onus of proof of a vehicle's eligibility rests entirely with the Competitor / Entrant.

2.3.2 Any modification made to a competing vehicle that is not detailed in FIA Appendix J and/or a MotorSport NZ Schedule as permissible for the Category in which the vehicle claims classification will render the vehicle ineligible for that Category.

2.3.3 Technical eligibility and safety equipment enquiry: Where any doubt may exist in understanding any regulation contained in these Championship Articles it will be understood that it is the Competitor's obligation to enquire as to the correct interpretation. All technical eligibility and/or safety equipment enquiries shall be submitted in writing to the Championship Scrutineer.

- All enquiries should detail the Article in question and the specific subject matter.
- A written reply will always be given to a written enquiry.
- On matters of technical eligibility and/or safety compliance, a verbal statement will have no validity.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL

3.1 At each Round the following personnel, and/or their approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out:

3.1.1 Championship Promoter:	Rally New Zealand
Address:	P O Box 62022, Sylvia Park, Auckland 1644
Phone No:	+64 9 276 0882
Mobile Phone No:	+64 21 0226 7504
E-mail:	info@rallynz.org.nz
Contacts:	Olivia McGregor

info@rallynz.org.nz
www.rallynz.org.nz

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ for:

- (a) The promotion of the Championship; and
- (b) Championship Registration, and
- (c) The supply of all Championship decals, and
- (d) Organisation of media and television.
- (e) To carry out when and if required – competitor – sponsor – customer surveys to assist in developing the Championship.

3.1.2 Championship Coordinators:

	Simon Bell	Carl Fenn	Blair Bartels
Phone no:	021 856 277	027 499 3129	027 285 2186
E-mail:	simon@sultants.co.nz	Carl.fenn@xtra.co.nz	bbmedianz@gmail.com

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Deal with all administrative matters pertaining to the Championship, and
- (b) The on-event promotion of the Championship.
- (c) Record and publish all Series points schedules.
- (d) Ensure correct placement of Championship decals on competing vehicles and to undertake the duties of a Judge of Fact (NSC 86(c)) with respect to Championship decals compliance.
- (e) Liaison with Inviting Clubs and RNZ on all matters pertaining to these Articles.
- (f) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(f(d))).

Who may have deputies and assistants to whom they may delegate any of their responsibilities and authorities by way of notice posted on the official notice board at each Round.

3.1.3 Championship Scrutineer: Gregory Dietschin
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E-mail: greg.dietschin@xtra.co.nz

Assistant Scrutineer: Devan Gregory
Phone No: 04 815 8015
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E-mail: devan@motorsport.org.nz

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Championship; and
- (b) Affix official seals, and markings to tyres, as and when deemed appropriate; and
- (c) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Championship in order to ascertain compliance with the technical regulations; and
- (d) Assist competitors with technical inquiries relative to the technical regulations applicable to their vehicle; and
- (e) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(1)(d)) with respect to weights and measures; and
- (f) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(f(d))); and
- (g) Liaise with event Officials and Championship Coordinators on any scrutineering or technical conformity issues for the various categories; and

Who may have deputies and assistants to whom they may delegate any of their responsibilities and authorities by way of notice posted on the Official Notice Board at each Round.

- 3.2** All official correspondence shall be addressed to info@rallynz.org.nz who is authorised by RNZ to carry out all the necessary administrative duties for the Championship. Correspondence is to be directed to RNZ who will distribute to the appropriate Coordinator.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

- 4.1** The Championship will comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Event	Legs
1	4-6 April 2025	Rally of Otago	2
2	10 May 2025	South Canterbury Rally	1
3	1 June 2025	Canterbury Rally	1
4	23 August 2025	Coromandel Rally	1
5	11 October 2025	Rally Bay of Plenty	1
6	7-9 November 2025	International Rally of Whangarei	2

MotorSport NZ 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.

- 4.2** Competitors may enter one of the following categories (refer Article 2.2):

- (1) Category 1: NZ Rally Championship for 4WD** vehicles contested over all Rounds of the Championship.
- (2) Category 2: NZ Rally Championship for FIA Group N 2WD, R1, R2, R3 and FWD 2WD** vehicles contested over all Rounds of the Championship.
- (3) Category 3: Open Class 2WD Championship** for 2WD vehicles contested over all Rounds of the Championship.
- (4) Category 4: Historic Challenge Trophy** for historic vehicles contested over all Rounds of the Championship.
- (5) Category 5: Rally Challenge Trophy** for registered vehicles contested over the first Leg of each round. Competitors will be permitted reconnaissance. Category 5 competitors shall be divided into two(2) Classes as follows:
 - (a) Class 5A:** Rally Challenge Trophy 4WD for 4WD registered vehicles.
 - (b) Class 5B:** Rally Challenge Trophy 2WD for 2WD registered vehicles.

Notes:

- 1. MotorSport NZ reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to amalgamate any Category if less than three(3) entrants in a Category at the start Round One of the Championship.*
- 2. For the avoidance of doubt, only competitors in Categories 1–4 are eligible for the overall title of New Zealand Rally Champion (Driver and Co-Driver) in 2025.*

5. CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

- 5.1** Competitors must make application to compete in the Championship by completing the [registration application form online](#). The application form complete in all detail and accompanied by the correct fee (Article 5.2 below) must be submitted no later than two(2) weeks prior to the first Championship Round the competitor intends to enter.
- 5.2 Fees:** The registration fees are as follows:
- (6) Category 1:** NZ\$1,200.00 incl GST.
 - (2) Category 2, 3 and 4:** NZ\$800.00 incl GST.
 - (3) Category 5:** NZ\$600.00 incl GST.
- 5.3** It is possible to register for individual Rounds of the Championship at a cost per Round of \$400.00 (incl GST) for Category 1, \$250.00 incl GST for Categories 2, 3 and 4, or \$200.00 incl GST for Category 5.
- 5.4** Registration of Co-Drivers will be included in the above. Changes of Co-Drivers will need to be notified to RNZ up to and including the commencement of Reconnaissance at the relevant Round for the Co-Driver to be eligible for points.

6 CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY

- 6.1** Entry to each Round of the Championship (which is separate to the Championship Registration) shall be made to the Inviting Club of the Round, as specified by the Supplementary Regulations, and by their specified closing dates. **Any entry will not be deemed valid until payment is received.**
- 6.2** In submitting an entry for Rounds of the Championship all registered 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.
- 6.3** Individual Round Entry fees will be detailed in the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club of each Round.

7. CONDITION OF ENTRY

- 7.1 Decals, Overall breast patch, Drivers names and Competition numbers:** Entry into the Championship is conditional upon correct decal, overall breast patch and competition number placement according to the illustrations contained in Appendix 1 of these Championship Articles. These items must remain in place for the duration of each event. It is forbidden to remove NZRC Sponsors decals once the event has started. Should a sponsor's decal be damaged during an event these decals must be reinstated at the next service park and are the crew's responsibility to replace, replacement decals are available from the Championship Coordinators or their representatives on event.
- 7.1.1** All competitors entered in the international field of Round 1 or Round 6 (Pacific Cup) shall comply with the vehicle decal requirements as detailed in the Supplementary Regulations for that event.

- 7.1.2** NZRC Sponsors Advertising (A3 / A4 / A5): Competitors are required to fit and carry NZRC Sponsors Advertising alongside MotorSport NZ Championship decals. In situations, only of direct product conflict with competitor's own sponsorship, application can be made for a waiver of the requirement. Final decision around direct conflict sits solely with Rally New Zealand. If approved, a fee of \$5,000 per event is payable to the promoter. Application should be made at time of lodging an entry for each round and accompanied by the fee payable to the RNZ. Positions B4, B5, A3F & A3R are not eligible for the buy-out.
- 7.1.3 Non-Compliance**, Competitors in breach of Article 7 will be reported to the Clerk of the Course who may impose a penalty. The penalty for non-compliance is \$6,000 per sponsor.
- 7.2 Promotional Requirements:** All competitors must participate in any promotional activities prior to, during and after each of the Rounds. These will be advised in Supplementary Regulations Part Two for each Round or RNZ will advise the details of any activity at least five (5) days prior to any Round. In exceptional circumstances competitors may be excused from this requirement upon application to the Clerk of the Course.
- 7.2.1** Competitors who finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall (based on the classification as at the time of the podium ceremony) for the Round, and 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in any category (excepting Category 5 for Rounds 1 and 6) for the Round (ref Article 4.1), must be available to participate in the Victory Ceremony at the Podium Finish at each Round..
- Note:** *For the avoidance of doubt, the participants in the Victory Ceremonies will be those competitors who have the best placing (either overall or in their Category) based on the elapsed time of those competitors (plus any applicable penalties) and not the points scored by the competitors in the Round.*
- 7.2.2** Competitors from Categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be required to wear MRF Tyres Podium caps supplied by the NZRC Co-ordinators for all round podium ceremonies. Caps are to be worn in a normal manner, with the branding clearly visible to the podium audience.
- 7.2.3** Those competitors who finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in each Category will be expected to attend the Championship prize giving at the final Round. A competitor who is unable to attend the Championship prize giving may apply to the Championship Coordinator for an exemption.
- 7.2.4** Competitors shall participate in any Start or Finish Ceremony, or any ceremony or activity published by the Championship Promoter, during the published timetable applicable to that activity.
- 7.3 Social Media:** Competitors and team members are reminded of Motorsport NZ's Social Media policy across any personal, team or associated social media outlet. The policy is available from the [MotorSport New Zealand website](#).

8. POINTS

8.1 As per Article 8.2, competitors registered in Categories 1 – 4 (inclusive) in the Championship will score points towards the New Zealand Rally Championship, and towards their respective Category title. Only registered competitors are eligible to score points, and points shall be awarded at each Round taking into account the competitor's relative overall and Category position as applicable and without taking into account the classification of non-registered competitors.

8.1.1 Junior, Rookie, and Gold Card Points: At Rounds 1, 6 as well as any other multi-leg events, the points awarded in the Junior, Rookie, International and Gold Card Titles will be taken from the Leg One results only. Power Stage points will NOT form part of the awarded points.

8.2 Championship Points: For the overall title of New Zealand Rally Champion (Driver and Co-Driver) and each Championship Category, points will be awarded for each Round taking into account the general classification according to the following scale:

1st	25	6th	17	11th	12	16th	7
2nd	22	7th	16	12th	11	17th	6
3rd	20	8th	15	13th	10	18th	5
4th	19	9th	14	14th	9	19th	4
5th	18	10th	13	15th	8	20th	3

8.2.1 Bonus Points: In addition, for Rounds 1 and 6 only, bonus points for the overall title and for each Category will be allocated based on the results of each Leg as shown below:

1st	7
2nd	5
3rd	3
4th	2
5th	1

8.3 Power Stage: Additional points will be awarded towards the overall title and for each Category as follows: (Refer Article 19)

1st	5
2nd	4
3rd	3
4th	2
5th	1

8.4 The overall Round winner for each Category will be the competitor with the lowest elapsed time including any penalties over the event. In the case of two or more competitors complete the event with the same elapsed time, the competitor with the fastest stage time in the opening special stage (excluding super special stages) will be awarded the higher position. In the event of both competitors setting the same time in the opening special stage, the first special stage that can break the tie-break will be used.

8.5 The winners of awards for the overall Championship and Category awards, as detailed in Article 9 below, will be the competitor accumulating the highest points scored from all six(6) rounds of the championship.

8.6 The winners of awards for Category 2, 3 and 4, as detailed in Article 9 below, will be the competitor accumulating the highest points scored from four (4) of the first five (5) rounds of the championship, plus the final round of the championship.

Explanatory note: *Competitors in Categories 2, 3 & 4 will drop their worst points scoring Round from any one of the first five(5) Rounds.*

8.7 The winners of awards for Category 5 will be the competitor accumulating the highest points scored from that competitor's three (3) best points scoring Rounds outside of the final round, plus the final round. The points will be allocated in accordance with the table at Article 8.2.

Explanatory note: *Competitors in Category 5 will drop their worst-two points scoring Rounds from any one of the first five(5) Rounds.*

8.8 Tiebreaks for Championship Awards: In the event of a points tie in an award at the end of the Championship, in the first instance, the competitor with the most round wins will be deemed the winner. Should the tie remain unbroken then second, third and subsequent places at all rounds shall be deemed to take the higher placing in the relevant award.

8.9 Manufacturers Trophy: This title will be awarded to the vehicle manufacturer which has gained the highest aggregate of points from all Rounds of the Championship. For each Round the qualifying vehicles will be deemed to be the first two(2) vehicles (based on the manufacturer or brand) in the published event seeding list, plus any vehicles from Categories 2 & 3. At each Round points will be allocated based on the overall finishing position of the first of the two (2) manufacturer / brand selected. Bonus points will be awarded to the top five manufacturers (based on the first vehicle finishing from each manufacturer) in the combined results from Category 2 & 3 using the schedule below. Only overall Round points will apply, Leg Points and Power Stage Points will not count towards Manufacturers Trophy.

1 st	3
2 nd	2
3 rd	1

9. AWARDS

9.1 Titles: The following awards will be made:

9.1.1 MotorSport NZ Rally Champion (contested in Categories 1-4 inclusive) will receive:

- The NZ Rally Champion's Trophy
- The NZ Rally Champion Drivers Award.

9.1.1.1 Motorsport NZ Gold Star Rally Award (contested in Cat 1) shall receive:

- The NZ Gold Star for Rallies

9.1.2 MotorSport NZ Rally Co-Driver Champion (contested in Categories 1-4 inclusive) will receive:

- The Rally Co-Driver's Champion Rose Bowl (to be held for approximately 1 year)
- The NZ Rally Navigators Award.

9.1.2.1 Motorsport NZ Gold Star for Rally Co-Drivers (contested in Cat1) shall receive:

- The NZ Gold Star for Rallies

9.1.3 MotorSport NZ 2WD Rally Champion (contested in Categories 2 – 4 inclusive) will receive:

- The 2WD Rally Champion Drivers Award.

9.1.4 MotorSport NZ 2WD Rally Co-Driver Champion (contested in Categories 2 – 4 inclusive) will receive:

- The 2WD Rally Champion Co-Drivers Award.

9.1.5 MotorSport NZ Junior Driver Rally Champion (contested in all Categories) will receive:

- The Junior Champions Rose Bowl.

Note: *A Junior is defined as a Principal Driver registered for the Championship who was under 25 years of age as of 1 January of the year of the Championship being run.*

9.1.6 MotorSport NZ Historic Challenge Trophy Champion (contested in Category 4 vehicles) will receive:

- The Classic Challenge Trophy
- The Rallye Automobile Monte Carlo Trophy

9.1.7 MotorSport NZ Historic Challenge Trophy Co-Driver Champion (contested in Category 4 vehicles) will receive:

- The Historic Co-Drivers Rose Bowl

9.1.8 MotorSport NZ Rally Challenge Champion (contested in Category 5 cars) will receive:

- The NZ Rally Challenge Trophy

9.1.9 MotorSport NZ Rally Challenge Co-Driver Champion (contested in Category 5 cars) will receive:

- The NZ Rally Challenge Co-Drivers Trophy

9.1.10 MotorSport NZ Manufacturers winner will receive:

- The MotorSport NZ Manufacturers Trophy

9.2 At the conclusion of the final Round of the Championship a series prize giving will be held and the following awards shall be presented:

- (1) Awards shall be presented to the top three (3) place getters in all Categories (both Driver and Co-driver).
- (2) **MotorSport NZ Rookie Driver Award:** This title will be awarded to the Principal Driver nominated on the Championship Entry form who has gained the highest aggregate number of points on overall placings from the Championship Rounds who is registered for the Championship for the first time. Any Driver who has previously held any seeding position at any level in another country's national championship or FIA event will be deemed ineligible for this award.

(3) Teams Cup:

- (a) Categories 1 – 4 inclusive:** This title will be awarded to the Team, nominated on the teams' entry form, which has gained the highest aggregate of points from all Rounds of the Championship. A Team shall consist of two (2) members from Categories 1-4, however team members must contest both Legs of Rounds 1 and 6 to score points. Teams shall be nominated on the Championship Entry form prior to the first Round entered and each competitor may be registered to one (1) team only and may not be transferred to another team. For each Round that team members of a registered team enter, points will be allocated based on the finishing position of each member within their entered category, the sum of which becomes the Team's Round score.
- (b) Category 5:** This title will be awarded to the Team, nominated on the teams' entry form, which has gained the highest aggregate of points from all Rounds of the Championship. A Team shall consist of two (2) members from Category 5 Classes 5a or 5B. Teams shall be nominated on the Championship entry form prior to the first Round entered and each competitor may be registered to one(1) team only and may not be transferred to another team. For each Round that team members of a registered team enter, points will be allocated based on the finishing position of each member within their entered category, the sum of which becomes the Team's Round score.
- (4) Gold Card Trophy:** This title will be awarded to the Principal Driver over the age of 65 prior to the start of the first round of the 2025 championship and nominated on the Championship Registration Card who has gained the highest aggregate number of points on overall placings from the Championship Rounds.
- (5) International Driver Trophy:** This title will be awarded to the team that are non-New Zealand residents and nominated on the Championship Registration Card, who have gained the highest aggregate number of points on overall placings from the Championship Rounds. Final decision on the entrant eligibility will be determined by the NZRC Coordinators.

10. TELEVISION AND IN-CAR CAMERAS AND PROMOTIONAL FILMING:

10.1 In-Car Camera: In-car camera(s) for other than private viewing or use (including social media) are permitted only:

- (1)** With the written permission of the Championship Promoter, and
- (2)** Where the installation method is approved by the MotorSport NZ Championship Scrutineer(s), and
- (3)** Where only sponsor logos authorised by the Championship Promoter will be permitted within the cameras field of vision. All incar footage must include the logos of Brian Green Property Group & MRF Tyres as a decal on the dashboard area in a size that is able to be recognised and legible throughout the vision.

- 10.2** Any competitor who has a photographer or videographer on event for either commercial or private use is required to advise the NZRC coordinators in writing five (5) days prior to the event via info@rallynewzealand.org.nz. This footage may only be used for the competitors use and may not be utilised to generate programming in competition with the NZRC promotional programming. All media personnel are required to comply with Motorsport NZ's [Media Accreditation policy](#).
- 10.3** Competitors may be offered the opportunity to provide in-car footage from their in-car camera(s) to the New Zealand Rally Championship (or its production partners) for promotional / programming purposes, in particular for use in digital media.
- 10.4** Footage from any camera fitted (whether it be for private or commercial use), must be made available to the Promoter or the Clerk of the Course upon request. Competitors are responsible to save a copy of all the data from that Event without modifying or deleting the data until thirty(30) days after the finish of the Event.
- 10.5** No media, competitor, person associated with a competitor, or a team member is permitted to broadcast live from the event, or any part of the event or competition, using any format, without the permission from the NZRC Coordinator.
- 10.6** Unless homologated by the FIA, the fitting of cameras to helmets is strictly prohibited.

11. SEEDING, STARTING INTERVALS AND LATENESS

- 11.1 Seeding for Rounds:** The start order (Seeding) shall be established in the following sequence, but subject to the provisions contained in Article 11.2:
- 11.1.1** At all Rounds, Drivers will be seeded on merit and in accordance with the regulations published for the event.
- 11.1.1.1** The overall Champion of the previous year will carry number one at all events except those effected by Article 11.2. This applies only when that Champion is still competing in Category 1. If the defending champion has not entered by close of entry, number one will be carried by the top seed.
- 11.1.1.2** They may have their start order changed on the grounds of safety.
- 11.1.2** The time for the publication of the start list, after approval by the Stewards, must be published in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 11.2 Seeding for Rounds 1 and 6:** The Inviting Club is obliged by the FIA International Sporting Code and its Appendices to seed their event in accordance with the prescriptions of the FIA and the Supplementary Regulations for the event. The Start Order shall be as close as practicable to Article 11.1 above but subject to the FIA prescriptions where applicable.
- 11.3 Lateness for Events:** Any lateness incurred in any one Leg will not be carried over to any further Legs for the sole purpose of Leg points. Lateness from all Legs combined will be incurred and apply to the Round result.
- 11.4** For subsequent Legs, the highest placed competitor from Leg One will be seeded first on the road followed by the remainder of the field seeded based on their results from the previous Leg but subject to the discretion of the Clerk of the Course who may adjust the start order on the grounds of safety.

11.5 Starting Intervals: Where a Clerk of the Course can reasonably expect the event will experience conditions where visibility may be reduced due to environmental conditions, the start interval for vehicles with Start Order 1 to 15 may be increased to two (2) minutes, on any stage where this increased start order is being implemented. Notification will be given to the Crews at the start control of the stage(s) affected.

11.5.1 At Rounds 1 and 6 competitors in the FIA event and seeded by the FIA will have starting intervals as per the FIA General Prescriptions.

12. REJOINING

12.1 A competitor who fails to finish a Leg may, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, restart at the next Service Park (if applicable), the next Leg of that Round (if applicable) or at the 'Power Stage' (if applicable).

12.1.1 This will apply to any competitor who has been excluded on the grounds of exceeding the latest allowable limit or has failed to report to a control but will not apply where the car has been excluded for breach of eligibility requirements, traffic infringements or by decision of the Stewards.

12.1.2 A competitor who fails to finish any Leg shall not accrue any points for that Leg except for any points awarded for a power stage.

12.1.3 Re-joining at Round 1 and 6 will be subject to the Supplementary Regulations published for that event.

12.2 Any vehicle which fails to finish a Leg in accordance with the above may be repaired at the Competitor's discretion. The competing vehicle must retain the body-shell and cylinder block as presented at the start of the Event. Prior to restarting the vehicle must pass safety inspection by the Championship Scrutineers.

12.3 The Entrant must advise the Clerk of the Course of their intention to re-join the next Leg at least two(2) hours prior to the start of the next Leg. Permission to start is at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

13. STAGE NOTES

13.1 All competitors participating in Reconnaissance will be allowed to use any stage notes embellished from stage notes used previously on that event or write fresh notes for any event.

13.2 At each Round, competitors participating in Reconnaissance shall purchase a copy of notes for that event supplied by the MotorSport NZ authorised note provider.

Note: *Orders and payment for the notes shall be made by the competitor directly to the note provider.*

13.3 The notes as supplied define the road that is to be used in each Special Stage. Deviation from this road will be reported to the Clerk of the Course who may impose a penalty.

14. TECHNICAL CHECKING

14.1 The Championship Scrutineer may require any Championship registered vehicle to be held at the end of each Leg for technical eligibility checking and/or safety inspection. A Parc Fermé will be established each day for this purpose. Competitors will only be free to remove their vehicles from the Parc Fermé after clearance is issued by the Clerk of the Course after consultation with the Championship Scrutineer.

14.2 The 2025 NZRC will incorporate an overnight Parc Fermé following the end of Leg 1 at Rounds 1 and 6. The service time given will be notified in the Supplementary Regulations.

15. SCRUTINEERING

15.1 Cars in Category 1 will be required to present for eligibility checks at each round of the championship and are not eligible for remote Safety Audits.

15.2 Categories 2, 3, 4, 5a & 5b are **eligible for remote Safety Audits**

15.2.1 Category 2, 3, 4, 5A & 5B cars are only eligible for remote safety audits provided the Championship Scrutineer's permission has been obtained in writing. Only Scrutineers approved by the Championship Scrutineer shall perform the safety audit.

15.3 All Championship registered entries (including those eligible for remote scrutineering), must present their vehicle logbooks at Event Scrutineering for checking at all Rounds.

15.3.1 Upon completion of Event Scrutineering, if a vehicle is found not to comply, the Clerk of the Course may either set a deadline before which the vehicle must be made to comply pursuant to the National Sporting Code, or exclude the vehicle from starting, or if appropriate reclassify into another Category.

15.4 Application of Official Seals: All vehicles must be presented for the application and/or checking of Official Seals which may be applied to the following components and/or assemblies of components as follows:

- Throttle butterfly housing to inlet manifold.
- Cylinder head(s) to cylinder block. By two means, diagonally opposing corners, as to make the cylinder head irremovable without breaking the seals.
- Turbocharger restrictor to compressor housing cover to compressor housing and turbocharger bearing body in a continuous length.

15.4.1 All vehicles shall be presented with the above detailed assemblies drilled and wired (minimum 3mm holes) with at least 200mm of untwisted wire for the application of the seals. It is the competitors' sole responsibility to ensure that the applied seals remain intact for the duration of their application period as detailed in the vehicle's logbook. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the vehicle being rejected from scrutineering and a new time allocated. Under no circumstances will scrutineering of other competitor's vehicles be delayed due to non-compliance with this Article.

15.4.2 Any vehicle that has had approval for a 'C' type seal to be broken must be presented at Event Scrutineering together with the vehicle logbook.

15.4.3 All 4WD forced induction vehicles that are required under these regulations to have a turbo restrictor seal applied and have had a "B" or "C" type seal fitted must be presented at event scrutineering for checking and recording these seals. B-Seal = event only, C-seal = Championship. Permission is required prior to the removal of any seal for repair or service.

15.4.3.1 A team member must be present (with appropriate tools) to remove the necessary ducting to enable access to the restrictor for checking purposes and the application of necessary seals.

15.5 Removal of seals: If for any reason, an Official Seal needs to be removed (e.g. maintenance purposes) **it is essential that written authorisation be obtained prior to the seal being removed.**

15.5.1 All requests are to be submitted in writing to the Championship Scrutineer.

15.5.2 Where a technical inspection is required away from a Championship Round, an inspection fee of \$200.00 (incl GST) per hour (plus any travel at cost) may be applicable.

15.6 Marking of bodyshell and engine block: Technical Officials may, at their discretion, make identification marks on the vehicle chassis, engine and/or transmission housings at any time. Should identification marks be made, it is the responsibility of the crew alone to see that these marks are preserved intact until the end of the Round or period specified at the time of marking in the vehicle's logbook.

15.7 Technical Inspections: Where post Championship Round technical inspections will be carried out immediately following each round of the Championship unless otherwise notified by the Championship Scrutineer.

16. FUEL

16.1 Categories 1, 2, and 3 only: At all Rounds (except as detailed in Article 16.2) only commercially available E10, E85, 91 Octane, 95 Octane or 98 Octane unleaded fuel or diesel complying with Appendix Two Schedule A, Part One, Article 3.9 of the current MotorSport Manual is authorised. No blending of fuels is permitted.

16.1.1 Category 1 vehicles complying with AP4(NZ), R5, S2000, or WRC specification may apply to the Championship Scrutineer to use an alternative FIA approved fuel (WRF) as designed for use in these vehicles. Refer Article 2.2.1(3).

16.1.2 Categories 4 and 5 only: The use of any fuel detailed in Appendix Two Schedule A, Part One, Article 3.9 of the current MotorSport Manual is authorised.

16.1.3 For Categories 1, 2 and 3 it is permissible to add a lubricating oil to E85 fuel for the purpose of lubricating DI pumps and injectors.

16.2 At Rounds 1 and 6 any vehicles entered in the international field (FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship) must use fuel complying with the Supplementary Regulations.

16.3 Category 1 cars shall have a Quick Disconnect Male Coupler installed into a fuel line in an accessible safe location for the purpose of fuel testing. Either a Staubli SPT-08 Male Coupler or a Jiffy-Tite -06 3000 Series Male Coupler are acceptable.



17. TYRE RESTRICTIONS

- 17.1** Competitors in Categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 must run MRF Tyres purchased through the Palmside online ordering portal. Tyres must be ordered two (2) weeks prior to the start of the event and Palmside will liaise with competitors in regard to the fitting / supply of the tyres.
- 17.2 Moulded tyres:** All cars in Categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be fitted with moulded tyres. Hand cutting or modification of the specified tread pattern is not permitted.
- 17.3 Treatment of tyres:**
Any chemical and/or mechanical treatment of tyres is prohibited.
Any device for heating the tyres once fitted on the rim is prohibited.
Whether fitted on rims or not, keeping tyres in an artificially heated environment below 35°C is allowed.
- 17.4** The presence of representatives of the NZRC-designated tyre supplier(s) is/are authorised at the stop point of the special stages. At that point, visual and temperature checks may be carried out and the data relating to the company's products collected. Competitors will be able to access their own data on application post event. At each location, a Tyre Judge may check the tyres / brands on the cars. Breaching the provisions of section 17 will be the loss of all points already scored in the current year, together with a monetary fine of \$3,000NZD.
- 17.5** Competitors may only carry a maximum of two(2) spare tyres in their competition vehicle at all times except at Round 1 and 6 where the provisions of the Supplementary Regulations for those events will apply.
- 17.6** Tyres may only be changed in Service Parks and only when permitted in the Supplementary Regulations excepting the spare tyres carried in the competing vehicle, which (outside of Service Parks) may only be changed by the crew using tools carried in the competing vehicle.
- 17.7** The Championship Scrutineer shall have the authority to mark all tyres carried in a competing vehicle at any Control during the rally and shall have the authority to check tyre markings at any time.
- 17.8** At all times during any event the tread depth of tyres fitted on the competing vehicle must meet current Warrant of Fitness standards. The manufacturer's control indicators may be used to determine this wear.
- 17.9** The use of the control tyre is subject to availability/ The NZRC reserves the right to limit/amend the use of any pattern/compound for an individual rally which will be advised pre-event for the affected rally.
- 17.10** The modification, marking or removal of any tyre sidewall markings is strictly prohibited.

18. COMPETITOR SAFETY

18.1 In all Special Stages, all competitors shall wear safety apparel in compliance with the following:

18.2 All competitors entered in the International field of Round 1 and 6 (FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship) shall meet the requirements of FIA App J Art 253 and in particular the following safety equipment requirements:

- (a) Protective helmet in compliance with FIA 8860-2010 or 8860-2004 (as detailed on FIA Technical List No.33), FIA 8859-2015 (as detailed on Technical List No. 49), or FIA 8860-2018 (as detailed on Technical List No. 69) with the appropriate standards label present.
- (b) Overalls, long underwear, balaclava, socks & shoes as well as gloves (optional for co-drivers), all homologated to FIA 8856-2018 or FIA 8856-2000 (as detailed on FIA Technical List No.27).
- (c) Frontal Head restraint in compliance with FIA 8858-2002 or FIA 8860-2010 (as detailed on FIA Technical List No 36) with appropriate standards identification.
- (d) Safety Harness being 5 strap or 6 strap in compliance with FIA 8853-2016 (as detailed on Technical List No. 57) or FIA 8853-1998 (as detailed on Technical List No.24). (Harness must respect the five-year validity).
- (e) Competition seats in compliance with FIA 8862-2009 (as detailed on Technical List No. 40) or FIA 8855-1999 (as detailed on technical List No- 12).

Note: *The current FIA requirements can be found at:*

<http://www.fia.com/regulation/category/>

18.3 Competitors entered in Rounds of the Championship shall meet the following minimum safety equipment requirements:

- (a) Protective helmet in compliance with Appendix Two Schedule A, Part One Article 4.1 and bearing one of the following standards markings, FIA – 8860, 8859, 8858, or Snell – SA 2015, SA 2010, SAH 2010, SA 2005, or BS 6685A/FR, or SFI Spec 31.1/2005, or Spec 41.1 2005.
- (b) Frontal Head Restraints in compliance with Appendix Two Schedule A, Part One, Article 4.2
- (c) Protective Clothing in compliance with Appendix Two Schedule A, Part One, Article 4.3 Chart 1 and Chart 2 (Level “A”)
- (d) Safety Harness being 5 strap or 6 strap in compliance with FIA 8853-2016 (as detailed on Technical List No. 57) or FIA 8853-1998 (as detailed on Technical List No.24). (Safety Harnesses must respect the five-year validity).
- (e) Competition seats in compliance with FIA 8862-2009 (as detailed on Technical List No. 40) or FIA 8855-1999 (as detailed on technical List No- 12).

19. POWER STAGE

- 19.1** At each Round the Supplementary Regulations will designate a Special Stage as a 'Power Stage'. Bonus points (both overall and in each category) will be awarded to the competitors achieving the top five (5) places in this stage.
- 19.2** Power stage points will be awarded as detailed in Article 8.3.
- 19.3** Points will be awarded if a competitor fails to finish the Round due to mechanical failure or exceeds their lateness allowance or is otherwise forced to withdraw.
- 19.4** Points will not be awarded to any competitor who is excluded from the event as a result of a decision from the Clerk of the Course or the Stewards.

APPENDIX 1

ILLUSTRATION RC1 – Championship Breast Patch

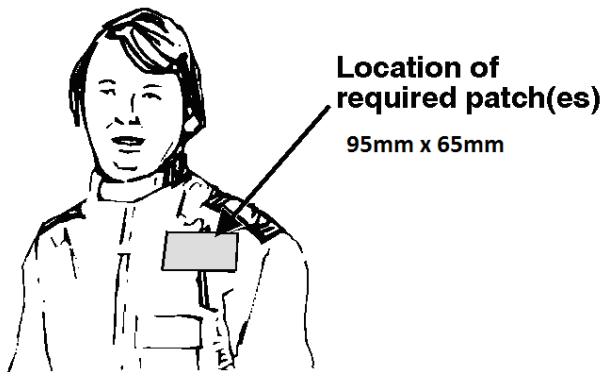
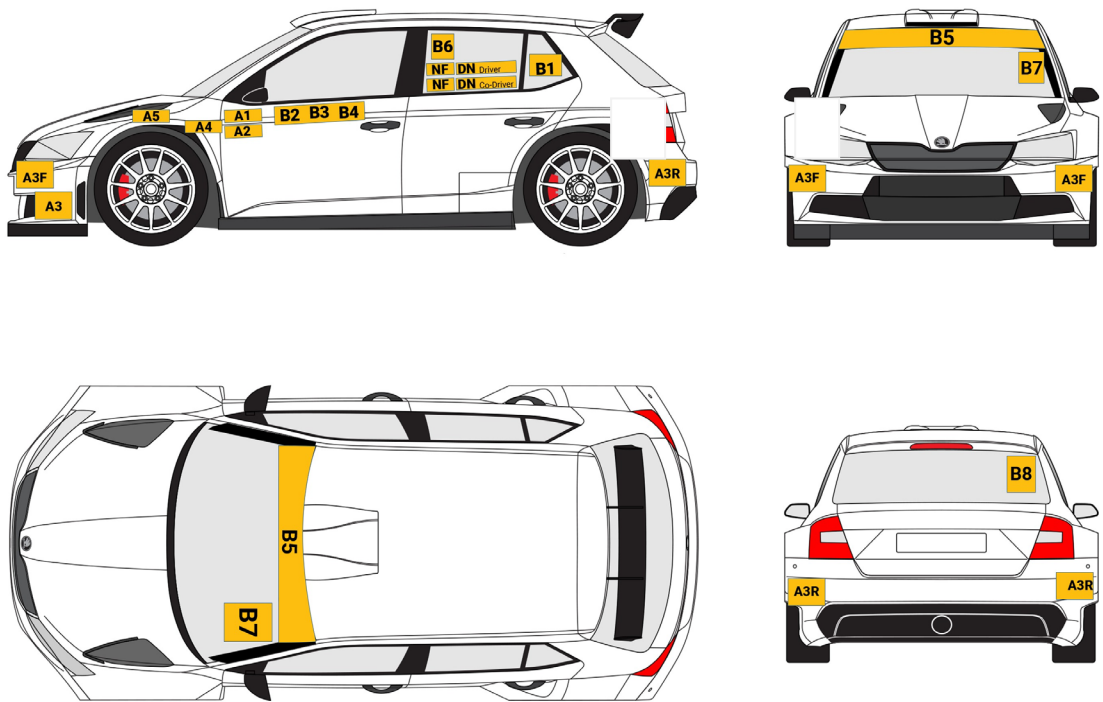


ILLUSTRATION RC2 – Championship Decals



APPENDIX 1 (continued)

Location	Size (mm)	Comment
DN/NF		The first initial(s) and surname of both driver and co-driver followed by the national flags of the country of the ASN from which they have obtained their licences must appear of the rear side windows on both sides of the car adjacent to the competition number. The names must be in white Helvetica. In upper case initial(s) and the first letter of each name with the remainder in lower case. The letters shall be 60mm high with a stroke width of 10mm. The drivers name shall be the upper name on both sides of the car
A1	100 x 300	For Round organisers' use
A2	100 x 300	
A3	100 x 300	Reserved for Championship Sponsor in 2025 it will be reserved for TBC
A3F	100 x 300	Reserved for Championship Sponsor in 2025 it will be reserved for MRF Tyres
A3R	100 x 300	Reserved for Championship Sponsor in 2025 it will be reserved for MRF Tyres
A4	100 x 300	Reserved for Championship Sponsor in 2025 it will be reserved for TBC. This location must be facing outwards, not upwards.
A5	150 x 150	Reserved for Championship Sponsor in 2025 it will be reserved for TBC. This location must be facing outwards, not upwards.
B1 + B2 + B3 + B4	670 long x 170 high	Overall door banner size
B1	120 x 100	MotorSport NZ logo will be placed on the rear window in a position around the number or names.
B2	100 x 150	For Round organisers' use. Competition number. Numerals will be in bright orange 140mm high and with a stroke width of 20mm. The number must be reflective
B3	100 x 100	Championship category designation
B4	300 x 150	For Round Organisers use (sponsor)
B5	Full Screen Width and 100mm deep	Reserved for RNZ use: only the Championship sponsor name may be affixed, under no circumstances will any other sponsor / advertising be accepted anywhere on this glass area – in 2025 this will be Brian Green Property Group.
B6	Not less than 200mm	2 x numbers for each side window. These numbers shall be placed adjacent to the crew's name
B7	100 x 100	A bright orange competition number located on top left hand side of windscreen, the number must be reflective. Rounds 5 and 6 - Competitors in the International field are not required to carry this livery
B8	100 x 100	A bright orange competition number located on top of top right hand of screen, the number must be reflective.

APPENDIX 2

Championship Summary of Activities:

For each Round RNZ will publish a list of promotional activities where required.

APPENDIX 3

Round 1	Rally of Otago
Contact Address:	PO Box 100, Dunedin
Contact Person:	Norman Oakley
Phone (work):	03 477 9147
Email:	norman@oakleygray.co.nz
Website:	www.otagorally.com
Round 2	South Canterbury Rally
Contact Address:	PO Box 4008, Timaru 7940
Contact Person:	Howard Atwill
Phone:	03 614 7514
Email:	sccarclub.operations@xtra.co.nz
Website:	www.southcanterburycarclub.org.nz
Round 3	Canterbury Rally
Contact Address:	
Contact Person:	Wayne Barnard
Phone:	027 434 1156
Email:	wayne@dms.net.nz
Website:	www.autosport.org.nz
Round 4	Rally Coromandel
Contact Address:	PO Box 62 021, Sylvia Park Auckland 1644
Contact Person:	Olivia McGregor
Phone:	021 022 67504
Email:	Olivia@rallynz.org.nz
Website:	www.rallynz.org.nz
Round 5	Rally Bay of Plenty
Contact Address:	C/- 195B Otumoetai Road Brookfield, Tauranga 3110
Contact Person:	David Loughlin
Phone:	021 917 866
Email:	davidloughlin@outlook.co.nz
Website:	www.mbop.org.nz
Round 6	International Rally of Whangarei
Contact Address:	PO Box 62 021, Sylvia Park Auckland 1644
Contact Person:	Olivia McGregor
Phone:	021 022 67504
Email:	Olivia@rallynz.org.nz
Website:	www.rallywhangarei.co.nz

Appendix 4 - NZRC Control tyre applications

Tyre Pattern	Tyre Size	Super Soft	Soft	Medium
NZRC Category 1				
MRF ZG3	205/65/15	✓	✓	✓
MRF ZDM3	195/65/15	✓	✓	
NZRC Categories 2, 3 & 4				
MRF ZG3	205/65/15	✓	✓	✓
MRF ZDM3	195/65/15	✓	✓	✓
MRF ZDM3	185/65/15	✓	✓	✓
MRF ZDM3	175/70/15		✓	
MRF ZDM3	185/65/14		✓	
MRF ZDM3	175/65/14		✓	
MRF ZDM3	195/70/13			✓
MRF ZDM3	185/70/13	✓	✓	✓
MRF ZDM3	175/70/13	✓	✓	

All tyres being used in NZRC events by competitors in Categories 1, 2, 3 & 4 must be purchased online through www.palmside.co.nz.