

SPORTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE 2026–27 NEXEN TYRE MAZDA RACING SUPER SERIES

PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand hereby declares the following Sporting Regulations to be those governing competition for Drivers in the Mazda Racing Super Series, a MotorSport New Zealand Level 1 Accredited Series.

These Regulations are at all times to be read in conjunction with:

- The current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code (NSC) and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules, specifically Schedule Z being the Standing Regulations applicable to all Races;
- The Technical Regulations – 2026-27 Schedule M; and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations.

The Series is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 269015

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

MotorSport New Zealand may amend or clarify these Sporting Regulations by issuing Amendments, authorised by the Chief Executive Officer or their representative.

All Amendments issued during the season are recorded in the table below:

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective Date	Article Reference	Subject/Notes

1. DEFINITIONS

In these Sporting Regulations, terms and expressions have the meanings set out in the National Sporting Code and, where applicable, as defined below:

"Article(s)" means a numbered provision within these Regulations or within the National Sporting Code, as identified by its number (and sub-number, where applicable). Article headings/titles are included for ease of reference only. References to an Article include all sub-clauses of that Article unless otherwise stated.

"National Sporting Code" and **"NSC"** means the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its Appendices and Schedules, which set out the fundamental rules and principles governing the organisation and conduct of Events, and to which all Regulations are subject.

The **"Series"** and **"Mazda Racing Series"** means the 2026-27 NEXEN Tyres Mazda Racing Super Series for vehicles complying with the Technical Regulations (Schedule M), being a series

of events, the results of which are aggregated to form a final result for the categories detailed in these Sporting Regulations as organised by The Club.

“The Club” or **“NZMRS”** or **“Series Organiser”** means New Zealand Mazda Racing Series Incorporated.

“Master” means a Driver who is 45 to 54 years of age on 1 August 2026.

“Grand Master” means a Driver who is 55 years of age or older on 1 August 2026.

“Historic” means the Series 1 Mazda RX-7 vehicle model.

“RX-7 Plus” means the Series 4 and Series 6 Mazda RX-7 vehicle models.

“RX-8” means the Mazda RX-8 vehicle model.

“Rookie” means a Driver who is competing in their first season in this Series. A Driver who, in their first season, does not compete in more than 50% of the scheduled Rounds, is eligible for the title in their second season.

“Round” means a MotorSport New Zealand permitted event forming part of the Series at which Drivers may earn points towards the Series.

“Round Organiser” or **“Inviting Club”** means the MotorSport New Zealand Member Club organising a Round of the Series.

“Team” means a group of two or more Mazda Racing Series Drivers who have registered with the Series to contest the Team Trophy.

“TRB” means the Technical Regulations Bureau as described under the Constitution of the Association.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1.1** All Drivers must 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 of the New Zealand Race Series and be eligible for awards.

- 2.1.2** All Drivers and Entrants must be financial members of The Club.

2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.2.1** All vehicles must comply with the specifications set out in the Technical Regulations (Schedule M).

- 2.2.2** In entering, all Drivers/Entrants agree to submit their vehicle for scrutineering when required by the Series Scrutineer for compliance with National Sporting Code Appendix Two, Schedule A and the Technical Regulations (Schedule M). Any costs incurred during disassembly of components shall be met and accepted by the Driver/Entrant.

- 2.2.3 Classes:** There are two Classes as follows:

(a) RX-8 and RX-7 Plus Class

(b) Historic Class, comprising of Series 1 RX-7 cars

- 2.2.4** The Series may invite Drivers to compete with vehicles that don’t comply with the specifications set out in Schedule M. Refer to Article 4.4.3, 6.4.1 and Article 9.1.1.

- 2.2.5 Tyres:** All NEXEN Controlled (and marked) tyres must be purchased through The Club:

Name: Nigel Edger
Phone: 027 226 7104
Email: nigel.edger@wsp.com

- 2.2.6 Decals:** All vehicles must display the supplied official Series and Sponsor decals, Driver's name, and competition numbers at all Rounds in the locations and to the dimensions set out in Appendix One of these Sporting Regulations.

3. SERIES PERSONNEL

- 3.1** At each Round the following personnel or their approved assistant/s (as published by way of Bulletin on the Official Noticeboard) have the responsibilities and authorities set out below:

3.1.2 Series Coordinator:

Name: Amanda West
Phone: 027 439 0027
Email: amandawestmail@gmail.com

Who has the duties and authority of a Series Coordinator as set out in the National Sporting Code and is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Deal with administrative matters pertaining to the Series;
- (b) Record and publish all Series points schedules;
- (c) Liaise with Inviting Clubs and MotorSport New Zealand on all matters pertaining to the Category and with Event Officials and Organisers on any sporting aspect for the Category;
- (d) Ensure correct placement of competition number sets and decals on competing vehicles;
- (e) Provide and/or assist Inviting Club/s with grid starting positions;
- (f) Attend Stewards meetings, if requested;
- (g) Liaise with the Clerk of the Course and Competitor Relations Officer at Rounds; and
- (h) Report any non-conformity to the Series Scrutineer and/or the Clerk of the Course.

3.1.3 Series Secretary:

Name: Bronwyn McGovern
Phone: 021 625 736
Email: secretarymazdaracingseriesnz@gmail.com

Who is responsible for and authorised on the Club's behalf to deal with administrative matters pertaining to the Series.

3.1.4 Series Scrutineer:

Name: Jon Houston
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Who has the duties and authority of a Series Scrutineer as set out in the National Sporting Code and is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Series;
- (b) Affix seals as and when deemed appropriate;
- (c) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series to ascertain compliance with the Technical Regulations;
- (d) Assist Drivers/Entrants with technical enquiries relative to the Technical Regulations applicable to their vehicle;
- (e) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(d)) with respect to weights and measures;
- (f) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(1)(f)) with respect to tyres;
- (g) Liaise with Event Officials and Series Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the Category; and
- (h) Report to the Clerk of the Course any instances where a breach of the Technical Regulations has been identified.

4. SERIES REGISTRATION AND ROUND ENTRY

- 4.1** Applications for annual membership to the Mazda Racing Series must be made through the [Mazda Racing Series website](#) no later than ten(10) calendar days prior to the first round of the Series the competitor is entering.
- Applications made after this may be accepted at the sole discretion of The Club and may be subject to a late fee. Registration may not be deemed valid until payment is received by The Club.
- 4.1.1** The Club reserves the right to accept or decline registration into the series.
- 4.2** By registering for the Series, all Drivers/Entrants:
- (1)** Are deemed to be in acceptance of these Sporting Regulations;
 - (2)** Agree to comply with these Sporting Regulations and those of the National Sporting Code;
 - (3)** Will at all times be responsible for the presentation of their competing vehicle with respect to safety requirements under NSC Schedule A, and eligibility requirements under the Technical Regulations; and
 - (4)** Agree to comply with the specific requirements of the official Series Sponsor(s), as detailed within these Sporting Regulations.
- 4.3** Teams wanting to contest the 'Team Trophy' must register their team with the Series Secretary via email prior to their first Round of the Series.
- 4.4** The Club will allocate competition numbers to all Drivers of the Series. Drivers are to supply the physical number sets.
- 4.5 Round entry:**
- 4.5.1** The method of entry to each Round of the Series (which is separate to the annual Membership to the Series) will be as notified by The Club and will close ten calendar days prior to each Round of the Series. Entries made after closing date may be accepted at the sole discretion of The Club. Entry may not be deemed valid until payment is received by The Club.
- 4.5.2** Drivers/Entrants may be subject to a late entry fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) payable to The Club if any entry is not received by the closing date.
- 4.5.3** Where entries received exceeds maximum circuit grid capacity, entries will be accepted as follows:
- (a)** Mazda Racing Series Drivers/Entrants in order of entry received and paid, then
 - (b)** Any other invited Drivers/Entrants in order of entry received and paid.

5. SERIES STRUCTURE

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

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	24-25 October 2026	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
2	13-15 November 2026	Taupo International Motorsport Park	MotorSport New Zealand Inc
3	22-24 January 2027	Teretonga Park	MotorSport New Zealand Inc
4	29-31 January 2027	Highlands Motorsport Park	MotorSport New Zealand Inc
5	26-28 February 2027	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	MotorSport New Zealand Inc
6	20-21 March 2027	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP

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

- 5.3** The Club reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds of the Series due to force majeure without affecting in any way its power to award any title.

6. ROUND FORMAT

- 6.1 Test Sessions** may be available to Drivers prior to any Round of the Series and will be subject to availability and circuit hire charges as set by the Inviting Club/s or Venue.

- 6.2 Qualifying:** For all Rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of minimum fifteen(15) minutes duration.

- 6.3 Race** distances for all Rounds are as follows:

Race One	Race Two	Race Three
10 laps	12 laps	10 laps

- 6.4 Starts:** The start procedure for all Races will be a Standing Start in accordance with National Sporting Code Schedule Z Article 8.1, with all Classes starting simultaneously.

- 6.4.1** Each Class will form up (in accordance with Article 6.5 below) on the grid as follows:

- (a) The RX8 and RX7 Plus Class will form up on the front rows of the grid; then
- (b) The Historic Class will form up on the next available grid box behind the last RX8 and RX7 Plus class cars; then
- (c) Any other grid of invited cars will form up with one full grid row spacing behind the Historic Class (if present).

- 6.5 Race starting positions** for all Rounds are as follows:

- (a) **Race One:** Grid positions will be determined by the fastest lap achieved in the Qualifying session for each Class, fastest Driver to the front.
- (b) **Race Two:** Grid positions will be determined by the finishing positions of Race One with the first ten cars in each Class in reverse grid formation. The remaining cars will start in order of finishing Race One. Where more than one Driver fails to finish Race One, their starting order will be from the rear of the grid of their Class, in order of their Qualifying times. Any Driver who has been disqualified from Race One will start behind these Drivers, in Qualification time order.
 - (i) If a Driver receives a post-Race penalty during Race One that gives them a positive effect for reverse top 10 grid(s) in Race Two, then that Driver will start at the rear of the reversed top ten cars in order of penalty being received.
- (c) **Race Three:** Grid positions will be determined using the following method:
 - (i) Drivers will be ranked in descending order using combined Race Points gained by the Driver in the preceding Races at that Round, with the highest scoring Driver of the Round ranked in grid position one; then
 - (ii) In the case of equal Race Points at that Round, Qualifying times will be used to allocate the higher position; then
 - (iii) In the event of a Driver having no Race Points at that Round, their Qualifying times will apply. They will be placed in a descending order behind the lowest ranked Race Series Points Driver.

- 6.6** At all Rounds, the Clerk of the Course and/or the Stewards of the Meeting, reserves 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 and/or Race, upon directive from the Series Scrutineer or their appointed assistants, Drivers must drive their competing vehicle directly (and without any team personnel/crew intervention) from the track to the designated Parc Fermé. The location of Parc Fermé will be notified on the Event's Official Noticeboard.

Note: Drivers are to ensure that they and all of their team personnel are familiar with the Parc Fermé regulations and limitations as detailed in the National Sporting Code Article 60.

- 7.2** The Series Scrutineer may authorise entry of team personnel for the purposes of vehicle eligibility inspections. No intervention is permitted unless specifically authorised by the Series Scrutineer.
- 7.3** Unless the Series Scrutineer consents in each particular case, any car unable to proceed to Parc Fermé under its own power must nevertheless be delivered there as soon as practicable.

8. PENALTIES

- 8.1 Driving Standards:** In addition to any penalties imposed by the Clerk of the Course or Stewards, the following penalties may also be applied by the Clerk of the Course or Stewards at any Round.

- 8.2** The points penalty will be applied to each Race result and will accumulate during the season:

(i)

Penalties issued under: A4Z.5 – Breach of the Code of Driving Conduct; and A4Z.6 – Careless Driving	
1 st Offence	Deduction of 5 Series Points
2 nd Offence	Deduction of 10 Series Points
3 rd Offence	Deduction of 15 Series Points plus a 5 place grid penalty. Any grid penalty will apply to the next Race in the current season
4 th Offence	Deduction of 20 Series Points plus exclusion from the Series
5 th Offence	Deduction of 40 Series Points and exclusion from the Series for the remainder of the season

(ii)

Penalties issued under: A4Z.7 – Dangerous Driving	
1 st Offence	Deduction of 10 Series Points
2 nd Offence	Deduction of 20 Series Points
3 rd Offence	Exclusion from the current Round and next Round of the current season
4 th Offence	Exclusion from the remainder of the season

- 8.2.1** Any breach of the requirements contained in Article 11 may result in a penalty of loss of Series points to a maximum of 100% of points earned in that Race or deletion of Qualifying time(s) from that Qualifying session.

9. POINTS

- 9.1 Points will be allocated to Drivers based on their overall finishing positions within each Class, in each Race, at each Round of the Series:

All Classes							
1 st	44		12 th	23		23 rd	12
2 nd	40		13 th	22		24 th	11
3 rd	37		14 th	21		25 th	10
4 th	34		15 th	20		26 th	9
5 th	32		16 th	19		27 th	8
6 th	30		17 th	18		28 th	7
7 th	28		18 th	17		29 th	6
8 th	27		19 th	16		30 th	5
9 th	26		20 th	15		31 st	4
10 th	25		21 st	14		32 nd	3
11 th	24		22 nd	13		33 rd	2
						34 th and lower	1

- 9.1 Points will only be allocated to current members of the Series.
- 9.1.1 One(1) bonus point will be awarded to the Driver who sets the fastest lap time in each Race. The bonus point is available to any Driver who is classified as a finisher in each Race. Where two or more Drivers set equal fastest lap times the point will be awarded to the Driver who set the time first.
- 9.1.2 Any such invited Driver will not be eligible for Overall or Class Round Points and their placing will be ignored for the purposes of calculating Overall and Class Points.
- 9.2 Rookie Cup Points will be allocated in accordance with Article 9.1, to Drivers competing in their first season of the Mazda Racing Super Series (refer to Definitions).

10. AWARDS

- 10.1 Round Trophies will be awarded as follows:
- (a) To the respective Drivers who have gained 1st, 2nd, and 3rd within the RX8 and RX7 Plus Class within each Round that constitutes the Mazda Racing Super Series.
 - (b) To the Driver who has gained the highest aggregate of points within the Historic Class within each Round that constitutes the Mazda Racing Super Series.
 - (c) To the highest aggregate of points scored by a Rookie.
 - (d) To the highest aggregate of points scored by a Master.
 - (e) To the highest aggregate of points scored by a Grand Master.

Note: Round Trophies may be presented at the following Round, or at the Annual Prizegiving function.

- 10.2 Mazda Racing Super Series titles will be awarded to the respective Drivers who have gained 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall in each Class, in accordance with Article 9.1 of these Sporting Regulations. Titles will be presented at the Annual Prizegiving.
- 10.3 The following will be presented at the Annual General Meeting/Awards function:
- (1) The **Mazda Racing Super Series National Title** Trophies and miniatures. The trophies must be returned at the end of the period of entitlement.

- (2) The **Mazda Racing Super Series North Island Title** Trophies and minatures. The trophies must be returned at the end of the period of entitlement.
- (3) The **Mazda Racing Super Series South Island Title** Trophies and minatures. The trophies must be returned at the end of the period of entitlement.
- (4) The **'Masters' Trophy** shall be awarded to the eligible Driver in the Mazda Racing Super Series who gained the highest aggregate points.
- (5) The **'Grand Masters' Trophy** will be awarded to the eligible competitors in the Mazda Racing Super Series who gained the highest aggregate points.
- (6) The **'Rookie of the Year' Trophy** will be awarded to the eligible competitor in the Mazda Racing Super Series who gained the highest aggregate points.
- (7) The **'Team' Trophy** will be awarded to the team with the highest average points gained by all Drivers registered to a team, whether they started a Race or not. A team can apply to the Board throughout the season to remove a team member if they are unable to compete due to unforeseen circumstances. Once the removal is accepted and registered it will reset the average for a team from the next Round onwards.

11. IN-CAR CAMERAS

- 11.1 Drivers/Entrants must have an in-car camera fitted and recording during all Qualifying and Race sessions, positioned to give a clear view facing forward of the track and at least one of the Driver's hands whilst on the steering wheel.
- 11.2 All in-car camera installations are subject to inspection and approval by the Series Scrutineer and/or the event Chief Scrutineer.
- 11.3 It is the Driver's responsibility to ensure that the cameras are fitted correctly and in working condition (including sufficient battery life and memory card capacity) for all Qualifying and Race sessions.
- 11.4 Recorded video footage must be made available to The Club or MotorSport New Zealand-licensed Event Officials upon request as soon as practicable, within one hour of the completion of any Qualifying or Race.
- 11.5 All footage must be retained by all Drivers/Entrants for a duration of fourteen days after the conclusion of every Round.
- 11.6 All footage must be made available to The Club upon request at the conclusion of each Round for the purpose of Club promotion.

APPENDIX ONE: DECALS

Decal Location	Description
1A and 1B	These locations are reserved for the Primary naming rights Series Sponsor and are maximized for visibility, offering maximum television and spectator exposure. Partner Location also receive naming rights sponsorship on all television and media.
2A	This location is reserved for the Secondary Series Sponsor and also offers maximum frontal exposure for both television and spectators. This area is approximately 700mm x 100mm.
2B	This location is reserved for an additional Secondary Series Sponsor and also offers maximum frontal exposure for both television and spectators. This area is approximately 700mm x 120mm.
3	The front headlight location is reserved for an Associate Sponsor who are interested in moderate television exposure and spectator recognition.
4, 5, 6, and 7	These locations are reserved for Associate Sponsors and offer moderate exposure. These areas are approximately 250mm x 80mm.
8	This location is reserved for an Associate Sponsor and offers moderate recognition and exposure. This area is approximately 250mm x 180mm.
9	This location is reserved for the Associate Sponsor and offers an upper rear facing position. The area is the width of the rear window and approximately 200mm deep.
Competition numbers and Driver's surname <i>Drivers/Entrants are responsible for their own decal supply</i>	This location is reserved for the Race Number and Driver's surname. Competition numbers must be 210mm high, font 'Helvetica Bold', Fluorescent Yellow or Yellow in colour. Placement must be as follows: - RX-8: on the side rear door glass windows - RX-7 Plus: on the side rear pillar/side rear screen with 20mm background contrasting colour if needed - Historic: on the side guard/door number panel with contrasting black/white or fluorescent yellow on contrasting black Windscreen competition number must be on the left hand front windscreen below the windscreen banner, and must be 150mm high, font 'Helvetica Bold', Fluorescent Yellow or Yellow in colour. The Driver's surname must be on both rear side windows or on the side of the rear screen and on the front windscreen below or beside the race number, and must respect NSC Schedule A. Text must be minimum height of 60mm and Yellow or White in colour. A MotorSport New Zealand Accredited Series decal will be supplied and must be affixed on the centre of lower rear windscreen.

One(1) set of Series Sponsors decals will be supplied free, replacements thereafter at current cost.

