SPORTING REGULATIONS GOVERING THE 2026-27 NZ FORMULA FIRST CHAMPSIONSHIP

PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand Inc hereby declares the following ~~Articles~~ Sporting Regulations to be those governing Competition for Drivers in the MotorSport New Zealand NZ Formula First Championship.

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

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

- The 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 – Schedule V; and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations.

The Championship is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: **269023**

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

MotorSport New Zealand may ~~issue~~ amend~~ments to~~ or clarify these ~~Championship Articles or Technical Schedule~~ Sporting Regulations ~~where it is deemed necessary to amend or clarify any Article. These amendments will be issued~~ authorised by the Chief Executive Officer or their representative~~ in the form of Championship Amendments.~~

~~This table records all official~~ All amendments issued during the season are recorded in the table below ~~relative to these Articles~~;

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective Date	Article Reference	Subject/Notes

1. DEFINITIONS

In these ~~Articles, the following~~ Sporting Regulations terms and expressions shall 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.

'Club' means the Formula Vee Association of New Zealand (Inc.).

'Championship'' means the MotorSport New Zealand Formula First Championship for vehicles complying with the Technical Regulations - Schedule V;

'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.

'Regulation(s)' means a formal body of rules, or any distinct set of provisions within such a body, approved by MotorSport New Zealand, governing any aspect of a Series or Championship.

'Round' means a MotorSport New Zealand permitted event forming part of the Championship or Series at which Drivers may earn points towards the Championship or Series; ~~the Race Meeting at which Drivers may score points towards the Championship;~~

'Round Organiser' or 'Inviting Clubs' means the MotorSport New Zealand Club ~~hosting~~ organising a Meeting and/or Event which is a Round of the Championship;

'Supplementary Regulations' means so far as they are applicable to the Championship the Standing Regulations set out in Appendix Four, Schedule Z to the National Sporting Code together with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Round Organiser ~~inviting Club;~~

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:

2.1.1 All Drivers shall hold a C1 Grade Competition Licence or higher and if the Entrant is other than the Driver, an Entrant's Licence is required in the name of the Entrant.

2.1.2 ~~Note:~~ Under the provisions of the Trans-Tasman Visa Agreement between Motorsport Australia and MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Australian competitors holding both Motorsport Australia Circuit Competition Licences and Trans-Tasman Visas may enter any Rounds of the New Zealand Race Championship and be eligible for awards.

2.1.3 All Drivers and Entrants must be current financial members of a Club affiliated with MotorSport New Zealand.

2.1.4 All Drivers shall affix the sponsor and/or Club's patch to their overalls, as set out in Appendix One to these Sporting Regulations ~~Articles~~. These patches will be supplied by the Club.

2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:

2.2.1 Eligibility shall be for vehicles complying with the specifications set out in the Technical Regulations (Schedule V).

2.2.2 All Competitors shall agree to submit their vehicle to eligibility and safety scrutineering as and when required by the ~~appointed~~ Championship Scrutineer and/or MotorSport New Zealand Technical Officer. Any costs incurred during disassembly of components shall be met and accepted by the Competitor.

2.2.3 All ~~competing~~ vehicles shall reserve the spaces for the Championship sponsors' and official Championship decals at all Rounds, as set out in Appendix One to these Sporting Regulations ~~Articles~~.

(1) These decals will be supplied by the Club, excluding the Competition number.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL:

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

3.2 The appointed Championship 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.

3.3 Championship Coordinator:

Name: Dom Kalasih
Phone: 027 441 4309
Email: dom@transporting.nz

3.3.1 ~~Who~~ The Championship Coordinator shall have the duties and authority of a Championship Coordinator as set out in the National Sporting Code and who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ ~~on the Championship's behalf~~ to:

(1) Liaise with Championship and Event Officials

(2) Ensure supply and correct placement of decals on competing vehicles.

(3) Attend any Organisers meeting as required

~~**(a)** Liaise with Race Officials on matters arising.~~
~~**(b)** Attend Event Organiser meetings.~~
~~**(c)** Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles.~~

3.4 Championship Secretary:

Name: Stephanie Harris
Address: 5 Victoria Court, Feilding
Phone: 027 263 5947
Email: steph@feilding.co.nz

3.4.1 ~~Who~~ The Championship Secretary shall have delegated responsibilities from the Championship Coordinator and is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

(1) Deal with all administrative matters including receiving all Championship and Round entries.

(2) Record and publish all Championship points schedules.

(3) Liaise with the Promoter and/or Round Organiser on all matters pertaining to these Sporting Regulations;

~~**(b)** Liaise with Inviting Clubs on all matters pertaining to these Articles.~~

3.5 Championship Scrutineer:

Name: Matt Pederson
Phone: 027 746 2308
Email: madmatt21p@gmail.com

3.5.1 ~~Who~~ The Championship Scrutineer shall have the duties and authority set out in the National Sporting Code and who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to ~~undertake duties in accordance with the National Sporting Code Article 85, and~~:

(1) Establish the Technical Regulations (Schedule V) technical eligibility audit programme at the Round.

(2) Impound and affix seals as required.

(3) Undertake technical eligibility checking.

(4) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(1)(d)) with respect to weights and measures.

(5) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(1)(f)).

(6) Liaise with event Officials and the Championship Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the Category.

(7) Undertake Safety Audits.

~~**3.1.5 Assistant Championship Scrutineer:** Matt Pedersen~~
~~**Phone:** 027 746 2308~~
~~**Email:** madmatt21p@gmail.com~~
~~Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:~~
~~**(a)** Undertake duties as delegated by the Championship Scrutineer~~
~~**(b)** Undertake Safety Audits.~~

4. REGISTRATION/ENTRY

4.1 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION:

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

4.1.2 Championship Registration fee:

(1) The Championship registration fee shall be ~~has been set at~~ $300.00 (incl. GST) payable by the due date advised by the Club. ~~27 October 2025~~. ~~This fee is to cover additional expenses incurred by the Club FVANZ.~~

(2) For those Competitors not contesting all Rounds of the Championship the registration fee ~~cost~~ will be $50.00 (incl GST) per Round, ~~to be paid~~ payable to the Championship Secretary at least fourteen (14) business days prior to the Round entered.

~~The bank account for direct credit is:~~

~~Formula Vee Association of New Zealand Inc (FVANZ) 03-0626-0116531-00~~

4.1.3 The Championship Coordinator reserves the right to accept or decline registration into the Championship.

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

(1) Are deemed to be in acceptance of these Sporting Regulations ~~Championship Articles as they are presented~~;

(2) Agree to comply with these ~~Articles~~ Sporting Regulations, the Technical Regulations and ~~those of~~ the National Sporting Code;

(3) Shall be at all times responsible for the presentation of their competing vehicle with respect to safety requirements under Appendix Two Schedule A of the MSNZ Manual and eligibility requirements under these Sporting Regulations ~~Championship Articles~~;

(4) Shall comply with any specific requirements of the official Championship Sponsor(s), as detailed within these Sporting Regulations ~~Championship Articles~~; and

(5) Under no circumstances shall communicate with any Championship Sponsor without gaining written permission to do so from the Championship Coordinator or their designated representative.

4.2 ROUND ENTRY:

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

4.2.2 The ~~respective Round~~ Entry Fee for each Round shall be detailed in the Supplementary Regulations and shall be ~~as outlined in Article 4.2.4(1) below are~~ payable via the MotorSport New Zealand website.

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

~~**4.2.4 Round Entry Fees and Format:**~~

~~**(1)**~~

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

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

4.2.5 Competitors are requested to give the Championship Secretary a minimum of ten (10) working days' notice of withdrawal or non-attendance at any Championship Round entered by that Competitor as indicated on the Championship Entry form.

4.2.6 The Championship Secretary may consider the acceptance of late entries provided the entry is lodged in full conformity with the entry requirements and is accompanied by an additional late entry fee of 50% of the entry fee (incl. GST).

4.2.7 The Championship Secretary will email instructions to each Competitor regarding pit areas and testing charges ~~when~~ once an individual Round entry has been accepted ~~entries are received~~.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

5.1 The Championship will comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	13*-15 November 2026 *Qualifying 13 Nov.	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	MG Classic Racing Register Inc
2	21-22 November 2026	Hampton Downs	NZIGP
3	5-6 December 2026	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club Inc
4	6-7 February 2027	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP
5	20-21 March 2027	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP
6	3-4 April 2027	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club Inc
7	10-11 April 2027 *(TBC)*	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP

5.2 MotorSport New Zealand and/or the Club 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.~~

6. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

6.1 Testing:

6.1.1 Friday test sessions may be available to Drivers prior to any Round subject to availability and track hire charges set by the Inviting Club.

6.1.2 No testing of a Formula First ~~competition~~ vehicle will be permitted on the circuit at which the Round is scheduled to be held from Monday to Thursday inclusive in the week of the Round.

(1) ~~except a~~ Any test sessions organised by the Club can be held at any time.~~NZ Formula First Championship~~.

6.2 Practice

6.2.1 Practice starts during any Practice session are permitted only at the pit exit speed de- restriction line provided that any ~~car~~ vehicle that is following is not unnecessarily delayed or hindered at any time.

6.3 Qualifying:

6.3.1 ~~For all~~ At each Round there will be one (1) Qualifying session of minimum twenty (20) minutes duration.

6.3.2 Practice starts when initially leaving pit exit during Qualifying are not permitted.

6.3.3 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 unnecessarily delayed or hindered at any time.

6.4 **Race format:** Races are scheduled to run to the following format:

Round	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	6 laps	6 laps	6 laps	
2	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	
3	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps
4	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	
5	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	
6	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps
7	8 laps	8 laps	8 laps	

6.5 Race Starting Procedures:

6.5.1 ~~All s~~ Starts for all races will be a Standing Start in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 4, Schedule Z of the MSNZ Manual.

6.6 Race Starting Positions:

~~Starting positions for all Races will be determined by the fastest lap times achieved, fastest cars being to the front, from Qualifying and/or subsequent Races.~~

6.6.1 Starting Positions for Race One will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved from the Qualifying session, fastest driver to the front.

6.6.2 Starting Positions for Race Two will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in either the Qualifying session or Race One, fastest driver to the front.

6.6.3 Starting Positions for Race Three will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in either the Qualifying session or Race One or Race Two, fastest driver to the front.

6.6.4 Starting Positions for Race Four will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in either the Qualifying session or Race One, Race Two, or Race Three, fastest driver to the front.

6.7 At all Rounds the Clerk of the Course and/or the Stewards of the Meeting following consultation with the Championship Coordinator (where practicable), reserve the right to shorten and/or cancel any Practice/Qualifying sessions and/or Races in the case of Force Majeure.

7. PARC FERMÉ

7.1 At the conclusion of any Qualifying session or Race, Drivers, upon directive from the Championship Scrutineer ~~Technical Officer(s)~~, Competitors may be required to drive their competing vehicle directly, without any ~~pit crew~~ team personnel intervention at all, from the race track to the designated Parc Fermé.

7.1.1 The location of Parc Fermé will be notified on the Official Notice Board of the Meeting.

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

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

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

8. TIMING, DATA ACQUISITION AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

8.1 Any in-car camera and/or data acquisition information recorded shall be made available to Event Officials or Championship Officials upon request.

8.1.1 Such recordings or data shall be provided unmodified in any way and must be available for a minimum period of two (2) hours following the conclusion of the final Race.

8.2 Electronic timing will be used at each Round of the Championship.

8.2.1 Transponders must be unmodified, fully functional and installed in accordance with Appendix Two Schedule A, Part One, Article 6.3 of the MSNZ Manual.

9. RACE RADIO

9.1 Radio communication between the pit and ~~car~~ vehicle during any qualifying and races is prohibited.

9.2 Race Radio is permitted to be fitted to a vehicle and must be set to “receive” only.
~~Official Race Radio one-way communication is however permitted. Radios must be set to ‘Receive’ only.~~

10. POINTS

10.1 Points:

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

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

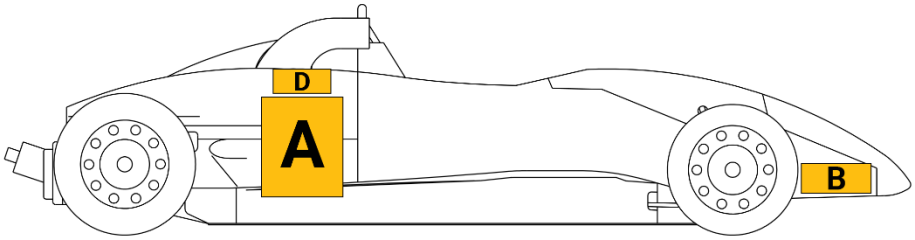
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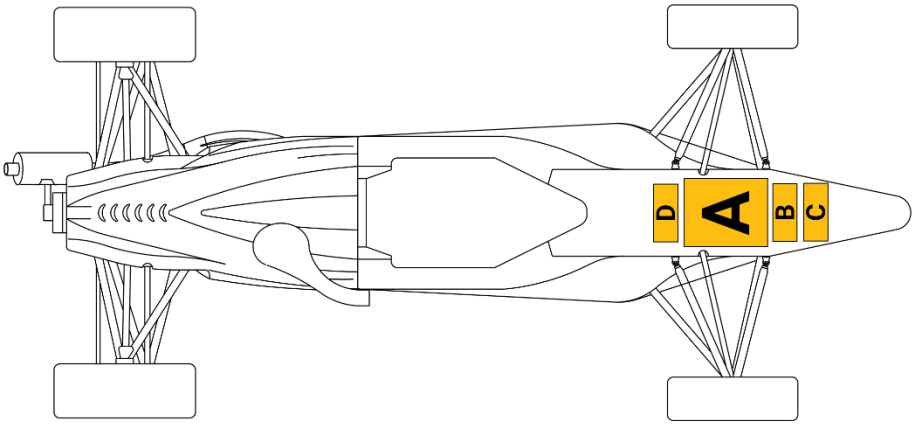
11. AWARDS

11.1 The MotorSport New Zealand title of NZ Formula First Champion shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest aggregate points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship.

11.1.1 The Champion will be presented the Formula First Championship Trophy at the MotorSport New Zealand Annual Awards Function.

APPENDIX ONE





	Location	Decals
A	Both sides	Car number
B	Nose cone, top and sides	Sponsor sticker (TBA)
C	Top of nose cone	Formula First sticker
D	Above car number	MotorSport New Zealand Championship sticker

Note: All decals on the sides of each car shall be placed as high as practically possible and on vertical surfaces.

