

SPORTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE 2026-27 NORTH ISLAND FORMULA FORD ACCREDITED RACE SERIES

PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand hereby declares the following Sporting Regulations to be those governing competition for Drivers in the North Island Formula Ford Race 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 F; and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations.

The Series is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 269012

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 Club" or **"NIFF"** means the Organising Club, being North Island Formula Ford Inc.

"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.

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

“Round” means from the first Practice session to the end of the last Race at each event of the season at which Drivers may score points towards the Series.

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

“The Series” means the North Island Formula Ford Race Series governed by these Sporting Regulations, for cars complying with the Technical Regulations (Schedule F).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1.1** All Driver 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. All other overseas competitors shall be bound by the requirements of MotorSport New Zealand Foreign Participation and shall be eligible for Series points.

- 2.1.2** All Drivers must be financial members of North Island Formula Ford Inc.

2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.2.1** A vehicle is eligible provided it is a Formula Ford car complying with the specifications set out in the Technical Regulations (Schedule F).

- 2.2.2** In entering, all Drivers/Entrants agree to submit their vehicle for scrutineering, including eligibility and safety audit inspections, as and when required by the Series Scrutineer.

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

- (1) Class One** for models first manufactured after 31 December 1999 in compliance with the current Technical Regulations (Schedule F) for Class One cars.
- (2) Class Two** for models first manufactured after 31 December 1992 and prior to 1 January 2000, in compliance with the current Technical Regulations (Schedule F) for Class Two cars. Any Van Diemen Stealth, regardless of year of manufacture or modification, is included in Class Two.
- (3) Class Three** for models manufactured prior to 1 January 1993 in compliance with the current Technical Regulations (Schedule F) for Class Three cars. These cars can run either a cast iron or aluminium head.

- 2.2.3.1** A Driver/Entrant may apply to the Series Scrutineer to have their vehicle reclassified to another Class. A Driver/Entrant with a Class Two Van Diemen Stealth may apply to compete in Class One, in which case they will forfeit all Class Two points and prizes. Approval of any such application will be as per the Technical Regulations.

- 2.2.4** Any Driver changing cars during the season must inform the Series Coordinator prior to the next Round.

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

All competing vehicles must carry competition numbers and Driver’s name in the locations and to the dimensions set out in Appendix One of these Sporting Regulations.

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

2.2.6 Historic Formula Ford cars compliant with the Technical Regulations, or NSC Schedule AA and Schedule K may be invited to compete at any Round. Any such Driver will not be eligible for overall or Class round points and will not count for calculating overall and Class points. For Round 4 and 5, Historic Formula Fords are required to qualify within 107% of the fastest Qualifying time in order to compete in the remainder of the Round. The NZ Formula Ford Race Director may exercise discretion in specific instances.

2.2.6.1 Historic Formula Ford Drivers must be current financial members of the North Island Formula Ford Club or the Historic Formula Ford Club.

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:

3.1.1 Series Coordinator:

Name: Ian Barlow
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Assistant Series Coordinator:

Name: Laurie Brensell
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Who have the duties and authority of a Series Coordinator as set out in the National Sporting Code and are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Deal with all administrative matters within reason, pertaining to the Series;
- (b) Record and publish all Series points schedules;
- (c) Liaise with Inviting Club/s and MotorSport New Zealand on all matters pertaining to the Category and with Event Officials on any sporting aspect for the Category ;
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on competing vehicles; and
- (e) Ensure all Drivers involved in podium ceremonies are correctly wearing their race suits for all presentations.

3.1.2 Series Scrutineer:

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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) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series in order to ascertain compliance with the Technical Regulations;
- (c) Assist Drivers/Entrants with technical enquiries relative to the Technical Regulations applicable to their vehicle;
- (d) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(1)(d)) with respect to weights and measures;
- (e) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(1)(f));

- (f) Liaise with Event Officials and Series Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the Category; and
- (g) To report to the Clerk of the Course any instances where a breach of the Technical Regulations has been identified.

4. SERIES REGISTRATION

- 4.1** Registration into the Series and the Club must be made on the North Island Formula Ford 2026-27 Membership Form obtained from the Series Coordinator or a Committee Member.
- 4.1.1** The Series Coordinator 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** Only official race numbers registered with the NZ Formula Ford Race Number register may be used on competing vehicles. No duplication of race numbers is permitted. The North Island Formula Ford Series Coordinator manages this register.
- 4.4** Sponsor badges as outlined below will be provided by the Club and must be attached (in compliance with NSC Schedule A, Article 4.3 to the Driver's overalls in the left or right chest position:
- (1) Rodin Cars badge; and
 - (2) Yokohama badge.
- 4.5 Round Entry:** Unless otherwise advised by the Series Coordinator, entry to each Round of the Series is to be made between the particular Inviting Club and the individual Driver/Entrant. The Series Coordinator will manage the distribution of the relevant documents.
- 4.5.1 Round Refund Policy:**
- (1) In the instance where the Series is charged a total entry fee to cover the entire category, refunds to the individual Driver/Entrant will be considered at the Series Coordinator's discretion.
 - (2) At Rounds where the Series is not responsible for the collection of Round entry fees for the entire category, the refund policy will be stated within the Event Supplementary Regulations.

5. SERIES STRUCTURE

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

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	4 October 2026	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	Auckland Car Club
2	1 November 2026	Taupo International Motorsport Park	Auckland Car Club
3	5-6 December 2026	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
4	13-14 March 2027	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	NZIGP
5	3-4 April 2027	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club

- 5.1.1** The Club reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds of the Series due to force majeure without affecting in any way its powers to award any title.
- 5.2** The Inviting Club shall provide timing equipment that will be deemed to be the official timing equipment for the meeting.

6. ROUND FORMAT

- 6.1** At the completion of any official Practice, Qualifying, or Race session, Drivers will be advised whether they are required to present their vehicle or any components for technical inspection and must follow all instructions from the Series Scrutineer(s) or their designated representatives.
- 6.2 Testing:** Test sessions may be available to Drivers prior to any Round of the Series and will be subject to availability and track hire charges as set by the Inviting Club/s.
- 6.3 Practice:** Official Practice sessions may be provided for at specific Rounds of the Series. When applicable, these will be advised in the Supplementary Regulations.
- 6.3.1** Practice starts during any Practice session are permitted only at the pit exit speed de-restriction line provided that any car that is following is not delayed or hindered at any time.
- 6.4 Qualifying:** At all Rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of no less than ten(10) minutes duration.
- 6.4.1** Competing vehicles must assemble in the Assembly Area in any order or as directed by Series Coordinator who may use previous Practice time or Series points as they deem appropriate.
- 6.4.2** Practice starts when initially leaving pit exit during Qualifying are not permitted. It is permitted to do a practice start on any subsequent leaving the pits at the pit exit speed de-restriction line provided that any car that is following is not delayed or hindered at any time.
- 6.5 Race lengths:** Races are scheduled to run as follows:

Round	Venue	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	12 laps	12 laps	15 laps	N/A
2	Taupo International Motorsport Park	10 laps	10 laps	12 laps	N/A
3	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	12 laps	12 laps	12 laps	15 laps
4	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	12 laps	12 laps	12 laps	15 laps
5	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	12 laps	12 laps	12 laps	18 laps

- 6.5.1** At all Rounds the Stewards of the Meeting reserve the right to shorten, lengthen, and/or cancel any Practice, Qualifying, and/or Race/s in the case of Force Majeure.
- 6.6 Race: Assembly and Formation:**
- (1)** Vehicles will form up at the Assembly Area in starting order.
 - (2)** Practice starts leaving pit exit and prior to the commencement of each Race are not permitted.
 - (3)** Upon vehicles being released from pit exit, the Driver occupying pole position will set the pace for the entire field. All Drivers must maintain a close but safe distance to the vehicle in front.
 - (4)** As the field approaches the final corner before reaching the starting grid all vehicles must reduce speed, form into single file line astern, and maintain this formation until they approach their designated starting positions. At that point, Drivers must then move into their respective grid boxes.
- 6.7 Race starting positions:** Starts for all Races at each Round will be a "Standing Start" in accordance with the provisions of NSC Appendix Four, Schedule Z.

- (1) Starting Positions for **Race One** will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved from the Qualifying session.
- (2) Starting Positions for **Race Two** will be determined by the official finishing order of Race One.
- (3) Starting Positions for **Race Three** will be determined by the official finishing order of Race Two.
- (4) Starting Positions for **Race Four** (where applicable) will be determined by the official finishing order of Race Three.

6.7.1 Round 4 and Round 5 will be combined with the 2027 NZ Formula Ford Championship. Race Starting positions will be calculated based on the full combined grid of both the Series and the Championship.

6.7.2 Invited Historic Formula Ford vehicles as outlined in Article 2.2.6 of these Sporting Regulations will be gridded following the same method as Article 6.5 above, however will form their own grid one full grid row behind the rest of North Island Formula Ford Series.

7. TYRE TYPE, ALLOCATION AND MARKING PROCEDURES

- 7.1 Tyre type:** Only Yokohama control tyres purchased from the authorised distributor, being either the North Island Formula Ford Inc or the South Island Formula Ford Club, as specified in the Technical Regulations (Schedule F) are authorised for use within the Series.
- 7.2 Tyre allocation:** All Classes have a maximum allocation of eight(8) front tyres and eight(8) rear tyres per Driver during the Series.
- 7.2.1** For those Drivers contesting both the North Island Formula Ford Accredited Series and the 2027 NZ Formula Ford Championship at the combined Rounds, please refer to the 2027 NZ Formula Ford Championship Sporting Regulations for confirmation of the Championship tyre allocation, which takes precedence over the tyre allocation in these Accredited Series Sporting Regulations for those Drivers.
- 7.2.2** All tyres must be marked on the sidewall with the NIFF stencil and the car number by the Series Scrutineer or their appointed Assistant.
- 7.3 Practice:** Any marked or unmarked tyres may be used in the official Practice session(s) of the Round.
- 7.4 Qualifying and Races:** Only marked tyres are to be used for Qualifying and Races.
- 7.5** In the event of any marked tyres being accident damaged, and the Driver's tyre pool being exhausted, the Series Scrutineer may allow a replacement tyre to be used from another source, of similar condition and wear level of the damaged tyre, to be approved by the Series Scrutineer before use.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

- 8.1** It is compulsory to have either a fully functioning Direct to Driver Radio Communications receiver or two way (pit to car) radio system incorporating the Race Radio Channel fitted and operating for official Practice and Qualifying sessions and Races.

Direct to Driver Radio communications serve as a supplementary aid and shall not supersede any official signals conveyed to Drivers.

- 8.2** This radio receiver must be purchased from NIFF.
- 8.3** The Race Radio Receiver frequency is 455.168750MHz.

- 8.4** In-car camera installation and use during all sessions is recommended.
- 8.5** Cameras or SD cards must not be removed while in Parc Fermé except as specifically authorised by the Series Scrutineer or the Clerk of the Course.
- 8.6** All Camera locations and installation must be in accordance with Technical Regulations (Schedule F), Article 25.3 and be approved by the Series Scrutineer.
- 8.7** At each Round, any in-car camera footage and all data recorded must be made available to the Series Coordinator, Series Scrutineer, and/or the Clerk of the Course if requested. Such recordings shall be retained and unmodified in any way for a minimum of fourteen(14) days after the conclusion of the Round.

9. PARC FERME

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

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

- 9.2** Only the Driver and one representative per vehicle are permitted to be present, at the sole discretion of the Series Scrutineer, at any technical inspection, unless the Series Scrutineer has given specific permission for any additional representatives to be present.

10. INQUIRIES

- 10.1** Inquiries into any part of Practice, Qualifying, or Race may be lodged by the Driver on the Race Inquiry Form within thirty(30) minutes after the completion of the session concerned.
- 10.2** Each Driver in the Series has an allowance of three(3) Inquiries for the duration of the season.
- 10.2.1** Any Inquiry submitted relating to a matter already under investigation will not be accepted.
- 10.2.2** Any Inquiry submitted which is supported by the Clerk of the Course will not result in a reduction in the Inquiry allowance.
- 10.2.3** Any Inquiry submitted which is not supported by the Clerk of the Course will result in the loss of one(1) Inquiry from the allowance.
- 10.3** Once a total of three(3) unsupported Inquiries has been reached, the ability to lodge any further Inquiries is no longer available.
- 10.4** All Race Inquiry forms must be completed in full with as much detail as possible, including the time the incident occurred or lap number, the location on track, and the race numbers of the Driver/s involved. If this information cannot be provided the Inquiry form will be deemed unsupported.
- 10.5** It is the responsibility of the Clerk of the Course or their assistant to give a written reply to the Inquiry form as a matter of urgency.
- 10.6** If the Inquiry results in a Hearing, this may be only attended by the Driver and one(1) team member who is in attendance in a supporting role and can only contribute to the Hearing if asked to by the Clerk of the Course. A Driver will have the right to protest the written reply to the Inquiry.

11. POINTS

- 11.1** Points will be allocated as follows:
- (a)** Two(2) points shall be awarded to the Driver who Qualifies first overall at each Round, and

- (b) To Drivers based on their overall finishing positions in their Class, in each Race, at each Round of the Series, in accordance with Article 10.2, and
- (c) To Drivers based on the overall finishing positions in each Race, at each Round of the Series, in accordance with Article 10.2, and

11.2 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
9th	36	19th	14	29th	2
10th	33	20th	12	30th+	1

- 11.3 Round Podium Presentations** will be arranged by the Series Coordinator at the conclusion of the last Race of each Round.

12. AWARDS

- 12.1** The overall Series Champion will be the Driver from any Class with the highest overall points scored over all Rounds of the Series.
- 12.2** The Class Series Champion for each of Class One, Class Two and Class Three will be the Driver with the highest Class points score awarded from all the Rounds of the Series.
- 12.3** The following awards will be presented according to the results of the Series as follows:
- (a) Overall: 1st, 2nd and 3rd
 - (b) Class One: 1st,
 - (c) Class Two: 1st,
 - (d) Class Three: 1st
 - (e) Rookie of the Year: Rookie Driver with the highest overall placing at the conclusion of the final Round of the Series.
- 12.4**
- (a) The fastest overall Qualifier in Class One will receive \$500.
 - (b) The fastest overall Qualifier across both in Class Two and Class Three will receive \$250.
 - (c) The overall Round winners will receive \$500 for 1st, \$300 for 2nd, and \$200 for 3rd.
- 12.5** The presentation of Series Awards will be made at the conclusion of the Series, at a time and place and in a manner specified by the Series Coordinator.

APPENDIX ONE: DECALS AND LOCATIONS

Location	Decals
A Both sides of the nose box towards the front	Yokohama
B Across the nose box below the race number	Ford Racing
C Above the race number on the bonnet	Crème Insurance
D One race number on the bonnet as far forward as possible. One race number on each side of the car.	Race Number decal as supplied by NIFF with Napa, Rodin, MotorSport New Zealand, and Class logos

