SPORTING REGUALTIONS GOVERNING THE 2026-27 SUPER MINI CHALLENGE ACCREDITED RACE SERIES

PREAMBLE

~~The Mini Racing Drivers Club of NZ Super Mini Challenge Inc.~~ MotorSport New Zealand Inc hereby declares the following ~~articles~~ Sporting Regulations to be those governing a ~~Motor Racing Series~~ Competition for Drivers ~~of~~ in the Super Mini Challenge Accredited Race Series ~~(SMC) eligible cars~~.

~~The Series is organised and held in accordance with the MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code, the Standing Regulations applicable to all Races (Schedule Z), these Accredited Series Articles and any Supplementary Regulations applicable to and issued by the Organising/Inviting Club of each Round of the Series.~~
~~The Super Mini Challenge Race Series has been categorised as a Level 2 Accredited Series.~~

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 SMC; and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations ~~issued by the inviting Clubs~~.

The Series is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: **269026**

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

MotorSport New Zealand may issue amendments to these ~~Series Articles~~ Sporting Regulations or Technical Regulations ~~Schedule 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 Series Amendments.~~

~~This table records all official~~ All amendments issued during the season are recorded in the table below: ~~relative to these Articles~~.
~~All text changes from the previous issue of this Schedule are highlighted such. Text changes for grammatical and/or formatting reasons are not highlighted.~~

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective Date	Article Reference	Subject/Notes

1. DEFINITIONS

In these ~~Articles, the definition of~~ Sporting Regulations terms and expressions shall have the meanings set out in ~~used within this Schedule shall be referenced from~~ the National Sporting Code, and where applicable, as detailed 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.

"~~The~~ Club" means the Mini Racing Drivers Club of N.Z Super Mini Challenge Incorporated.

"Delayed Class Grid Start" means the method of forming cars into a race grid, grouped into separate grids by Technical Class rules, with a time delay between each successive Class grid being released by the starter.

'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 at which Drivers may earn points towards the Series ~~each Meeting and/or Event, the results of which qualify for points in the Series.~~

"Round Organiser" or **"Inviting Club"** means the MotorSport New Zealand Member Club organising a Meeting and/or Event which is a round of the Series.

"Scratch Grid" means the method of determining the starting positions determined by lap times achieved in Qualifying, Practice and/or previous Race(s), fastest vehicles being to the front.

"~~The~~ Series" means the ~~2025-2026~~ Super Mini Challenge Race Series for vehicles complying with Technical Regulations - Schedule SMC.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Driver Eligibility:

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

~~Notes:~~

2.1.2 Under the provisions of the Trans-Tasman Visa Agreement between Motorsport Australia and MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Australian competitors holding both a Motorsport Australia Circuit Competition Licence and Trans-Tasman Visas may enter any round of the Series and be eligible for awards.

2.1.3 All other ~~overseas~~ Foreign Competitors shall be bound by the requirements of MotorSport New Zealand Foreign Participation and shall be eligible for Series points.

2.1.4 All Drivers and Entrants shall be financial members of the Club or any MotorSport New Zealand affiliated Club.

2.2 Vehicle Eligibility:

2.2.1 Eligibility shall be for vehicles complying with the ~~specifications as detailed in the~~ Technical Regulations - Schedule SMC, together with the safety requirements set out in Appendix Two Schedule A of the MotorSport New Zealand Manual.

2.2.2 All Competitors and Entrants shall agree to submit their vehicle for eligibility / safety scrutineering inspections as and when required by the ~~appointed~~ Series Scrutineer, and/or a MotorSport New Zealand licensed Technical Officer.

(1) Any costs incurred during disassembly of components shall be met and accepted by the Competitor and/or Entrant.

2.2.3 Official Series Seals may be applied by the Series Scrutineer, and/or a MotorSport New Zealand licensed Technical Officer, to components and/or assemblies of components in compliance with Appendix Two, Schedule A, Part One, Article 3.7 of the MSNZ Manual.

(1) All seals shall be clearly detailed in the vehicles MotorSport New Zealand logbook.

2.3 Class Eligibility:

2.3.1 There are four (4) classes as follows:

(1) **Class 1:** Mini Seven being cars in compliance with Schedule SMC, Part B, Section One, Technical Regulations applicable to Mini Seven Class.

(2) **Class 2:** Mini Miglia NZ being cars in compliance with Schedule SMC, Part B, Section Two, Technical Regulations applicable to Mini Miglia NZ Class.

(3) **Class 3:** Super Mini being cars in compliance with Schedule SMC, Part B, Section Three, Technical Regulations applicable to Super Mini Class.

(4) **Class 4:** Mini Open Class being cars in compliance with Schedule SMC, Part B, Section Four, Technical Regulations applicable to Open Mini Class.

2.4 Vehicle Decals

2.4.1 All Competitors shall ensure that their competing vehicle has the specified spaces reserved for Series and Sponsor decals ~~(supplied by the Club)~~ at all Rounds of the Series, as detailed in Appendix One of these Sporting Regulations ~~Articles~~.

(1) All Series Sponsor decals will be supplied by the Club.

(2) The primary reserved position is as stated first, with a secondary option given in brackets, where an option is permitted ~~allowed~~.

2.4.2 Competition number sets shall comply with the requirements of Schedule A, Article 6.2, of the MSNZ Manual. ~~and~~

2.4.3 The Driver's surname shall appear on both of the vehicle's rear side windows.

2.4.4 ~~Note:~~ Competition numbers sets and Driver's surname decals shall be provided and applied by the Competitor.

3. SERIES PERSONNEL

3.1 At each Round of the Series the following personnel shall have the responsibilities and authorities as set out herein.

3.2 ~~The appointed~~ Any of the Series 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 Series Coordinator:

Name: Ken Douglas
Mobile No: 027 530 2614
Email: ken.douglas@xtra.co.nz

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

(1) Liaise with Inviting Club/s on all matters pertaining to these Sporting Regulations ~~Articles~~;

(2) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the Series; and

(3) Provide and/or assist the Inviting Club/s with grid starting positions in accordance with these Sporting Regulations ~~Article 6.6 of these Articles~~.

3.4 Series Secretary:

Name: Kevin Sweeney
Phone: 07 846 6607
Mobile No: 027 242 5398
Email: Kevin.margaret@xtra.co.nz
Address: The Mini Racing Drivers Club
Secretary,
59 Tupelo St
Pukete
Hamilton 3200

3.4.1 All correspondence shall be addressed to the Series Secretary who is authorised by the Club to carry out all the necessary administrative duties for the Series. ~~Correspondence is to be addressed to:~~

3.4.2 ~~Who~~ The Series Secretary shall have delegated responsibilities by the Series Coordinator and is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ ~~on the Club's behalf~~ to:

(1) Deal with all administrative matters pertaining to the Series; and

(2) Record and publish all Series points schedules.

3.5 Series Scrutineer:

Name: Ken Douglas
Phone: 027 530 2614
Email: ken.douglas@xtra.co.nz

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

(1) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Series;

(2) Affix official seals as and when deemed appropriate;

(3) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series to ascertain compliance with the Technical Regulations;

(4) Assist competitors with technical enquiries relative to the Technical Regulations applicable to their vehicle; ~~and~~

(5) To report to the Clerk of the Course any instances where a breach of the Technical Regulations has been identified.

4. SERIES ENTRY

4.1 Entry into the Series should be made with the ~~Club~~ Series Secretary by completing the Series Entry form.

4.1.1 The Club reserves the right to accept or decline entries into the Series ~~as per~~ in accordance with the NSC ~~24~~.

4.1.2 By entering the Series all Competitors and Entrants:

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

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

(3) Shall always be 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~~ in the Technical Regulations (Schedule SMC).

4.2 Entry to each Round of the Series, which is separate to the Series Entry, should be made as directed in the ~~Meeting~~ Event Supplementary Regulations.

4.3 The Series entry fee will be $75.00.

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

5. SERIES STRUCTURE

5.1 The Series shall comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	13-15 November 2026	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	MG Classic Racing Register Inc
2	5-6 December 2026	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
3	6-8 February 2027	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP
4	13-14 March 2027	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	NZIGP
5	3-4 April	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
6	24-25 April 2027 *TBC*	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP

~~Note: NZ Mini 7 Championship is at Round 2 Manfeild 6-7 December 2025.~~

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 power to award any title.

5.2 The Club reserves the right to amalgamate with or compete in conjunction with any other ~~race~~ series, class or Club at any Round of the Series without in any way affecting its powers to award any title. ~~Any such invitation shall be decided by the Club's Committee.~~

6. ROUND FORMAT

6.1 Testing

6.1.1 Test Sessions may be available to Drivers on the Friday prior to any Round of the Series and shall be subject to availability and track hire charges as set by the Inviting Club.

6.2 Qualifying:

6.2.1 shall be one (1) session of a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes duration.

6.3 Race Format:

6.3.1 There shall be a minimum of three (3) Races at each Round.

6.3.2 A fourth (4) Race may be run at some Rounds where programme time permits.

(1) This race shall be non-points scoring and shall not count towards the Series.

6.4 Races Distances:

6.4.1 There shall be three (3) Races at each Round of the Series, run to the following format:

Round	Venue	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
1	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
2	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
3	Taupo International Motorsport Park	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
4	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
5	Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps
6	Taupo International Motorsport Park	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps

6.4.2 At all Rounds the Clerk of the Course, and the Series Coordinator, in consultation with the Stewards, reserves the right to shorten and/or cancel races in the case of Force Majeure.

6.4.3 Super Mini Challenge will run with the Pre-65 Accredited Race Series in one (1) combined grid

6.5 Race Starting Procedures

6.5.1 The Starting Procedure for Race 1 at each Round of the Series will be a Standing Start in accordance with the provisions of Appendix Four, Schedule Z of the MotorSport NZ Manual.

6.5.2 The Starting Procedure for Race 2 and Race 3 at each Round of the Series will be a Handicap Race Grid Start in accordance with the provisions of Appendix Four, Schedule Z Article 8.5 of the MotorSport NZ Manual.

6.6 Race Starting Positions:

~~**Races** (Round 1 through to Round 6)**:** shall be run to the following Race structures:~~

6.6.1 Race One

(1) Starting positions will be determined in order of Qualifying times with the fastest car on pole position.

~~Shall be a 'Scratch Grid Start'. The entire field of cars shall form a single grid, determined by Qualifying times from Qualifying Session(s), fastest driver to the front.~~

6.6.2 Race Two:

(1) Starting positions determined by the fastest lap time achieved in Qualifying or Race One in each Class, fastest competing vehicle to the front of each Class.

(2) Each Class will form a starting group with the slowest Class placed to the front of the Grid.

(3) Handicap split times shall be calculated by the Series Coordinator, in consultation with the Meeting Officials, based on each driver's fastest lap time from Qualifying and Race One.

~~Shall be a "Handicap Race Grid Start. Competitors within each of the four Super Mini Challenge classes will form a start group, with the handicap time for each start group determined by the fastest lap time achieved within that specific class during either Qualifying or Race One. Slowest competing class to the front. The Pre-65 competitors will be positioned within the Super Mini Challenge handicap in accordance with their Accredited Series Articles.~~

6.6.3 Race Three:

(1) Starting positions determined by the fastest lap time achieved in Qualifying, Race One or Race Two in each Class, slowest competing vehicle to the front of the grid.

(2) Handicap split times shall be calculated by the Series Coordinator, in consultation with the Meeting Officials, based on each driver's fastest lap time from Qualifying, Race One and Race Two.

~~Shall be a "Handicap Race Grid Start", as per Schedule Z Article 8.5. Handicap split times shall be calculated by the Series Coordinator, in consultation with the Meeting Officials, based on each driver's fastest lap time from Qualifying Session(s), Race One and Race Two.~~

6.7 Combination of Classes

6.7.1 ~~Note:~~ The Series Coordinator reserves the right to combine classes in each Race where any Class is represented by three (3) vehicles or less ~~cars~~.

6.7.2 ~~Cars~~ Vehicles forming the grid of a slower Class shall be combined into the grid of ~~cars~~ vehicles in the next fastest Class.

(1) This shall affect only the on-track positioning of vehicles ~~cars~~.

(2) The award of Class points from the race results shall remain unaffected.

7. PARC FERME

7.1 At the conclusion of any qualifying session or race, upon directive from the Series Scrutineer, Competitors may be required to drive their competing vehicle directly, without any team personnel intervention at all from the circuit to the designated Parc Fermé.

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

~~Upon directive from the Series Scrutineer or their appointed assistant, competitors may be required to drive their competing vehicle directly (and without any team personnel/crew intervention) from the track to the designated Parc Fermé, the location of which 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 The Series Scrutineer may authorise the entry of team personnel for the purposes of vehicle eligibility inspections.

8. POINTS

8.1 Points will be allocated to Drivers based on their Class finishing positions in each Qualifying session and in each Race, at ~~all~~ each Rounds of the Series.

~~**8.1.1** Points will be allocated to all competitors in each event.~~

8.2 ~~Note:~~ Competitors who are not current members of the Club are not eligible for Series awards and prizes.

8.2.1 Should a non-Club member win a trophy ~~position~~, the trophy will not be awarded for the Series ~~that season.~~

8.3 The Series points will be allocated for Class placing in each of the four (4) Classes~~, awarded~~ as follows:

Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	20	7th	6
2nd	15	8th	5
3rd	12	9th	4
4th	10	10th	3
5th	8	11th and below	2
6th	7		

8.4 Additional Bonus Points ~~are~~ shall be awarded as follows:

8.3.1 Fastest lap in each Class in each Race: 1 Point

8.3.2 Each Competitor, at each Round that is farthest away from their hometown, will receive double points based on their Class finishing position in Race One.

9. AWARDS

9.1 The presentation of Series Awards shall be made at the conclusion of the Series, at a time and place and in a manner as specified by the Club.

9.2 The Overall Series Winner shall be the Driver with the highest total of all points accumulated during the Series.

9.3 The Series and Class winner/s shall receive the following award/s:

9.3.1 Outright Series:

(1) Overall Series Champion

(2) 2nd overall in the Series

(3) 3rd overall in the Series

9.3.2 Classes 1 – 4:

(1) 1st overall in the Class

(2) 2nd overall in the Class

(3) 3rd overall in the Class

10. IN-CAR CAMERAS

10.1 All in-car camera installations shall be fitted in accordance with Appendix Two, Schedule A, Part One, Article 6.4 of the MSNZ Manual and shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Series Scrutineer and/or Chief Scrutineer of the Meeting.

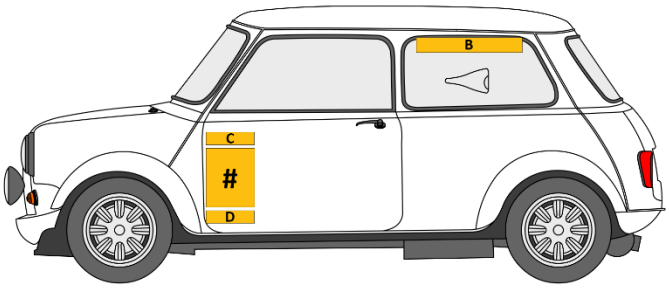
10.2 In-car camera footage must be made available to the Clerk of the Course and/or Steward(s) upon request.

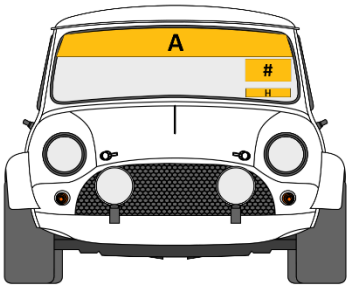
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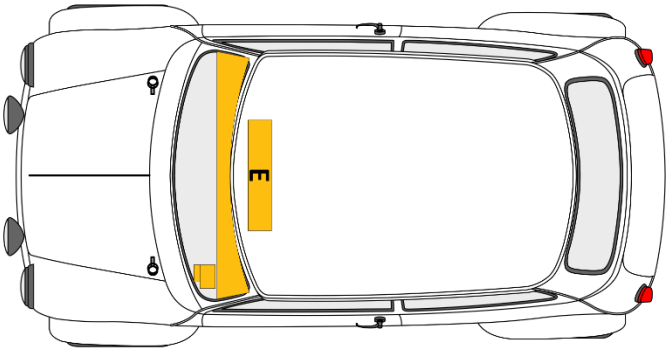
11.1 The Round Organiser, the Inviting Club, the host circuit or the Series Coordinator shall provide timing equipment that will be deemed to be the official timing equipment for that Meeting.

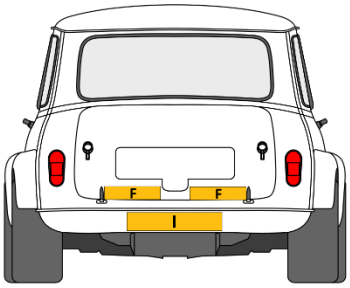
11.2 Official timing of Qualifying Session(s) and Races shall be by electronic timing system when available at Series Rounds. Such electronic timing shall use MyLaps circuit compatible timing transponders.

APPENDIX 1 – DECALS









	Location	Branding Decals/Badges
A	Top of windscreen	Series sponsor banner, being approx. 100mm deep, with Class coloured segments of approx. 100mm x 120mm
B	Top of side rear window on both sides of vehicle	Class coloured strip, being same colour as windscreen segments, approx.100mm deep
C	Above door numbers on both sides of vehicle	Sponsor decal, being approx.180mm x 60mm
D	Near the door numbers on both sides of vehicle	MotorSport New Zealand Accredited Series sticker
E	Roof panel (centre of bonnet)	Reserved for future Sponsor decal (TBA)
F	Rear bumper (lower half of boot lid)	Two Sponsor decals, being approx.120mm long
G	Race overalls	Sponsor badge, not lower than 200mm from top of the overall
H	Bottom edge of windscreen on the passenger side below the car number & leading edge of bonnet	White 'www.miniracing.co.nz' profile cut lettering decal on windscreen, or; Black or White for contrast on bonnet, approx. 600mm x 40mm
I	Centre of rear bumper (centre of rear valance, visible below bumper)	Black or White 'www.miniracing.co.nz' profile cut lettering decal, for contrast, approx. 600mm x 40mm