

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2026 MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND CLUBSPORT CHAMPIONSHIP

PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand Inc hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing Competitors in the 2026 MotorSport New Zealand ClubSport Championship. These Articles are at all times to be read in conjunction with:

- The Standing Regulations set out in Appendix Five, Schedule C, Parts One and Two, of the current MotorSport New Zealand Manual.
- The Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club.

This Championship is held under Motorsport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 269001

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

MotorSport New Zealand may issue amendments to these Championship Articles 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.

This table records all official Amendments issued to these Articles:

Amendment Number	Issue Date	Article Reference	Subject/Notes

1. INTERPRETATION

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

The “**Championship**” means the 2026 MotorSport New Zealand ClubSport Championship.

The “**Inviting Club**” means the Motorsport New Zealand Member Club organising events which comprise the Championship.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:

2.1.1 All Drivers shall hold an M Grade Competition Licence or higher and, if the Entrant is other than the Driver, an Entrants Licence is required in the name of the Entrant. Temporary M Grade Licences are not permitted for the events that comprise this Championship.

2.1.2 Junior Competitors: In addition to Article 2.1.1 above, for competitors to be eligible for the New Zealand Junior ClubSport Championship, they must be less than 21 years of age as of 1 January 2026.

2.1.3 A maximum of three competitor entries per vehicle are permitted.

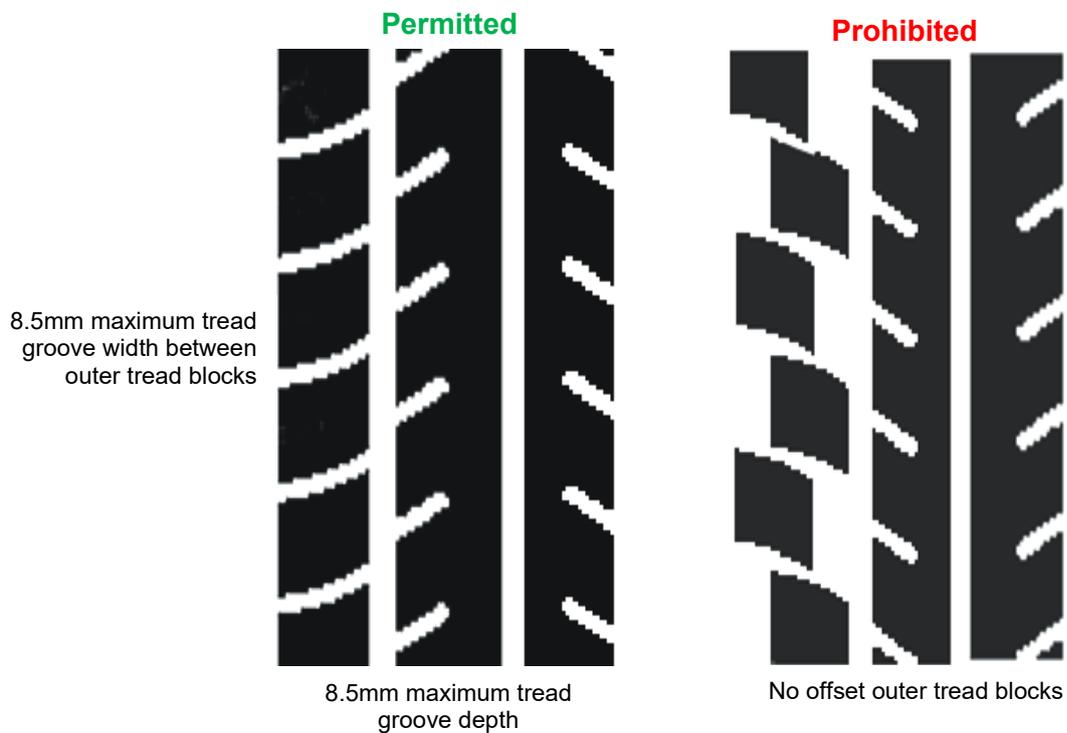
2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:

2.2.1 Vehicles: Any vehicle competing in this Championship or any Event that is part of the Championship must comply with the following:

- (a) The vehicle must be compliant with Appendix Two, Schedule A. However, Safety Harnesses are not required to comply with the five year validity requirement for Championships (refer Appendix Two, Schedule A, Article 4.4(1) Note 3).
- (b) The driver must use the same vehicle during all Events that comprise this Championship. The vehicle must retain and use the same drive configuration (i.e. two wheel drive or four wheel drive) for all Events in order to be eligible for the Championship.
- (c) All competitors shall agree to submit their vehicle to Scrutineering by the MotorSport New Zealand Championship Scrutineer for compliance with Appendix Two, Schedule A.
- (d) Engines and drivetrains are free, provided they are in the same general location and orientation as when the vehicle was originally manufactured, as deemed by the Championship Scrutineer. All body panels must be in place except that boot lid spoilers/air dams and/or front air dams or side skirts may be removed.
 - (i) Competitors entering a vehicle with spoilers, air dams and/or side skirts removed are advised that the vehicle must maintain the same body configuration for all Events that comprise this Championship.
 - (ii) The interior of the vehicle must remain as passed at Audit Scrutineering.
- (e) **Open vehicles:** At all times when driving in timed runs, the hard top or soft top must remain in the same configuration as when the vehicle started their first run at the first Event comprising the Championship.
- (f) Brakes are free, except that the vehicle may only have one foot brake pedal and one operational handbrake lever.
- (g) Steering wheel spinners are not permitted.
- (h) The only tyres permitted for use are those that:
 - (i) Comply with Appendix Two, Schedule A, Part One, Article 4.9, in particular the tread depth requirements detailed in Article 3(b) minimum tread groove depth of 1.5mm etc.
 - (ii) Where specified by the Supplementary Regulations the tyres must have a maximum tread groove depth of 8.5mm, comply with the left-hand diagram on Page 3 of these Championship Articles, not be re-treaded or remoulded, and not be regrooved or hand-grooved.
 - (iii) Tyres must be deemed to be road legal in New Zealand, DOT rated and of Warrant of Fitness Standard at all times during the competition.
 - (iv) Events with prohibited tyres are specified in the Supplementary Regulations. Prohibited tyres include, but are not limited to:
 - Tyres designed primarily for gravel surface rallying
 - Tyres designed for mud surface rallying
 - Tyres designed for off road use
 - Tyres designed for use on light or medium trucks
 - Tyres designed only for use on SUVs
 - Tyres with a tread pattern designed for use on soft or low traction surfaces
 - Winter tyres as defined by NZTA VIRM Section 10-1



Example of winter tyre markings



- (i) Events shall be entirely suitable for a normal road car, without the need for a sump guard. Mudflaps behind the drive wheels are recommended.
- (j) Tyres warmers or any method of artificially warming tyres are prohibited and covering of tyres between runs is not permitted.
- (k) Crosscars are not eligible for any Event of this Championship.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL

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

3.1.1 The appointed Championship personnel may have MotorSport New Zealand approved deputies and assistants to whom they may delegate any of their responsibilities and authorities by way of Bulletin posted on the Event’s Official Notice Board.

3.1.1 Championship Coordinator: Donna Elder
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Email: cradon706@outlook.com

Who is appointed by MotorSport New Zealand and is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Record and publish Championship points schedules; and
- (b) Liaise with the Inviting Club and MotorSport New Zealand on all matters pertaining to these Articles.

3.1.2 Championship Scrutineer: James Storey
Phone: 027 486 7266
Email: James_storey@hotmail.com

Who is appointed by MotorSport New Zealand and is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Undertake Safety Audits and compliance checks on vehicles entered in the Championship, working alongside the Event Scrutineer appointed by the Inviting Club; and
- (b) Complete a Safety Audit Worksheet at the end of the Event; and
- (c) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86 (1)(f)) with respect to tyre eligibility.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY

- 4.1** Entry for the Championship shall be made in accordance with the Supplementary Regulations.
- 4.2** In submitting an entry for the Championship, all Entrants and Drivers agree to comply with these Articles, the Supplementary Regulations and the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code including all applicable Appendices and Schedules.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

- 5.1** The Championship will take place on 13th to 15th March 2026 and hosted by the Ashburton Car Club.
- 5.2** The Championship shall be comprised of three Events with a specified number of runs for each Event:
 - (a) **Motorkhana:** Two timed runs per test with a maximum of six tests and a minimum of four tests, with each driver's fastest run per test including any penalties counting towards the results. The tests to be used will be published in the Supplementary Regulations.
 - (b) **Autocross:** One familiarisation run or practice run (not counting towards results) and three timed runs of one test with the fastest timed run including any penalties counting towards results. The course layout will be advised on the day of the competition after due consideration of weather and surface conditions.
 - (c) **Bent Sprint:** One familiarisation run, or a practice run (not counting towards results), and three timed runs with the fastest timed run including any penalties counting towards results.
- 5.3 Timing:**
 - 5.3.1** The Official Electronic Timing must be to 100th second and a printout or a log must be available showing the start and finish times. In the event of failure of the electronic timing apparatus manual timing may be used as a backup.

- 5.3.2** In the event of timing equipment failure, or as a result of instruction from the Clerk of the Course, a competitor will be allowed a re-run at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

5.3.3 If the timing equipment failure is the result of a collision by the competitor, that competitor will not be permitted a re-run. The cost of repair to the timing equipment may in be charged to the competitor.

5.4 Force majeure: If, due to force majeure, the required number of Bent Sprint runs, Autocross runs or Motorkhana tests cannot be completed, the appointed MotorSport New Zealand Stewards, after consultation with the Clerk of the Course and Championship Coordinator, have the authority to approve a reduction of the minimum requirements.

6. CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

6.1 Passengers: Are not allowed in any of the timed competition runs.

6.2 Familiarisation run: Competitors may only traverse the course once during the familiarisation run, either as a Driver or as a Passenger. Where a practice run is used in lieu of a familiarisation run, each driver sharing a vehicle will take part.

6.3 Starting Order:

6.3.1 All entries shall be divided into groups of approximately even numbers of competitors. Within each group competition numbers will be allocated based on receipt of entry order with the first received entry being the lowest number.

6.3.2 Within each of the groups, the starting order will be the highest number starting first then in descending numerical order. The Inviting Club may alter the running order within groups as circumstances dictate.

6.3.3 Running out of order as allocated at each event will be only allowed in exceptional circumstances and then only at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

6.3.4 A competitor may only enter each Event once.

6.4 MOTORKHANA:

6.4.1 The Motorkhana Event tests will be selected from those published in the current or previous edition(s) of MotorSport New Zealand ClubSport Organiser's Handbook, or otherwise approved by the ClubSport Commission, and will be included in the Supplementary Regulations. Tests should be of approximately equal length.

6.4.2 When there are six tests to be used then three tests must be run concurrently. If the Inviting Club has chosen the option of running four tests due to venue and time constraints, then two tests must be run concurrently.

6.4.3 The field will be divided into three equal sized groups with six tests, or two equal sized groups, with four tests. Each of the groups will run concurrently on separate tests. On completion of each test they will rotate, in the order specified by the Organisers to another test until all the tests have been completed by all the competitors. Those competitors who are sharing a vehicle will be placed together in one of the groups.

The Event Organisers will determine the running order and the group rotation option they wish to employ:

- Option A:** Each group will complete both runs of the test before moving to the next.
- Option B:** Each group will complete one run of the test and move onto the next test(s) before returning to the first test to repeat the same rotation once more.

6.4.4 Competitors will be required to wear overalls compliant with Schedule A, Part One, Article 4.3 (1) – A, B or C while competing in keeping with the National Championship status.

6.4.5 Competitors shall have two attempts at each test, with their best performance in each test including any penalties counting towards the results.

- 6.4.6** Vehicles must start all tests from a standing start, wholly within the boundaries of the start garage, with the vehicle no more than 100mm behind the start line.
- 6.4.7** The start line is defined as the line across the exit from the start garage or a line as close to that line as the operation of the timing apparatus permits.
- 6.4.8** The finish line is defined as the line across the entrance to the finish garage or a line as close to that line as the operation of the timing apparatus permits.
- 6.4.9** Timing starts when the first portion of the vehicle travelling in the direction required by the test crosses the start line.
- 6.4.10** Timing ceases when the first portion of the vehicle travelling in the direction required by the test, crosses the finish line.
- 6.4.11** After crossing the finish line, the vehicle must halt completely within the boundaries of the finish garage without requiring a change in direction of travel.
- 6.4.12** Placings for the Motorkhana will be decided by totalling the competitor's fastest time including any penalties for each test. The winner will be the competitor with the lowest total time.
- 6.4.13** In the event of a re-run the competitor shall be re-started as soon as practicable.
- 6.4.14** Course markers shall be at least 90cm tall, shall not exceed 40cm square at the base, be distinctively coloured, easily seen and constructed so as not to damage vehicles on contact. Course markers shall be placed centrally over a locating mark approximately 50mm in diameter on the surface to define their position on the course.
- 6.4.15** Garages may only have one intermediate marker per wall and shall be at least 8 metres by 4 metres. Garages (except for start garages) will have one intermediate marker cone at the far end. Gates shall be at least 3 metres wide. The minimum spacing of slalom markers is 11 metres.
- 6.4.16** When a course garage is used, the entire vehicle must be within the boundaries of the garage prior to executing the change of direction.
- 6.5 AUTOCROSS:**
- 6.5.1** The Autocross Event will consist of one familiarisation run, or a practice run (not counting towards results), and three timed runs with the fastest timed run including any penalties counting towards the results. The course layout will be advised on the day of the competition after due consideration of weather and surface conditions.
- 6.5.2** The field will be divided into three approximately equal sized groups and with three timed runs, each of the groups will run first on one run, second on one run and third on one run.
- 6.5.3** The Start and Finish Lines will be marked and remain in the same position for the entire event.
- 6.5.4** Vehicles must start from a standing start, no more than 100mm behind the Start Line.
- 6.5.5** In the event of a re-run the competitor should be re-started as soon as practicable.
- 6.6 BENT SPRINT:**
- 6.6.1** The Bent Sprint Event will consist of one familiarisation run, or a practice run (not counting towards results), and three timed runs with the fastest timed run including any penalties counting towards the results.

- 6.6.2 For the Bent Sprint, the field will be divided into three approximately equal sized groups, with three timed runs. Each of the groups will run first on one run, second on one run, and third on one run.
- 6.6.3 The Start and Finish Lines will be marked and remain in the same position for the entire event.
- 6.6.4 Vehicles must start from a standing start, no more than 100mm behind the Start Line.
- 6.6.5 In the event of a re-run the competitor should be re-started as soon as practicable after a reasonable stand down.

7. DETERMINATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 7.1 A competitor wishing to score points towards the overall MotorSport New Zealand ClubSport Championship must:
 - (a) Enter all three Events that comprise this Championship prior to the close of Championship entries; and
 - (b) Complete at least one official timed run in each event; and
 - (c) Only enter one vehicle for the Championship and in each Event that comprise this Championship, this being the vehicle detailed on the entry.
- 7.2 A competitor may enter one or more of the three Events comprising this Championship and be eligible for the award pertaining to that particular Event (e.g. enter the Autocross and be eligible for the Autocross Champion's award). In such cases the competitor and vehicle must conform to all other requirements of these Articles.
- 7.3 The results of individual Events shall be based on:
 - (a) Motorkhana: Total of the competitor's fastest time in each test including any penalties.
 - (c) Autocross: Competitor's fastest time including any penalties.
 - (d) Bent Sprint: Competitor's fastest time including any penalties.
- 7.3.1 Points for the overall Motorsport New Zealand ClubSport Championship will be calculated as follows:
 - (a) Identify the "Winner's Time" for each individual Event as per Article 7.3.
 - (b) Calculate each competitor's points (rounded to two decimal places) for each individual Event using the following formula:

$$\text{Competitor's Points} = (\text{"Winner's Time"} / \text{Competitor's Fastest Time}) \times 100.$$

e.g. The Winner's Time for one event is 200 seconds and your time is 300 seconds.
 The winner scores $(200/200) \times 100 = 100$ pts, while you score $(200/300) \times 100 = 66.67$ pts.
- 7.3.2 Add the points from all three Events together to give each competitor's overall score.
- 7.3.3 For the calculation of overall Championship points, the results of competitors who have not entered the full Championship will be disregarded, i.e. the highest placed full Championship entry will gain maximum points for each event, regardless of their overall placing in that event. Every full Championship competitor's points will be calculated based on the highest placed full Championship competitor's time. The same procedure will be used to determine the points for the Junior ClubSport Champion and the Women in Motorsport Ladies Champion awards.
- 7.4 In the event of a tie for any of the titles, the Championship Coordinator will apply the following criteria:
 - (a) Take into account the number of timed runs forming part of the Event in question and consider the tied competitors' best times including any penalties in each of the official runs with the title being awarded to the competitor with the superior number of fastest times over the other tied competitors.

- (b) Should a tie still exist then the best times of each affected competitor shall be averaged with the title being awarded to the person having the best averaged time.
- (c) Should a tie still exist then the Championship Coordinator shall refer the matter to MotorSport New Zealand who shall decide the title winner using such other considerations it deems appropriate or it may decide to appoint joint title winners.

8. AWARDS

8.1 At the Annual MotorSport New Zealand Awards Function, the driver gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Events comprising this Championship shall be awarded the:

- (a) MotorSport New Zealand Gold Star for ClubSport; and
- (b) The Molesworth Trophy (to be held for approximately one year).

8.2 At the Prizegiving held following the final Event of the Championship, as detailed in the Supplementary Regulations, the following awards will be given:

- (a) The Junior ClubSport Championship Trophy for the junior driver gaining the highest aggregate of points overall from all Events constituting the Championship shall be awarded.
- (b) The Women in MotorSport Ladies' Cup for the Female driver who gains the highest aggregate of points overall from all Events comprising this Championship shall be awarded.
- (c) The MotorSport New Zealand title of Motorkhana Champion for the competitor with the fastest aggregate time (inclusive of any penalties applied) in the Motorkhana.
- (d) The MotorSport New Zealand title of Autocross Champion shall be awarded to the competitor with the fastest time (inclusive of any penalties applied) in the Autocross.
- (e) The MotorSport New Zealand title of Bent Sprint Champion shall be awarded to the competitor with the fastest time (inclusive of any penalties applied) in the Bent Sprint.

8.2.1 The Women in Motorsport Ladies' Cup and Junior ClubSport Championship Trophy will only be awarded when a minimum of three eligible competitors enter and compete for the relevant award.

8.8 Teams Competition is encouraged, and Teams shall consist of three competitors and must have at least one Junior or one Female competitor. Teams shall be nominated in writing to the Championship Coordinator prior to the start of the first Event. A competitor cannot be a member of more than one team. Non-Championship competitors are not eligible to be part of a team.

9. PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

9.1 Penalties shall be applied in accordance with the prescribed Articles of the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code Part VIII Penalties, and as outlined in Schedule P unless otherwise specified within these Articles. These penalties may only be applied as the result of a Clerk of the Course Decision.

9.2 Penalty Schedule: Where a penalty in the below table applies then it will override the equivalent penalty contained in Schedule P. All other sections of Schedule P will apply when not at variance with the below table.

Number	Breach	Penalty
Penalty 9.2.1	Displacement of a marker or chicane (Refer to Article 9.4), or vehicle not correctly garaged (other than the finish garage).	The competitor's time plus five seconds per occurrence. No re-runs.
Penalty 9.2.2	Failure to stop the entire vehicle completely within the boundaries of the finish garage.	The competitor's time plus ten seconds per occurrence. No re-runs.

Penalty 9.2.3	Incorrect method, failure to complete a test, failure to complete the course correctly, starting before being instructed to, causing a mis-time through collision with the start or finish line timing equipment.	The slowest competitor's time on that test's run (including any penalties that person may have incurred), plus fifteen seconds. No re-runs.
Penalty 9.2.4	Failure to start a test or course.	The slowest competitor's time on that test's run (including any penalties that person may have incurred), plus thirty seconds. No re-runs.
Penalty 9.2.5	Failure to comply with any Championship Article for which no other penalty is specified.	Deduction of 50 Championship points.
Penalty 9.2.6	Breach of the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code Part VIII, Article 94 for unsporting conduct.	Deduction of 50 Championship points (in addition to any penalty applied in accordance with Schedule P).
Penalty 9.2.7	Any Competitor found to have carried out reconnaissance or familiarisation of the Bent Sprint course prior to the Event.	Exclusion from that Event and the entire Championship.

9.3 Inquiries:

Any inquiries are to be made on the Official ClubSport Championship Inquiry Form and handed to the Competitor Relations Officer (CRO). The CRO and the Championship Coordinator will have forms available at the Events.

9.4 Course Marker Displacement Criteria:

The course marker is considered displaced when, at the completion of the test, the standard mark (50mm dot) on the track surface is no longer fully covered by the cone. When setting up the course, Organisers will paint a dot approximately 50mm in diameter under the centre of the cone and, for ease of cone replacement during the tests, once the cone is placed over the dot then a painted outline around the base of the cone must be added. The painted outline is advisory only and doesn't count towards the displacement criteria and issuing of penalties. It is there for cone set up and placement only.

Examples of Course Marker Displacement:



Not Displaced



Displaced



Not Displaced



Displaced

9.5 Any penalties will be imposed by the Clerk of the Course after consultation with the Championship Scrutineer or relevant Event Officials (depending on the rule infringed) and after a hearing is held (except for time penalties) in accordance with Article 93 of the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code.

9.6 All penalties imposed by the Clerk of the Course are subject to the competitor's rights of protest and appeal as set out in the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code.

9.7 Time Penalties will be included in event results.

10. PROTESTS

10.1 Competitors are reminded of the provisions outlined in the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code regarding Protests.