

HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

INFORMATION PACK

The MotorSport NZ Hillclimb Championship is held annually which includes competitive racing on both gravel and tarmac surfaces. In order to accommodate for the presentation of awards during the annual awards evening (typically in May), the NZ Hillclimb Championship should be scheduled between the months of June and April of the subsequent year.

Typically, the Championship alternates between the North and South Islands each year to allow participants from both islands to compete without logistical challenges.

This document outlines the key details and requirements for Member Clubs interested in hosting the Hillclimb Championship to consider.

Championship Structure:

As per Schedule C, a Hillclimb is *“run on a road course, gravel or sealed, which is predominantly uphill from start to finish. Cars may be started at intervals, provided no two(2) cars are on the same section of road between marshal points at any one time”*.

Traditionally, the Hillclimb Championship has consisted of several weekend rounds, made up of two legs: one on gravel and one on tarmac. However, MotorSport NZ recently trialled a “one weekend shootout” format which was held in the South Island. This format also featured two legs: one on gravel and one on tarmac. MotorSport NZ may, in exceptional circumstances, permit the two legs of a Round of the Championship to be contested on separate weekends.

This same format will be trialled in the North Island for the 2024 event, and formats will be reviewed for future events after considering further feedback from competitors and organisers alike.

Although there is no minimum or maximum course length, the ideal length should be between 3-5 kms. MotorSport NZ would urge any Club expressing interest to run the Hillclimb Championship to make contact to discuss any proposed course.

Each Event must consist of one timed Practice run and three official timed runs, or at the discretion of MotorSport New Zealand the event may consist of a reconnaissance run and three official runs.

The Official Electronic Timing must be to 100th's and a printout or a log must be available showing the start and finish times.

Club Responsibilities and Support

The Organising Club will be responsible for organising and running the events. The Hillclimb Championship is treated as any other event hosted by the Club, and they have full control over its management within the scope of the Championship Articles issued annually.

However, additional requirements are as follows:

- Minimum of licenced Rally Silver Clerk of the Course
- Two Stewards (appointed by MotorSport NZ)
- Technical Officer (appointed by MotorSport NZ).

Due to the status of the event being a Championship, the Clerk of the Course is unable to compete like they would any other Hillclimb event.

The organiser will need to ensure results are updated throughout the day between runs.

Promotion

In order to effectively promote the NZ Hillclimb Championship, the MotorSport NZ Office can offer support. However, this support necessitates a collaborative effort with the Organising Club. By working together, we can enhance the visibility and awareness of the event, resulting in increased participation and a broader overall awareness of the event.

Venue Criteria

The primary consideration for selecting a venue is value for money. The organisers are encouraged to seek venues that provide good value, ideally with longer run lengths. However, longer runs may require more turnaround time between runs.

Regulations

Championship Articles are created and approved by the MotorSport NZ Office in conjunction with the ClubSport Advisory Commission.

These articles outline such details as:

- Eligibility
- Championship Personnel
- Championship Structure
- Championship Entry
- Point Allocations
- Awards
- Any General prescriptions
- Any general penalties in addition to those in the National Sporting Code.

Supplementary Regulations must be published, and these alongside the event's Safety Plan are approved by the MotorSport New Zealand Office.

Costs and Registration

In accordance with [Schedule B](#), there is a Championship Organising Permit fee applicable in addition to the standard ClubSport Advanced Organising Permit fee. ClubSport Advanced Participation levies are charged as per a normal event.

If your Club is interested in running the MotorSport NZ Hillclimb Championship, either now or in the near future, please reach out to the ClubSport Advisory Commission at clubsport@motorsport.org.nz.

Alternatively, you can also contact Raewyn Burke from the MotorSport NZ Office.

Previous NZ Hillclimb Championship Organisers	
Year	Event Organiser
2023	South Otago Car Club
2022	Hawkes Bay Car Club (final round)
2021	South Otago Car Club (final round)
2020	Pukekohe Car Club (final round)
2019	RATEC / Autosport (final round)

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