

NZFF Championship Round One

Technical Report 23rd January 2026

Event Overview

The opening round was held at the Teretonga circuit. The event featured practice sessions, qualifying, and the main races, all under variable weather conditions which tested the adaptability and resilience of teams and officials alike.

Staff on duty were Ron McMillan and Daniel Creswell (Category Scrutineers)

Race Director was Blair Thorpe. Coordinators Ian Barlow & Laurie Bressell

Technical Regulations and Compliance

All participating teams were required to comply with the latest NZFF technical regulations. Pre-event scrutineering was conducted to ensure all cars met the specified requirements particularly safety equipment as well as to ensure competitors were aware of their obligations over indemnity taken on by their entry. No major infringements were reported, reflecting a strong understanding and adherence to the rules by the competing teams. Cars 18, 44, 16, 21, 28, 69 were audited. Seven were not required for audit, one was withdrawn due to engine issue

- Tyre Marking took place prior to Qualifying and tyres were marked Round One.::
- Engine sealing took place throughout the day. A directive has had to be publicised as several holes for application had not been undertaken despite several years of notice to do so. A directive has since been posted and failure to comply could result in penalties being applied. Rectification will be inspected at Round Two Timaru

Facilities and Logistics unfortunately this aspect of the round was compromised by the need to conform with NextGen requirements in many areas. The prime concern is that of consideration. I believe the facility for the event director was compromised but the treatment given to technical is not worthy for this category. There was no ability to position a parc ferme so technical had to resort to using teams Ezy-up shelters only they did not provide shelter with our having to work in 25mm of water in some instances.

The measuring pad and scales were the MSNZ unit and were shared by 5 classes.

Qualifying.

The following cars were impounded. Weights, Ride Heights, wheel spacers were checked. Also Brake pads were removed and calliper piston material was checked. All vehicles passed

69 517.0 kg # 44 518.0 kg

23 518.5 Kg # 39 519.5 Kg

#18 517.5 kg

Race One

The following were impounded.

44 516.0 Kg # 39 519.5 Kg # 23 520.5 kg

Cars were taken to tents where carburettors were removed for Venturi checks, Carb spacers and gaskets, Throttle operation. Manifold condition / etching and registered number. #44 manifold 66 , # 39 manifold 74 , # 23 manifold 007

Race Two

First three plus two random were impounded

16 514 kg #28 518 kg

44 514.5 Kg #23 517.5 Kg # 18 516 Kg

A replacement tyre for # 21 was marked (hole from accident)

68 had voluntary carburettor change. Removed carb and replacement had bores, manifold and spacer checked and new carburettor sealed back to manifold.

Race Three

Intention to impound 6 cars awaiting first three round place getters.

44 512.5 Kg # 39 515.5 Kg # 69 513.5 Kg # 18 514 Kg # 23 515.5 Kg

#21 515.0 Kg . Ride height on 44, 39, 18 OK

69, 23, 21 went to podium so ability to check Ride Height is lost as drivers exit their vehicles. Some consideration may need to be given to allowing the consumption of (suggested 500ml of water at podium only

Cars 39, 18 and 44 impounded for valve lift checks.

39 Inlet 8.91 mm, Exhaust 9.02 mm

18 Inlet 8.97 mm Exhaust 8.97 mm

44 Inlet 8.94 mm Exhaust 8.79 mm

Results cleared with Event Director.

Directive posted Monday regarding sealing processes and required drilled holes prior to Timaru rd 2.

Follow up to be completed on McCormack loan engine at Timaru. Engine will return to being owners spare (has SIFF ID) unpenalized . Car 86 likely to move to engine # 2

Following directive re sealing, paint seals will be substituted for wire seals at Timaru.

Teams are to be congratulated for their assistance and understanding under very trying conditions.

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