



NEW ZEALAND

HILLCLIMB

CHAMPIONSHIP

THE PROPOSITION

Hillclimbing is one of New Zealand's most accessible and exciting forms of motorsport, with over 30 events run by clubs every year.

The NZ Hillclimb Championship brings those events together as one national series. It will build renewed enthusiasm for hillclimbing, give competitors a reason to enter more events, and put more cars on your hill.

We want hillclimbs to thrive again: more entries for your events, a better profile for motorsport, and growth for the future.



RENEWED NATIONAL ENTHUSIASM

A genuine NZ Championship title across all classes, putting hillclimbing back on the national stage.



BACKING FOR YOUR CLUB

MSNZ promotion for every round, plus direct funding for Super Rounds and the Grand Final. **No championship fees or levies.**



BIGGER, FULLER EVENTS

Grow your event and fill your entry list, with more competitors chasing points and a reason to travel to your hill.



HOW THE CHAMPIONSHIP WORKS



Every hillclimb is automatically part of the championship. Clubs don't need to change how they run events - they simply receive the benefit.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

~20

events per year

1× POINTS

Every MSNZ permitted hillclimb qualifies automatically. Nothing changes for clubs, and passengers are still allowed. Only a competitor's top 4 Qualifying Round scores count toward the title.

SUPER ROUNDS

4

events per year

2× POINTS

Premier events: 1 tarmac + 1 gravel per island (4 total). Elevated profile, MSNZ support, and direct club funding, with no additional official requirements. Only your single best Super Round score counts.

GRAND FINAL

1

event per year

5× POINTS

The season showdown, run on tarmac so the widest range of cars can compete. Live streamed by MSNZ and fully supported, with the champion crowned on the day. Hosted by a selected organising club. Top qualifiers in each class eligible.

SUPER ROUNDS - THE PREMIER EVENTS OF THE CALENDAR



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WHAT QUALIFIES AS A SUPER ROUND

ROAD QUALITY

Significant length, good condition, race-ready surface

EVENT HISTORY

Established events with 10+ years of history preferred

ENTRY FIELD

Minimum 40 cars expected

PROFILE BUILDING

Entries open 2 months out to grow anticipation

GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD

1 tarmac & 1 gravel per island - Four Super Rounds in total

WHAT ORGANISING CLUBS RECEIVE

NO EXTRA OFFICIALS REQUIRED

No extra steward, and a Bronze Clerk of the Course is fine

EVENT EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

Branded MSNZ resources for the day

PROMOTION VIA MSNZ CHANNELS

Social, web, and email to our full community

ENTRANT COMMUNICATIONS

Pre and post-event comms handled by MSNZ

DIRECT CASH FUNDING

Financial contribution to running costs

Clubs apply to MotorSport New Zealand to host a Super Round - applications open now.

SCORING & POINTS SYSTEM



QUALIFYING ROUND

1×

Top 4 scores count

SUPER ROUND

2×

Best round counts

GRAND FINAL

5×

All scores count

POINTS TABLE (applied per class in each event)

1st	25 pts	2nd	22 pts	3rd	20 pts	4th	19 pts	5th	18 pts
6th	17 pts	7th	16 pts	8th	15 pts	9th	14 pts	10th	13 pts
11th	12 pts	12th	11 pts	13th	10 pts	14th	9 pts	15th	8 pts
16th	7 pts	17th	6 pts	18th	5 pts	19th	4 pts	20th	3 pts

Points awarded by class. Multipliers applied per event tier. Totals published on MSNZ website and shared directly with competitors after each round.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS STRUCTURE



The championship class structure is drawn directly from 62 hillclimb events analysed across NZ hillclimb events from 2025 and 2026. The classes below reflect what competitors already compete in - no adjustment required.

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	COVERAGE
A	2WD - up to 1300cc	~40 of 62 events
B	2WD - 1301cc to 1600cc	~40 of 62 events
C	2WD - 1601cc to 2000cc	~40 of 62 events
D	2WD - 2001cc and over	~40 of 62 events
E	All 4WD vehicles	50+ of 62 events
XC	CrossCars	~30 of 62 events
F	Classic (30+ years old)	~10 of 62 events

ENGINE EQUIVALENCE: Turbo / Supercharged ×1.7 · Rotary ×1.8 · Two-stroke ×1.8

WHY THESE CLASSES

ADOPTED FROM WHAT'S ALREADY RUNNING

The A-D / E / XC structure appears in ~65% of all NZ hillclimb events analysed. Using it means competitors don't change class when they join a championship round.

CAPACITY BANDS REFLECT THE ACTUAL ENTRY MIX

The 1300/1600/2000cc splits produce competitive classes at most events. They are the same bands used in the majority of hillclimb events.

4WD KEPT AS A SINGLE CLASS

Splitting 4WD by vehicle age (used in ~2 events) doesn't benefit competitors nationally. One E class keeps the field together and the class contestable.

CROSSCARS EARN THEIR OWN CLASS

Present at 30+ events, CrossCars are fast enough to distort 2WD results when mixed in. A dedicated XC class gives CrossCar competitors a fair championship fight.

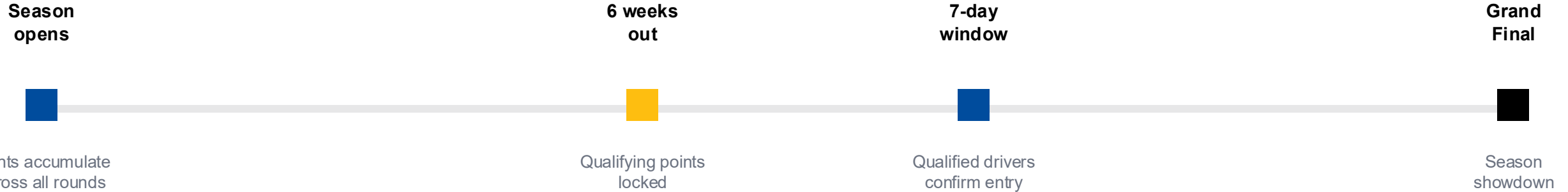
CLASSIC CLASS INCLUDED

Present at ~10 events, particularly in the South Island. Including Class F acknowledges this community - organisers can amalgamate with another class if entries are low.

GRAND FINAL - HOW DRIVERS QUALIFY



Qualification is determined by the championship standings at the 6-week mark before the Grand Final. After that point, no further rounds count toward qualifying points.



HOW QUALIFICATION WORKS

- 1 Points are locked in at 6 weeks before the Grand Final. No events in this window count toward qualifying.
- 2 The top N drivers in each class qualify where $N = \text{total entry cap} \div \text{number of classes}$.
- 3 Qualified drivers have 7 days to confirm their Grand Final entry.
- 4 If a spot is not confirmed, it passes to the next highest-placed eligible driver in that class.

ENTRY ALLOCATION

50+

minimum total entries in the Grand Final

- Total entry cap is divided equally across all classes.
- The top-placed drivers in each class fill those spots - no class takes entries from another.
- Unconfirmed spots cascade down within the same class before opening to others.

A GENUINELY COMPETITIVE CHAMPIONSHIP



WHY ONLY BEST RESULTS COUNT

- A wide range of drivers can realistically challenge for the title - without needing to contest every round.
- Consistent with how other NZ Championships are structured, where a national title should reward performance rather than just attendance.
- Competitors can build a campaign around events close to home - keeping costs manageable.
- Ensures the championship can't be 'bought' by entering every hillclimb and accumulating points.
- Balances the disparity in event numbers between the North and South Islands.

FORMAT MODELLING - WHAT THE DATA SHOWS

16 pts

Median final winning margin

34%

Championships decided by 10 points or fewer

69%

Championships decided by 25 points or fewer

61%

Pre-final leader goes on to lose the title

5.2

Drivers within 25 points before the Grand Final

KEY TAKEAWAY: The Grand Final will be meaningful every year - and the title will rarely be decided before it.

WHAT MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND BRINGS



Support for every organising club, at every event.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROMOTION

Active social media, website coverage, and community comms that raise the profile of every round, plus MSNZ live stream coverage of the Grand Final.

DIRECT ENTRANT COMMUNICATIONS

Pre and post-event emails direct from MSNZ to all registered competitors.

POINTS & STANDINGS

Full points table published on the MSNZ website and emailed to competitors after each round.

EVENT TEMPLATES & GUIDES

Run sheet templates, class structure guides, and organisational resources ready to use.

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

MSNZ branding and event equipment supplied - especially for Super Rounds and the Grand Final.

COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

Revenue from our title sponsor flows directly to Super Round and Grand Final organising clubs.

COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIP - GROWING THE PRIZE POOL



A key pillar of this championship is securing a national title sponsor. A series of this scale - nationwide, multi-event, with a broadcast Grand Final - is exactly what commercial partners look for.

FUNDING GOES TO CLUBS

- Direct cash contribution to Super Round organising clubs
- Grand Final event funding to the hosting club
- Comms & content initiatives - promoting every event
- Live broadcast of the Grand Final

WHAT PARTNERS RECEIVE

- Brand visibility at all events nationwide
- High-profile presence at Super Rounds and the Grand Final
- Live stream branding for the Grand Final broadcast
- Direct access to the MSNZ motorsport community

CHAMPIONSHIP BRAND VALUES: FAST · HIGH ENERGY · ASPIRATIONAL · ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

BUILDING A CHAMPIONSHIP THAT GROWS EVERY YEAR



How we make this a success - together.

01 EARLY CALENDAR CONFIRMATION

Super Round and Grand Final events confirmed well in advance so competitors can plan their season.

02 CONSISTENT EVENT EXPERIENCE

Common class structure, pre-event comms, and presentation standards across all rounds.

03 PROACTIVE COMPETITOR COMMS

MSNZ drives direct communication to potential entrants - growing your entry field for you.

04 BUILDING TO THE FINAL

Points standings published after every round to build anticipation as the Grand Final approaches.

05 CELEBRATING CHAMPIONS

Full MSNZ coverage of the champion's story; social, web, and broader community profiling.

06 FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENT

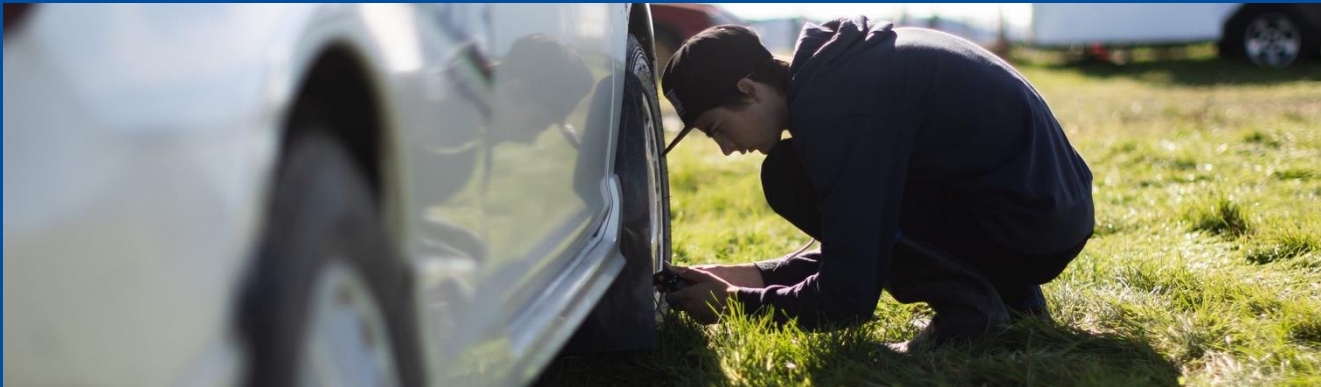
Annual review with organising clubs to improve the programme year on year.

NOTHING.

WHAT CHANGES FOR QUALIFYING ROUNDS?

Run your event exactly as you do now.

We just want to help fill your entries.



JUST SEND US YOUR RESULTS

Submit your event results to MSNZ - we handle all the points calculations, standings updates, and competitor communications from there.

NO EXTRA OFFICIALS REQUIRED

Your usual club officials are all you need. No additional steward, and a Bronze Clerk of the Course is fine. This applies to Qualifying Rounds and Super Rounds.

PASSENGERS ALLOWED

Passengers are allowed at Qualifying Rounds, just as they are at your event today. Championship status doesn't change that.

CLASSES - MIRROR OURS IF YOU CAN

We'd love your event classes to mirror the championship classes. But if they don't, MSNZ will regroup results to match - no action required from you.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOUR CLUB



Six things every organising club should do to make the most of this championship.

1

GET PERMITS IN EARLY

Lock in your event dates on the MSNZ calendar as early as possible to secure your spot in the championship schedule.

2

APPLY FOR SUPER ROUND STATUS

If your event meets the criteria, submit an application to become a Super Round. Applications open in 2026.

3

APPLY TO HOST THE GRAND FINAL

Express interest in hosting the season showdown - MSNZ will work with clubs to confirm the host venue.

4

USE MSNZ TEMPLATES & CLASS STRUCTURE

Adopt the standard class design and run sheet templates so competitors have a consistent experience everywhere.

5

PROMOTE USING MSNZ MATERIALS

Use the supplied branding, social assets, and event materials to maximise turnout and championship profile.

6

CONSIDER RUNNING MORE TARMAC HILLCLIMBS

Tarmac events open hillclimbing to the widest range of cars. More tarmac rounds on the calendar means more competitors can take part.

The NZ Hillclimb Championship launches soon. Here's how to get involved now.

NOW

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Let MSNZ know your club wants to be part of the championship. We'll keep you updated on timelines, applications, and resources.

2026

APPLY FOR SUPER ROUND STATUS

If your event has the profile to be a Super Round, submit an application. MSNZ will assess, confirm selections, and announce the calendar.

SEASON OPEN

RUN YOUR EVENT, EARN YOUR SUPPORT

Every sanctioned hillclimb automatically earns championship status. Focus on running a great event - MSNZ handles the rest.



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