

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2016-17 NZ FORMULA 1600 CHAMPIONSHIP



Preamble

MotorSport New Zealand Inc declares the following articles to be those governing competition for drivers in the MotorSport NZ Formula 1600 Championship class.

These articles are at all times to be read in conjunction with:

- The National Sporting Code (NSC) and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules,
- The MotorSport NZ Race Championship General Prescriptions (Schedule CH),
- The Technical Regulations – Schedule F; and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations.

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Note: *All text changes from the previous issue of this Schedule are highlighted such. Text changes for grammatical and/or formatting reasons are not highlighted.*

1 INTERPRETATIONS:

In these Articles the following expressions shall have the meanings set out:

The “**Championship**” means the MotorSport NZ Formula 1600 Championship for cars complying with Schedule F; and

“**Inviting Clubs**” means the MotorSport NZ clubs hosting Rounds of the Championship; and

“**MotorSport NZ**” means MotorSport New Zealand Inc; and

“**National Sporting Code**” or “**NSC**” means the National Sporting Code issued by MotorSport NZ from time to time; and

“**NZFFA**” or “**The Association**” means the New Zealand Formula Ford Association (Inc.); and

“**Round**” means the race meeting at which drivers may score points towards the Championship; and

“**SIFF**” means the South Island Formula Ford Club Inc; and

“**Supplementary Regulations**” means so far as they are applicable to the Championship the Standing Regulations set out in Appendix 4, Schedule Z to the National Sporting Code together with the Supplementary Regulations issued for each Round.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 Drivers licensing requirements are detailed in Schedule CH and if the entrant is other than the driver, an Entrant's Licence is required in the name of the entrant.

Note: *Under the provisions of the Tasman Visa Agreement between CAMS and MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Australian competitors holding both CAMS General Competition Licences and Tasman Visas may enter any of the NZ Race Championships and be eligible for awards.*

- 2.1.1 All drivers shall be financial members of The NZ Formula Ford Association Inc or the South Island Formula Ford Club Inc or any MotorSport NZ affiliated Club.

Note: *Drivers who are not current members of The Association or SIFF shall not be eligible for Championship points.*

- 2.2 **Classes:** There are three(3) distinct classes as follows:

- (1) **Class One:** Eligibility shall be for cars manufactured after 1 January 2000 and complying with the current Schedule F technical regulations for Class One cars, and includes all Class Two cars non-compliant with the specific Class Two technical regulations.
- (2) **Class Two:** Eligibility shall be for cars manufactured prior to 31 December 1999 and complying with the current Schedule F technical regulations for Class Two cars.
- (3) **Class Three:** Eligibility shall be for cars manufactured prior to 31 December 1989 and complying with the current Schedule F technical regulations for Class Three cars.

- 2.2.1 If a competitor changes a car during the season they must inform the Championship Coordinator.

- 2.3 All entrants and drivers shall agree to submit their vehicle to eligibility / safety scrutineering when required by MotorSport NZ Technical Officers or Championship Scrutineers for compliance to Appendix Two, Schedule A and Appendix Four of the National Sporting Code.

- 2.4 A maximum of two(2) engines may be presented by each Competitor for use during the Series.

- A single engine may be presented for ID tagging/sealing (in which case a rebuild can be authorised by the Championship Scrutineer during the Series), or
- Two(2) separate engines may be presented for ID tagging/sealing. All presented engines will be identified by a serial number allocated to the Competitor and/or Chassis.

- 2.4.1 Allocated engines (being engines with ID tags) may be used indiscriminately at any Round of the Series.

- 2.4.2 Engines will be ID tagged/sealed as per the requirements of Schedule F, Article 3.0.

2.4.3 Should it be necessary for a Competitor to introduce a third engine then the following conditions will apply:

- One of the previous two engines will have their ID removed – it is only permitted to have two(2) sealed engines at any one time
- The competitor will take a penalty of eight(8) grid places in the first race the (additional) engine is used.

3 CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL:

3.1 At each Round the following personnel, or their approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out:

3.1.1 Championship Promoter: Speed Works Ltd
Mobile Phone No: 021 825 911
E-mail: Geoff@speedworks.nz
Contact: Geoff Short

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ for:

- (a) The promotion of the Championship; and
- (b) The supply of all Championship decals.

3.1.2 Championship Race Director: Craig Finlayson
Phone No: 06 323 6510
Mobile Phone No: 021 213 7427
E-mail: Craig.finlayson@inspire.net.nz

Who is authorised by MotorSport NZ to undertake the duties outlined in Schedule CH Article 3.1.3.

3.1.3 Championship Coordinator: Steve Edwards
Mobile No: 021 273 4841
E-mail: s.edwards@evaluate.co.nz

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Liaise with Inviting Clubs and Motorsport NZ on matters pertaining to the championship; and
- (b) Ensure correct placement of decals on competing vehicles; and
- (c) Liaise with event Officials on any sporting aspect for the category.

Also required to:

- (a) Attend coordination meetings at events
- (b) Attend Stewards meetings at events
- (c) Undertake a category drivers briefing at each Round
- (d) Ensure round award winners attend on-track presentations

3.1.4 Championship Scrutineer: Dave McCahon
Address: 232 Clyde Rd, Fendalton
Christchurch
Mobile No: 0274 341 541
E-mail: racecraft@me.com

Who is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Undertake safety audits including management of vehicle logbooks, and
- (b) Impound and affix seals as required, and
- (c) Undertake technical eligibility checking, and
- (d) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(d)), and
- (e) Liaise with event Officials and Championship Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the category; and
- (f) Report to the senior MSNZ Technical Officer on duty at rounds with their proposed technical checking programs and subsequent results prior to the final Stewards meeting.

3.1.5 Championship Secretary: Steve Edwards
Mobile Phone No: 021 283 4741
Email: s.edwards@evaluate.co.nz

4 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE:

4.1 The Championship will comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	12 November 2016	Timaru	South Canterbury Car Club
2	12-15 January 2017	Ruapuna	Canterbury Car Club
3	19-22 January 2017	Teretonga	Southland Sports Car Club
4	2-5 February 2017	Taupo	Taupo Car Club
5	9-12 February 2017	Manfeild	MotorSport NZ

MotorSport NZ reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds of the Championship due to force majeure without affecting in any way its powers to award any title.

5 CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY:

5.1 Entry into the Championship shall be made on the Championship Entry Form and submitted to the Championship Secretary for acceptance. By entering the Championship all Competitors agree to comply with these Articles and those of the National Sporting Code.

5.2 Entry for all Rounds excepting Round 1 of the Championship (which is separate to the Championship entry), shall be made to the Championship Promoter using the official entry process and by their specified closing dates. Round 1 Entries shall be made to South Canterbury Car Club.

5.3 The entry fees will be \$476.00 (GST inclusive) per Round for all Rounds.

5.3.1 Ticket allocation for all Rounds will be TBA.

5.4 The minimum number of entries for each Round of the Championship shall be ten(10). The Championship Promoter reserves the right to cancel a Round or alternatively, reduce the number of laps per Race in that Round if there are fewer than ten(10) entries received at normal close of entries.

5.4.1 The Championship Promoter may consider the acceptance of late entries provided that the entry is lodged in full conformity with entry requirements and is accompanied by an additional late entry fee of \$50.00 per Round (inclusive of GST).

5.4.2 There will be no refunds given once an entry has been processed. Credits against future competition will be considered in exceptional circumstances.

6 POINTS

6.1 Points: Points will be allocated on each Championship / Series Race at each Round to all Drivers based on overall finishing order:

1 st	40	10 th	16	19 th	7
2 nd	35	11 th	15	20 th	6
3 rd	31	12 th	14	21 st	5
4 th	28	13 th	13	22 nd	4
5 th	26	14 th	12	23 rd	3
6 th	24	15 th	11	24 th	2
7 th	22	16 th	10	25 th	1
8 th	20	17 th	9		
9 th	18	18 th	8		

6.1.1 Qualifying: Two(2) Bonus Points shall be awarded to the fastest Qualifier at each Round.

6.2 Class Points: Separate points shall be allocated as detailed in Article 6.1 above for each class, based on finishing positions of the competing vehicles in that class.

6.3 Points will only be allocated to current members of The Association or SIFF. Drivers who are not current members of The NZ Formula Ford Association or the South Island Formula Ford Club are not eligible for points in the Championship.

7 AWARDS:

7.1 In addition to MotorSport NZ Race Championship titles the following awards will be made:

- (1)** The **overall Formula 1600 Champion title** will be awarded to the driver who gains the highest aggregate of points from all Rounds. The award will be made at the annual MotorSport NZ Awards Function.
- (2)** The **National Class One Formula 1600 Champion title** will be awarded to the driver of a Class One Formula 1600 who gains the highest aggregate of Class One points from all Rounds. The award will be made at the conclusion of final round of the Championship.
- (3)** The **National Class Two Formula 1600 Champion title** will be awarded to the driver of a Class Two Formula 1600 who gains the highest aggregate of Class Two points from all Rounds. The award will be made at the conclusion of final round of the Championship.

- (4) The **National Class Three Formula 1600 Champion title** will be awarded to the driver of a Class Three Formula 1600 who gains the highest aggregate of Class Three points from all Rounds. The award will be made at the conclusion of final round of the Championship.
- (5) The **Morrie Smith Memorial Trophy** will be contested on the final Race of the penultimate Round of the Championship.
- (6) The **Ron Frost Memorial Trophy** will be contested on the final Race of the final Round of the Championship.

8 PRACTICE, QUALIFYING, AND STARTING POSITIONS:

- 8.1 **Practice:** There will be three(3) Event official testing sessions of a minimum of twenty(20) minutes duration each. These sessions will be conducted on the official test day (Friday) and are included in the Event entry fee.
- 8.1.1 **No testing of a Formula 1600 competition vehicle** will be permitted on the circuit at which the Round is scheduled to be held from Monday to Thursday (inclusive) in the week of that Round.
- 8.2 **Qualifying:** At all rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of twenty(20) minutes duration.
- 8.3 **Race starting positions:**
 - (1) Starting Positions for **Race One** will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved from the Qualifying session, fastest driver to the front.
 - (2) Starting Positions for **Race Two** will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in either the Qualifying session or Race One, fastest driver to the front.
 - (3) Starting Positions for **Race Three** will be determined by the fastest lap time achieved in either the Qualifying session or Races One or Two, fastest driver to the front.

9 RACE DISTANCES:

Round	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Venues
1	10 laps	10 laps	12 laps	Timaru
2	10 laps	10 laps	12 laps	Ruapuna
3	10 laps	10 laps	20 laps	Teretonga
4	10 laps	10 laps	12 laps	Taupo
5	10 laps	10 laps	12 laps	Manfeild

At all Rounds the Race Director, and the Championship Coordinator, in consultation with the Stewards, reserves the right to shorten and/or cancel races in accordance with the provisions of Article 5.4 above, or in the case of Force Majeure.

10 GRIDS and STARTS:

- 10.1 At all Rounds these will be standing starts in accordance with the provisions of Schedule CH.

11 TYRE TYPES, ALLOCATION AND MARKING PROCEDURES:

- 11.1 **Tyre type:** Only tyres as specified in Schedule F are authorised for use within the Championship.

- 11.2 **Tyre allocation:** The maximum number of tyres that may be used for all practice, qualifying or races comprising all Rounds of the Championship is fourteen(14), excepting the provisions of Article 11.3.3 below.

Note: *the apportionment of front and rear tyres is free respecting the total allowable.*

- 11.2.1 Any number of tyres, to the maximum permitted, may be presented to be marked at a Round. Tyres presented, either front or rear, is left to the discretion of the Competitor but may not exceed fourteen(14) in total.

- 11.2.2 Where a competitor changes a car during the season in accordance with Article 2.2.1 above, the tyre allocation shall remain unchanged from the previous entitlement.

- 11.3 **Tyre use:** At each Round, only tyres that have been marked for the Competitor for the current season under the authority of the Championship Scrutineer may be used for practice, qualifying and races.

- 11.3.1 All marked tyres may be used indiscriminately during Rounds. Tyre choice for wet weather conditions shall be managed by the Competitor from their 'pool' of marked tyres.

- 11.3.2 In the event of a marked tyre being damaged, replacements may only be drawn from the Competitors' 'pool' of tyres.

- 11.3.3 **First Round entered practice sessions:** Any marked or unmarked control tyre may be used.

- 11.4 **Tyre marking procedures:** Tyres shall be presented to the Championship Scrutineer for marking at each round of the Series. It is the Competitors responsibility to ensure that they present their tyres not less than one(1) hour prior to the qualifying session of the Round.

- 11.4.1 It is the Competitors sole responsibility to ensure tyre markings remain legible. Where a marking becomes illegible, that tyre will be lost from the Competitors tyre 'pool'.

12 ON BOARD CAMERAS

- 12.1 All Championship cars may be required to carry a judicial on-board camera in accordance with Schedule CH Article 33.

- 12.2 Competitors / Entrants may apply to the Championship Coordinator for permission to install additional on-board camera(s) for use during the Championship.

- 12.2 All Camera location and installation must be approved by the Championship Coordinator and/or Championship Scrutineer.

- 12.3** Any on board camera information recorded shall be made available to Event Officials or Championship Officials upon request. Such recordings shall be provided unmodified in any way, and must be available for a minimum period of two(2) hours after the conclusion of the final Race.

13 PIT SPACE ALLOCATION

- 13.1** These will be allocated by MotorSport NZ. Please contact your Championship Coordinator with any particular requirements.
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APPENDIX 1

Decal placements and Sponsorship requirements