

## CLUB CONSTITUTION & RULES

### NAME

1. The name of the Club shall be "TARANAKI CAR CLUB INC."

### OBJECTS

2. The objects of the Club shall be the promotion of motor sport, and such other branches of the sport as may be decided upon, and the promotion of common interest, social intercourse and good fellowship among members

### OFFICE

3. The Registered Office of the Taranaki Car Club Inc shall be at the Secretary's Residence, or such other place as may be from time to time agreed upon.

### OFFICERS

4. The Officers of the Club shall consist of the following: One Patron, a President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, Wheelspin Editor, who with the exception of the Patron and with not more than six ordinary committee members, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall constitute the Management Committee of the Club. The Officers of the Club and the members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, but the Immediate Past President shall hold office for one year after his term as President has ceased. The Committee has the right to elect a Club Patron should the need arise during a financial year.

### COMMITTEE

5. The Committee shall have the general management and control of the Club, as regards to its finance, sports meetings, touring and social affairs, and may appoint sub-committees, frame by-laws, decide all disputes and matters affecting the welfare of the Club, impose penalties and select or expel members.

6. The President shall be Chairman at all General Meetings and all Committee Meetings. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall be Chairman, if present, otherwise a Chairman shall be elected from those Officers of the Club present.

7. The Committee shall have the power to appoint an Organiser or Competition Committee for sports events. The Organiser shall have full power to call upon Club members who shall be expected to assist the Organiser. The Organiser of sports events shall be responsible for appointing an Event Secretary. The Club, as a body, shall give the Organiser a full measure of assistance and shall make available reasonable funds, commensurate with the financial position of the Club. Any matters in dispute shall be referred immediately to the Committee which shall have full power to decide on all points at issue.

8. Committee Meetings shall be held at such intervals as may be arranged by the Committee itself at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting of the Club. A Meeting of the Committee shall be called at any other time on a requisition of three Committee members.

9. Any member of the Committee, who shall be absent without leave from two consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have resigned his/her seat, unless he/she gives to the Committee a satisfactory reason for such absence, or has applied for extended leave of absence.

10. At any Committee Meeting, SIX shall form a quorum, and at any Special or Annual General Meeting of members, TWENTY or 1/3 of members - whichever is the lower figure - shall form a quorum.

11. The members of the Committee shall be removable as a body or individually, by vote of at least 2/3rds of the members present at a Special General Meeting called for

that purpose and in the case of such removal, the members present shall be in order to fill the vacancy/vacancies, forthwith elect another member / members to carry on the business of the Club, until the next Annual General Meeting. Extraordinary vacancies caused by reason of death, resignation, or for any other cause, may be filled by the Committee for the unexpired term of office. SEVEN days notice by circular or telephone shall be given of any Special General Meeting of the Club and the Annual General Meeting shall be advertised in the local newspaper annually.

#### MEMBERSHIP

12. The membership of the Club shall consist of:

Ordinary members

Honorary members

Life members : The Committee may nominate any person as a Life Member of the Club, such nomination to be placed before the Annual General Meeting and to be approved by such meeting. Life membership of the Club shall not require payment of any subscription by such Life Member.

A husband or wife of a financial ordinary member shall be deemed as an Honorary member of the Club whilst engaged with any financial member in any club event.

Honorary members shall consist of such persons as may be selected by the Committee for services rendered to the Club or otherwise. Such membership shall not carry any rights in respect of voting at general meetings or in respect of the conduct of the affairs of the Club.

Ordinary members shall be elected by the Committee after nomination by a financial ordinary member seconded by another ordinary financial member. Election of new members shall be by secret ballot of the Committee, one vote against three excluding any candidate from membership.

13 Any member may cease to be a member :

If he/she voluntarily resigns his/her membership in writing.

A member whose subscription is two months in arrears shall be given one months notice to pay and if, after the lapse of one month, his/her subscription has not been paid in full, he/she shall be advised in writing that he/she is no longer a member of the Club and as from that date shall cease to be a member of the Club.

Any member who, in the opinion of the Committee particularly in his/her manner of driving a motor vehicle, shall be guilty of conduct injurious to the good order and interest of the Club, may be expelled from the Club by a vote of 2/3rds of the Committee present at a Special Meeting convened for the purpose, notice of such meeting having been given three days previously to the member whose conduct is in question. The quorum of such meeting shall be SIX. Both the Chairman of the Committee and the offending member may call witnesses to the case in question before the Committee, with the offending member advising the Secretary of the meeting of the number of witnesses to be present two days prior to the meeting. If such a charge is held to be proved by a majority of the members present at such meeting, they shall be empowered to expel the offending member from the Club.

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14. VOTING: At all General or Special Meetings of the Club or of the Committee each financial member present shall have one vote and except in the case of election of new members and election of Officers of the Club, the voting shall be by a show of hands. The Chairman at the meeting of the Club or of the Committee shall be entitled to an ordinary vote, and in the event of the voting being equal shall also have a casting or deciding vote.

15. The property and effects of the Club shall be vested in the Club.

16. All cheques drawn upon the Club's bank accounts shall be signed by the Treasurer and one committee member or in such other manner as may from time to time be decided by the Committee.

17. Nominations for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, Wheelspin Editor and General Committee shall be in writing signed by the nominee and by two current financial members as proposer and seconder respectively, and shall be lodged with the Secretary not later than FOURTEEN days before the day fixed for the Annual General Meeting. In the event of the nominations being in excess of the number required, a ballot shall be held at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall have a casting vote. If the number of candidates duly nominated does not exceed the number required, the candidates nominated shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates nominated is less than the number required such vacancies may be filled by the election of the necessary additional members who shall be nominated and seconded at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

18. Unfinancial members are ineligible for any office other than such honorary offices as may be determined by the Committee. Unfinancial members shall not be qualified to vote or express any opinion, nor to have any voice in the business or management of the Club at any Meeting.

19. The Constitution and Rules of the Club shall not be altered or amended except on a vote of at least 2/3rds of the financial members present at any Special General Meeting called for the purpose of which SEVEN days notice in writing or by telephone has been given, or at Annual General Meeting which has been advertised in the local newspaper.

20. A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called by the Secretary on receipt of a written requisition signed by fifteen members of the Club. Only such business will be discussed at Special General Meetings of which members shall have full notice at least SEVEN days prior to such meeting.

21. The mode of all elections shall be by ballot by financial members present at the meeting.

22. The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as shall be fixed by the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting which shall be held during the month of February and prior to 28th February annually. The category and criteria of subscriptions shall be determined by financial members at the Annual General Meeting.

23. Subscriptions shall become due on the 31st of January each year and payable not later than 31 March in each year and any member who shall not have paid his/her subscription by such date shall consequently have no rights in respect of voting at any Meeting, or in respect of the conduct of the affairs of the Club.

24. The members of the Club at any Annual General Meeting may resolve that an entrance fee be charged to new members, such entrance fee to be fixed at such meetings and to be payable with the annual subscription.

25. Any person may become a "Day Member" of the Taranaki Car Club Inc solely for the purpose of competition on that day. A day representing the successive 24 hours from time of payment of the Day Subscription. A person who has previously been a financial member of the Taranaki Car Club Inc may not be eligible for Day Membership. The " Day Subscription " shall be determined by the Committee. A Day Member shall not be eligible for Taranaki Car Club prizes, trophies or club points. A person may not become a Day Member of the Taranaki Car Club Inc more than twice in any financial year, and will not be eligible for Day Membership in the financial

year subsequent to his/her Day Membership, deeming it necessary to become a full financial member.

26. The Committee of the Club shall appoint an auditor of the accounts of the Club.

27. No member shall consume ALCOHOL or DRUGS at any Club competition involving driving of motor vehicles. Any competitor in any such Club competition who, in the opinion of any Member of the Committee is under the influence of ALCOHOL OR DRUGS shall be brought before the Organiser whose decision as to whether the competitor shall compete shall be final.

28. Any person whose Civil Drivers Licence has been cancelled shall for the period of the cancellation be prohibited from competing as a driver in any Event of the Club requiring a Civil Drivers Licence. No exception to this rule shall be made.

29. Any member ceasing voluntarily or otherwise to be a member of the Club shall thereupon forfeit all claims or interest in the property of the Club, and return any Club possessions forthwith upon request.

30. On admission, each member shall have made available to him by the Secretary a copy of the Rules, and all members shall be bound thereby.

31. Cups, trophies and prizes now in possession of the Club shall be held and competed for upon the condition imposed by the original donor thereof, or if such conditions are at any time found to be impracticable, the Committee may decide upon new criteria, at all times maintaining all efforts to embody the kindred nature as originally intended by the donor/s.

32. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, the property, assets and liabilities of the Club shall be disposed of as members of the Club at a Special General Meeting may decide.

33. All matters not otherwise specially provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the Committee and in the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these Rules, the Committee shall be the sole authority and their decision shall be final.

34. The accounts of the Club shall be closed on 31st December each year and duly audited, and shall be presented to the members for ratification at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of February and prior to the 28th of February annually.

Amended & passed 2001 & 2002 Annual General Meeting

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