



**2019 – 2020
MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND
HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP
ARTICLES**



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ARTICLES GOVERNING THE MOTORSPORT NZ HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP

PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand Inc. hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing Competitors in the 2019/20 MotorSport NZ Hillclimb Championship. These Articles are at all times to be read in conjunction with the Standing Regulations set out in Appendix Five, Schedule C (Part 1) to the National Sporting Code issued by MotorSport New Zealand Inc and in conjunction with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club.

This Championship is held under MotorSport NZ Championship Permit No: **190503**

1 INTERPRETATIONS

In these Articles the definition of the terms used within this Schedule shall be referenced from the National Sporting Code, and as detailed below:

The “**Championship**” means the MotorSport NZ Hillclimb Championship as set out in these Articles; and

The “**Inviting Club**” means the MotorSport New Zealand member clubs organising events which comprise 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

“**Round**” means an event consisting of two (2) legs, being a Gravel Hillclimb and a Sealed Hillclimb held over one weekend at which the driver may score points towards the Championship; and under special circumstances the Clubsport Commission may authorise the holding of two (2) legs of a Round to be on separate weekends and/or a Round may consist of two (2) legs on the same surface, as long as the qualifying rounds total two (2) Tarmac and two (2) seal in each island, the Final Round will consist of a mixed surface weekend.

“**Supplementary Regulations**” means so far as they are applicable to the Championship the Standing Regulations set out in Appendix Five, Schedule C to the National Sporting Code together with the Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Club.

2 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Vehicles: All vehicles competing in the MotorSport NZ Hillclimb Championship must comply with the following:

- (a) Roll Cages are mandatory. If any individual Round allows non caged cars to enter then, these competitors will not feature in the championship points.

- (b) The vehicle must fully comply with Schedule A and will be subject to the MSNZ Audit process.
- (c) The same vehicle must be used for both Hillclimb's in the Round in order to be eligible for overall MotorSport NZ Hillclimb Championship points. Cars can be changed between Rounds.
- (d) A competitor may not change vehicles after the close of documentation for the event they are wishing to score points in. (NSC Part III - 37)

2.2 Competitors: All Drivers shall hold an M Grade Competition Licence or higher and if the Entrant is other than the Driver, an Entrants licence is required in the name of the Entrant. Day Licences will not be permitted.

3 CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL:

At the Championship the following person, or their MotorSport NZ approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out:

3.1.1 Championship Coordinator: Donna Elder
Mobile Phone No: 021 773 266
E-mail: ClubSport@motorsport.org.nz

Championship Points Keeper: Cameron Morison
Mobile Phone No: 027 428 6813
Email: ClubSport@motorsport.org.nz

The Coordinator and Points keeper are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Record and publish Championship points; and
- (b) Liaise with the Inviting Club on all matters pertaining to these articles.

3.1.2 Championship Scrutineer - Final: Dave Robb
Mobile Phone No: 0275 111 375

They are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Undertake Safety Audits and compliance checks on cars entered in Championship Final only.
- (b) Complete a Safety Audit Worksheet at end of the Final.

Who may have deputies and assistants to whom they may delegate any of their responsibilities and authorities by way of notice posted on the official notice board at each Round.

4 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

4.1 The Championship shall comprise of two (2) Qualifying Rounds in each Island followed by a Final Round in the alternate Island to the Clubsport Championship of that year.

4.2 All Rounds will comprise of two (2) Legs, being a Gravel Hillclimb and a Sealed Hillclimb, contested over one (1) weekend. Competitors may enter either of the Hill climbs (Legs) individually, or both. The Clubsport Commission may authorise that a Round may consist of two (2) legs on the same surface, as long as the qualifying rounds total two (2) Gravel and two (2) Seal in each island, the Final Round will consist of a mixed surface weekend.

4.2.1 Motorsport NZ may, in exceptional circumstances, permit the two (2) legs of a Round of the Championship to be contested on separate weekends.

4.3 The Round can be organised by one or more Clubs.

4.4 Hillclimb Championship: Competitors may enter the following Categories:

(1) NZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship: for registered competitors contested over both Legs of any two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 6 Hillclimbs). Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for both Hillclimb Challenges.

(2) NZ 2WD Hillclimb Championship: for 2WD vehicles contested over both Legs of any two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 6 Hillclimbs). Additionally, all registered competitors are eligible for the NZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship and both Hillclimb Challenges.

4.5 Hillclimb Challenge: Competitors may enter the following Categories:

(1) Gravel Hillclimb Challenge: for registered vehicles contested over the Gravel Leg of any two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 3 Hillclimbs), and/or

(2) Sealed Hillclimb Challenge: for registered vehicles contested over the Sealed Leg of any two (2) qualifying Rounds and the Final Round (total of 3 Hillclimbs).

Notes: *For the avoidance of doubt:*

1. *All competitors registered for the NZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship are eligible for the Gravel Hillclimb Challenge and/or Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Trophies.*

2. *All competitors registered for the NZ 2WD Hillclimb Championship are eligible for the NZ Gold Star Hillclimb Challenge, as well as the Gravel Hillclimb Challenge and/or Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Trophies.*

3. *Competitors entered in individual Hillclimb Challenges only are not eligible for the NZ Gold Star Hillclimb Championship or the NZ 2WD Hillclimb Championship.*

5 CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

5.1 All competitors entered into a round of the championship shall be deemed to be registered and will be awarded points.

6 ROUND ENTRY

6.1 Entry to each Round of the Championship shall be made to the Inviting Club(s) of the Round, on MSNZ Possum Online entry system or the clubs official entry form by their specified closing dates with all details completed.

For details about each Round refer to the MotorSport NZ Website - <http://www.hillclimbchampionship.co.nz/>

6.2 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

Organising Club	Date	Round
Hawkes Bay, NI	5 th October 2019 Seal	1 st North Is Qualifying Round Day 1
Marlborough, SI	20 th October 2019 Gravel	1 st South Is Qualifying Round Day 1
RATEC, SI	9 th November 2019 Seal	1 st South Is Qualifying Round Day 2
Wairarapa, NI	24 th November 2019 Gravel	1 st North Is Qualifying Round Day 2
South Taranaki, NI	30 th November 2019 Gravel	2 nd North Is Qualifying Round Day 1
Taranaki, NI	1st December 2019 Seal	2 nd North Is Qualifying Round Day 2
South Otago, SI	25 th January 2020 Gravel	2 nd South Is Qualifying Round Day 1
South Otago, SI	26 th January 2020 Seal	2 nd South Is Qualifying Round Day 2
Pukekohe, NI	15 th February 2020 Seal	Final Round
Pukekohe, NI	16 th February 2020 Gravel	Final Round

6.3 In competing in the Championship all Entrants and Drivers agree to comply with these Articles and the National Sporting Code, including its applicable Appendices and Schedules and the individual event Supplementary Regulations.

6.4 Should the final Round be oversubscribed, preference of entry will be by total qualifying Hillclimb Points, awarded in accordance with Article 7.1 in descending order, with the highest scoring competitor ranked first.

6.5 Force Majeure: If due to Force Majeure, the required number of runs cannot be completed the appointed MotorSport NZ Stewards, after consultation with the Clerk of the Course have the authority to approve the reduction of the minimum requirements.

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

7 POINTS

7.1 Points will be awarded on a Percentage Points System, with Points being calculated in the following manner for each competitor's fastest run:

(a) Identify the "Winners Time" by finding the fastest time. Timing will be recorded to the 100th of a second

(b) Calculate each competitor's points (rounded to two (2) decimal places) using the following formula;

$$\text{Your Points} = (\text{"Winner's Time"} / \text{"Your Fastest Time"}) \times 100.$$

(Example: The winner's time is 200 seconds; your time is 300 seconds. The winner will score $(200/200) \times 100 = 100$ points, while you score $(200/300) \times 100 = 66.67$ points.)

7.1.1 Points shall be awarded in accordance with Article 7.1 above for each Leg. The total number of points accrued from both Legs shall determine the overall Round winner.

7.1.2 If a competitor starting a Hillclimb fails to achieve a time on that Hillclimb, that competitor will be awarded no points for that Leg however, shall be eligible for all points achieved from the other Leg.

7.2 In the event of a tie in the final results of the Championship, the Championship Coordinator will apply the following criteria:

(a) Should a tie exist in the final then the best times of each affected competitor shall be averaged with the title being awarded to the person having the best averaged time.

(b) Should a tie still exist then the Stewards shall refer the matter to MotorSport NZ who shall base its choice of title winner using other such consideration it deems appropriate or it may decide to appoint joint title winners.

8 AWARDS

8.1 The MotorSport NZ title of Gold Star Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest points over the Championship. The Champion shall receive The NZ Hillclimb Championship Cup at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Dinner (Wellington May 2020):

8.2 The MotorSport NZ 2WD Hillclimb Champion shall be awarded to the Driver of the 2WD vehicle gaining the highest points over the Championship. The award for the 2WD Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the final Round of the Championship.

8.3 Sealed Hillclimb: The Sealed Hillclimb Challenge Trophy shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest points over the Sealed Hillclimb Legs of the Championship. The award for the Sealed Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the final Round of the Championship.

8.4 Gravel Hillclimb: The Gravel Hillclimb Challenge Trophy shall be awarded to the Driver gaining the highest points over the Gravel Hillclimb Legs of the Championship. The award for the Gravel Hillclimb Champion shall be presented at the final Round of the Championship.

8.5 Island Champion: There will be a trophy awarded to the driver gaining the highest points in the two (2) qualifying rounds in the Championship held in the Island that isn't hosting the final. The 2019/20 Island Champion will be from the **South** Island Qualifying Rounds.

9 PENALTY SCHEDULE

9.1 Unless specified in this Article, penalties and conditions outlined in Schedule P will apply.

Where a penalty in this Schedule applies then it shall override the equivalent penalty contained in Appendix One, Schedule P. All other sections of Schedule P will continue to apply when not at variance with this table.

Category of Offences	Penalty
Art 10.1 Use of Pace Notes or similar navigational assistance	Exclusion from the Championship Results
Art 10.2 False or Jump Start	The penalty shall be the slowest competitors time on that run (including any penalties that person may have incurred) plus thirty (30) seconds.
Art 10.2 Causing a mistime through collision with the timing equipment	The penalty shall be the slowest competitors time on that run (including any penalties that person may have incurred) plus thirty (30) seconds.
Art 10.2 gaining an unfair advantage by and/or not following the proper course	The penalty shall be the slowest competitors time on that run (including any penalties that person may have incurred) plus thirty (30) seconds.
Art 10.3 No Driver who is entered in a Motorsport NZ Hillclimb Championship Round is permitted to be a passenger in any competing car during the event.	Exclusion from the days results

10 GENERAL

10.1 The use of “Pace Notes” or similar navigation assistance is strictly prohibited and will result in a penalty. If a competitor wishes to use “Pace Notes” or a similar navigation assistance they must notify the Clerk of the Course, and will be excluded from the championship results.

10.2 A penalty shall be incurred for:

- a false or jump start, or
- causing a miss-time through collision with the timing equipment, or
- gaining an unfair advantage by and/or not following the proper course

The Judges of Fact for these items will be listed in the individual event Supplementary Regulations.

10.3 No Driver who is entered in a Motorsport NZ Hillclimb Championship Round is permitted to be a passenger in any competing car during the event.

10.4 The event will consist of one timed Practice run and three (3) official timed runs

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