

# ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2016-17 NZ FORMULA FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP



## Preamble

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

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

- The National Sporting Code (NSC) and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules,
- The Technical Regulations - Schedule V,
- The Event Supplementary Regulations

**A Sanctioning Permit No: 12424 has been issued in the name of MotorSport NZ.**

## 1. INTERPRETATIONS:

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

The “**Championship**” means the MotorSport NZ Formula First Championship for cars complying with Schedule V; 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

“**Round**” means the race meeting at which drivers may score points towards the Championship; 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 by the inviting club.

‘**The Club**’ means the Formula Vee Association of New Zealand (Inc.).

## 2. ELIGIBILITY:

**2.1** All drivers shall hold a C1 Grade Competition Licence or higher 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.*

- 2.2** Eligibility shall be for MotorSport NZ Championship cars complying with the specifications set out in Schedule V issued by MotorSport NZ.
- 2.3** All competitors shall agree to submit their vehicle to eligibility / safety scrutineering as and when required by the appointed Championship Scrutineer and/or MotorSport NZ Technical Officer. Any costs incurred during disassembly of components shall be met and accepted by the Competitor.
- 2.4** All drivers shall be financial members of the Club or any MotorSport NZ affiliated Club.

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

### **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 Formula First Championship Coordinators:**

Robin Bennett	021 952 536	robin@salonwarehouse.co.nz
Dom Kalasih	0274 414 309	Dom.kalasih@z.co.nz

Who are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport NZ to:

- (a) Deal with all administrative matters including receiving all Round entries.
- (b) Liaise with Inviting Clubs on all matters pertaining to these Articles.
- (c) Have discretionary power to act in the capacity as a Competitor Relations Officer (as detailed in National Sporting Code, Article 88) for the Championship Competitors.
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles.

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.

#### **3.1.2 Formula First Championship Secretary:**

<b>Address:</b>	Stephanie Harris P.O. Box 2, Feilding
<b>Phone Home:</b>	06 323 5237
<b>Phone Bus:</b>	06 323 7204
<b>Fax No:</b>	06 323 8162
<b>Mobile Phone No:</b>	0272 635 947
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#### **3.1.3 Formula First Championship Scrutineers:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Scrutineer Licence</b>
Ian Foster	054957Y
Dom Kalasih	952668Y
Dave Scammell	912584Y

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

- (a) Undertake Safety Audits on cars entered in Rounds of the Formula First Series in accordance with the requirements of Appendix Two, Schedule A, as they pertain to Formula First (Formula Vee).
- (b) Complete a Safety Audit Worksheet at each Round of the Series and report their findings to the Event Chief Scrutineer.

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 will comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	22-23 October 2016	Manfeild Autocourse	Manawatu Car Club
2	19-20 November 2016	BMMP Taupo	Taupo Car Club
3	28-29 January 2017	Hampton Downs	MotorSport NZ
4	4-5 February 2017	BMMP Taupo	MotorSport NZ
5	18-19 February 2017	Manfeild Autocourse	Manawatu Car Club
6	TBA March 2017	TBA	TBA
7	25-26 March 2017	Hampton Downs	Historic Racing Club
8	15-16 April 2017	BMMP Taupo	Taupo Car Club

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 power to award any title.

#### 5. ROUND FORMAT:

- 5.1 **Testing:** Testing sessions will be available to drivers prior to any Round subject to availability and track hire charges set by the Inviting Club.
- 5.2 **Qualifying:** For all Rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of not less than 15 minutes duration.
- 5.3 **Race format:** At all Rounds there will be three (3) Races.
- 5.4 **Races:** At Manfeild, Pukekohe and Hampton Downs each Race will be of eight(8) laps duration. At Taupo each Race will be of six(6) laps duration.
- 5.5 **Race Starting Procedures:** All starts will be a standing start in accordance with the provisions of Appendix 4, Schedule Z. If at any round the maximum grid density allowed under the circuit licence is exceeded the grid will be reduced to the correct amount by excluding the appropriate number of slowest qualifying cars from Article 5.2 above.
- 5.6 **Race Starting Positions:** Starting positions for all Races will be determined by the fastest lap times achieved, fastest cars being to the front, from Qualifying and/or subsequent Races.
- 5.7 At all Rounds, the Championship Coordinator in conjunction with the Event Director or Clerk of the Course, and/or the Stewards of the Meeting, reserves the right to shorten and/or cancel practice / Qualifying sessions and/or races in the case of force majeure.

## 6. TICKET ALLOCATION:

6.1 Ticket allocation for each round will be four(4).

## 7. TIMEKEEPING:

7.1 Timing will be done by AMB Timing. All competitors must have the relevant timing transponder fitted at all times during qualifying and races.

**Note:** *Transponders are available from:*

- *AMB: [www.mylaps.com](http://www.mylaps.com)*
- *Speed Supplies: Ph Grant Ryan 04 589 0003*
- *Motorcycling NZ: Ph 07 828 7852*

7.2 Transponders shall be installed as detailed in Schedule Z, Article 10.14.

7.2.1 Transponders must not be modified.

7.3 All transponders must be registered with the meeting Organiser.

## 8. PENALTIES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS:

8.1 Penalties shall be applied in accordance with the prescribed articles of NSC Part VIII - Penalties.

8.2 Any protest or appeal should be lodged in accordance with the NSC and the Competitor shall advise the Series Coordinator and the Competitor Relations Officer (where appointed for the Meeting).

8.3 Competitors/ Entrants have the right to lodge a Protest/s in accordance with NSC Part IX – Protests.

8.4 Competitors/ Entrants have the right to lodge an Appeal in accordance with NSC Part XI – Appeals.

## 9. CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY:

9.1 Entry into the Championship shall be made on the Championship Entry Form as provided with these Articles 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.

9.2 Entry to each Round of the Championship (which is separate to the Championship entry) shall be made to the Championship Secretary on the official entry form and are to be received at least fourteen(14) days prior to the Round.

9.3 For all Rounds, except Rounds 3 and 4, the entry fee is \$375.00 (GST inclusive). For some Rounds this entry fee includes a \$20.00 loading to cover additional expenses that will be collected by the Formula Vee Association. Cheques should be made payable to **Formula Vee Association of New Zealand Inc (FVANZ)**. The bank account for direct credit is 03-0626-0116531-00.

9.3.1 For Rounds 3 and 4, the entry fee is \$500.00 (GST inclusive). This includes Friday testing.

**9.3.2** The Championship Coordinator has the right to decline accepting an entry if an entrant or driver has outstanding (unpaid) entry fees corresponding to any earlier completed rounds, as provided for under Article 25 of the National Sporting Code.

**9.4** Competitors are required to give the Championship Coordinator a minimum of ten(10) working days notice of withdrawal or non-attendance at any Championship Round entered by that competitor as indicated on the Championship Entry form.

**9.5** The Championship Co-ordinator may consider the acceptance of late entries provided the entry is lodged in full conformity with entry requirements and is accompanied by an additional late entry fee of 50% of the entry fee (inclusive of GST).

## **10. CONDITION OF ENTRY:**

**10.1** The Competitor, by entering the Championship, is deemed to be in acceptance of these Championship Articles as they are presented, and shall be at all times responsible for the presentation of their competing vehicle with respect to safety requirements under Schedule A, and eligibility requirements under Schedule V.

**10.2** The Competitor, by entering the Championship, is deemed to be in acceptance of, and will at all times comply with, any specific requirements of the official Championship Sponsor, as detailed within these articles.

**10.3** The Club reserves the right to accept or decline entries into the Championship as per NSC 21.

## **11. POINTS:**

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	75	11 <sup>th</sup>	30	21 <sup>st</sup>	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	67	12 <sup>th</sup>	28	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	60	13 <sup>th</sup>	26	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8
4 <sup>th</sup>	54	14 <sup>th</sup>	24	24 <sup>th</sup>	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	49	15 <sup>th</sup>	22	25 <sup>th</sup>	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	45	16 <sup>th</sup>	20	26 <sup>th</sup>	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	42	17 <sup>th</sup>	18	27 <sup>th</sup>	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	39	18 <sup>th</sup>	16	28 <sup>th</sup>	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	36	19 <sup>th</sup>	14	29 <sup>th</sup>	2
10 <sup>th</sup>	33	20 <sup>th</sup>	12	30 <sup>th</sup>	1

**11.1.1** Points will only be allocated to current members of The Club. Drivers who are not current members of The Club are not eligible for points in the Championship.

## **12. AWARDS:**

**12.1** The MotorSport NZ title of NZ Formula First Champion shall be awarded to the driver gaining the highest aggregate points overall from all Rounds constituting the Championship.

The champion will receive the Formula First Championship Trophy (to be held for approximately one year) at the MotorSport NZ Annual Awards Dinner.

### 13. PARC FERME:

- 13.1 At the conclusion of any qualifying session or race, Drivers, upon directive from either the Technical Manager or his appointed Technical Officer, may be required to drive their competing vehicle directly (without any pit crew intervention at all) from the track to the designated Parc Fermé. The location of Parc Fermé will be notified on the official notice board of the meeting.

**Note:** *Drivers should ensure that they and all their team personnel are familiar with the Parc Fermé regulations and limitations as detailed in the National Sporting Code Article 60.*

- 13.2 No intervention of any kind is permitted whilst the vehicle is in Parc Fermé unless specifically authorised by the Technical Manager or his appointed Technical Officer(s).

### 14. DECALS:

#### 14.1 Vehicle Identification and required advertising:

- (1) Entry into the Championship is conditional upon correct decal, overall patch and **official competition number set** placement according to the illustration shown on the inside front cover of this portfolio.
- (2) All decals on the sides of cars shall be placed as high as practically possible and on vertical surfaces.
- (3) In addition to any Championship decal requirements Competitors are obligated to display any decals as instructed by the Championship Coordinator.
- (4) The Championship Coordinator will advise the Event Director/Clerk of the Course of Competitors who fail to comply with correct decal, overall patch and official competition number set placement. Such referrals shall result in the loss of practice times or exclusion from race results whichever is appropriate.
- (4) No protests shall lie between drivers and/or entrants, on the irregularity of wearing, placement or positioning of sponsors decals on vehicles or elsewhere as contained in these articles.
- (5) Under no circumstances shall the driver and/or entrant, manager or any of their team communicate with any Championship Sponsor without gaining permission to do so from the Championship Coordinator or her designated representative.

### 15. DATA ACQUISITION AND IN-CAR CAMERAS:

- 15.1 Any in-car camera and/or data acquisition information recorded shall be made available to Event Officials or Championship Officials upon request. Such recordings or data 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.