



2023 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA NSW MOTOR RACE CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTING REGULATIONS

The 2023 NSW MRC Sporting Regulations will incorporate Motorsport Australia Return to Race Covid-19 Safety Protocols in line with current applicable State legislation. Further details will be made available in applicable Supplementary Regulations.

CHAPTER 1 - ADMINISTRATION

1.1 TITLE

(i) The Championship shall be known and referred to as the “2023 Motorsport Australia NSW Motor Race Championship”, referred to as the “Championship” in this document

(ii) The Championship will comprise the following category championships:

- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW Formula Ford Championship (See Attachment A)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW HQ Holden Racing NSW Championship, (See Attachment C)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW Production Sports Car Championship, (See Attachment D)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW Improved Production over 2 litre Championship, (See Attachment E)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW Improved Production under 2 litre Championship, (See Attachment E)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia Kumho Tyre NSW Sports Sedan Championship, (See Attachment G)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia “TBA” NSW Production Touring Championship, (See Attachment H)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW Formula Vee Championship, (See Attachment I)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia Industrie Clothing NSW SuperSports Championship, (See Attachment J)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW SuperKart Championship (See Attachment K)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW Formula Race Car Championship (See Attachment L)
- 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW RX-8 Cup Championship

The Championship will also include races for the following non-championship categories:

- Other invited categories

1.2 AUTHORITY

(i) The Championship will be conducted under the FIA International Sporting Code, including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR's) 'General Requirements for Cars & Drivers' and the Race Meeting Standing Regulations of Motorsport Australia, these Sporting Regulations as approved by Motorsport Australia, the Supplementary Regulations published by the organiser of each event and any further regulations which may be issued.

(ii) The Championship is recognised as a State Championship in accordance with The NCRs. Motorsport Australia reserve the right at any time to amend these regulations, which, in normal circumstances, will be advised to competitors and organisers in good time. In order to be awarded a State Championship status, a minimum average of 10 point-scoring competitors must run at each round.

(iii) No other Championship/Series, competitions or races may be run in conjunction with the Championship unless the NSW Motor Race Panel has been consulted and approval given by the NSW State Executive.

(iv). Categories may schedule one (or two in special circumstances) round of their NSW State Championship outside the dedicated program providing they have achieved the consent of the MRP, and provided any such rounds are conducted under a Motorsport Australia permit

1.3 IDENTIFICATION

(i) By entering the Championship, persons and corporations agree to refer to it only by its full title "The 2023 Motorsport Australia NSW Motor Race Championship". Any advertising matter must include the full title. It is the responsibility of the Competitors and their sponsors to ensure that this requirement is met.

1.4 ELIGIBLE CARS

(i) All competing cars must comply with the provisions of the eligibility sections of the categories appendix as attached. All cars must be the subject of a current logbook issued by Motorsport Australia. All competing cars must be presented in a neat and tidy condition and show minimal signs of previous damage. Cars that are determined to be ineligible will be excluded from the session (race or qualifying) in which the ineligibility was detected (or the session before if the eligibility infringement was proven between sessions).

(ii) The onus of proof of vehicle eligibility rests with the individual competitor at all times, in accordance with the NCR's.

(iii). Only those vehicles that have satisfactorily completed a pre-race audit for targeted scrutiny will be permitted to compete.

1.5 ELIGIBLE DRIVERS

- (i) To be able to score points towards their chosen Championship, Drivers in any round of the Championship must have registered for the Championship and paid any applicable fee and must hold at the minimum of a current Motorsport Australia PCC Provisional Clubman Circuit License.
- (ii) Drivers must also adhere to any special conditions applicable to each category as noted in the appropriate Appendix.
- (iii) The Competitor for each car is responsible for ensuring that all persons associated with the entry are familiar with and adhere to all relevant regulations and obey all reasonable instructions of the race meeting officials.

1.6 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

- (i) The Championship will be conducted over eight two-day rounds.
- (ii) The rounds of the 2022 Championship will be as per the following:

Round One	Winton	March 4/5
Round Two	SMSP	April 15/16
Round Three	SMSP	May 27/28
Round Four	SMSP	July 8 (Day/Night)
Round Five	SMSP	August 12 (Day/Night)
Round Six	SMSP	October 28/29

1.7 CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORSHIP/TELEVISION COVERAGE

- (i) Should a Championship Sponsor be appointed for one or more rounds of the Championship, some rounds may be televised.
- (ii) Competitors will be advised by separate communication of the requirements for display of sponsorship material (irrespective of television coverage or not). Failure to meet these requirements or the specific category requirements as listed in the appropriate index shall render the Driver ineligible for points at any rounds where the requirements have not been met.
- (iii) Should in-car cameras be supplied as part of any television coverage, it is compulsory to display such sponsor sticker within the cockpit/cabin so as to be visible without obstruction to the camera view.
- (iv) Competitors are to ensure that all sponsorship material is applied to the vehicle prior to the commencement of practice/qualifying. A snap audit may be conducted at any time during a Championship round.
- (v) Negotiation for broadcast rights for any Motorsport Australia Championship remain under Motorsport Australia and requires Motorsport Australia approval.
- (vi) A State Championship will only be referred to as the 'Motorsport Australia (Sponsor) (State e.g. Victoria) (Category Name) Championship';

1.8 CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL

- (i) *Championship Coordinator* –
The Championship Coordinator is the primary contact for the Championship and is the Chair of the NSW Motor Race Panel. For 2023 this is Darren Barlow ph. 0439 044 128.

- (ii) **Category Eligibility Officers**
The Category Eligibility Officers shall be nominated for each category within the Championship and are detailed in each appendix; they carry out their duties under the direction of the Chief Scrutineer.
- (iii) **Driving Standards Advisers**
Championship Driving Standards Advisers (DSO) may be nominated by the Motor Race Panel to observe driving standards and act as coach and are to report incidents as appropriate to the Clerk of Course at each meeting. DSA's may assist the Competitor Relations Officer with discussing a Driver's driving behaviour, without prejudice to any party. The 2023 Championship DSA is TBA.
- (iv) **Championship Steward**
Motorsport Australia will appoint a senior Steward to act as Championship Steward for all rounds in 2023. The Championship Steward for 2023 is Dennis Willis ph 0402 046 176
- (v) **Championship Competitor Relations Officer**
Motorsport Australia will appoint a senior official to act as Championship CRO for all rounds in 2023. The CRO for 2022 is TBA.
- (vi) **Category Contact**
Each Category is to provide contact details for a category representative to be contactable during race meetings. Details including at least two mobile phone numbers are to be provided to the Clerk of Course before the drivers briefing.

1.9 CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORY CONTACT DETAILS

(i) All enquiries about any aspect of the Championship Category contacts should be directed to the Championship Coordinator or the nominated Category Contacts, as listed - .

- Formula Vee – John McDonald 0418 323 500
- Formula Ford – Jeff Senior 0412 580 620
- Improved Production – Gary Cook – 0419 411 282
- Production Touring – Garry Mennell
- Sports Sedans – Chris Jackson 0409 209 480
- SuperSports– Darren Barlow 0439 044 128
- Production Sports – Arthur Magaitis 0419 987 780
- HQ – Chris Molle 0418 109 215
- Superkarts – John Pellicano 0417 313 331
- Formula Race Cars – Greg Muddle 0432 890 708

- RX-8 Cup – Ric Shaw 0418 649 320

1.10 PASSES

(i) At each round of the Championship, the organiser is requested to provide a minimum of four (4) passes and 2 vehicle-passes (or one pass if additional passes are available at the gate to allow a second vehicle to drop off parts etc.) for each competitor. They are also requested to provide each category with 4 passes to be distributed at the category's discretion. They are also asked to provide passes for the DSA and the CRO.

1.11 COMPETITOR/COMPETITOR CONDUCT & PENALTIES

(i) The use or offering of violence or threatening language by any means towards any official or Driver or other person at, arising from, or during the course of any meeting or in the

environs of any track used for the meeting shall be deemed as prejudicial to the interests of the Championship and to the Competition. Any such incident shall be referred to the Stewards of the Meeting. Any Driver/competitor penalized by the Stewards for the aforementioned misconduct shall, in addition, to any penalties imposed by the stewards of the meeting, not be awarded Championship points or trophies for the meeting that the indiscretion took place.

(ii) Stewards are hereby empowered to deduct championship points as part of or all of a penalty, at their discretion.

(iii) Standard Penalties are to apply for all rounds of the Championship, specifically:

- False Start – as per the false start penalty specified in the Motorsport Australia 2023 Manual

(iv) Application of any penalties in clauses (i) to (iii) above will in no way preclude any additional action from the normal Motorsport Australia judicial process.

1.12 MOTOR RACE CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

(i) The NSW Motor Race Panel wishes to promote safe competition avoiding car-to-car contact. All drivers must familiarise themselves with Section 7 of the Race Meeting Standing Regulations which is located at <https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual>

(ii) The following are guidelines that should be adhered to:

- a) No weaving on the straight
- b) No blocking on the straight
- c) No repeated blocking in corners.
- d) It is the responsibility of the car performing an overtaking manoeuvre to do so in a safe manner, do not expect the car in front to give way if you are only part way past.
- e) Care must be taken when re-entering the track.

(iii) A report may be given by the Driving Standards Observers to the Clerk of Course notifying the Clerk of Course of any drivers who have not adhered to the provisions of Section 7 or the above guidelines. This report will list drivers involved in any dangerous or unsportsmanlike procedures and will request the Clerk of Course to pay special attention to these drivers.

CHAPTER 2 - RACE MEETINGS

2.1 ENTRY TO RACE MEETINGS

- i. Entry shall be made via an on-line system at both SMSP and Winton Raceway, or by an alternative “paper” system (for SMSP, please contact the ARDC). Once the event Supp Regs are available (requested at least 8 weeks prior to the event), the organiser is asked to:
 - Load the Regs and the paper Entry Form onto their website.
 - Send an email to all relevant competitors on the database to advise that entry is open.

- Send an email to the nominated category organizer to advise entry is now open.
- ii. Organisers are requested to adhere to the following schedule:
 - a. Event Supp Regs/Entry Forms to drivers/category organizer/on website – at least 8 weeks before event
 - b. Official Closing Date – not more than 2 weeks before event
 - c. On closing date, or a minimum of 5 days before the event, email all competitors with entry confirmation, schedule and link to Further Regs.
 - iii. Competitors entering by any alternative (non-online) system should follow the instructions of the organizing club/circuit.
 - iv. Organisers are asked to leave entry tickets at the circuit entry point before the gates open on the Friday private practice and allow drivers to leave spare tickets for pit crew/family members who may arrive at any time during the weekend.
 - v. Category representatives should by 8/2/2023 send the organisers a category email list of all people to be advised of event entry. If not, they will be responsible for advising possible competitor that entries are open.
 - vi. Organisers Responsibilities - by running a round or rounds of the NSW State Championship the organiser agrees to abide by these regulations.
 - vii. Organisers are asked to use the following table when scheduling 2023 rounds, so that each category gets some early, some intermediate and some late starts over the rounds they attend.

Enduros are to be scheduled either anytime in the morning, or last on the Sunday afternoon; in both cases the category pre-requisites (e.g. driver and co-driver short races) need to be scheduled before the Enduro itself. How this is done is up to the person developing the round schedule.

Supersports will run on the Saturday only wherever possible, and Superkarts or Production Sports on the Sunday only, so qualifying and all races occur on the one day for those categories. As a result, they need to be scheduled very early in the sequence, and more regularly than 2-day categories.

				Day / Night Prac Session	Day / Night Prac Session	
2023 NSW MRC Calendar				Day / Night Race Mtg	Day / Night Race Mtg	
Round	1	2	3	4	5	6
Date	March 4/5	April 15/16	May 27/28	Jul-08	Aug-12	Oct 28/29
Track	Winton	SMP - GP	SMP - GP	SMP - GP	SMP Druiitt confirmed	SMP - GP
Formula Ford	x	X	x		x	x
Formula Vee	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sports Sedans	x	x		x		x
Prod Sports		x enduro	x (Sun)	x enduro?		
SuperSports Cars		x (Sat)	x (Sat)	x		x (Sat)
Imp Prod Under		x	x	x	x	
Imp Prod Over		x	x	x	x	
HQ Holdens	x		x	x	x	x
Prod Touring	x enduro		x	x enduro?	x	x enduro
Superkarts		X (Sun)		X	X	x (Sun)
Formula Cars	x	x	x		x	x
RX8			x			X (enduro)
Additional Category		T86				
Total Categories	6.5		10.5	10	10	8

2.2 SCRUTINY

(i) Targeted scrutiny will be mandatory for all Championship rounds, with vehicles being inspected at the interval specified in the current Targeted Scrutiny Regulations. The Chief Scrutineer, or his nominee, will identify the vehicles entered for a given meeting to be subjected to the Targeted audit. The Chief Scrutineer will give the Driver notice at the time of documentation checking which vehicles will be required for audit and will nominate a time for **the subject vehicle to be presented to the scrutineering bay, or inspection in their garage.** Failure to present for the said audit without prior consultation with the Chief Scrutineer will result in charges under the appropriate NCR's.

(ii) NOTE: notwithstanding the above, a vehicle entered for competition and/or racing apparel may be checked at ANY TIME during a Championship race meeting without prior notice being given, at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineers and/or the Stewards and/or the Clerk of Course.

2.3 GRID POSITIONS

(i) Grid positions, unless specified differently in category appendices, will be determined as follows:

- First Race: based on times from the official qualifying session(s).
- Further races: Sprint Races - by the finishing order of the previous race, followed by the non-finishers in the order of the number of laps completed.
- Further Races: Enduros or handicap races – as specified in the relevant Category Appendix, and/or event Supplementary Regulations
- Any Driver failing to start a race may start the next race from the rear of grid. Should more than one Driver be affected in this way then their starting order will be determined from qualifying times for the first race.

(ii) All drivers are advised to familiarise themselves with Section 5 of the CRMR (available at www.Motorsport_Australiamanual.com.au), and the Supplementary and Further Regulations as applicable to each round of the Championships.

2.4 DRIVERS BRIEFING

(i) Compulsory driver's briefings will be held at each round of the Championship at a time and location to be nominated in Regulations for the Meeting. Any driver failing to attend and sign-on at the briefing will incur a fine of at least \$100, unless negated by the Stewards of the meeting in exceptional circumstances.

- (ii) Other category drivers' briefings may be called at any time, and where attendance is compulsory, notification of such briefings shall be by bulletin issued by the Secretary of the Meeting. Should any subsequent compulsory briefings be called, non-attendance at these briefings will also incur penalties equivalent to that described above.

2.5 PRIVATE PRACTICE

(i) Practice prior to the NSW Motor Race Championship meeting is not part of the championship. However private practice providers are requested to restrict practice on the preceding Friday to Motor Race Championship Drivers or their representatives and to Drivers undertaking their Observed Licence Test that day. Organisers are also requested to combine as many "compatible" categories together as possible, given the categories running at any particular round. Listed below are the combinations most likely to occur, although entrant numbers may necessitate changes:

- Formula Race Cars and SuperSports
- Formula Vee and Formula Fords
- SuperKarts (as a guide more than 10 karts required to be have sessions allocated)
- Production Sports Cars and Sports Sedans
- Improved Production over 2 litres and Improved Production under 2 litres
- Production Touring and HQ Holden

(ii) Organisers are requested to limit session times to a maximum of 15 minutes including any red flag and recovery time. Non-championship categories should be scheduled in to championship categories, once the approximate number of cars in each practice group is known.

(iii) ~~Organisers are also requested to provide a position or session for Drivers to conduct practice starts.~~

2.6 ENTRIES GREATER THAN TRACK DENSITY

Subject to the provisions of the NCRs where the number of Drivers exceeds the track racing density of a circuit they shall, in conjunction with the race meeting organiser, be culled according to the following procedure: -

- a) Priority determined by championship registration status (Registered Drivers are given priority; Non-registered Drivers are to be culled first),
- b) Vehicles that are not eligible for championship point score,
- c) The Class with the highest entries on that day will lose the slowest car based on their best race time at that circuit, then
- d) The Class with the next highest entries will lose the slowest car based on their best race time at that circuit, and
- e) The Class with the next highest entries will lose the slowest car based on their best race time at that circuit,
- f) And so on, in rotation, until the required track density is achieved noting that the organiser may accept up to 10% more entries for qualifying purposes than is permitted for racing.

2.7 QUALIFYING

(i) Unless otherwise approved by Motorsport Australia, qualifying will consist of one session scheduled for each category (or as specified in Category Appendices). The organisers are requested to limit the qualifying session to 15 minutes. The Clerk of Course at a race meeting is requested to use their discretion, as provided in the Motorsport Australia RMSR section 5.2, to allow drivers (who may not have met qualifying requirements) to run. It is requested that the only drivers who should be excluded are PC drivers new to the circuit.

2.8 RACES

(i) Category specific – refer to individual Category Appendices. Timed races (ie a number of minutes instead of a number of laps) may be utilised at any race meeting in 2023.

(ii) If due to unexpected circumstances, some of the last races must be cancelled, then these races should, if practicable, be scheduled at a later meeting, preferably on the same circuit.

(iii) Yellow Flags during a race – drivers are reminded that there is to be no overtaking in sectors where the yellow flag(s) is being shown.

2.9 STARTING PROCEDURE

(i) The starting procedure will be a standing start or rolling start (both non-championship) procedure as specified in the Race Meeting Standing Regulations in the 2023 Motorsport Australia Manual of Motor Sport.

(ii) For standing starts, cars that fall behind during the warmup/sighting lap are to be allowed to safely regain their correct position, as specified in RMSR 6.4 (i) UNLESS they are at the rear of the “train” and the grid is already set. In this case, they must be directed by the grid marshals to start from rear of grid.

(iii) Any changes to the start procedure will be specified in the meeting Supplementary Regulations and approved by Motorsport Australia or their representatives.

2.10 PARC FERME

(i) Parc ferme requirements are category-based and are shown in the relevant Appendix.

2.11 SAFETY CAR

(i) Organisers are requested to utilise a Safety Car for Motor Race Championship meeting. The Safety Car will be used in accordance with the Race Meeting Standing Regulations. Refer to Clause 6.14 of the 2023 Motorsport Australia Race Meeting Standing Regulations (available [HERE](#)).

(ii) Competitors are reminded that it is their responsibility to do the following if the Safety Car is in use:

- Safely catch up to the car in front as soon as possible (if this is not achievable due to a mechanical problem, a driver **must** pull right off the track or enter pitlane).
- Then maintain a maximum separation of five (5) car lengths whilst in the Safety Car “train”; again, if this is not possible pull right off the track or enter pitlane.

2.12 LAST LAP BOARD

- (i) The Last Lap board is to be shown for all races in the Championship. NOTE: an inadvertent omission to show the Last Lap Board will under no circumstances constitute any race being declare a “no race” or be permitted to form the basis of any protest.

2.13 POSTPONEMENTS AND FORCE MAJEURE

(i) Each organiser reserves the right to postpone, abandon or cancel their round or race, or vary the length of time of the race in consultation with the stewards of the meeting. Any such variations shall be in accordance with the NCR's of Motorsport Australia.

(ii) If a Meeting/Round is unable to be held due to force majeure an additional Round may be held on an alternative date within 2021 at any circuit that has been allocated 2020 NSW Championship rounds.

CHAPTER 3 - AWARDS AND POINTSCORES

3.1 Motorsport Australia AWARDS DINNER

- (i) Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd outright and / or individual class winners for each category shall be presented at the Motorsport Australia Motorsport Australia NSW Motor Sport Awards Dinner (scheduled for the evening of TBA).

3.2 CLASS WINNERS AWARDS

- (i) Refer to each category appendix for details of other awards.

CHAPTER 4 - TECHNICAL

4.1 SIGNS AND MARKINGS

(i) All competing cars must comply with the signage provisions of Schedule K in the Motorsport Australia Manual of Motor Sport, but religious reasons may be submitted for exemption for certain decals.

(ii) All cars are required to carry the Championship identification and/or corporate sponsors decals as approved and supplied by NSW Motor Race Panel and be positioned as specified and indicated in Schedule K of the Motorsport Australia Motorsport Australia Standard Requirements in the 2023 Motorsport Australia Motorsport Australia Manual.

4.2 TYRES

- (i) See appropriate appendix for tyre regulations for each category.

4.3 IN-CAR CAMERAS

- (i) In-car cameras are permitted in accordance with the Motorsport Australia Motorsport Australia rules in force at the date of the event. In all cases, there must be a secondary restraint system installed which must be able to prevent the camera from falling off in the event the primary (normal) mounting fails. In car cameras are recommended for all competitors to assist as required with judicial issues.

4.4 TIMING

- (i) All competing cars are required to be fitted with an operating Dorian Data 1 electronic timing transmitter during scrutiny and all sessions on the track. The transmitter **must** be located as directed in the Motorsport Australia Motorsport Australia Car Recognition Documents and must be fully charged at the start of each meeting, otherwise the vehicle may receive a mechanical black flag and not be permitted to re-enter the circuit until it is proven that the Data 1 unit is fitted and operating properly.