



ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2018 Mainland Rally Championship

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PREAMBLE

These following Articles are those governing the 2018 Mainland Rally Championship for entrants; drivers and co-drivers of rally cars.

The Championship is organised and held in accordance with the Motorsport NZ National Sporting Code, Appendix Three Schedule R, being the Standing Regulations for all Rallies, these Articles and any Supplementary Regulations applicable to and issued by the organisers of each round of the Championship.

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ARTICLE 1 – INTERPRETATION

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

~~The Championship~~ means the ~~2018~~ Mainland Rally Championship; and the ~~Coordinator~~ is committee of the Mainland Rally Series.

~~Round Organiser~~ means the MotorSport NZ member club organising a Rally which is a round of the Championship; and

~~MotorSport NZ~~ means MotorSport New Zealand Incorporated; and

~~National Sporting Code~~ means MotorSport NZ's National Sporting Code; and

~~Round~~ means each Rally the results of which qualify for points in the Championship.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTS

To promote and encourage competitors to participate in a Championship within their locality, aimed at increasing their profile prior to contesting events at a higher level.

To create worthwhile individual sponsorship opportunities, within an enjoyable and relaxed competition in the spirit of rallying.

ARTICLE 3 – ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Entrants / Drivers / Co-drivers

3.1.1 All drivers, co-drivers and entrants in the Championship must be a current financial member of any MotorSport NZ member club. If the entrant, as defined in the National Sporting Code, of a competing vehicle is also the driver, only one membership is required. All entrants, drivers and co-drivers must satisfy the entry requirements of each Round Organiser.

3.1.2 To qualify for the Championship points, the registered Driver and registered Co-driver must reside in the South Island. (see note 3.1.4)

Note: The Mainland Championship judges of fact shall retain the right of determination as to whether a registered driver resides in the South Island. Any competitor may seek clarification from them prior to lodging event entry.

3.1.3 Competitors who are not registered to receive points in terms of Article 6 will be deemed "non-existent" for the purposes of points allocation and all registered competitors shall have their placings improved accordingly.

3.1.4 We shall allow either the driver or navigator to live outside of the South Island providing they have been a previous mainland registered competitor, the other registered person and the vehicle must reside in the South Island.

3.2 Vehicles

Eligibility shall be for rally cars complying with the specifications set out in the current Motorsport Manual Appendix Two, Schedule A.

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3.3 Classes

3.3.1 The following classes will be recognised for the Championship:

Class A	2WD 0-1300cc
Class B	2WD 1301-1600cc
Class C	2WD 2001cc and over . see class G
Class D	4WD
Class E	Pre 96 4WD . see separate technical compliance [#]
Class F	2WD Classic . see separate technical compliance [*]
Class G	2WD 1601- 2000 . NEW CLASS SUBJECT TO ENTRIES

Class E – Eligibility:

- See separate compliance schedule attached to these articles.

3.3.2 It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the correct class is entered on the Round entry form and the result sheet.

3.3.3 The Coordinators reserve the right to amalgamate classes if necessary, due to low numbers of competitors in a class or classes.

NB: Only one class may be entered at any one time

ARTICLE 4 – CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

4.1 The Championship for 2018 shall comprise the following Rounds:

Rounds	2017 Dates	Location	Club
1	17th March	Greymouth	Westland
2	14 – 15th April	Otago (Saturday only MRS)	OSCC
3	3th June	Canterbury	Autosport
4	23rd June	Sth Canterbury	Timaru
5	14th July	Nelson Rally	Nelson
6	11th August	Catlin Rally	ESCC
7	1st September	Hanmer	Autosport

All dates are provisional as of 1st January 2018 to be confirmed

ARTICLE 5 – CHAMPIONSHIP PERSONNEL

At each Round, the Mainland Rally Series (MRS) will be represented by:

- one of the MRS Committee members
- or their agent.

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The MRS representative shall have the authority of a Series Co-ordinator set out in the National Sporting Code, and who is responsible for and authorised on the Mainland Rally Championship's behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all administration matters pertaining to the Championship, and:
- (b) Record and publish all Championship points schedules, and
- (c) Liaise with Round Organisers on all matters pertaining to these Articles, and
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the Championship, and
- (e) Act where possible in the capacity as Competitor Relations Officers (as detailed in National Sporting Code Article 88) for the Championship competitors, and
- (f) Manage all publicity for the Championship.

(a) CHAMPIONSHIP SEEDING OFFICER'S

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Who shall provide guidance to Round Organisers on competitor seeding, we can only go on previous results so any major upgrades please tell us.

ARTICLE 6 - CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY / REGISTRATION

6.1 Drivers / Co-drivers

- 6.1.1 Registration for the Championship is to be made on the Championship registration form provided with these Articles and must be sent to the Championship Administrator.
- 6.1.2 Competitors should register prior to the event they wish to start scoring points from, however you must enter prior to the third round and have entered 3 MRS events to qualify.
- 6.1.3 Registration for the Championship will become effective from the date of receipt of registration form by the Championship Administrator / Secretary

Note: Points for the Championship will only be awarded for Rounds entered after the date of receipt of registration

- 6.1.4 Registration Fee: Drivers and Co-drivers are required to register for the Championship, its \$50 to join for 2018. (Entry of Driver/ Entrant. Codrivers only need to register details) Information will only be emailed . there will be no information sent by post.
- 6.1.5 A first time entrant in the Mainland Series is able to join for free.
- 6.1.6 Entry for each Round of the Championship is to be made on the Round Organiser's event entry form.
- 6.1.7 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain the necessary entry forms for each Round and complete them in accordance with the Supplementary Regulations for that Round.

- 6.1.7 By entering the Championship all entrants, drivers and co-drivers agree to comply with these Articles and the National Sporting Code and thereby become eligible for the awards and other benefits available under these Articles.

ARTICLE 7 – DETERMINATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

7.1 Number of Rounds

The Championship shall comprise 7 Rounds,
Overall - The best of 6 from 7 rounds for overall Mainland Series Championship
Class - The best 5 from 7 for the class Mainland Series Championship.

In the event of one round being cancelled the championship will become :
Overall 5 from 6, Class 5 from 6, if any more rounds are cancelled the championship will be from all rounds run.

Note that Drivers and Co-drivers points ARE NOT transferable between classes.

- 7.1.1 Should a driver/co-driver change classes during the season, points from both classes shall be accumulated towards overall Drivers/Co-drivers Points.

- 7.1.2 The Coordinator reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds due to "force majeure" without affecting in any way its power to award any title.

7.2 Points

- (a) Points for Overall are based on overall placing in each round and will be allocated to the Drivers and Co-Drivers in accordance with the following scale:

Place	Points	Place	points
1st	30	11th	12
2nd	26	12th	11
3rd	23	13th	10
4th	20	14th	9
5th	18	15th	8
6th	17	16th	7
7th	16	17th	6
8th	15	18th	5
9th	14	19th	4
10th	13	20th	3

- (b) Points for each class are based on placing in each round and will be allocated to the Drivers and Co-Drivers in accordance with the following scale:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	20	8th	9
2nd	16	9th	8
3rd	14	10th	7
4th	13	11th	6
5th	12	12th	5
6th	11	13th	4
7th	10	14th	3

- (c) 2 points for both overall and class to all other registered drivers and co-drivers who start in each class.

Note: A %Start+in the event is as defined in the National Sporting Code.

7.3 Determination of Ties

7.3.1 Should a "dead heat" occur in any round of the Championship, the points allocated to the position "dead heated" and the next following position(s) in the Rally will be added together and equally divided between the competitors concerned.

7.3.2 In the event of a "tie" in the final points tally of the Championship for any placing, the best placing shall be determined by reference to the greater number of superior positions won in the various categories from which the points derive (e.g. the number of first places, then the number of second places etc.).

7.3.3 In the event that the previous paragraphs (7.3.2 and 7.3.3) above prove ineffective in determining a winner, then the Coordinator shall, after taking into account such considerations as they deem to be desirable, either declare a winner or declare two or more competitors (as may be appropriate) to be the equal winners of the Championship or class.

ARTICLE 8 - AWARDS

8.1 Titles - Drivers

(a) Championship Award. This title shall be awarded to the registered driver nominated on the Championship **registration** form who has gained the highest aggregate number of points in the Championship (as per art 7.1), regardless of class.

The Championship Award winner will receive:

- (i) The Mainland Rally Championship Winners Trophy

(b) Class Awards. These titles shall be awarded to the registered drivers nominated on the Championship registration form who have gained the highest aggregate number of points in the Championship in their respective classes: (as per art 7.1)

Class A	2WD 0 - 1300 cc class
Class B	2WD 1301 - 1600 cc class
Class C	2WD 2001- and over
Class D	4WD
Class E	Pre 96 4WD class

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Class F	2WD Classic . see separate technical compliance*
Class G	2WD 1601-2000

The Class Winning Drivers (except overall Championship Winner) will receive:

- (i) Championship Class Trophy

Note: Trophy's will only be awarded at the end of 2018 for competitors with more than 20 points in their class and have scored points as a finisher in three events or more.

8.3 Titles: Co-drivers

- (a) **Co-drivers Award.** This title shall be awarded to the registered Co-driver who has gained the highest aggregate number of points in the Championship, (as per art 7.1) regardless of Class.

The Championship winning Co-driver will receive:

- (i) Championship Trophy

- (b) **Class Awards.** These titles shall be awarded to the registered co-drivers nominated on the Championship registration form who have gained the highest aggregate number of points in the Championship in their respective classes; (as per art 7.1)

Class A & B	2WD 0 - 1600 cc class
Class C	2WD 2001cc and over class
Class D	4WD
Class E	Pre 2000 4WD class
Class F	2WD Classic . see separate technical compliance*
Class G	2WD1601-2000cc

The Class Winning Co-drivers will receive:

- (i) Championship Class Trophy

Note: Trophy's will only be awarded at the end of 2018 for competitors with more than 16 points in their class and have scored points as a finisher in three events or more.

8.4 Additional Awards

- (a) **Rookie of the Year.** There is an annual award for the best Rookie. The Rookie is defined as being a competitor (Driver) who is in their first year as an Entrant in the Mainland Series, and must additionally be required under MotorSport NZ rules to have to attend at least 1 Novice Drivers briefing during the year.

ARTICLE 9 – DECALS

9.1 Organisers must reserve advertising spaces A1 on competitor's vehicles for the Championship sponsor's decals.

9.2 Organisers must include Article 9.1 in their Event Supplementary Regulations.

9.3.1 The names of the Principal Driver and the Number Two Driver unabbreviated, must appear on the rear side windows of the cars or reasonable side viewing area (eg: door, front guard).

9.4 Competitors must carry sponsors logos on the front of both front guards