

General Regulations

The following definitions and general regulations governing Historic vehicles have been adopted to facilitate the organisation of competitions and race circuit events in which such vehicles are permitted. Prior to any purchase or competition of a 5th Category vehicle it is strongly recommended that an eligibility check be carried out.

1.1 CLASSIFICATION

Motorsport Australia in its discretion reserves the right to accept or reject any vehicle for Historic classification or to classify, withdraw classification, or re-classify a vehicle to a group which in its discretion Motorsport Australia believes it conceptually belongs. The issue of an Historic Log Book or Certificate of Description must be firstly authorised by an Historic Eligibility Committee and then issued by Motorsport Australia. A central register of Historic vehicles in all 5th Category groups is maintained by Motorsport Australia.

A determination by an Historic Eligibility Committee with regard to the historic classification of any vehicle is unconditionally binding on any AMSAC, Tribunal or Steward's hearing or in any proceeding involving that determination. In the event of disputation concerning a decision of an Historic Eligibility Committee, an aggrieved competitor may lodge an appeal in writing to the Australian Historic Motor Sport Commission setting out the areas of disputation and providing any appropriate evidence which may be required in support of the claim.

1.2 ELIGIBILITY

Before commencing construction or modification of a special or the acquisition and/or restoration of a vehicle, it is most advisable that Motorsport Australia or an Historic Eligibility Officer be contacted regarding potential eligibility of the said vehicle.

1.3 THREE-WHEELED VEHICLES

A three-wheeled vehicle participating in events exclusively for Historic vehicles is exempted from NCR 12.

1.4 HISTORIC CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION

With the exception of Groups N and S and of a vehicle which is the subject of an HTP as defined in Article 1.5 each new Historic Log Book shall be accompanied by an Historic Certificate of Description. The Certificate of Description is a recognition document identifying the specification in which the vehicle has been accepted by Motorsport Australia as eligible to compete in events for 5th Category Historic vehicles. The vehicle must comply with the approved specification in all respects whenever it competes in such events. Each Certificate of Description is produced by Motorsport Australia based on the information accepted at the time of preparation. It does not warrant the authenticity of the vehicle. Motorsport Australia takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the data therein.

The Entry Form for each 5th Category event shall include provision for the competitor to confirm that an Historic Certificate of Description has been issued by nominating the number of that document.

1.5 HISTORIC TECHNICAL PASSPORT

An Historic Technical Passport (HTP) is issued by CAMS/Motorsport Australia or another National Sporting Authority (ASN) on behalf of the FIA and is generally comparable with a Certificate of Description. The HTP identifies the specification in which the subject vehicle described has been accepted by the FIA as eligible to compete in international historic motor sport events governed by FIA Appendix K. It does not include any record of the vehicle's past ownership nor of its competition history.

A vehicle for which a current FIA HTP is held but for which a CAMS/Motorsport Australia Certificate of Description has not been issued may be eligible to compete in events governed by the Motorsport Australia 5th Category regulations where:

- (a) a Temporary Permit to Compete has been issued for a foreign domiciled vehicle in terms of Article 1.7; or

- (b) a current FIA HTP and a Motorsport Australia Historic Log Book have been issued by Motorsport Australia for an Australian domiciled vehicle. The log Book shall identify the Motorsport Australia historic group of the vehicle as determined by the Historic Eligibility Committee. The issue of a log Book for a vehicle where the original date of manufacture is not within the relevant group period must have the specific approval of the AHMSC.

Each vehicle which is eligible to compete on the basis of its HTP documentation must comply with the approved specification and the relevant technical regulations of FIA Appendix K in all respects except for the use of tyres approved for use within the Motorsport Australia historic group in which the vehicle is competing and compliance with Schedule K (Markings on Automobiles) of the Motorsport Australia Manual and the 5th Category Paintwork and Signage regulations.

Note: The participation of a vehicle which is the subject of an HTP but for which a Certificate of Description has not been issued shall be at the discretion of the event organiser as per the NCR and shall be acceptable only if the eligibility of HTP documented vehicle is identified in event regulations and entry forms.

1.6 LOG BOOKS:

The production of a properly entered Historic Log Book issued by Motorsport Australia is required by the NCR. Each vehicle an Historic Group must comply with the requirement of Schedule L – Vehicle Log Books. In addition:

- (a) Each Log Book must be endorsed for the 5th Category and/or titled “Historic Vehicle Log Book”; and
- (b) Each vehicle must comply with the Certificate of Description or FIA Historic Technical Passport (where such a document is required), or Specification Sheet. Such Certificate of Description or FIA Historic Technical Passport or Specification Sheet being a Recognition Certificate as referred to in Schedule L (Refer “General Requirements for Cars and Drivers”).

When a log Book is to be presented, a Certificate of Description or FIA Historic Technical Passport (where it exists) must also be presented.

The Entry Form for each 5th Category event must include provision for the competitor to confirm that an Historic Log Book has been issued, by nominating the number of that document.

1.7 TEMPORARY PERMIT TO COMPETE

A temporary permit to compete is acceptable to an alternative to an Historic Certificate of Description (refer Article 1.4) or an FIA Historic Technical Passport issued by CAMS/Motorsport Australia (refer article 1.5) or a Historic Vehicle Log Book (refer article 1.6).

A Temporary Permit to Compete may be issued at the sole discretion of the Motorsport Australia Historic Eligibility Committee or the Motorsport Australia Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee, in the following circumstances:

- (a) issue of the appropriate documentation (C of D or Log Book) has been delayed by the Motorsport Australia office. The issue of the Permit is entirely conditional upon the completion of a pre-race inspection by an accredited scrutineer, which must be submitted before a Temporary Permit to Compete will be considered;
- (b) where a vehicle is visiting temporarily from outside Australia (refer article 1.8);
- (c) where an appropriately completed application for an Historic Certificate of Description and/or an Historic Vehicle Log Book has been submitted prior to the allowed process time (as noted on the application form) and accepted by Motorsport Australia and is being processed at the time an event entry is submitted. The issue of this permit is entirely conditional upon the completion and signing by an accredited scrutineer, of a scrutineer’s declaration which must be submitted before a temporary permit will be considered; or
- (d) where the Australian Historic Motor Sport Commission, in conjunction with the relevant Eligibility Committee, wishes to evaluate a vehicle or vehicle type for possible future historic classification. Each such vehicle must carry the identification letter of ‘E’ (Evaluation) adjacent to the number on the car 150mm in height in typeset Helvetica Bold Condensed immediately following the vehicle’s racing number at the bottom right-hand corner, no further than 100mm from the border of the background. The vehicle shall then be eligible to take part in each competition on the same conditions as other vehicles. It shall appear in the results, identified with the letter ‘E’, as an aid to further evaluation. It shall not be eligible for any competition awards at the race circuit event.

1.8 FOREIGN DOMICILED VEHICLES

The Motorsport Australia policy for each foreign domiciled vehicle eligibility documentation is:

- (a) Documentation which establishes the eligibility of the vehicle in its country of origin (e.g., FIA HTP) must be submitted to Motorsport Australia at least six weeks prior to the event.
- (b) Each vehicle must be subject of a Temporary Permit to Compete issued by Motorsport Australia for each event in which it is entered;
- (c) A foreign domiciled vehicle may compete for up to 12 months from the date of issue of the first Temporary Permit to Compete, at the discretion of Motorsport Australia, without being required to be the subject of a Certificate of Description or Motorsport Australia issued FIA Historic Technical Passport or Historic Log Book. Thereafter a Motorsport Australia Certificate of Description and Historic Logbook or a Motorsport Australia issued FIA HTP and Log Book or a Group N and S Log Book is required;
- (d) If the eligibility of the vehicle is in doubt, Motorsport Australia reserves the right to not to issue or withdraw a Temporary Permit to Compete; and
- (e) An Historic Eligibility Committee shall determine whether in terms of article 1.7, a genuine historic vehicle with a competition history and a reconstruction of significantly important historic vehicle which is known to have been lost or destroyed shall be accepted.

1.9 ELIGIBILITY MAINTENANCE

Each 5th Category vehicle must comply with the approved specification as detailed on the Certificate of Description or FIA Historic Technical Passport or Specification Sheets in all respects throughout each 5th Category event for which they are accepted. Historic Technical Commissioners and Eligibility Officers are responsible for checking the compliance of vehicles with their approved specifications.

1.10 AWARDS

No prizemoney nor prize of monetary value shall be awarded for any 5th Category competition without the prior approval of the Australian Historic Motor Sport Commission.