

SPECIFICATIONS OF AUTOMOBILES

1ST Category – Free Formula for Race Events

Formula 1000 – Technical Regulations

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EACH AUTOMOBILE IN A RACE OR SPEED EVENT MUST COMPLY WITH THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF AUTOMOBILES IN THE MANUAL

Recognised Association: AUS F1000 Association of Australia

1. PREAMBLE

Formula 1000 has been adopted by Motorsport Australia as a sporting-level racing car category. Motorsport Australia is ultimately responsible for the approval of the regulations and changes thereto, and responsible for publishing the regulations via the Motorsport Australia Manual. The Australian Formula 1000 Association (AUSF1000) is recognised by Motorsport Australia as the sole entity representing competitors in this category. AUS F1000 comprises representatives from the F1000 manufacturers, distributors and competitors.

AUSF1000 is recognised by Motorsport Australia as the sole competitor entity that may make recommendations regarding the maintenance of and/or proposed changes to technical regulations for this category and/or to sporting regulations for the conduct of competition activity for such vehicles.

Motorsport Australia will consult with AUSF1000 regarding the maintenance and/or changes to the present technical and/or sporting regulations. AUSF1000 will be responsible for consultation processes within its membership and with other interested parties as may be appropriate from time to time. AUSF1000 would like to adopt a limited technology approach to assist driver development and will investigate electronic driver controlled functions and other relative technology as may be appropriate for the class from time to time. Vehicles shall conform to the General Requirements of Automobiles as laid down in “General Requirements for Cars and Drivers” in the Motorsport Australia Manual and these regulations.

Prior to being issued with a log book, each Formula 1000 car must be inspected by a nominated technical representative of the Association and the vehicle owner may be asked to provide an engineering test to prove the chassis structural integrity.

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 DEFINITION

A Formula 1000 is a restricted design open wheel, open cockpit racing car with a mid-mounted engine driving the rear wheels only and intended for use in Speed and Race events.

- (a) The basic design of the vehicles must consist of a space frame chassis made from ferrous metal to which the engine, front suspension, drivetrain and bodywork are attached.
- (b) It must have four wheels of which the rear two are used for propulsion and front two for steering.
- (c) The use of carbon fibre and/or Kevlar composites in any structural components of the chassis or suspension is prohibited.
- (d) The use of titanium alloys is prohibited except for internal engine components.
- (e) The use of magnesium sheeting less than 1.6mm thick is prohibited.
- (f) Motorsport Australia reserves the right to require a competitor to fit an approved engine rev monitor in addition to any engine rev limiting device that may be fitted in accordance with these regulations. The wiring loom for the engine rev monitor must be separate and clearly visible.
- (g) Each car shall be fitted with a manufacturer’s ID plate which details the vehicle model and VIN or chassis number.

- (h) Launch control, ABS braking, and traction control are prohibited. Wheel speed sensors are permitted on the front wheels only.

2. BODY:

2.1 DIMENSIONS

- (a) **Length:** The overall length of the car shall not exceed 4500mm.
- (b) **Width:** The overall width of the car including the complete wheels shall not exceed 1850mm, when the steered wheels are in the straight-ahead position. The maximum body width including the under tray shall be 1500mm.
- (c) **Height:** The height measured vertically from the ground to the highest part of the car with the driver aboard shall not exceed 1100mm, except in regards to rollover protection, which shall not constitute an aerodynamic element.
- (d) **Doors:** Doors are not permitted.

2.2 COACHWORK

- (a) Aerodynamic devices are a mandatory requirement for this class. (refer Table 1)
- (b) The use of carbon fibre and/or Kevlar for the manufacturing of the bodywork is permitted.
- (c) Unless otherwise specified, the coachwork shall be open wheel open body design.
- (d) On all cars, the height of any air intakes must comply with Article 2.1 (c).
- (e) The underside of each automobile must be a continuous solid flat surface (with a tolerance of ± 10 mm). This surface must form an integral part of the bodywork and must have no freedom of movement or provision for adjustment in relation to the automobiles chassis. The aim of this tolerance is to allow for manufacturing variations and/or repair of accident damage, which would otherwise render a car ineligible due to its floor not being perfectly flat.

TABLE 1 - AEROFOIL MEASUREMENTS

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| Maximum front overhang from front wheel centre line | 1000mm |
| Maximum entire vehicle width | 1850mm |
| Maximum rear aerofoil width including endplates | 950mm |
| Maximum body width and lower surface of vehicle behind front wheels | 1500mm |
| Maximum front wing width including endplates | 1350mm |
| Minimum wheelbase | 2000mm |
| Minimum track | 1200mm |
| Maximum diffuser width | 950mm |

2.3 EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS

- (a) The entrant shall designate a flat rectangular reference area with minimum dimensions of 300mm by 300mm. This reference area is located on the lower surface of the car between the rear of the front tyre and front of the rear tyre. The centre of the reference area must be no more than 75mm from the longitudinal centreline of the vehicle. No point on the lower surface of the car may be below the plane determined by the reference surface on a line perpendicular to that reference plane, except as specifically permitted herein.

Compliance with these requirements shall be accomplished by placing a straight edge on the reference surface designated by the entrant and verifying that the requirements are met.

- (b) A maximum of four (4) rub blocks of maximum dimension 75mm by 125mm are allowed anywhere on the lower surface of the chassis and may extend below the reference plane.

- (c) A diffuser is permitted behind the front of the rear wheels. The diffuser may be divided internally into multiple sections. The radius of transitions between the diffuser sides and adjacent horizontal structures may be up to 25mm. Strakes within the diffuser are permitted.
- (d) The width of the diffuser, as measured between its sides, and above any radiuses transitions, shall not exceed 950mm in any lateral section.
- (e) Movable aerodynamic devices, including aerodynamic skirts, are prohibited.
- (f) No part having an aerodynamic effect and no part of the bodywork may under any circumstances be located below the geometric plane of the flat reference surface.
- (g) Any part having an aerodynamic effect and all parts of the bodywork must:
 - (i) Be rigidly secured to the entirely sprung part of the car (chassis/body unit);
 - (ii) Must be solidly fixed and must remain immobile in relation to this part while the car is in motion.
- (h) If the vehicle is fitted with an external fuel filler, the engine cover and its junction with the bodywork/cockpit must be designed so as to prevent any leakage of fuel into the interior of the engine compartment during refuelling. Holes may be drilled for fasteners, wiring, fuel, brake and oil lines.

3. WEIGHT

3.1 MINIMUM RACING WEIGHT

The minimum Racing Weight at any time, including the driver with helmet and wearing all apparel (e.g. as at the end of a race or practice session) shall be:

- (i) Engines 2003-2008: 485kg
- (ii) Engines 2009-2019: 500kg

4. ENGINE

4.1 ELIGIBILITY

- (a) The engine must be a factory standard motorcycle production engine from the following list:

Years of Manufacture

| Make/Model | Year |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Kawasaki ZX10R 1000 | 2003 – 2019 |
| Suzuki GSXR 1000 | 2003 – 2019 |
| Yamaha YZF R1 | 2003 – 2019 |
| Honda CBR 1000 RR | 2003 – 2019 |

Note: Engine components can only be interchanged if from the same manufacturer and era (eg 2007 Suzuki ECU on a 2008 Suzuki engine) and are a direct bolt on (no modification required).

- (b) The maximum engine rotational speed (rev) shall be 13,500 rpm.
- (c) The engine shall be fitted with a rev limiter so as to permit easy access and interrogation by scrutineers. It shall be set to prevent the engine from producing power above the specified rotational speeds.
- (d) The stock ECU shall be used. The ECU fuel map may be changed. Devices that modify inputs to the ECU (e.g. “power commander”) may be used. A control ECU may be introduced by AUSF1000. (The intent is to maintain parity across the engine manufacturers and year model. Development of the ECU will ensure availability and use of donor engines beyond 2008.) The cost of the ECU will be the competitor’s responsibility.
- (e) The maximum rotational speed of the engine may be controlled by AUSF1000 on an individual basis. Intent would be to limit HP as not to have an unfair advantage over earlier year model engines.
- (f) The material, type and number of engine mountings are free, as is the position and inclination of the engine in its compartment.

- (g) The cooling radiator and the lines connecting it to the engine are free, as are the thermostat and the fan, and their location. The water pump is free.
- (h) The exhaust is free. The exhaust pipe outlets shall be directed either rearwards or sideways.
- (i) The engine lubrication system is free.
- (j) The timing chain tensioner may be replaced with another of free design.
- (k) The fuel pump is free
- (l) Forced induction is prohibited.

5. TRANSMISSION

5.1 GEARBOX

- (a) The gearbox shall comprise factory production standard gears and ratios only. Undercutting is permitted to damaged gears. Each car shall have a working reversing mechanism. It shall be possible for the driver to select the reversing mechanism while seated normally at the wheel and with the engine running.
- (b) Automatic gearboxes are prohibited.
- (c) Gear selector forks are free.
- (d) The clutch basket and flywheel are free.
- (e) The final drive assembly and differential are free.

6. WHEELS AND STEERING

- (a) Wheels shall be 13 inch diameter with a maximum rim width of 10.5 inches rear and 9 inches front. Material is unrestricted providing it is metal.
- (b) Cars equipped with four-wheel steering systems are prohibited.
- (c) There shall be a continuous mechanical connection between the steering wheel and the steered wheels.
- (d) The minimum weight for each wheel with a dry tyre fitted is:
 - (i) Front Wheel 9kg
 - (ii) Rear Wheel 12kg

7. BRAKES

7.1 ROTORS, PISTONS AND CALIPERS

- (a) Each brake rotor shall be ferrous metal only.
- (b) Each caliper shall be of a ferrous or aluminium alloy material.

8. SUSPENSION

- (a) All road wheels/axles shall be suspended from the chassis/body unit by a springing medium (i.e. axles or wheels must not be connected directly to the chassis/body unit). The springing medium shall not consist of bolts located through flexible bushes or flexible mountings. There shall be independent movement of the axles/hub carriers/stub axles giving suspension travel from “bump” to “droop” in excess of the flexibility of the mounting location attachments.
- (b) Active suspension systems are prohibited, as are all systems enabling the flexibility of springs, shock absorbers and the ground clearance height of the car to be controlled while the car is in motion. Cockpit adjustment of anti-roll bars is permitted.
- (c) Electroplating of steel suspension elements is prohibited.
- (d) The minimum unsprung weight is as follows:

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| Front Suspension | 21kg |
| Rear Suspension | 26kg |

The minimum unsprung weight is measured by disconnecting the pushrod and removing the wheels, and does not include the weight of the pushrod or damper (if applicable).

9. FUEL SYSTEM

9.1 FUEL TANK, FUEL PUMP & FUEL LINES

- (a) Fuel must be a Commercial Pump Fuel in compliance with Schedule G (refer Motorsport Australia Manual "General Requirements for Cars and Drivers").
- (b) No fuel pump/s, fuel filter/s or fuel line/s may be positioned inside or pass through the cockpit unless protected by a cover that is impervious to the passage of flame and/or fluid.
- (c) Each fuel tank must be properly protected. Each fuel tank situated outside the main structure of the car must be surrounded by a 10mm thick crushable structure. The tank must be isolated by means of bulkhead/s preventing the fuel from passing into the cockpit or engine compartment or coming into contact with exhaust piping, in the event of spillage, leakage or any other accident occurring to the tank.

10. OIL SYSTEM

10.1 OIL TANK

- (a) Each oil tank shall be properly protected. Each oil tank situated outside the main structure of the car shall be surrounded by a 10mm thick crushable structure.

10.2 OIL LINES

- (a) Each lubricating oil line/s operating at a pressure of 350kPa or above shall have a minimum burst pressure of 4100kPa at the minimum operating temperature of 135°C. When flexible, these lines shall have threaded connectors and an outer braid resistant to abrasion and flame (will not sustain combustion).
- (b) No lines containing lubricating oil may pass through the cockpit unless protected by a cover that is impervious to the passage of flame and/or fluid.

11. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- (a) Each battery shall be located outside the cockpit, unless they are dry cell type. They shall be securely fixed.
- (b) A starter with an electrical or other power source shall be carried on board the car. It shall be possible for the driver to operate it when seated normally in the car. The starter shall be capable of starting the engine at all times.
- (c) The alternator shall be the standard production unit supplied with the engine and shall be fully operational.

12. COCKPIT

12.1 COCKPIT GENERAL

- (a) The cockpit seating position shall be central in relation to the centerline of the vehicle.
- (b) The point at which the steering column passes through the dashboard and the pedals are attached to the chassis must be located centrally to the vehicle centreline.
- (c) The minimum width of the driver's foot-well is 250mm and this width shall be maintained over a height of at least 250mm.
- (d) The only components that may be fitted in the cockpit are the following:
 - (i) Safety equipment and structures
 - (ii) Driver cooling systems

- (iii) Instruments
- (iv) Electronic equipment
- (v) Fire Extinguisher
- (vi) Seat and control required to drive the car

These components shall be covered by a rigid protection if they have sharp edges, which may cause injury. Their fastenings shall be able to withstand a 25G deceleration.

- (e) Brake lines may pass through the cockpit provided there are no connections in the cockpit area.
- (f) The steering wheel shall be fitted with a quick release mechanism.
- (g) Where a head restraint is not part of the seat, then a separate head restraint with a minimum area of 180cm² shall be fitted. Its surface shall be continuous, without any protruding parts. The head restraint shall not deflect more than 50mm under an 850N rearward force.

The head restraint shall be located in a position such that it will be the first point of contact with the driver's helmet in the event of an impact projecting the driver's head rearwards when he is in the normal driving position.

The distance between the driver's helmet and the head restraint should be kept to a minimum such that the helmet will move less than 50mm under the abovementioned force.

12.2 PEDALS

The soles of the driver's feet, when seated in the normal driving position with the feet on the pedals and with the pedals in the inoperative position, shall not be situated less than 18cm behind the front bulkhead of the tubular steel frame forward of the vertical plane passing through the centre-line of the front wheels.

12.3 COCKPIT OPENING

- (a) The driver's seat shall be capable of being entered without the removal or manipulation of any part or panel (except for a removable steering wheel and removable cockpit padding). The cockpit opening of the metallic chassis shall have the following minimum dimensions:
 - (i) Length: 600mm
 - (ii) Width: 450mm

The minimum width shall extend over a minimum length of 300mm. This minimal rectangular opening may exist anywhere forward of the bracing and required padding will not be considered in these dimensions.

- (b) The maximum time for the driver to exit the cockpit shall not exceed seven seconds.

13. SAFETY STRUCTURES

13.1 SAFETY CAGE / ROLLOVER PROTECTION STRUCTURE

- (a) The safety cage structure shall conform to Schedule J – Safety Cage Structures, and be of at least Type 1. The material specification and dimensions shall be in accordance with Schedule J. Alternatively, the safety cage structure may be certified in accordance with FIA Article 277 – Free Formula Technical Regulations.
- (b) A safety cage structure approved by an ASN other than Motorsport Australia or superseded regulations is not necessarily eligible for competition in Australia. Prior to importing a vehicle, a competitor is strongly advised to contact the Motorsport Australia Technical Department.

13.2 FRONT IMPACT-ABSORBING STRUCTURE

- (a) The vehicle must include a front impact-absorbing structure installed in front of the driver's feet, which complies with at least one of the following types:
 - (i) A front impact-attenuation structure meeting the load requirements of FIA Appendix J, Article 277 (evidence of compliance must be supplied).
 - (ii) A structure meeting the requirements of the SCCA-approved front impact attenuation structure specified for SCCA formula cars is permitted for cars with prior SCCA certification.
 - (iii) This specifies a structure with a minimum cross-section of 200 sq cm at least 400 mm forward of the clutch and brake pedals (non-depressed).

A structure that extends more than 300mm in front of the front bulkhead of the tubular steel frame, with a cross section of 200 sq cm measured at a position 200mm in front of the bulkhead.

- (b) Type 2 and 3 structures above must be constructed of either:
- (i) A minimum of eighteen (18) gauge 6061-T4 or equivalent aluminium using honeycomb sandwich construction, with a panel thickness of 13.9mm minimum.
 - (ii) Full composite construction of carbon fibre or Kevlar with a minimum of two 141.75g/m² (5oz) inner and outer layers of laminate over a honeycomb polyurethane foam core with a minimum thickness of 20mm. The impact-absorbing structure shall be securely attached to the front bulkhead of the tubular steel frame. This structure shall be independent of the main bodywork and must be solidly fixed to the extremities of the bulkhead (i.e., with bolts requiring tools for removal).
 - (iii) Aluminium plate / bonded composite panels can be attached to chassis for the purpose of side intrusion but must not constitute a stress bearing panel. (Stress bearing panels are defined as sheet affixed to the frame by welding, bonding, rivets, bolts, or screws which have centres closer than 150mm).

14. SEALING

14.1 SEALING PROCEDURE

- (a) Any component may be sealed at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer.
- (b) Component seals must only be removed by the Chief Scrutineer, or their nominee.