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THESE REGULATIONS MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPEED EVENT STANDING REGULATIONS IN THE SPEED EVENT APPENDIX OF THE MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA MANUAL.

Autocross is a type of *Competition* essentially at club level, and involving timed laps of an earth, grass, gravel or similar *Course* (although some sealed surfaces may be included when the *Competition* is conducted on a permanent *Circuit*) by day or night or both.

Being timed over a distance of more than 200 metres, it falls within the definition of a *Speed Event*, but “racing” as such is prohibited in *Autocross*.

However, for convenience, it is permitted to have up to 3 *Automobiles* on the *Course* at the one time, provided that the *Course* is of adequate length and that they are widely spaced, separately started and individually timed.

As *Autocross Competitions* are intended to be primarily conducted at club level, no National Championship will be permitted for an *Autocross*.

1. COURSE

1.1 LENGTH:

The *Course* must not exceed 4 km in length, nor be less than 400 m unless approved by Motorsport Australia Track Safety Manager. No straight section may exceed 200 m in length.

1.2 UNPROTECTED OBSTACLES:

Unprotected obstacles must be at least 20 m from the edge of the *Course* or, if such obstacles are protected by eg, straw bales, they must be at least 10 m from the *Course*. Wire fences must be clearly marked if within 40 m of the *Course*.

1.3 ENCLOSURES FOR Paddock:

Enclosures and/or spectator cars must be at least 40 m from the *Course*, unless protected by a barrier sufficient to stop a competing *Automobile*, in which case they must be at least 20 m from the *Course*.

1.4 THE EDGES OF THE COURSE:

The edges of the *Course* must be indicated by suitable markers, painted to be visible in normal light or by a competing *Automobile's* headlights, if the *Competition* is at night. Observers will be appointed to ensure that competing *Automobiles* follow the *Course*, and they will be Judges of Fact in that respect.

1.5 PRIOR TO ANY AUTOCROSS BEING HELD:

Prior to any *Autocross* being conducted, a proposed *Course* must be approved by *Motorsport Australia*, and such approval may be temporary or permanent, at *Motorsport Australia's* discretion. The conduct of any *Autocross*, even on an approved *Course*, will be subject to the Stewards' approval on the day of the *Competition*.

2. AUTOMOBILES

2.1 ENTRIES:

- (a) Entries may be received for any *Automobile* which complies with Technical Appendix - Schedule A and B (where applicable) in the *Motorsport Australia Manual*.

- (b) The same *Automobile* may, if permitted in the *Supplementary Regulations*, be entered up to 3 times in the same *Competition*, provided that it is driven by a different *Driver* in respect of each *Entry*.

2.2 CLASSES:

Automobiles may be grouped into classes or groups at the discretion of the *Organiser*.

3. DRIVERS

3.1 AGE:

No *Driver* will be under the age of 14 years.

3.2 ACCREDITATION:

- (a) *Drivers* must hold a current membership card issued by one of the participating clubs together with at least a current Motorsport Australia Speed Licence or higher grade of *Motorsport Australia Licence*.
- (b) A Motorsport Australia Speed Licence is applicable for *Competitions* up to national level.
- (c) All *Licences* must be presented at scrutineering.

3.3 COMPETITION AUTOMOBILES:

No *Driver* will compete at an *Autocross* in more than 1 *Automobile*.

3.4 SAFETY GEAR:

All *Drivers* must wear a safety helmet, complying with Technical Appendix - Schedule D of the *Motorsport Australia Manual*. If the *Automobile* is equipped with a roll bar or roll cage, a safety harness complying with Technical Appendix - Schedule I must be worn whilst competing. Goggles or helmet visor complying with Technical Appendix - Schedule D must be worn during *Competition* in all open *Automobiles* and in closed *Automobiles* to which no windscreen is fitted.

4. PENALTIES

Penalties will be in accordance with Article 11 of Speed Event Standing Regulations in the Speed Event Appendix of the *Motorsport Australia Manual*.

5. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

5.1 The following applies:

- (a) Winners will be determined in accordance with Article 8 of the Speed Event Standing Regulations.
- (b) Special prizes may be given for the fastest lap or laps timed during the day.
- (c) The same number of runs by each *Driver* will count towards the results, extra runs being discarded. However, if one or more *Drivers* have not completed the minimum number of runs stipulated in *Supplementary Regulations*, their failure to do so will not necessarily reduce the eligible number of runs by other *Drivers* to the number completed by the failed *Drivers*.
- (d) If a *Driver*, through their own error, fails to complete a run, they will not be permitted a re-run, but will be credited with the slowest time recorded by a *Driver* in their class, plus 5 seconds. If their failure to complete a run is due to any other cause outside the *Driver's* control, they will be permitted a re-run.

6. ORGANISATION

6.1 SCRUTINEERING:

No *Automobile* may be used for practice or *Competition* until passed by the Chief Scrutineer as fit so to do. Any *Automobile* which has been modified in any way after scrutineering must be represented as soon as practicable for further examination prior to starting a run.

6.2 PRACTICE:

Practice of at least 2 laps will be permitted to any *Driver* unfamiliar with the *Course* and may be permitted (if time permits) to all *Drivers*.

6.3 FIRST AID:

The requirements of General Appendix - Appendix T of the *Motorsport Australia Manual* must be complied with.

6.4 FIRE PRECAUTIONS:

The *Organiser* must comply with the requirements of the Track Operators Safety Guide.

6.5 TIMING:

The competing *Automobiles* may be timed either by automatic means or by hand-operated stop watches. In the latter case, it is desirable that the average of 2 times taken be regarded as official time.

6.6 STARTS:

Automobiles may not be started simultaneously, but either a standing or a flying *Start* may be used. If the latter, the "run-in" distance must not exceed 100 m.

6.7 TYRES:

Spiked or studded tyres are prohibited, but otherwise tyres are free as to tread design unless further restricted by *Supplementary Regulations*.

6.8 NON-COMPLETION OF COURSE:

If any occurrence prevents an *Automobile* on the *Course* from completing its run some arrangement must exist which will prevent the next *Automobile* due to *Start* from so starting until the *Course* is clear. The presence of an ambulance or other non-competing vehicle on the *Course* will necessarily halt the *Competition* until the *Course* is again clear.

6.9 STARTING ORDER:

The order of starting may be determined in any manner as provided by *Supplementary Regulations* and will thereafter be maintained. Any deterioration of the *Course* through, for example, weather conditions, will not be deemed sufficient reason to change the starting order. However, the Clerk of Course may at their discretion change that starting order if circumstances, such as a temporarily unserviceable *Automobile*, warrant it.

7. OFFICIALS

For a Club ~~Competition and Multi-Club~~ *Autocross*, the Clerk of the Course, [Secretary of the Event](#), Chief Scrutineer, and a single Steward are Essential Officials. In addition, an Assistant Clerk of the Course may be appointed to a Club ~~Competition or Multi-Club~~ *Autocross*. Either the Clerk of the Course or the Assistant Clerk of the Course must of necessity always be on duty and during such time the acting Clerk of the Course must be clearly and readily identifiable.

The duties of the Secretary of the Event and Chief Timekeeper may be discharged by the Clerk of the Course or by another suitably qualified Official. Where the Chief Scrutineer has completed his principal duties prior to the commencement of competitive activities his duties may thereafter be discharged by another suitably qualified Official, other than the Clerk of the Course. While these duties are being discharged by such alternate Official, a Clerk of the Course and his Assistant (where an Assistant Clerk of the Course has been appointed), the Secretary of the Event, the Chief Timekeeper and the Chief Scrutineer may compete at the *Event*.

At a State or National Championship *Autocross*, Essential Officials will be appointed in full accord with the *NCR*.