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1. Objective of Policy

- (a) The objective of this Policy is to ensure that Motorsport Australia's Championships and Series are conducted to the highest possible standard.
- (b) This Policy provides information to assist Championship and Series managers, Event organisers, Event promoters, Motorsport Australia State Councils and Commissions to meet these standards.

2. Scope of Policy

- (a) The NCR will apply to this Policy unless stated otherwise. Where there is any conflict between the requirements of this Policy and the NCR or a CRA, the NCR or the CRA will apply. In the instance of conflict between the CRA and the NCR, the NCR will take precedence.
- (b) The purpose of this Policy is to establish the criteria for recognition by Motorsport Australia of the following:
 - (i) Motorsport Australia Australian Championships;
 - (ii) Motorsport Australia Australian Series;
 - (iii) Motorsport Australia State Championships.
- (c) This Policy applies to each Event organiser, Event promoter, Driver and Competitor in an Australian Championship or Series, or State Championship sanctioned by Motorsport Australia.
- (d) Motorsport Australia may delegate limited authority under this Policy including, but not limited to, the power to adopt, apply and monitor this Policy.
- (e) By virtue of their membership of Motorsport Australia, holding of a Motorsport Australia licence, participating in an Event, employment or other contractual relationship with Motorsport Australia, Competitors, Championship/Series managers, Event organisers and Event promoters are automatically bound by this Policy and required to comply with all of its provisions.

3. Definitions

Capitalised terms used in this Policy have the following meanings unless stated otherwise:

- (a) **Administration** means the Motorsport Australia administration.
- (b) **Autotest National Championship** means the Australian Khanacross Championship or the Australian Motorkhana Championship;
- (c) **Category** means a group of vehicles regarded as having particular shared characteristics detailed in regulations in the Motorsport Australia Manual or in technical regulations for an Australian Championship or Series;

- (d) **Championship** means the highest level of competition for a Category;
- (e) **Competitor** means a person or body who holds a Competition Licence acceptable to Motorsport Australia and has entered a competition;
- (f) **CRA** means a Motorsport Australia Commercial Rights Agreement, a Championship Management Agreement, or any other form of agreement in writing between Motorsport Australia and the organiser of an Australian Championship or Series in relation to that Championship or Series;
- (g) **Discipline** means code of competition, namely Race, Rally and Road, Off-Road, Speed or Auto Test;
- (h) **Driver** means a person holding a licence acceptable to Motorsport Australia and entered to drive an automobile in a competition as defined in NCR 6;
- (i) **Event** has the meaning given to that term in NCR 6;
- (j) **ISC** means the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices;
- (k) **Motorsport Australia** means the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd. trading as Motorsport Australia;
- (l) **National** means across more than one state and/or territory of Australia;
- (m) **NCR** means the 'National Competition Rules' as published by Motorsport Australia and as amended from time to time;
- (n) **Policy** means this Policy;
- (o) **Round** means one of the Events that is part of an Australian Championship or Series or State Championship;
- (p) **Speed National Championships** means the Australian Hillclimb Championship and the Australian Supersprint Championship;
- (q) **Series** means a number of Events with common regulations. A Series may also include a Cup, Trophy or Challenge (Note: the definition 'Series' does not apply to State level competitions);
- (r) **State** means within only one state or territory of Australia except as detailed in Article 5 (c), (ii) of this Policy.

4. Conditions

- (a) An Australian Championship or Series may not be conducted unless the following conditions are met before the first Round of that Championship or Series:
 - (i) The Sporting and Technical Regulations in relation to that Championship or Series are approved by the Motorsport Australia Commission relevant to that discipline (e.g. the Australian Off Road Commission for the Australian Off Road Championship etc.);

- (ii) Sporting and Technical Regulations for Championships or Series that do not have a corresponding Motorsport Australia Commission will be approved by the Administration in consultation with the relevant State Council;
- (iii) The Championship or Series will be conducted in that calendar year, unless otherwise approved by Motorsport Australia;
- (iv) Any fees payable to Motorsport Australia have been paid in full;
- (b) A State Championship may not be conducted unless the following conditions are met before the first Round of that Championship:
 - (i) The Sporting Regulations are approved by the relevant Motorsport Australia State Council;
 - (ii) The Technical Regulations are approved by the relevant Motorsport Australia Commission or the relevant State Council where there is no corresponding Commission and published in the Motorsport Australia Manual.

5. Title Conditions

- (a) Each Championship and Series must comply with the following requirements:
 - (i) An Australian Championship will only be referred to as the 'Motorsport Australia (Sponsor) (Category Name) Championship'. For example, the 'Motorsport Australia (Sponsor) GT Championship';
 - (ii) An Australian Series will only be referred to as the 'Motorsport Australia (Sponsor) (Category Name) Series';
 - (iii) A State Championship will only be referred to as the 'Motorsport Australia (Sponsor) (State e.g. Victoria) (Category Name) Championship';
 - (iv) The 'name' of each Australian Championship or Series, or State Championship is subject to approval by Motorsport Australia;
- (b) The number of entries for a Championship or Series should be an average of at least ten (10) per Round, subject to exceptional circumstances (such as by force majeure) or if otherwise approved by Motorsport Australia.
- (c) Motorkhana, Khanacross, Hill Climb and Super Sprint Championships may be contested over one (1) Round. For all other Championships and Series, the following will apply:
 - (i) Each Australian Championship or Series will be contested over a minimum of six (6) Rounds per calendar year in no fewer than four (4) states or territories, subject to exceptional circumstances (such as by force majeure) or if otherwise approved by Motorsport Australia. One (1) Round of a National Championship or Series may be permitted outside of Australia in accordance with the ISC;

- (ii) Each State Championship will be contested over a minimum of three (3) Rounds, subject to exceptional circumstances (such as by force majeure) or if otherwise approved by Motorsport Australia, within the State or Territory of the applicable State Council. With the approval of adjoining Motorsport Australia State Councils, one interstate round may be included as a round of a State Championship.
- (d) Motorsport Australia will only allow a State Championship for a category or discipline with the Motorsport Australia approved National Technical Regulations. Subject to approval of National Technical Regulations, additional categories may be recognised by Motorsport Australia for a State Championship.
- (e) Only Australian Championships and Series listed in this Policy will be authorised by Motorsport Australia. Additional Championships or Series may be added to this list from time to time as approved by Motorsport Australia.

6. Expression of Interest for Speed and Auto Test National Championships

- (a) Expressions of interest will be open for all clubs in the relevant state to host National Championships (as listed in the relevant standing regulations) in the Speed or Auto Test National Championship.
- (b) The Administration will assess each expression of interest and provide a recommendation for hosting rights to the championship to the relevant state's State Council/Executive for approval.

7. Permit Conditions

- (a) Each Event of an Australian Championship or Series will be issued with a National, Major National or National Other level permit and fee as per Appendix R of the NCR.
- (b) Each State Championship will be issued with a State Championship level permit and fee as per Appendix R of the NCR.
- (c) Each Australian Championship or Series, or State Championship must comply with the General Regulations of Motorsport Australia and Organising Permits outlined in the Motorsport Australia Manual.

8. Points and Results

- (a) Point score structures will be detailed in the Championship or Series Sporting Regulations. The scale of points will be structured to favour the top three (3) outright positions, with remaining points awarded on a diminishing scale. Only one (1) outright winner will be awarded.
- (b) Where multiple races/heats are contested at a Round of an Australian Championship or Series, or State Championship, the points awarded for each race/heat will be aggregated to determine the Round winner.

- (c) In the event of a tie for Round results, a comparison of race/heat results will determine the outcome, with the final race/heat for the round taking precedence unless specified otherwise in Championship or Series Sporting Regulations as approved by Motorsport Australia.
- (d) If two or more drivers finish the Championship on the same number of points, the higher place in the Championship will be awarded to:
 - (i) The holder of the greatest number of first places in races/heats;
 - (ii) If the number of first places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of second places;
 - (iii) If the number of second places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of third places, and so on until a winner emerges;
 - (iv) If this procedure fails to produce a result, Motorsport Australia will nominate the winner according to such criteria as it thinks fit. (Note: this ruling only applies to Championships consisting of multiple rounds. Championships consisting of a single Round should refer to the General Conditions for All Titles).

9. Branding

- (a) All branding related to Championships or Series must comply with the Motorsport Australia Brand Identity Guide, which is on the Motorsport Australia website (www.motorsport.org.au). Specific branding for Championships and series can be applied for at communications@motorsport.org.au
- (b) Motorsport Australia branding and logos outlined in the Motorsport Australia Brand Identity Guide must be used in all publications related to any Australian Championship or Series, or a State Championship, including but not limited to the Supplementary and Further Supplementary Regulations, Sporting and Technical Regulations, and Event bulletins. It is recommended that the relevant Motorsport Australia Championship or Series logo be included in all media releases, time sheets, results, media signage or backdrops, marketing campaigns and other such promotional items.
- (c) The Motorsport Australia logo as detailed in the Motorsport Australia Brand Identity Guide must be displayed on each automobile in accordance with Schedule K of the Motorsport Australia Manual.
- (d) Motorsport Australia encourages media/press releases/relevant news to be forwarded to the Motorsport Australia Media Department (communications@motorsport.org.au) to provide opportunities for promotional assistance via Motorsport Australia's media platforms.

10. Winners

- (a) For each Australian Championship, the winner will be recognised as an 'Australian Champion'.

- (b) For each State Championship, the winner will be recognised as a 'State Champion' (Note: this does not apply to State Series categories).
- (c) For each Australian Series, the winner will be recognised as an 'Australian Series Winner'.
- (d) Where classes are contested as part of an Australian Championship or Series, or a State Championship, the winner will be recognised as a 'Class Winner'.

11. Awards and Trophies

- (a) A trophy will be awarded by Motorsport Australia to each Australian Champion, State Champion and Australian Series Winner. A perpetual trophy may also be awarded which will remain the property of and in the possession of Motorsport Australia.
- (b) Each winner of an Australian Championship must attend the Motorsport Australia National Awards presentation function. Unless granted an exemption by Motorsport Australia, noncompliance may result in sporting penalties imposed by Motorsport Australia.
- (c) Each winner of a State Championship will be recognised at the Motorsport Australia State Awards presentation function in the state in which the award was won.
- (d) A trophy or award will not be presented outside of a Motorsport Australia organised awards event without the approval of Motorsport Australia.
- (e) Each Motorsport Australia trophy must be engraved or marked "Motorsport Australia (Sponsor if applicable) (State if applicable) (Category/Discipline Name) Championship/Series".

12. Implications for Non-Adherence

- (a) Any breach of this Policy may result in disciplinary action being taken by Motorsport Australia.
- (b) One or more penalties may be imposed in accordance with the NCR upon any Event organiser, Event promoter, Driver or Competitor who has breached this Policy.

13. Related Rules, Policies or Procedures

- (a) National Competition Rules
- (b) Circuit Race Standing Regulations
- (c) Off Road Standing Regulations
- (d) National Rally Code
- (e) Speed Event Standing Regulations
- (f) Motorkhana Standing Regulations

- (g) Khanacross Standing Regulations
- (h) National Policy on Competition Fixing
- (i) Media Policy

14. General

- (a) The Policy Manager is the Sporting Commissions and Championships Manager to whom any questions in relation to this Policy should be directed.
- (b) This Policy will be reviewed every 2 years if not sooner.

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