



Sporting and Technical Regulations MOTORSPORT Australia 2023 NSW Hillclimb Championship

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1. The Championship will be known as;

MOTORSPORT Australia NSW Hillclimb Championship.

The Events of the NSW Hillclimb Championship will be held under the FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices, the National Competition Rules (NCR) of MOTORSPORT Australia, MOTORSPORT Australia Speed Event Standing Regulations, MOTORSPORT Australia National Speed Event Championship Classes, these Regulations, Event Supplementary Regulations and any Further Regulations or instructions that may be issued. This Events will be conducted under and in accordance with the MOTORSPORT Australia OH&S, MOTORSPORT Australia Safety 1st and Risk Management Policies, which can be found at motorsport.org.au

- a) The Championship is open to any driver who is the holder of a MOTORSPORT Australia Speed Licence, formally Level 2S or Speed Junior licence.
 - b) The Panel will advise all clubs of the Championship and call for registrations from competitors. It is the duty of all clubs promoting a Championship Round to publicise the Round and give their members every opportunity to register.
 - c) Each driver may have only one entry in any one Round of the Championship.
 - d) A driver may change category, group or class between Rounds. However points cannot be combined for outright contention.
 - e) Drivers and cars must conform in all respects with the MOTORSPORT Australia NCR's, the Event Supplementary Regulations, these Sporting Regulations governing the Championship, and any Additional Regulations issued for each event.
 - f) Sponsors logo must be placed on both sides of the vehicle in a prominent position near the number if possible on all competing vehicles at a championship round. In addition a banner across the windscreen is recommended. Each competing vehicle is required to carry the MOTORSPORT Australia logo decal. 5th Category Historic cars are exempt under the rules.
 - g) An automobile may be shared between competitors and dual entered in a Championship Round; however, it can only be entered in one category / class. Any one driver is entitled to the same number of class runs as other drivers.
 - h) The full results of the Championship will be published by MOTORSPORT Australia as soon as possible after the final Round – pending scrutineering and the outcome of any judicial matters that may be raised as an outcome of the event.
 - i) Calendar: the MOTORSPORT Australia NSW State Council or MOTORSPORT Australia NSW State Executive will confirm the dates and venues. These dates are published on the 2023 State MOTORSPORT Calendar.
2. Championship Registration:

A register of competitors for the Championship will be maintained. Only registered drivers will receive points, annual awards and other benefits distributed from the Panel funds.

The Organising Club can fill the remaining places in a **Separate** event with drivers not registered in the Championship if space permits this will be run as a **separate Multi-Club Event** incorporated within the State event.

Registered competitors will have preference to compete in each round.

The following rules apply to registration:

- a) Drivers may register for the Championship up to the final round, they must be registered before 5pm on the Friday two weeks before any given event in order to qualify for points in that event or any future events from that date forward.
- b) A registration fee will be paid by each registrant; the fee to be determined each year by the Panel.
Note: Registration is considered received when a completed application form and payment of the applicable fee is lodged via the Motorsport Australia NSW Hillclimb Registration on the Motorsport Australia website and then received by the Panel Chairman or his nominee by Friday at 5.00pm two weeks prior to the event.
- c) At the time of registration, a competitor may also register a permanent number which shall, if not already in use, be used for each Championship Round in which he or she competes; such number to be controlled and maintained by the Panel. A Registered competitor's number for the previous year will be held for his/her use until the first Round of the following year has been run.
- d) The competition number one (1) will be reserved for use by the current NSW Hillclimb Champion, however the National Hillclimb Champion competing at the same meeting, shall have priority to use the number if he/she so chooses. No 2 can then be used by the current Motorsport Australia NSW State Hillclimb Champion. **The title of NSW Hillclimb Champion can only be used by the outright Championship winner.**

3. Championship Venues:

The venues selected will be reviewed annually. Any new venues will be carefully considered. The venues selected must be sealed and provide sufficient variation (as to length, gradient and types of corners) to make the Championship truly representative of the best hills the State has to offer. Venues must hold a Category C Venue licence approved by Motorsport Australia to host all NSW Championship classes.

The Panel may in consultation with Motorsport Australia NSW State Council or Executive reduce the number of rounds for the championship or substitute a round if a venue becomes unusable in the current year.

4. Pointscores:

Outright and Class pointscores shall be:

1 st - 14 points	2 nd - 11 points	3 rd - 9 points	4 th - 7 points
5 th - 6 points	6 th - 5 points	7 th - 4 points	8 th - 3 points
9 th - 2 points	10 th - 1 point		

- a) A driver's single best official run at each round will be the only one to count towards Class points. Outright Championship points will be decided at the end of each round in accordance with the provisions of the rules.
- b) This year *2023* the Championship will consist of 7 rounds as set out below:

1) Bathurst Esses:	4 th of March
2) Bathurst Mt. Straight:	5 th of March
3) Huntley:	1st 2 nd of April
4) Kempsey:	6th 7th of May
5) Grafton:	10th 11th of June
6) Tamworth	15 th 16 of July

All Competitors results will count toward the Championship with a minimum of 4 rounds competed in to receive a trophy.

- c) Motorsport Australia reserves the right to change these numbers if a round of the championship is cancelled, or if the track is (for any reason) deemed unsuitable to host all Championship classes.
- d) Should any two or more driver's record exactly the same time in a Round, drivers will be allocated equal points for that position and the next points position will not be allocated.
- e) Each year the Panel will appoint a Pointscorer, who will record round results and calculate points after each Round. These progressive provisional results will then be made available for publication in the programme together with the details of the next round date, venue and organising club

5. Championship Classes:

Recognition for Outright and Class placing will be given to classes as listed in the Motorsport Australia Manual of Motor Sport, – National Speed Event Championship Classes except where the following NSW State Championship specific Classes override them.

- **2F Prod Sports under 2000cc.**
- **2F Prod Sports over 2001cc.**
- **3JB Improved Production Cars including all-wheel drive & forced induction, run in a separate class from 3JB excluding all-wheel drive & forced induction. ***
- **Road registered All Wheel Drive.**
- **Road registered under 2500cc.**
- **Road registered over 2501cc.**

*All capacities for 3J improved production are as per **National Speed Event Championship Classes.**

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Each vehicle which is the subject of a Motorsport Australia Log-Book and classified as a Race, Rally/Road, Off Road or Historic vehicle will require the use of FHR, the same as if that vehicle was entered into an event for one of those disciplines. For full requirements refer to Schedule D, Article 1.4.

For more information please consult the Motorsport Australia FHR Flowchart.

A vehicle which is road registered will not require the mandatory use of FHR, unless that vehicle is also classified and holds a Log Book as a Race, Rally/Road or Off-Road vehicle. Competitors should consult Motorsport Australia Manual - Schedule D Article 1.4..

All cars must have a Motorsport Australia Log-Book except cars entered in the Road Registered Class where a log book is optional.

Note It is the **Competitors Responsibility** to ensure the car is presented for the **correct class** it is entered in. Check the Motorsport Australia Manual and Hillclimb Website for further information.

NOTE: 1st Category, open-cockpit vehicles, vehicles without suspension and those with wheels less than 10" in diameter may be excluded from running at some venues due to the conditions of the track licence.

6. Combination of Classes in Championship Rounds:

Classes will not be combined.

7. Targeted Scrutiny:

Targeted scrutineering is compulsory for all Log-Booked cars that are registered for the championship.

8. Round and Annual Award:

Round awards will be presented as soon as possible after the completion of the event, approximately 30 mins where practicable. (If Health restrictions allow).

Annual awards shall be presented at a venue and a date as determined by the Panel. (If Health restrictions allow).

The cost of any annual awards for the Championship will be taken from the Championship registration fees or any donations or sponsorships received.

- a) Annual awards shall be made for 1st to 3rd Outright, 1st to 3rd in class and 1st Lady Competitor and 1st Junior Competitor. Lady competitors may chose to opt out of the award to compete on an equal footing.

The Panel may give additional awards at is discretion.

For a competitor to be eligible for an annual outright and class award, he/she must have recorded a time during an official run in at least Four (4) Rounds of the Championship in that class.

The Outright Championship Winner's name shall be engraved on the Motorsport Australia NSW Hillclimb Championship Shield, which shall be permanently displayed in Motorsport Australia NSW Office or other appropriate place.

The Champion will receive a suitable trophy.

Outright placegetters are also eligible for class awards.

- b) Round awards will be the responsibility of the organising club and shall be made for 1st to 3rd Outright.

Class awards shall be determined according to the number of competitors competing in a class or category.

- (i) Up to 3 - trophy for 1st Place only.
- (ii) Up to 4 - trophies for 1st and 2nd Places.
- (iii) Up to 5 or more - trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places.

A suitable plaque is to be engraved and sent to the competitor with the results, or as soon as practicable after the event.

The plaque shall have the Round Date, Class, Position and fastest time engraved and be suitable to be affixed onto the trophy.

- c) In the event of a tie on points, drivers shall receive equal awards. Tied points should refer to Article 7 of the Motorsport Australia Championship Policy.
- d) The Top Tin Top Award will be awarded for first to third placing for the best overall performances by eligible vehicles will be Cars having permanently fixed hard roofs including Road Registered vehicles.

The ten fastest times set within these categories during the Class runs at each round will be awarded points for each Round of the Championship as per Rule 4.

9. Entries:

- a) Organising clubs will forward an entry form and event information to all registered competitors one month prior to the closing date for entries. (10 days prior to the round).
- b) Competitors will be notified of their entry being received.
This must be done as soon as it is received.
Acceptance or rejection to be notified as soon as practicable but at least 72 hours before the Round.

- c) Email notification is acceptable for those drivers who have nominated an Email address all others must be notified by phone.
- d) Registered competitors using a Non Log-booked car, with road registration, are eligible to score points in the championship in the classes nominated *and other classes within the Championships*
- e) Other competitors with Non **Logbooked** (which are not road-registered) cars are permitted to compete, at the discretion of the organisers (See rule2), but they will not be eligible to score points in the championship. These vehicles are eligible to compete in the **Multiclub** component of the event – as designated in the Supplementary Regulations for that event.

10. Registered competitors:

Where the number of competitors at a Hillclimb must be limited, organising clubs must give preference in acceptance to registered drivers, providing such drivers are registered 14 days (see rule 2a) days prior to the round and comply with all the regulations regarding entry fees, closing dates, etc. Current contenders for outright and class will be given preference.

11. Results:

Organisers of each round shall, within 72 hours after a Championship event, forward to all competitors and Motorsport Australia a list giving the Fastest Time of the Day, times of each official run for each competitor (such times listed in class order of finishing and noting the outright placing of each competitor) and the qualifying times. Results will be sent to the series point scorer in Excel spread sheet format.

12. Official Runs:

- a) All nominated runs will be official on the day of the round. Competitors must have at least four (4) runs available to them each round, unless, through force majeure, it becomes impossible for competitors to complete the official runs. If certain classes have completed an additional run, then the times recorded for that run for those classes shall be scored for class awards only, outright will be scored from the last fully completed run.
- b) Any official runs in excess of four shall be announced prior to the commencement of the fourth run. Any additional runs must be announced before the start of the previously announced last run these runs will be classed as official nominated runs to a maximum of six official runs.
- c) At some courses where practical and at the Clerk of the Course's discretion, there may be provision for a second vehicle to start before the first car has completed its run.
- d) The organisers may continue to run additional unofficial runs or special round at their discretion, provided they meet the Event Permit conditions and the approval of the Stewards'.

13. Curtailed:

If the round is to be curtailed due to delays or for any other reasons, preference will be given to registered Championship competitors to complete their runs.

14. Programme:

Each competitor will be provided with a programme for each Round, containing:

- a) A list of entrants in each category, group and class stating vehicle number, Entrant's/Driver's name, and make and capacity of car, with unregistered competitors marked.
- b) List of current venue records for those classes being contested as a minimum.

- c) Other than the first Round's programme, a list of provisional progressive Championship points.
- d) Running Order, must follow as closely as possible the category, group and class order, with the exception of double entered vehicles which should run as soon as practicable after the other driver.

15. Public Address System:

An effective PA system must be provided to at least the Pit Area with times broadcasted for each Competitors run.

16. Practice:

Practice, where provided, will be structured so that each competitor is provided with an equal chance to practice.

17. Cancellation/Postponement:

The Organising clubs reserve the right to cancel or postpone the Championship if the number of entries is, in its opinion, inadequate, or for any other reason which it may deem sufficient. In the event of cancellation or postponement, the registration fee will be refunded, but under no other circumstances. Any cancellation will be made in consultation with Motorsport Australia and the NSW State Hillclimb Panel.

18. Motorsport Australia NSW State Council or State Executive reserves the right to alter any or all of these conditions for future years.