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1. INTRODUCTION

These regulations are administered by the Historic Motorsport Committee (*HMC*) and apply to any 5th Category Historic *Competition* or associated activity.

2. CLASSIFICATION

Motorsport Australia reserves the right to accept, reject or re-classify any *Automobile* for an Historic Group classification.

The issue of an FIA Historic Technical Passport (*FIA HTP*), a Historic Log Book (*HLB*) or a Certificate of Description (*COD*) is subject to the approval of the Historic Eligibility Committee (*HEC*).

A determination by the *HEC* with regard to the classification of any Historic *Automobile* is binding on any Stewards, Tribunal or *AMSAC* hearing.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Before acquiring, constructing or modifying an *Automobile* with the intent of applying for an *FIA HTP*, *HLB* or *COD*, it is recommended that *Motorsport Australia* or an Historic Eligibility Officer be contacted regarding its eligibility.

Each *Automobile* must comply with its *FIA HTP* or *COD* or *Specification Sheet*.

An Historic Technical Committee member and/or Historic Eligibility Officer may be appointed as an official to check the compliance of each *Automobile* at an *Event*.

The *HEC* will determine if an *Automobile* is eligible for an *FIA HTP*, a *COD* or an *HLB* subject to it:

- having a competition history in the relevant era; or
- being the reconstruction of a significantly important Historic *Automobile* known to have been lost or destroyed

For a *Demonstration*, each eligible *Automobile*:

must be an *Automobile* which competed prior to 1 January 1970. Any other *Automobile* may be permitted subject to approval of the *HMC*.

must maintain a high standard of period presentation. The original style of paintwork and livery is encouraged.

unless approved otherwise by the *HMC*, must not display any advertising sign unless it was on that *Automobile* in the period it represents.

must display a competition number.

where required in the *Supplementary Regulations*, must have:

- Road registration; or
- Club registration; or
- a Permit to operate an unregistered *Automobile*

may be subject to an exhaust noise emission test at any time during an *Event* in accordance with Technical Appendix – Schedule B of the *NCR*.

4. CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION

The Entry Form for a *Competition* must include provision for the number of the *COD*.

Any *Automobile* the subject of an *FIA HTP* or classified as Group N or S does not require a *COD*.

5. FIA HISTORIC TECHNICAL PASSPORT

An *Automobile* the subject of an *FIA HTP* must comply with FIA Appendix K as relevant except for:

the use of tyres approved for use within the Motorsport Australia Historic group in which the *Automobile* is entered; and

compliant with Technical Appendix - Schedule K of the *NCR* and the Historic Appendix – Automobile Eligibility - General Requirements - Paintwork and Signage.

6. HISTORIC LOG BOOK

Subject to the requirements of Technical Appendix - Schedule L of the *NCR*, each *Automobile* must be the subject of an *HLB*. Additionally:

With the exception of a Group N or S *Automobile*, where an *HLB* is required, the *Automobile* must also be subject to an *FIA HTP* or a *COD*.

The Entry Form for a *Competition* must include provision for the number of the *HLB*.

7. TEMPORARY PERMIT TO COMPETE

Motorsport Australia, in consultation with the relevant Historic Eligibility Committee, may issue a Temporary Permit to Compete to:

an *Automobile* awaiting processing of an application for an *FIA HTP*, a *COD* or an *HLB*. This permit is valid for up to 2 *Events*;

an *Automobile* which is the subject of an *FIA HTP* or other documentation establishing its provenance issued by a foreign *ASN* and accepted by *Motorsport Australia*. This permit is valid for up to 12 months from the date of first issue.

Motorsport Australia may issue an Evaluation Permit to Compete to:

an *Automobile* for evaluation by the *HMC*, in consultation with the relevant Historic Eligibility Committee. The duration of this permit will be determined by the *HMC*.

such *Automobile* will:

be identified by the letter 'E' (Evaluation) 150 mm in height in Helvetica Bold, Zurich Bold or Arial Bold adjacent to the competition number at the bottom right-hand corner and no further than 100 mm from the border of the background; and

appear in the results identified with the letter 'E'; and

not be eligible for any competition award.

The issue of each Permit is subject to a satisfactory pre-Competition safety inspection.

Thereafter, an *FIA HTP* or *COD*, and *HLB* or a Group N or S Log Book issued by *Motorsport Australia* is required.

8. AWARDS

Unless approved by the *HMC* the following are prohibited:

the conduct of a *Championship, Cup, Challenge, Trophy or Series*; and

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any award of monetary value.

9. CIRCUIT RACE

9.1 GENERAL

A *Circuit Race Event* for a 5th Category *Automobile* may include:

Individual Group: a specific individual Group; or

Combined Group: a combination of more than one Group; or

Divisional: a combination from any Group with each selected on the basis of performance compatibility.

Refer Attachment A, Table 1 and Table 2 for guidance on *Automobile* compatibility.

Consideration may be given to an engine capacity class or an overall capacity limit in any *Competition*.

For any Individual Group or Combined Group *Competition*, it is permitted to invite any compatible *Automobile* from another Group. In this case, the *Official Program* will record that the *Competition* includes each other *Automobile* from another Group by invitation and the correct Group classification of each. It is recommended the advice of a member of either the *HMC* or the *HEC* is sought to advise the most compatible mix.

For any reason of safety, *Motorsport Australia* may prohibit a proposed *Automobile* combination which it considers inappropriate (e.g. speed differential, visibility).

For the Competition Licence requirement, refer to General Appendix – Competition Licences of the *NCR*.

9.2 DRIVING STANDARDS

Refer Attachment B.

9.3 DRIVING STANDARDS ADVISOR

At each National Historic Event, the appointment of a Driving Standards Advisor approved by the *HMC* is mandatory and highly recommended at any other Historic *Competition*.

9.4 QUALIFYING

Other than where the Clerk of the Course recommends and the Stewards approve a variation, each *Driver* must achieve a lap time within 130% of the fastest lap time recorded in that qualifying session. The regrouping of an *Automobile* into another *Competition* compatible with its Group is permitted as a means of achieving this.

10. PARADE / DEMONSTRATION

10.1 Parade

A *Parade* must be conducted in accordance with the *NCR* and:

may be on a closed public or private road in which case, any access to the *Course* must be closed by a locked gate or similar. If access is necessary, a marshal must be stationed at that gate.

a passenger is permitted subject to a maximum speed of 125% of the speed limit relevant to the road on which the activity is taking place; and

each *Driver* must hold a valid civil driver licence.

the Clerk of the Course must hold a briefing at which each *Driver* must attend and which will include the conditions under which the *Event* is being conducted.

each *Automobile* must:

undergo a safety check by a Scrutineer prior to participation. The *Organiser* may require additional checks;

be equipped with at least 1 x 1 kg capacity fire extinguisher; and

if required by regulation, be fitted with a seat belt for each occupant.

the *Organiser* may require additional safety equipment.

10.2 Demonstration

A *Demonstration* must be conducted in accordance with the *NCR* and:

exhibits the characteristics of and promotes Historic motorsport;

encourages the display of Historic *Automobiles* that otherwise may not be seen in public;

may be conducted on a closed public or private road in which case, any access to the *Course* must be closed by a locked gate or similar. If access is necessary, a marshal must be stationed at that gate.

relies on the good judgement of an *Organiser* in accepting each suitable entry such that any significant variation in the potential speed between *Automobiles* is avoided;

may have a minimum lap time;

is strictly non-competitive and any award must not be related to performance; and

the Clerk of the Course must hold a briefing at which each *Driver* must attend and which will include the conditions under which the *Event* is being conducted.

each *Driver* must hold at least a Speed or Junior Speed Licence, refer General Appendix – Competition Licences of the *NCR*.

each *Driver* must wear a helmet, goggles/visor and apparel in accordance with Technical Appendix - Schedule D of the *NCR*. It is recommended to wear a full-face helmet when driving an open *Automobile*.

each *Automobile* must:

- undergo a safety check by a Scrutineer prior to participation. The *Organiser* may require additional checks;

- be equipped with at least 1 x 1 kg capacity fire extinguisher; and

- if required by regulation, be fitted with a seat belt for each occupant.

the *Organiser* may require additional safety equipment.

11. SPEED EVENT

For the organisation of a *Speed Event* for Historic *Automobiles* refer Speed Event Appendix of the *NCR* noting that any such *Competition* may only include 5th Category *Automobiles*.

ATTACHMENT A

GROUP COMPATIBILITY

TABLE 1: RACING AND SPORTS CARS

	Ja/Jb	Ka/Kb	Lb/Lc	M racing	M sports	O racing	O sports	F	P racing	P sports	F 5000	Qa racing	Qb racing	Qa sports	Qb sports	Ra racing	Rb racing	Ra sports	Rb sports	V	
Ja/Jb	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Ka/Kb	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Lb/Lc	A	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
M racing	B	B	A	A	B	A	B	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B
M sports	B	B	A	B	A	B	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
O racing	C	C	C	A	B	A	B	A	A	B	C	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B
O sports	C	C	C	B	A	B	A	C	B	A	C	B	C	B	C	C	C	B	C	C	C
F	C	C	C	B	C	A	C	A	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B
P racing	C	C	C	C	C	A	B	B	A	B	C	B	B	C	C	C	B	C	C	C	C
P sports	C	C	C	C	C	B	A	C	B	A	C	B	C	A	B	C	C	B	B	C	C
F 5000	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	C	A	B	A	C	B	A	A	C	B	C	C
Qa racing	C	C	C	C	C	B	B	C	B	B	B	A	B	B	B	A	B	B	C	C	C
Qb racing	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	C	A	B	A	C	B	A	A	C	B	C	C
Qa sports	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	C	C	A	C	B	C	A	A	B	C	A	B	C	C
Qb sports	C	C	C	C	B	C	C	C	C	B	B	B	B	A	A	C	B	B	A	C	C
Ra racing	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	A	A	A	B	C	A	B	B	B	C	C
Rb racing	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	C	A	B	A	C	B	B	A	C	B	C	C
Ra sports	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	C	B	C	A	B	B	C	A	A	C	C
Rb sports	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	B	C	B	B	A	B	B	A	A	C	C
V	C	C	C	B	C	B	C	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	A

A - Green – Combination permitted

B – Yellow – Combination only permitted if entry numbers are low and subject to the Clerk of the Course regrouping as appropriate

C – White – Combination only permitted following a Targeted Risk Assessment approved by the HMC

It is recommended that:

- Groups P, Q and R not be combined with any earlier Group
- Formula Ford not be combined with any other Group
- Formula Vee not be combined with any other Group
- Sports, GT and Touring Car *Automobiles* not be combined with any open-wheel Group

ATTACHMENT A

GROUP COMPATABILITY

TABLE 2: PRODUCTION BASED CARS

	Sa	Sb	Sc	T*	Na	App J	Nb	SP	Nc	IP	A	C	U*	
Sa	A	A	A	B	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	Sa
Sb	A	A	A	A	C	B	B	B	C	C	C	C	C	Sb
Sc	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	B	B	C	C	C	C	Sc
T*	B	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	T*
Na	B	C	C	C	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	C	Na
App J		B	C	C	A	A	A	B	A	A	B	B	B	App J
Nb	C	B	C	C	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	Nb
SP	C	B	B	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	SP
Nc	C	C	B	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Nc
IP	C	C	B	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	IP
A	C	C	C	C	C	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
C	C	C	C	C	C	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	C
U*	C	C	C	C	C	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	U*
	Sa	Sb	Sc	T*	Na	App J	Nb	SP	Nc	IP	A	C	U*	

A - Green – Combination permitted

B – Yellow – Combination only permitted if entry numbers are low and subject to the Clerk of the Course regrouping as appropriate

C – White – Combination only permitted following a Targeted Risk Assessment approved by the HMC

It is recommended that:

Sports, GT and Touring Car *Automobiles* not be combined with any open-wheel Group

ATTACHMENT B

DRIVING STANDARDS GUIDELINES

General

These guidelines are developed to establish the driving standards for Historic racing and will apply when investigating an incident.

Historic racing differs from contemporary racing in that its primary goal is to showcase the *Automobiles* and the *Driver* enjoying the experience.

Aggressive driving and contact between *Automobiles* are not acceptable.

The safety features of an Historic *Automobile* may not be that of a contemporary *Automobile* and as such each *Driver* must take this into consideration

Overtaking

In addition to the Code of Driving Conduct in the Circuit Race Standing Regulations the following will apply:

It is the responsibility of the overtaking *Driver* to make a controlled manoeuvre without contact.

The *Driver* of an *Automobile* attempting to overtake must earn track position and the right to be given racing room by using skill and judgement to achieve a "significant overlap".

A "significant overlap" means the front wheels of the overtaking *Automobile* are at least up to the front wheels of the *Automobile* being overtaken at the normal turn-in point for the corner.

At this point it is the responsibility of the *Driver* of the *Automobile* being overtaken to allow racing room. If this has not been achieved, it is the responsibility of the *Driver* of the overtaking *Automobile* to concede and avoid contact.

ATTACHMENT C

DEFINITIONS

HEC: Historic Eligibility Committee

HMC: Historic Motorsport Committee

COD: A recognition document which identifies the specification of an *Automobile*.

FIA HTP: A document issued by an *ASN* on behalf of the *FIA* that identifies the specification of the *Automobile*.

Specification Sheet: A document detailing the specification of a Group N or S *Automobile*.

HLB: Historic Log Book