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CLASSIC TRIAL RULES - V4.0

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PREAMBLE

The CLASSIC TRIAL REGISTER COMMITTEE, hereby declares the following Articles to be those governing an Invitation Classic Trial Series for drivers of Sports and GT cars more than 15 years old, and Saloon cars more than 25 year old (refer Supplementary Regulations) together with other cars that may be invited by the committee.

These Articles are to be read in conjunction with the standard Supplementary Regulations set out in the National Sporting Code issued by MOTORSPORT NZ and in conjunction with the supplementary regulations issued by the inviting clubs and any Technical Rules as listed in these Articles.

1 INTERPRETATION

In these Articles, the following interpretations shall apply:

"Classic Trial Register" is not a club but a non-structured group of enthusiasts. The Classic Trial Register is managed and co-ordinated by a committee.

"Register" means the Classic Trial Register.

"The Committee" is the Classic Trial Committee, members being listed in Section 5.2 of these Articles.

The "Classic Trial Director" means a member of the Classic Trial Committee and the senior representative of the Classic Trial Register.

"Event Manager" means a member of the Classic Trial Register committee who has been nominated and accepted the role of being in charge of the Classic Trial event at a specified Race Meeting organised under permits issued by Motorsport NZ.

"Assistants" means individuals nominated by the committee to assist with the running of an event.

"Member" means a member of the Classic Trial Register. Membership of the Register is by invitation of the committee.

"Classic Trial" means an individual trial, run with the approval and co-operation of the Classic Trial Register Committee. The trial may be a designated round of the Classic Trial Championship. Classic Trials may be run under the following Motorsport New Zealand event types: Circuit Sprint (Single Car), Circuit Sprint (Dual Car), Hillclimb or Regularity Trial. Only cars complying with the requirements for the individual type of event will be permitted to compete.

"Trial" means a Classic Trial

"Championship" means the Classic Trial Championship.

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“Championship Round” or “Round” means a Classic Trial designated as part of the Classic Trial Championship.

"The Supplementary Regulations" means so far as they are applicable to the Championship, MOTORSPORT NZ's Supplementary Regulations applicable to all motor racing together with all updates and amendments issued by MOTORSPORT NZ from time to time and at any time.

"the Inviting Clubs" means the MOTORSPORT NZ affiliated car clubs inviting the Register or Register members to their Race Meetings, organised under permits issued by MOTORSPORT NZ at which rounds of the Series are held.

“MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND” means the MotorSport New Zealand Incorporated.

2 OBJECTS

- 2.1 To co-ordinate and administer trial based motorsport events including an annual championship for CLASSIC & VINTAGE ROAD GOING CARS & OTHER INVITED CARS OF HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL IMPORTANCE.
- 2.2 To provide for drivers, a safe and controlled environment to test their car and their driving skills and for the public an opportunity to see cars in track competition that might otherwise only be seen on display.
- 2.3 Speed bars (maximum speed limit) shall apply at each circuit event. This is to ensure compliance with the Motorsport New Zealand requirement to minimise speed differential between the various cars on the track. Thus creating a safer environment, encouraging the participation of beginners, and slower classic and vintage cars. Speed bars are applied by the enforcement of a designated minimum lap time.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Classic Trial entrants must be members of the Classic Trial Register, or be approved by the Committee or a Committee member. Classic Trial Championship entrants must be registered with the Committee.
- 3.2 Marques eligible include all classic British, European, and Japanese cars but at the committee's discretion, other countries' marques or models may be included including replicas and retrospective specials. Cars are accepted on an individual car by car basis. The existence of a particular make and model of vehicle on the register does not guarantee the acceptance of a similar car. The condition, appearance and history of the car are important considerations.
- 3.3 Replicas and Retrospective Specials must be compliant with MotorSport New Zealand Manual Schedule CR.
- 3.4 The committee reserves the right to seek advice from specialists or from one marque clubs regarding the acceptability of cars outside their current expertise or knowledge.
- 3.5 The Committee has the power to offer invitations, accept or reject or revoke membership and or registration on the basis of either car or driver suitability and a driver's adherence to both the published rules and the spirit and aims of the Classic Trial Register or Classic & Thoroughbred competition as stated in current or previous New Zealand Motorsport Manuals, or for any other factor at the Committee's discretion.

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- 3.6 A car may not be driven in a race and a trial, at the same meeting by the same driver. A car entered in a race, may be driven in a trial at the same meeting, by a different driver. A driver entered in a race may drive a different car in a trial at the same meeting.
- 3.7 Where an application for registration is rejected, the Committee's decision has to be unanimous and no reason need be given publicly. Numbers of identical cars may be limited so as to maintain as much variety as possible.
- 3.8 All entrants and drivers agree to submit their cars for inspection by the Series Technical Officer or by a suitably qualified person or persons acting under the instruction of the Committee.

4 CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

- 4.1 The Championship shall comprise designated Classic Trials. If any round is unable to be held, a substitute may be arranged with competitors given due notice. Classic Trial Register members will be advised of series dates, amendments and the like by e-mail.
- 4.2 The Committee reserves the right to either cancel or amend any rounds of the championship without affecting in any way its power to award any title.
- 4.3 If Non-Register members compete in any Classic Trial, their results will be excluded from the overall result prepared by the Classic Trial Register. The published winners of such trials will be totally at the discretion of the Inviting Club. Classic Trial and Classic Trial Championship results will be published separately from the results of the Inviting Club.

5 SERIES PERSONNEL

- 5.1 At each Classic Trial or round of the Championship, the Classic Trial Register will be represented by a Committee Member. Where a Committee member is not able to be present the Committee will nominate an alternative representative as the Event Manager (Deputised Committee Member) prior to the commencement of the meeting:
- 5.2 Committee:
Refer to Appendix 1.
- 5.2.1 The Committee members shall be responsible for:

All administrative matters,
Recording and publishing results,
Financial records, receipts and payments,
Advisor and Race Day Liaison Officer,
Judge Of Fact for Driver Eligibility, Technical and Non-Technical Eligibility,
Judge Of Fact when acting as Co-ordinator or Driver's Representative,
Liaison with Clerk of the Course, Stewards, Scrutineers etc.
- 5.3 Nominated Assistants:
- 5.3.1 Deputised Committee Member
TO BE ADVISED (When a Committee Member is not available)

The Deputised Committee Member shall be responsible for:

Recording and publishing results,

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Advisor and Race Day Liaison Officer,
Judge Of Fact for Driver Eligibility, Technical and Non-Technical Eligibility,
Judge Of Fact when acting as Co-ordinator or Driver's Representative,
Liaison with Clerk of the Course, Stewards, Scrutineers, etc.

5.3.2 Series Technical Officer

TO BE ADVISED (If not advised, shall be a committee Member or a person nominated by a Committee Member to act as an alternative)

The Technical Officer will be responsible for:

Technical Eligibility and who will be Judge Of Fact for Vehicle Eligibility at each Round, pursuant to the Series Technical Rules as stated in Article 3.

5.3.3 Driver's Representative

TO BE ADVISED (Senior Committee Member to Deputise or to nominate an alternative)

The Drivers Representative shall be responsible for:

Competitor Liaison,
Deputising for the Technical Officer or any other committee member as required,

6 CLASSIC TRIAL ENTRY

- 6.1 All cars competing in a Classic Trial shall display a race number on each side. The Register is responsible for allocating the race numbers. A number, (once allocated) will be that driver's number for as long as he/she drives with the Register.
- 6.2 By entering a Classic Trial, all entrants/drivers thereby agree to comply with these Articles, Organising Committee rulings, and the Supplementary regulations and the spirit of Classic Trials.
- 6.3 Entries to race meetings are to be made on the Inviting Club's meeting entry forms.
- 6.4 Obtaining and submitting entry forms is the responsibility of the driver/entrant.

7 CLASSIC TRIAL & CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

- 7.1 After practice each driver shall nominate an average lap time for the event. The first lap of any trial will not be counted. Nominated lap times shall not be less than the speed bar designated for the circuit. It is the driver's responsibility to provide a nominated average lap time to the Event Manager or a designated person prior to the commencement of competition. Drivers who do not nominate an average lap time will not record a result.
- 7.2 Where weather conditions are likely to be variable during the course of the meeting, three times may be recorded at the discretion of the committee. In these circumstances a dry track average, a damp track average, and a wet track average lap time will be nominated. Before the commencement of a trial, drivers will be advised if a dry, wet, or damp track time will apply for that trial. Where possible this determination will be made by a Classic Trial representative who is not actually driving in the event. The advice to drivers will be via a sign displayed on the dummy grid. If this is not done, it is the driver's responsibility to ascertain from the Event Manager whether dry, wet, or damp lap time averages will be used.

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- 7.3 The variance in seconds, between the nominated lap time and the actual average lap time will be recorded over each completed lap. The winner will be the driver with the smallest average variance. The failure by a driver to complete the trial to the chequered flag (breakdown, weather etc) will mean a result from that round will not be recorded.

No of Trials Per Meeting	No of Trials to Count for Result
2	2 best results
3	2 best results
4	3 best results
5	3 best results
>5	4 best results

The winner of the Championship will be the driver who records the best average over four rounds. Where more than four rounds are successfully completed the best four results will apply. The number of series rounds that must be entered is open.

- 7.4 In recognition of the difficulty in competing in a Classic Trial on a hill climb, the nominated to actual time variance will be factored down to give a smaller time variance. The actual time variance in seconds, will be multiplied by 0.8. The committee may from time to time alter the multiplication factor or may nominate different factors for different hillclimbs.
- 7.5 Timing devices or aids of any type that may assist a driver in meeting their nominated lap or target time are not permitted.
- 7.6 Smart phones shall not to be carried or placed in any car competing in a Classic Trial.

8 PENALTIES AND CONTROLS

- 8.1 Lap speed bars are applied to all events run under Regularity Trial Regulations. Lap speed bars, may at the discretion of the organisers be applied to events run under Single Car or Dual Car Sprint Regulations. Lap speed bars will not be applied to hillclimbs. Where lap speed bars are applied, drivers shall not driver faster than the designated speed bar. Lap Speed bars may be changed at the discretion of the Event Manager and or the Inviting Club.
- 8.1.1 The Pukekohe speed bar will be
Track 1 - 1 minute 28 seconds per lap. (eleven corner track)
Track 2 - 1 minute 20 seconds per lap (eight corner track)
- 8.1.2 The Manfield speed bar is to be advised.
- 8.1.3 The Taupo speed bar will be
Circuit 1 – 1 minute 58 seconds
Circuit 2 – 1 minute 35 seconds
Circuit 3 – 50 seconds
- 8.1.4 The Hampton Downs speed bar will be
Circuit 1 - 1 minute 27 seconds (Original Circuit)
Circuit 2 – To be advised (Extended Circuit)
- 8.1.5 Speed bars at other circuits will be set by the committee to ensure a safe competitive environment. The committee reserves the right to adjust speed bars up or down as required.
- 8.2 Drivers breaking the published speed bar during a practice or a trial will be penalised.

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- 8.2.1 Where a Driver breaks the speed bar by less than one second a verbal warning will be issued to that driver.
- 8.2.2 Where a Driver breaks the speed bar by greater than one second then a verbal warning will be issued and the Driver will be disqualified from the trial.
- 8.2.3 Breaking the speed bar twice in one meeting will incur disqualification from that meeting.
- 8.3 The Chief Timekeeper will be the JUDGE OF FACT regarding a speed bar breach and shall also be responsible for informing the Clerk of the Course.
- 8.4 Driving infringements will be the responsibility of the Organising Club and the final results as published by the club will normally be the basis on which series results are calculated. Protests regarding finishing positions and/or published lap times are to be made to the organising club and a copy sent to a Committee member.
- 8.5 The Committee will be the final arbiter on series finishing positions.
- 8.6 The Classic Trail Director or the Committee may issue written warnings to exclude from the series, any competitor displaying unsporting behaviour either towards officials or other competitors, on or off the track.
- 8.7 Examples of over driving" reported to the Clerk of the Course by track officials may render the driver liable to penalties as per 8.9.
- 8.8 Drivers not wishing to make a formal complaint to the organisers regarding the driving of a series competitor may request the assistance of the DRIVER'S REPRESENTATIVE to resolve any differences.
- 8.9 The Classic Trial Committee will rule on any matters not specifically covered by the published Articles and reserve the right to amend times as appropriate.

9 PRIZE MONEY & TROPHIES

- 9.1. Trophies will be awarded to the drivers placed first, second and third in the championship Prize money will not be awarded.

10 FEE FOR REGISTERING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- 10.1 The Classic Trial Register committee (at its discretion) shall determine a nominal fee to be paid by members to participate in the Championship each season.

11 VARIOUS

- 11.1 MotorSport New Zealand Log books are required for all cars.
- 11.2 MotorSport New Zealand Certificate of Descriptions (CoD) are recommended for all cars classified under Schedule CR-
- 11.3 Cars are to be fully trimmed. Cars previously raced may be presented for approval by the committee to run in race trim. It is expected that Cars will be to WoF standard have passed the Scrutineering check and shall be run on DoT rated road tyres.

12 SPONSORSHIP

- 12.1 The Classic Trial Register committee shall use its best endeavours to procure a sponsor(s) for the series. The intention being that the sponsor(s) shall contribute to the cost of running the Classic Trial Championship. The sponsor(s) shall provide suitable Classic Trial decals, signage, clothing, and other items for the participants.
- 12.2 Cars competing in the Classic Trail events shall carry the sponsors name and Classic Trial decals (provided).
- 12.3 Cars running in the Classic Trial Championship may carry decals bearing the name of an individual sponsorship as well as the main sponsorship.

Appendix 1

Committee;

Committee Members as at 12-12-2015

Classic Trial Director;	Ross Vaughan
Classic Trial Event Manager;	David Tolhurst
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