

ACCREDITED ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2023-24 GTRNZ RACE SERIES

Preamble

The GT Racing NZ Inc Club hereby declares that the following Articles to be those governing a Motor Racing Series for drivers of Schedule GTR eligible cars.

The Series is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 239004

The Series is organised and held in accordance with the MotorSport NZ National Sporting Code, the Standing Regulations applicable to all Races (Schedule Z), these Accredited Series Articles, and any Supplementary Regulations applicable to and issued by the organisers of each round of the Series.

The GTRNZ Race Series has been categorised as a **Level 1 Accredited Series**.

These articles are at all times to be read in conjunction with:

- The National Sporting Code (NSC) and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules,
- The Technical Regulations - Schedule GTR
- The Event Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Clubs.

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

This table records all official Amendments issued during the season relative to these Articles;

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective date	Article reference	Subject / Notes

1. INTERPRETATION:

In these Articles, the definition of terms used within this Schedule shall be referenced from the National Sporting Code, and as detailed below:

“**The Series**” means the GTRNZ Race Series for cars complying with Schedule GTR; and

“**The Club**” or “**GTRNZ**” means the GT Racing NZ Inc Club; and

“**The Committee**” means the GTRNZ personnel elected at an AGM of the membership club, and

“**Dual Driver**” means two drivers that form one entry, **using the same car**, as per the criteria specified within these Articles, and

“**Performance Criteria**” means the lap times specified by the Club as the parameters for each class.

“**Round Organiser**” or “**Inviting Club**” means the MotorSport NZ Member Club organising a Meeting and/or Event which is a round of the Series; and

“**Round**” means each Meeting and / or Event, the results of which qualify for points in the Series.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:

3.1.1 All drivers shall hold a C1 Grade Competition Licence or higher and if the entrant is other than the driver, an Entrant’s Licence is required in the name of the entrant.

Note: *Under the provisions of the Trans-Tasman Visa Agreement between Motorsport Australia and MotorSport New Zealand Inc, Australian competitors holding both Motorsport Australia General Competition Licences and Trans-Tasman Visas may enter any of the National Race Series and be eligible for awards.*

2.1.2 All Drivers shall be financial members of The Club.

2.1.3 Competitors are not permitted to compete in both grids using the same competition vehicle. Competitors may only enter both grids providing the competition vehicle and number differ. They shall be considered as two separate entries for the purpose of Series and Round entries.

2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:

2.2.1 Eligibility shall be for vehicles complying with the specifications set out in Schedule GTR to these Articles.

2.2.2 All Competitors / Entrants shall agree to submit their vehicle for eligibility under Schedule GTR and safety audit inspections as and when required by the appointed Series Scrutineer for compliance with Appendix Two, Schedule A of the NSC. Any costs incurred during disassembly of components shall be met and accepted by the Competitor / Entrant.

2.3 CLASS ELIGIBILITY: There are four(4) classes as follows;

- (a) **GT1:** being cars which are capable of exceeding the GT2 minimum lap time.
- (b) **GT2:** being cars which qualify for the GT2 Class as capable of the minimum lap times (in dry conditions) as outlined in the table below.
- (c) **GT3:** being cars which qualify for the GT3 Class as capable of the minimum lap times (in dry conditions) as outlined in the table below.
- (d) **GT4:** being cars which qualify for the GT4 Class as capable of the minimum lap times (in dry conditions) as outlined in the table below:

2.3.1 The minimum class lap times are as follows:

	GT1	GT2	GT3	GT4
Hampton Downs	N/A	1:07.000	1:12.000	1:17.000
Hampton Downs (Int. Circuit)	N/A	1:40.000	1:46.000	1:52.000
Taupo	N/A	1:33.000	1:38.000	1:43.000
Manfeild	N/A	1:09.000	1:14.000	1:19.000

2.4 All competing vehicles shall display the supplied official series decals at all Rounds and carry competition numbers and Driver's name in the locations and to the dimensions set out in Appendix 1 to these articles.

Note: *The Series Coordinator may permit variation of decal location for individual vehicles upon application.*

3. SERIES PERSONNEL:

3.1 At each Round the following personnel, or their approved assistant, shall have responsibilities and authorities as set out:

3.1.1 The appointed series personnel may have deputies and assistants to whom they may delegate any of their responsibilities and authorities by way of Bulletin posted on the Official Notice Board at each Round.

3.1.2 Series Coordinator: Bradley Jesson
Mobile Phone No: 021 043 0822
Email: gtrnz@xtra.co.nz

Who shall have the authority of a Series Coordinator set out in the National Sporting Code and who is responsible for and authorised on The Club's behalf to:

- (a) If requested, attend Class Coordinator meetings at each Round, and
- (b) Liaise with the Inviting Clubs on all matters pertaining to these articles, and
- (c) Provide and/or assist the Inviting Club/s with grid starting positions in accordance with Article 6.5 of these Articles.
- (d) Calculate and supervise the start of reverse and handicap grids.

3.1.3 Series Scrutineer: Terry O'Brien
Phone No: 022 428 153
Email: gtrnz@xtra.co.nz

Who shall have the authority of a Series Scrutineer set out in the National Sporting Code and who is responsible for and authorised on The Club's behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the series, and
- (b) Affix seals, as and when deemed appropriate, and
- (c) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series in order to ascertain compliance with the technical regulations – Schedule GTR, and
- (d) Assist competitors with technical enquiries relative to the technical regulations applicable to their vehicle, and
- (e) To report the Clerk of the Course, any instances where a breach of the technical regulations has been identified, and
- (f) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(1)(d)) with respect to weights and measures; and
- (g) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(1)(f)) with respect to tyres; and
- (h) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the series.

3.1.4 Series Secretary: Kathy Jones
Phone No: 027 290 7308
Email: gtrnz@xtra.co.nz

Who shall have the duties and authority to deal with all administrative matters including receiving all Round entries.

All correspondence shall be addressed to:
GTRNZ Secretary
38A Seaview Road
Whakatane, 3120

3.1.5 Driving Standards Observer: Terry O'Brien

Who has been appointed to report on driving standards in accordance with Appendix Four, Schedule Z Article 22.

4. SERIES ENTRY:

4.1 Entry into the Series should be made on the Series' Membership Form available via gtrnz.co.nz and shall be emailed to gtrnz@xtra.co.nz.

4.1.1 A dual driver entry may be submitted for acceptance, providing the following is met:

- (a) Each Driver must compete in a minimum of two Rounds each, and
- (b) Drivers must not compete at the same round.

4.1.2 The Series reserves the right to accept or decline entries into the series as per the National Sporting Code.

4.2 By entering the Series, all Competitors / Entrants:

- (1) Are deemed to be in acceptance of these Series Articles as they are presented, and
- (2) Agree to comply with these Articles and those of the National Sporting Code, and
- (3) Shall be at all times responsible for the presentation of their competing vehicle with respect to safety requirements under Schedule A, and eligibility requirements under these Series Articles, and
- (4) Shall comply with any specific requirements of the official Series Sponsor(s), as detailed within these Series Articles.

4.3 Entry to each Round (which is separate to the Series Entry), shall be \$550 including GST.

5. SERIES STRUCTURE:

5.1 The Series will comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	20-22 October 2023	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
2	17-19 November 2023	Taupo International Motorsport Park	MotorSport New Zealand
3	2-4 February 2024	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park (Int)	MotorSport New Zealand
4	15-17 March 2024	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	MotorSport New Zealand
5	6-7 April 2024	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	Auckland Car Club

5.1.1 The Series reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds of the Series due to force majeure without affecting in any way its power to award any title.

5.2 The Meeting Organiser shall provide timing equipment that will be deemed to be the official timing equipment for the Round.

6. ROUND FORMAT:

6.1 Test Sessions may be available to Drivers prior to any Round of the Series and shall be subject to availability and track hire charges as set by the Inviting Club/s.

6.2 At all Rounds, there shall be two grids made up of the following classes:

(a) GT1 and GT2

(b) GT3 and GT4

6.3 Qualifying Sessions: There shall be a Qualifying session of fifteen minutes duration for each grid.

6.4 Race Distances:

(1) GT1 and GT2 – ten (10) laps at each Round.

(2) GT3 and GT4 – eight (8) laps at each Round.

6.5 Starting positions and procedures:

(1) GT1 and GT2

(a) **Race One:** Shall be a Standing Start reverse split grid based on the fastest lap in Qualifying, fastest car to the rear. The time intervals between each split, as well as the determination of the number of splits, will both be subject to the discretion of the Series Coordinator.

(b) **Race Two:** Shall be a Handicap Race start based on the fastest lap in Qualifying and Race One, fastest car to the rear

(c) **Race Three:** Standing Start with starting positions determined by the fastest lap time from either Qualifying, Race One or Race Two times, fastest car to the front.

(2) GT3 and GT4:

(a) **Race One:** Shall be a Standing Start reverse split grid based on the fastest lap in Qualifying, fastest car to the rear. The time intervals between each split, as well as the determination of the number of splits, will both be subject to the discretion of the Series Coordinator.

(b) **Race Two:** Shall be a Handicap Race start based on the fastest lap in Qualifying and Race One, fastest car to the rear.

(c) **Race Three:** Standing Start with starting positions determined by the fastest lap time from either Qualifying, Race One or Race Two times, fastest car to the front.

6.6 Where a competitor has exceeded their Class eligibility prior to Race One or Race Two, their handicap time for each Race will be set at the class eligibility minimum break out time (refer Article 2.3.1).

- 6.6.1** Drivers may nominate a faster time than the handicap time stated in 6.5(1)(b) and 6.5(2)(b).
- (a)** Any such nomination must be notified to the Series Coordinator by completing the lap time nomination form included in Appendix Two to these Articles at least ninety (90) minutes prior to the race start. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure this form is received by the co-ordinator.
 - (b)** The nominated time(s) will only apply to the race directly following the nomination.
 - (c)** No competitor may nominate a slower time than previously achieved during that same Round.
- 6.7** The Series Coordinator may, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Course, adjust the starting position of a competitor in either Race One and/or Race Two. Any such adjustment shall be published as soon as practicable after the previous Race, and in any case no later than thirty(30) minutes prior to the start of the next Race.

7. PARC FERME:

- 7.1** Upon directive from the Series Scrutineer or their appointed assistant all competing vehicles must be driven directly (and without any team personnel/crew intervention) from the circuit to the designated Parc Fermé, the location of which will be notified on the official notice board of the meeting.

Note: *Drivers should ensure that they and all their team personnel are familiar with the Parc Fermé regulations and limitations as detailed in the National Sporting Code Article 60.*

- 7.2** The Series Scrutineer may authorise entry of team personnel for the purposes of vehicle eligibility inspections.

8. PENALTIES

8.1 Penalties for breaches of Class Eligibility as outlined in 2.3 shall be applied as follows:

	BREACH	PENALTY
8.1.1 (a)	Quicker than their class eligibility by up to 00:00.500	<p>During Practice: No penalty shall be applied.</p> <p>During Qualifying: First breach: placed at the rear of the Class grid. Qualifying points will still be awarded based on the revised grid position.</p> <p>Second and third breaches: placed at the rear of the Class grid with no Qualifying points awarded.</p> <p><i>Note: If there's more than one competitor who exceeds class eligibility, they will be placed behind the last car in their class according to their relative times, with the fastest breakout qualifying time last.</i></p> <p>During a Race: Addition of twenty seconds to Race time for each offending lap.</p>
8.1.1 (b)	Quicker than their class eligibility from 00:00.501 to 00:01.000	<p>The penalties listed here in 8.1.1 (b) are in addition to any penalty applied in 8.1.1 (a).</p> <p>During Practice: No penalty shall be applied.</p> <p>During Qualifying: DSQ from the session, plus 25 points deducted for each offending lap.</p> <p>During a Race: Excluded from the Race and a deduction of 25 points from Series points table.</p>
8.1.1 (c)	Quicker than their class eligibility from 00:01.001	<p>During Practice: No penalty shall be applied.</p> <p>During Qualifying or Race: Excluded from the Qualifying Session or Race and moved up a Class for the remainder of the season.</p>
8.1.1 (d)	Three occurrences of exceeding Class eligibility within a single round	<p>During Practice: No penalty</p> <p>During Qualifying or Races: Move up to a higher class for the remainder of the season.</p>
8.1.1 (e)	Race One only: Completing a lap 00:01.500 faster than the time used to calculate the Reverse Grid	Time penalty of ten seconds for each offending lap.

8.1.1 (f)	Race Two only Completing a lap 00:01.000 faster than the time used to calculate their Handicap starting position.	Time penalty of ten seconds for each offending lap.
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8.2 Where a driver has caused a red flag in qualifying, and required external assistance to get back to pit lane, the Driver shall:

- (a) not receive any Qualifying points, and
- (b) when determining starting positions for Race One, following the calculation of the reverse grid split, the driver will then have five(5) seconds added to their reverse grid split time.

9 POINTS:

9.1 Points will be allocated in accordance with the points table in Article 9.2, as follows:

- (a) Class points, based on their overall finishing positions within each Class, in each Qualifying session, at each Round of the Series (subject to the penalty in Article 8.2), and
- (b) Class points, based on their overall finishing position within each Class, in each Race, at each Round of the Series.

9.2 Points table:

1st	75	11th	30	21st	10
2nd	67	12th	28	22nd	9
3rd	60	13th	26	23rd	8
4th	54	14th	24	24th	7
5th	49	15th	22	25th	6
6th	45	16th	20	26th	5
7th	42	17th	18	27th	4
8th	39	18th	16	28th	3
9th	36	19th	14	29th	2
10th	33	20th	12	30th	1
				and lower	

9.3 Dual Driver points: As dual drivers are deemed to form a single entry, points awarded shall be combined from both drivers. Should one of the dual drivers wish to enter another car separately, and partway through the series, all earlier points for that driver shall be forfeited unless the committee in its discretion deems otherwise.

9.4 A driver may change cars prior to any Round in the Series, however any change of car must be notified to the Series Coordinator prior to the qualifying session of that Round, where previous points will be retained.

- 9.5 If for any reason, a Driver needs to change their vehicle part way through a Round, points shall only be awarded against the vehicle they had originally qualified in.
- 9.6 In the instance of a class having received **three or less** entries at a round, that class will then be combined with the other class within the grid, for classification of overall series points. The other class will not be affected unless their entries are also less than four. If the class is the slower of the two classes (ie, GT2 or GT4), then only the Handicap Race points will be combined to avoid being unfairly penalised in Qualifying and scratch Races.
- 9.7 **GT3/GT4 and GT2 Class:** Those competitors moving class from GT4 to GT3, GT3 to GT2, or GT2 to GT1 will **forfeit** all class points from the lower class and be allocated last place class points for the class they are moving to, for each of the Races in all Rounds the competitor has completed in the previous class. Class Points shall not be transferred from the lower class to the higher class in any case.

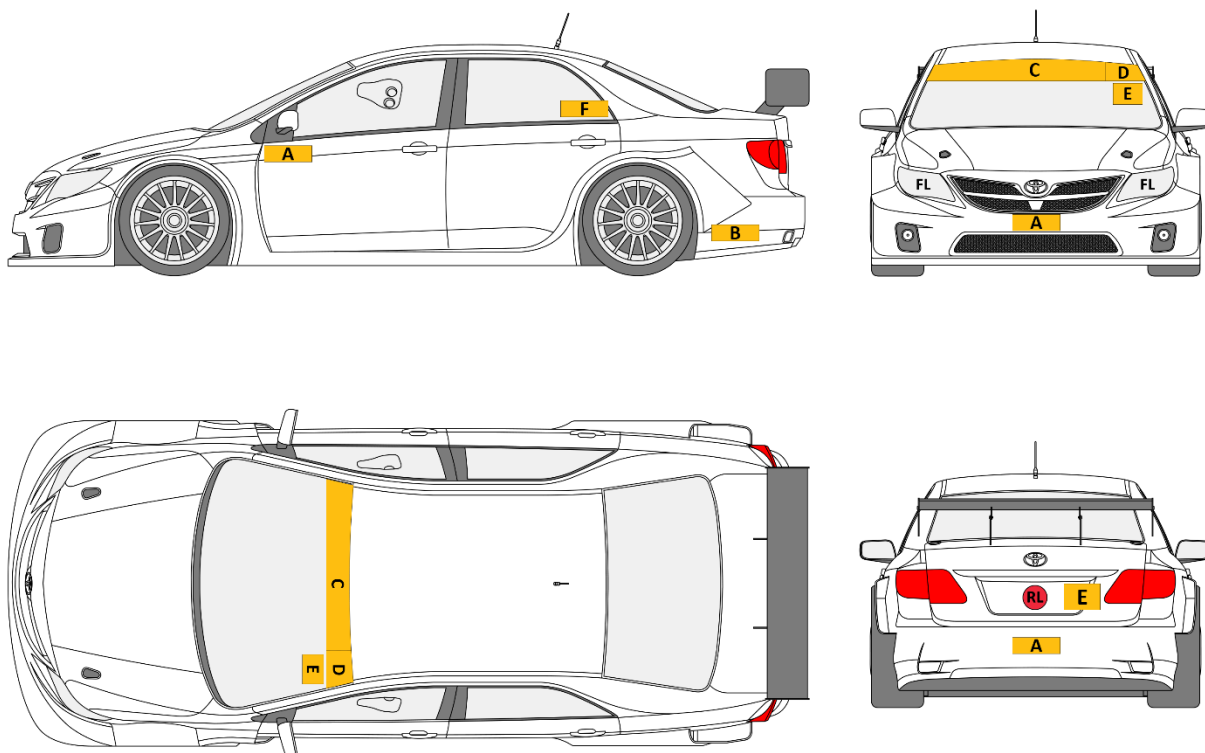
10. AWARDS:

- 10.1 The **OVERALL SERIES CHAMPION** shall be the driver with the highest accumulated total of all points earned across all four classes during the Series and shall be awarded the GTRNZ Challenge Cup. A maximum of five(5) points scoring Rounds will count towards the final points score.
- 10.2 The **CLASS SERIES CHAMPION** for each Class shall be the driver with the highest accumulated total of all points earned during the Series. A minimum of two and a maximum of **five(5)** points scoring Rounds will count towards the final points score.
- 10.3 The following overall Series awards will be presented:
- (a) **Series Champion:** Overall Series Champion will be awarded the GTRNZ Challenge Cup
 - (b) First, second and third overall within each Class.
- 10.3.1 To be considered eligible for any overall series Class awards, **Competitors** must compete in a minimum of two rounds of the Series in the Class. A Competitor moved into that Class due to a break out in a previous Class will still be eligible.
- 10.4 **Round awards:** First, second and third overall Round awards will be presented within each Class.
- 10.4.1 To be eligible for Round awards, the Competitor must be classified and score points in a minimum of two sessions (Qualifying and/or Races).
- 10.5 **Ties:** In the event that two(2) or more drivers have the highest total number of points (ie: a tie) the Champion will be determined as described in NSC Appendix Four, Schedule Z Article 11.6. The same process will be followed to determine both Class and individual Round winners.

11. TELEVISION AND IN-CAR CAMERAS:

- 11.1** Drivers/Entrants are encouraged to install an in-car camera for use during the Series and footage is to be made available to the Series Coordinator.
- 11.2** All in-car camera installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Series Scrutineer and/ or Chief Scrutineer of the Meeting.
- 11.3** In-car camera footage shall be made available to the Clerk of the Course and/or Steward(s) on request.

APPENDIX ONE



Location	Branding Decals/ Badges
A – Below wing mirrors on both sides, and on front and rear bumpers	Naming Rights Sponsor decal
B – Rear guard, both sides	Egmont Honey
C – Top of windscreen (no other advertising above, below or on it)	Naming Rights Sponsor decal
D – Top left of windscreen, on top of windscreen banner	Class
E – Top left of windscreen, to either side of rear rain light, and on each side in accordance with Schedule A	Car number
F – near side number on both sides	MotorSport New Zealand Accredited Series decal
At driver's discretion	GTR NZ decals x two(2)
FL (front lights) and RL (rain light), in accordance with Sch GTR, Article 5.8.	

APPENDIX TWO

GTRNZ LAP TIME Nomination Form

- 6.6.1** Drivers may nominate a faster time than the handicap time stated in 6.5(1)(b) and 6.5(2)(b).
- (a) Any such nomination must be notified to the Series Coordinator by completing the lap time nomination form included in Appendix Two to these Articles **at least ninety (90) minutes prior to the race start.** It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure this form is received by the co-ordinator.
 - (b) The nominated time(s) will only apply to the race directly following the nomination
 - (c) No competitor may nominate a slower time than previously achieved during that same Round.

WITHDRAWAL OF THIS FORM IS TO BE WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME

NAME: _____

CLASS (circle) **GT1** **GT2** **GT3** **GT4**

Car Number: _____

Race Number: Race 1 / Race 2

EVENT Race Number:

Nomination Time (Min:Sec.000) ____:____.____

DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ **TIME:** _____

Signature _____

Coordinator has entered this time: YES / NO

Reason for “No”: _____

