



TACCO Christmas at the Downs Hampton Downs Motorsport Park Saturday, 14th February, 2026

Organised by a Sub-Committee of the Thoroughbred & Classic Car Owners Club Inc
ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO Secretary@TACCO.co.nz
Entries to be completed on-line at www.online.motorsport.org.nz

STANDARD SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS - PART ONE

1. JURISDICTION

This event is a National Race / ClubSport Meeting, promoted by the Thoroughbred & Classic Car Owners Club Inc. at Hampton Downs Motorsport Park.

The Meeting will be held under these Supplementary Regulations, the MotorSport NZ National Sporting Code and its Appendices and Schedules particularly Appendix Four, Schedule Z (Standing Regulations for all Race Meetings), Appendix 5, Schedule C (Regularity Trials) and Appendix 6, Schedule RT. (Historic Competition) In addition, Appendix Two, Schedule A and Appendix Six, Schedule AA (Driver Safety and Vehicle Requirements) will also be used.

The MotorSport NZ Permit Numbers are: 250246 - National Race; and 260018 - ClubSport Basic

2. MAJOR OFFICIALS

2.1 **Organising Committee:** John Holmes (09) 478-6420; Grant Clegg 021 840-981; Jim Barclay (09) 476-1112.

2.2 **Secretary of the Meeting:** Janice Holmes (09) 478-6420 or 0274 884-420

2.3 **Officials of the Meeting:** The Clerk of the Course is Rachel Mackey. The Chief Scrutineer is Dave Graham. The Competitor Relations Officers are Louise McCoy & Glenda O'Connell. The Accident Investigators are Kim Fisher & Alex Fenn. The Stewards of the Meeting appointed by Motorsport New Zealand are **TBC**. A full list of the Officials of the Meeting will be issued in Supplementary Regulations Part 2 and also posted on the Official Notice Board.

3. VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

The Meeting Organisers have scheduled races for the following vehicle classes or types. The programme will include Classic Trials (Regularity trials), sprint races for Classic Sports & GT/Classic Saloons grouped by times, plus BMW Race Driver Series vehicles running in 3 grids. **Eligibility:** As per the current New Zealand Motorsport Manual.

| | Series Contacts | Eligible Vehicles |
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| BMW Race Driver Series (3 Grids) | bmwraceseries@hotmail.com | BMW Open, 2 Litre, E30 & E46 cars as per BMWRDS Regulations |
| ERC (AES / Arrow Wheels) | New entrants please contact: Chris Browne: convenor2@ercrace.nz | |
| Classic Trial | Sch. T&C Groups 1 & 2 allowed, Grp 3 by invitation, Grp 4 - over 25 years old only. New entrants please contact Peter O'Sullivan: classictrialnz@gmail.com | |

Vehicles outside the above regulations MAY be included at the specific invitation of the organisers. However, final acceptance of any entry shall be at the absolute discretion of the Organising Committee.

4. ENTRY CLOSING DATES & ENTRY FEES:

4.1 Entry Closing Dates

- The entry closing date at normal fees is 11:59pm on Tuesday, 10th February, 2026.
- The entries must be PAID for by Bank Transfer to:
Thoroughbred and Classic Car Owners Club Incorporated 01-0121-0096758-02 before the normal entry closing date.
- Entries received after the normal fee-closing date will be subject to a late fee, as detailed in 4.2.
- No entries will be accepted after 5:00pm on Thursday, 12th February, 2026.
- No postal entries will be accepted. For assistance related to on-line entries, please contact: treasurer@taccoc.co.nz

4.2 Entry Fees

| | Normal Entry | Late Entry |
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| Race entry – ERC, BMW Classes | \$525 | \$625 |
| Classic Trial | \$460 | \$560 |

NB: a) All entry fees are inclusive of MSNZ Levies being \$82.50 for Race entries and \$14.50 for Classic Trial.
b) Entry fee also includes a Health & Safety Levy of \$35.00 per entrant, imposed by the circuit operators.

Garage Hire \$255 (half garage = 2 car spaces) **Transponder \$40** (both at cost price from supplier)

4.3 Acceptance of Entry

The on-line entry system will provide an acknowledgement that your entry has been received. NB: this does not constitute acceptance of your entry. Such confirmation will be provided separately, subject to your entry being suitable for the chosen class(es), that entries have not exceeded the track limits and that your entry is acceptable to the organising committee in their absolute discretion. In the case of entries being over-subscribed in any class, places will be allocated on a first-in basis, with entry deemed to be made when payment is received.

4.4 Entry Fee refunds policy.

- (1) The Organisers advise that entry fees will only be refunded in full or in part under the following conditions:
 - a) Non-acceptance of entry - Full refund
 - b) Cancellation of the Meeting prior to the commencement of documentation - Full refund.
 - c) Withdrawal in writing prior to the close of normal entries - Full Refund.
 - d) Withdrawals after normal entry closing but before the start time listed for documentation 75% entry refund.
- (2) The Organisers confirm that entry fees will not be refunded for:
 - a) Withdrawals or failure of a competitor to advise of non-appearance at the meeting after the commencement of documentation, or
 - b) Abandonment or cancellation of the meeting after the commencement of documentation.

5. COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS AND UNDERSTANDING:

5.1 Licence Requirements

Drivers in race classes must hold as a minimum a C1 Grade Competition Licence.

Drivers in the Classic Trial must hold as a minimum an M Grade Competition Licence

If the Entrant is other than a driver, an Entrant's licence in the name of the Entrant is required.

5.2 New Drivers

Any driver(s) who have not previously competed at this circuit OR who have not competed at ANY circuit for two or more years OR who have not yet completed a total of three (3) race meetings at any circuit, must indicate the fact during the on-line entry process or on the manual entry form, and attend the New Competitors' Briefing session. The time and place for this briefing will be detailed in Part Two of these regulations.

5.3 Competitor Understanding

In signing the entry forms competitors (Entrant and Drivers) are deemed to fully understand the MotorSport NZ National Sporting Code and its relevant Appendices and Schedules, in particular:

- The National Sporting Code Articles pertaining to protests and competitors' obligations, and
- Schedule Z articles detailing Flag signals and Code of Conduct.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure their vehicle meets, at least the minimum safety/eligibility requirements of this Schedule and all other relevant Schedules to the National Sporting Code. (Appendix Two Schedule A 3)

5.4 Driver's Briefings

For all competitors, a Drivers Briefing will take place at 8:45am on Saturday 14th February 2026 in pit lane, near the start-line flag point.

A Written Driver's Briefing will be provided to entrants ahead of the event.

5.5 General Starting Procedures for all Races & Events (per Schedule Z)

STARTING POSITIONS: Unless otherwise stated, the starting positions for all races will be determined by times recorded in Official Practice, and/or previous races, in accordance with Standing Regulations Appendix 4 Schedule Z 6.1, or, for handicap races, by the Handicapper in accordance with 6.2 (1).

STARTING PROCEDURE: will be confirmed at the driver's briefing. However, the order to start will be given by either lights or flag, in accordance with Standing Regulations Appendix 4 Schedule Z 8.1 (standing starts) or 8.4. (rolling starts)

5.7 Classic Trial Starting Procedure

- At the completion of the formation lap, vehicles shall form up on the grid in the usual manner.
- Once assembled the five (5) second board shall be displayed.
- When the starting flag is dropped the two (2) cars on the first row of the grid shall start.
- All remaining cars shall move forward one (1) grid row at a speed not exceeding 20 kph.
- The starter will then start the next row at an interval not less than two seconds.
- There will be no requirement for the cars to come to a complete halt.

5.8 Non-Accredited Series

- Organisers and Competitors in a series which is not accredited by Motorsport New Zealand are governed by the current Motorsport Manual for Scrutineering, Eligibility and Disciplinary Purposes.
- Series disputes must be resolved by the series organisers as the meeting officials are not empowered to make rulings on series which are not sanctioned by Motorsport New Zealand.
- These decisions may not affect any grid determinations, and all races will be run in accordance with Schedule Z.

5.9 Refuelling

- When refuelling anywhere in pit lane, the pit garages or in the paddock, you are required to have a spill mat under the vehicle to catch any spilt fuel. These can be purchased at any safety shop.
- Competitors should be familiar with and adhere to the following documents:
 - WorkSafe Quick Guide "Storing and handling fuel at motorsport events" dated August 2019:
<https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/dmsdocument/5567-storing-and-handling-fuel-at-motorsport-events>
 - MotorSport New Zealand Code of Practice Fuel dated 12 December 2023:
<https://motorsport.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Code-of-Practice-Fuel-21122023.pdf>

6. DOCUMENTATION AND SCRUTINEERING AUDIT INSPECTION

6.1 Documentation - Will take place at the track on Saturday 14th February, 2026 starting at 7:00 a.m.

6.2 Scrutineering Audit Inspection

- Scrutineering will take place on Saturday 14th February, 2026 starting at 7:00 a.m. Competitors will be advised at documentation if their vehicle has been selected for audit. It is preferred that competitors have their vehicles scrutineered before going to documentation. **NB: Scrutineering will take place in the Scrutineering Bay.**
- Vehicles requiring an audit OR selected for audit are not permitted on the circuit until the audit process has been completed.
- Competitors should be aware of Schedule A or AA as applicable (only vehicles with a C.O.D may be scrutineered to Schedule AA). Article 3 Paragraph 3 (1) (a) and (b) states that it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure their vehicle meets at least the minimum safety / eligibility requirements of this schedule and all other relevant Schedules to the National Sporting Code. Appendix two Schedule A or AA.

7. POSTPONEMENT CANCELLATION ABANDONMENT AND ORGANISERS' RIGHTS:

Pursuant to national Sporting Code Article 13, the organisers advise that if fewer than 75 entries are received by the entry closing date the meeting may be postponed or cancelled.

Should there be fewer than 15 entries received for any of the classes proposed in Article 3 of these Supplementary Regulations by the entry closing date, the organisers reserve the right to cancel that class or amalgamate it with another class at their sole discretion.

8. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **ABUSE OF OFFICIALS:** Abuse of any event official will result in immediate exclusion from the event, with no refund of any entry fees paid.
- **INSURANCE:** Competitors are advised that the Motorsport New Zealand insurance policy has an excess of \$3,500. With any damage to the track or facilities, the competitor will be required to pay the first \$3,500 of any claim. In the event of an incident attributable to one or more competitors, the following items will be invoiced after the event, depending on what is used:
 - Spill kits - \$28.24 per bucket opened
 - Fire extinguishers - \$231.00 per extinguisher fired
 - Waste tyres left onsite - \$112.00 per tyre
 - Grass Damage - \$30.43 per linear metre
 - Armco Damage - \$401.00 per section
 - Concrete Barrier Damage - \$2,804 per section
 - Asphalt Damage – POA

NB: All prices are exclusive of GST

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- **PARKING:** For safety reasons, no vehicles are to be parked in front of the rear doors of any pit garage.
- **ASPHALT AREAS:** All competitors pitting on asphalt areas must use pads under all axle stands and jacks.
- **EVENT TIMING:** All race and trial timing will be by electronic transponder using the My-Laps / AMBIT system. Entrants must include details of their transponder number on the entry form. NB: A limited number of transponder units will be available for hire on the day, and will be allocated on a first-in basis. NB: A credit card will be required for security deposit on all rentals.
- **RACE RADIOS:** On frequency **455.168750MHz**, these will be used for safety-related communication where practicable. NB: Radios are a supplementary tool only. Competitors are reminded that official signals are provided via the approved signal light systems and/or flags in accordance with Appendix Four, Schedule Z.
- **COMPETITION NUMBERS** will be available for purchase at Scrutineering. All numbers displayed must comply with Schedule A, section 6.2 of the Motorsport Manual. Where permanent numbers are modified, all the digits must be of the same size, colour and typeface. If in doubt, please consult the CRO.
- **THE OFFICIAL NOTICEBOARD** will be located in the tunnel midway along pit lane.
- **DRIVER CHANGES** will only be allowed with the approval of the Clerk of the Course.
- **THE OFFICIAL STARTER** is the **JUDGE OF FACT** regarding starting infringements.