



RACE DRIVER SERIES

2026-2027



NEXEN NEXEN TYRE

E46 CLASS

REGULATIONS

SPORTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE 2026–27 NEXEN TYRE E46 SERIES ACCREDITED RACE SERIES

PREAMBLE

MotorSport New Zealand hereby declares the following Sporting Regulations to be those governing competition for Drivers in the North Island Formula Ford Race Series, a MotorSport New Zealand Level 1 Accredited Series.

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

- The current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code (NSC) and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules, specifically Schedule Z being the Standing Regulations applicable to all Races;
- The Technical Regulations – 2026-27 Schedule E46; and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations.

The Series is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 269016

OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

MotorSport New Zealand may amend or clarify these Sporting Regulations by issuing Amendments, authorised by the Chief Executive Officer or their representative.

All Amendments issued during the season are recorded in the table below:

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective Date	Article Reference	Subject/Notes

1. DEFINITIONS

In these Sporting Regulations, terms and expressions have the meanings set out in the National Sporting Code and, where applicable, as defined below:

"Article(s)" means a numbered provision within these Regulations or within the National Sporting Code, as identified by its number (and sub-number, where applicable). Article headings/titles are included for ease of reference only. References to an Article include all sub-clauses of that Article unless otherwise stated.

"National Sporting Code" and **"NSC"** means the current MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its Appendices and Schedules, which set out the fundamental rules and principles governing the organisation and conduct of Events, and to which all Regulations are subject.

"Master" means a Driver who is 35 years or older on the 1 September 2026.

"Regulation(s)" means a formal body of rules, or any distinct set of provisions within such a body, approved by MotorSport New Zealand, governing any aspect of a Series or Championship.

"Rookie" means a Driver who is competing in their first season in this Series. A driver who, in their first season, does not compete in more than 50% of the scheduled Rounds, is eligible for the title in their second season.

"Round" means a MotorSport New Zealand permitted event forming part of the Series at which Drivers may earn points towards the Series.

"Round Organiser" or **"Inviting Club"** means the MotorSport New Zealand Member Club organising a Meeting and/or Event which is a round of the Series.

The **"Series"** means the NEXEN Tyre E46 Series governed by these Sporting Regulations, for vehicles complying with the Technical Regulations (Schedule E46).

"Series Organiser" means the BMW Race Driver Series.

"The Club" means the BMW Car Club of NZ.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1.1** All Driver must 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 Circuit Competition Licences and Trans-Tasman Visas may enter any of the New Zealand Race Series and be eligible for awards. All other overseas competitors shall be bound by the requirements of MotorSport New Zealand Foreign Participation and shall be eligible for Series points.

- 2.1.2** All Drivers and Entrants must be financial members of the Club and the Series Organiser.

- 2.1.3** The Series reserves the right to accept "guest" entries from time-to-time. Such invited entries shall have no bearing on the points results. The Series Coordinator will determine the starting positions of these guest entries.

2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.2.1** A vehicle is eligible provided it is a BMW E46 car complying with the specifications set out in the Technical Regulations (Schedule E46).

- 2.2.2** In entering, all Drivers/Entrants agree to submit their vehicle for scrutineering, including eligibility and safety audit inspections, as and when required by the Series Scrutineer.

- 2.2.3** **Classes:** The Series comprises one Class.

- 2.2.5** All competing vehicles must reserve and maintain the designated spaces for Series sponsor signage and other decals throughout the Series, as specified in Appendix One of these Sporting Regulations.

3. SERIES PERSONNEL

- 3.1** At each Round the following personnel or their approved assistant/s (as published by way of Bulletin on the Official Noticeboard) have the responsibilities and authorities set out below:

3.1.1 Series Coordinator:

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Who has the duties and authority of a Series Coordinator as set out in the National Sporting Code and are responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Deal with all administrative matters pertaining to the Series;
- (b) Record and publish all Series points schedules;

- (c) Liaise with Inviting Club/s and MotorSport New Zealand on all matters pertaining to the Category and with Event Officials on any sporting aspect for the Category;
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on competing vehicles;
- (e) Provide and/or assist the Inviting Club/s with grid starting positions;
- (f) Attend Stewards meetings if requested;
- (g) Liaise with the Clerk of the Course and Competitor Relations Officer at Rounds; and
- (h) Report any non-conformity to the Series Scrutineer and/or the Clerk of the Course.

3.1.2 Series Scrutineer:

Name: Blair Gray
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Who has the duties and authority of a Series Scrutineer as set out in the National Sporting Code and is responsible for and authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to:

- (a) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Series;
- (b) Affix official seals, as and when deemed appropriate;
- (c) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series in order to ascertain compliance with the Technical Regulations;
- (d) Assist Drivers/Entrants with technical enquiries relative to the Technical Regulations applicable to their vehicle;
- (e) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(1)(d)) with respect to weights and measures;
- (f) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC 86(1)(f));
- (g) Liaise with Event Officials and Series Coordinator on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the Category; and
- (h) To report to the Clerk of the Course any instances where a breach of the Technical Regulations has been identified.

3.1.3 Driving Standards Observer:

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Who is authorised by MotorSport New Zealand to undertake the duties outlined in the National Sporting Code Appendix Four, Schedule Z, Article 22.

4. SERIES REGISTRATION

4.1 Applications for registration into the Series must be made via www.bmwaceseries.co.nz prior to the first round of the Series the competitor is entering. Registration may not be deemed valid until payment is received by the Series Organiser.

4.1.1 The Series Coordinator reserves the right to accept or decline registration into the Series.

4.2 By registering for the Series, all Drivers/Entrants:

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

- 4.3** During registration for the Series, Drivers may nominate a preferred race number. The Series Organiser will allocate race numbers to all Drivers, taking nominated preferences into consideration where practicable. As detailed in Appendix One, the Driver/Entrant is responsible for supplying their allocated physical race numbers.
- 4.4** **Round Entry:** The method of entry to each Round of the Series (which is separate to the Series registration) will be as notified in each Round's Event Supplementary Regulations.

5. SERIES STRUCTURE

- 5.1** The Series will comprise of the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	24-25 October 2026	Manfeild Circuit Chris Amon	Manawatu Car Club
2	21-22 November 2026	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park (National)	NZIGP
3	8-10 January 2027	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park (International)	MotorSport New Zealand Inc
4	6-7 February 2027	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP
5	20-21 March 2027	Taupo International Motorsport Park	NZIGP
6	8-9 May 2027	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park (National)	NZIGP

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

- 5.2** The Inviting Club shall provide timing equipment that will be deemed to be the official timing equipment for the meeting.

6. ROUND FORMAT

- 6.1** **Test Sessions** may be available to Drivers prior to any Round and will be subject to availability and circuit hire charges as set by the Inviting Club/s or Venue.

- 6.2** **Qualifying:** At all Rounds there will be one(1) Qualifying session of no less than fifteen(15) minutes duration.

- 6.3** **Race lengths:** Races are scheduled to run as follows:

Round	Race One	Race Two	Race Three
1	12 laps	10 laps	10 laps
2	12 laps	10 laps	10 laps
3	20 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes
4	12 laps	10 laps	10 laps
5	12 laps	10 laps	10 laps
6	12 laps	10 laps	10 laps

- 6.4** **Start procedure** for all Races will be a Standing Start in accordance with National Sporting Code Schedule Z Article 8.1.

- 6.5** **Race starting positions** for all Rounds are as follows:

- (a) **Race One:** Grid positions will be determined by the fastest lap achieved in the Qualifying session for each class, fastest Driver to the front.
- (b) **Race Two:** Grid positions will be determined by the finishing positions of Race One.
- (c) **Race Three:** Grid positions will be determined using the following method:
 - (1) The entire field will be reclassified, determined by the fastest lap time of the Round.
 - (2) The top eight Drivers will be reversed in order.

- (3) For those Drivers to qualify within the top eight, Drivers must have recorded a lap time within 2% of the fastest lap time of the Round within the category.

- 6.6 At all Rounds, the Clerk of the Course and/or the Stewards of the Meeting reserve the right to shorten and/or cancel any Practice, Qualifying, and/or Race/s in the case of force majeure.

7. PARC FERMÉ

- 7.1 As directed by the Series Scrutineer or their appointed Assistant, at the conclusion of Qualifying sessions and/or Races, competing vehicles must be driven directly (and without any team personnel/crew intervention) from the track to the designated Parc Fermé, the location of which will be notified via notice on the Official Notice Board of the meeting, and at Driver's Briefing.

Drivers are to 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 At their discretion, the Series Scrutineer may authorise entry of team personnel for the purposes of vehicle eligibility inspections.
- 7.3 Unless the Series Scrutineer consents in each particular case, any car unable to proceed to Parc Fermé under its own power must nevertheless be delivered there as soon as practicable.

8. PENALTIES

- 8.1 In addition to any penalties imposed by the Clerk of the Course and/or Stewards, the following penalties may also be applied by the Clerk of the Course and/or Stewards in relation to any Round.
- 8.2 The following penalties will apply to the Qualifying or Race(s) in which the penalty was issued, and a Driver's points total for that Race may become negative as a result.

NSC Schedule P Reference	Offence	Series Point Deduction
A 4Z.1	Disregard of red flag or red lights	100 points
A 4Z.2	Overtaking and not redressing or failing to maintain position under yellow flag or yellow light(s)	50 points
A 4Z.3	Disregarding black flag with number or drive through penalty board, or black flag with orange disc	50 points
A 4Z.5	Breach of Code of Driving Conduct	75 points
A 4Z.6	Careless driving causing or likely to cause an incident	100 points
A 4Z.7	Dangerous driving causing or likely to cause crash, including driving off the circuit	200 points
A 4Z.10	Breach of Circuit Regulations	50 points
A 4Z.11	Breach of Pit Regulations	50 points
A 4Z.12	Breach of pit lane speed limit	50 points
A 4Z.13	(a) Crossing the pit entry line, or (b) Crossing the pit exit blend line when leaving pit lane	50 points
A 4Z.16	Leaving the circuit, gaining an advantage, and not redressing	50 points
A 4Z.18	Failing to stop for red light at Pit Lane exit	100 points

- 8.2.1 Points as deducted in accordance with the above Articles will be publicly recorded, and will accumulate over all Rounds of the Series.

9. POINTS

- 9.1 Points will be allocated to Drivers based on their overall finishing positions in each Race at each Round of the Series, as follows:

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

- 9.1 Points will only be allocated to current members of the Series.
- 9.1.1 Any such invited Driver as per Article 2.1.3 will not be eligible for Round or overall points and their placing will not be considered for the purposes of calculating Round and overall points.

10. AWARDS

- 10.1 **Round Trophies** may be presented at either the following Round, or at the Series Annual Prizegiving function, and will be awarded to the respective Drivers who have gained 1st, 2nd, and 3rd within each Round of the Series.
- 10.2 **NEXEN Tyre E46 Series titles** will be awarded to the respective Drivers who have gained 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall. Titles will be presented at the Series Annual Prizegiving function.
- 10.3 The following awards will be presented at the Series Annual Prizegiving function:
- (1) The **Masters Trophy** will be awarded to the eligible Driver in the Series who gained the highest aggregate points total during the Series.
 - (2) The **Rookie of the Year Trophy** will be awarded to the eligible Driver in the Series who accumulates the highest aggregate points total during the Series.

11. IN-CAR CAMERAS

- 11.1 All vehicles must be fitted with an in-car camera, supplied by the Driver/Entrant. The camera must be recording during all Qualifying sessions and Races and positioned to provide a clear forward-facing view of the circuit and show at least one of the Driver's hands while on the steering wheel.
- 11.2 All car camera installations will be subject to inspection and approval by the Series Scrutineer and/or Event Scrutineer.
- 11.3 It is the Driver's responsibility to ensure the camera is fitted correctly and in working condition, including sufficient battery life and memory card capacity, for all Qualifying sessions and Races.
- 11.4 Recorded video footage must be made available to the Series Organiser or Licensed Event Officials upon request as soon as practicable, and within one hour of the completion of any Qualifying session or Race.
- 11.5 All footage must be retained by all Drivers/Entrants for a duration of fourteen days after the conclusion of a Round.
- 11.6 All footage must be made available to the Series Organiser upon request at the conclusion of each Round for the purpose of Series promotion.

APPENDIX ONE: DECALS AND LOCATIONS

- 1.1 All decals must be applied in accordance with the graphic below.
- 1.2 The following decals are mandatory and must be fitted as supplied to all vehicles throughout all Rounds of the Series:

Supplied by the Series Organiser:

Location	Decals
A Across the top of the front windscreen, using a minimum 100mm height and up to the full width of the banner. To provide sun shading, additional material of a single solid colour – either black or a plain colour – may be added below the windscreen banner, to a maximum total depth of 200mm at any point, including the windscreen banner	NEXEN Tyre windscreen banner
B Both front guards	NEXEN Tyre decal
C Left hand side of boot lid	NEXEN Tyre / DTM decal
D Both front guards	Pacific Resort decal
E Both rear side windows and the front and rear windscreens. The BMW Race Driver Series Committee may allow variances at their discretion.	E46 decal
F In a visible location on the rear of the vehicle*	Novice decal

Supplied by the Driver/Entrant:

Location	Decals
G Both sides of the vehicle within 40mm of the front of the door panel	Number box and BMW Race Driver Series logo (480mm high and 440mm wide); and Race number (either printed onto or included inside the number box) (minimum 230mm high and 38mm stroke, solid black on a white background, 'Helvetica' font or similar)
H Front and rear windscreens, passenger side upper corner	Race number (minimum 150mm high and 20mm stroke, solid white†, Helvetica' font or similar)
I Both rear side windows, close to lower edge	Driver's name (surname at minimum) (minimum 80mm high and 10mm stroke, white or fluoro yellow/green in 'Helvetica' font or similar)

* Regardless of previous race experience in other classes, as directed by the Series Coordinator, Drivers who are new to the Series must display this sticker throughout a minimum of three Rounds.

† The Driver leading the Series points table at the start of each Round may elect to use fluoro yellow instead of white number for the duration of that Round only.

- 1.3 The following restrictions apply to all **personal signage or sponsorship** carried on vehicles during the Series:
- (a) The **front windscreen** is reserved exclusively for the Series sponsor, and apart from the decals specified in the Article above, no other decals are permitted on the front windscreen.
 - (b) Personal signage or sponsorship may be applied to the **rear windscreen** providing it complies with National Sporting Code Appendix Two Schedule A Part One Article 5.11(a), and New Zealand Warrant of Fitness regulations if applicable.
 - (c) No personal signage is to be applied to the front doors in the area immediately above or below the race **number box**, or within 50mm either side of the box. Personal signage or sponsorship is permitted anywhere on the sills providing it complies with all other Articles in this Appendix.

- (d) No signage or other identification relating to any brand that competes with, conflicts with, or is a direct competitor of any Series sponsor may be displayed, affixed or carried on any part of the front section of the vehicle, regardless of its size or purpose.

Note: The front section of the car is defined as being all panels forward of a line through the rear edge of the number boxes on each door.

The Committee's decisions on any conflicting advertising will be final, as are any decisions to introduce new and/or additional Series sponsors and decals.

