



## 2024 Super Sprint Motorsport New Zealand Championship Series - Round 6 2024 New Zealand Grand Prix

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Highlands Motorsport Park, Cromwell

### Written Drivers Briefing

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#### Circuit Information

Lap Length: 4.100 km

Speed Limit in Pit Lane: 40 km/h

Safety Car Control Line: Grid box 15 – 16

Pole Position: Right Side

Speed Limit in Paddock: 15km/h

Red Flag Control Line: Grid box 15 – 16

#### 1. Secretariat

a. The Secretariat is located at the bottom of the race control building, immediately behind the pit garages. Here you will find our Secretary, CRO and Results.

#### 2. Withdrawal from the Meeting

a. It is essential that any withdrawal from the event is advised to the Secretariat

#### 3. Assembly Area

a. A 10 minute warning to session start will be made on Race Radio and the PA. At this point, competitors can move to their assembly area.

b. Cars pitted on Pit Lane – please make your way to pit exit, ensuring the fast lane of the pits is kept clear at all times.

c. Cars pitted in the paddock, please make your way to the assembly area, to the left of the race control building. Please remember that the maximum speed permitted in this area is 15 km/h.

#### 4. Pit Lane

a. Teams are reminded to familiarise themselves with the Motorsport New Zealand code of fuel handling. All crew are to wear full and correct PPE when they are in Pit Lane (meaning outside of the garage and across the white line). Failure to comply with PPE requirements may result in a penalty.

b. For safety reasons, cars may not stop in the fast lane when pit exit is open at any time, without a justifiable reason (e.g. breakdown)

c. Pit Lane Signalling bay is for crew only. Please note maximum number of crew allowed is three (3).

d. No drivers or crew will be allowed in the signalling bay for the start of any race.

#### 5. Practice Starts

a. As per the recently released amendments to Schedule Z Articles 7 & 10 practice starts are only permitted at the Pit Lane exit speed derestriction line and at the commencement of the warm up/formation lap.

Please note that as per Series Articles this does not apply to:

- Summerset GT NZ Championship

- TA2 Trans-Tasman Challenge

## 6. Pit Entry and Exit Blend Lines

- During qualifying and races, access to the pits will be through the deceleration zone, without crossing the yellow line separating the zone from the circuit proper.
- Any driver intending to enter the pits shall signal their intention in good time and ensure it is safe to do so.
- An illuminated blue light will signal to drivers exiting the pits of vehicles on circuit approaching the merge point. Drivers leaving pit lane are advised to take care and ensure they are up to speed promptly.
- An illuminated white light will signal to drivers on track of a car merging from Pit Lane. This will be displayed at Start / Finish or Point 1.
- During qualifying and races there will be a red / green signal light in operation at pit exit. Drivers must only leave the Pit Lane on the green signal.
- The Pit Lane Speed demarcations are the broad white lines at pit entry and exit. Speed limit in the fast lane is 40 km/h.
- When leaving your trackside pit please move across in the 40 km/h as soon as practicable i.e. do not tour down the 'slow lane.'

- ## 7. Start of Sessions
- A 10-minute warning will be announced over Race Radio before any qualifying session or race. This will also be broadcast over the public address system.
  - Do not queue in the fast lane of pit exit unless the race radio call has been made.

## 8. Red Flag Procedure

- During practice**, all vehicles shall immediately reduce speed without overtaking and proceed slowly back to the pits. If it is impossible in the opinion of the Clerk of the Course to restart the practice then the session shall be declared finished and all vehicles shall return to their respective pit paddock area.
- During a race**, all vehicles shall immediately reduce speed significantly, stop racing and are to proceed to the red flag control line. Remain in single file, no overtaking and move to the inside of the circuit.

### c. Control Line location

The red flag control line is located on the front straight in between grid boxes 15 & 16 and 17 & 18.

**Note:** *stopping at the red flag control line must be done in such a manner as not to cause a collision.*



## 9. Safety Car Procedures

This is the subject of a recent amendment to Schedule Z – Article 14

a. The Safety Car Control Line is located directly beside the Red Flag Control line. (see photo above)

b. in the event of a Safety Car restart attention is drawn to the following items;

(i) once the Safety Car lights go out:

- the lead vehicle must maintain constant speed
- all weaving must cease
- drivers must maintain single file

(ii) When the signal to start is given:

- the start signal will be a green light or flag
- drivers maintain single file – line astern until their vehicle has crossed the Safety Car Control Line
- overtaking is only permitted once their vehicle has crossed the Safety Car Control Line

## 10. Track Limits

Please be familiar with Appendix 4 - Schedule Z article 13.2.

a. Drivers must use the circuit at all times.

b. A driver will be judged to have left the circuit if all four tyres are outside the lines defining the circuit edges or any 1 tyre entirely exceeds the outer edge of any kerb.

c. Should a car leave the circuit, the driver may re-join however, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining an advantage or interfering with another competitor.

## 11. Mechanical Failure

a. If you have a mechanical problem, move off the racing line and park as far off track as possible. Do not continue around the circuit with the risk of leaving oil on track

b. If the car is stopped on track and you are unable to continue, or you are instructed by officials, move behind the first line of protection as soon as it is safe to do so.

c. Drivers must obey all instructions given by officials.

## 12. Competitor Responsibilities

Competitors are reminded that they are responsible for their pit crew and supporters and ask that particular note is taken of the following:

a. No underage or unlicensed person driving motorized vehicles of any type in the pit paddock or access roads.

b. No dogs are allowed in the internal pit paddock area

c. No alcohol to be consumed in the pits during competition

d. No smoking – Highlands is a Smoke Free Venue and if you wish to partake, please do so on Cemetery Road.

e. Covered footwear must be worn in Pit Lane

f. No children under the age of 16 are to be out on the pit apron, working lane or pit wall.

Issued by

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**Clerk of the Course**

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