

# ACCREDITED ARTICLES GOVERNING the 2023-24 SUPER V8 RACE SERIES

## Preamble

Auckland Car Club Inc hereby declares the following articles to be those governing Competitors in a motor racing series for vehicles complying with Schedule NZV8TC, Schedule TA2, Schedule Tranzam and Schedule NZV8UR.

**The Series is held under a MotorSport New Zealand Sanctioning Permit No: 239018**

The Series is organised and held in accordance with the current 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 Organising / Inviting Club of each Round of the Series.

The Super V8 Race Series has been categorised as **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 NZV8TC, TA2, Tranzam and NZV8UR and
- The Event Supplementary Regulations issued by the Inviting Clubs.

## OFFICIAL RECORD OF AMENDMENTS ISSUED TO THESE ARTICLES

MotorSport NZ may issue amendments to these Series Articles or Technical Schedule where it is deemed necessary to amend or clarify any article. These amendments will be issued by the Chief Executive Officer or their representative in the form of Series Amendments.

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

Amendment Number	Issue/Effective date	Article reference	Subject / Notes
SV8-23-A001	15 November 2023	3	Addition of personnel
SV8-23-A001	15 November 2023	3	Points table

## **1. INTERPRETATIONS:**

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

“**The Club**” means Auckland Car Club Inc; and

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

“**NZV8TC**” means NZ V8 Touring Cars; and

“**Round**” means each Meeting and/or Event at which drivers may score points towards the Series; and

“**TA2**” means TA2Racing NZ Limited and TA2 Muscle Car Series; and

“**Tranzam**” means NZ Tranzam Challenge Series; and

“**NZV8UR**” means New Zealand V8 Ute Racing Ltd; and

The “**Series**” means Super V8s Race Series for vehicles complying with Schedule NZV8TC, Schedule TA2, Schedule Tranzam and Schedule NZV8UR; and

## **2. ELIGIBILITY:**

### **2.1 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY**

**2.1.1** All competitors shall hold a C1 Grade Competition Licence or higher and if the entrant is other than the competitor, 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 Super V8 Series and be eligible for awards.*

**2.1.2** All competitors shall be financial members of a MotorSport NZ affiliated Member Club.

### **2.2 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY**

**2.2.1** Eligibility shall be for vehicles complying with the specifications set out in Schedule NZV8TC, Schedule TA2, Schedule Tranzam and Schedule NZV8UR to these Articles.

**2.2.2** All Competitors/Entrants shall agree to submit their vehicle to eligibility/and or scrutineering when required by the appointed Series Scrutineer, and/or a MotorSport New Zealand Licenced Technical Officers for compliance to Schedule NZV8TC, Schedule TA2, Schedule Tranzam, Schedule NZV8UR and/or Schedule A of the NSC.

**2.2.3 Classes:** There are four(4) classes which comprise of the following vehicles:

- a) **V8 Open**, for any V8 vehicle eligible under Schedule NZV8TC and these Articles; and
- b) **TA2 Muscle Car**, for vehicle’s eligible under Schedule TA2 and these Articles; and

- c) **Tranzam Challenge**, for vehicles eligible under Schedule Tranzam and these Articles; and
- d) **New Zealand V8 Utes**, for vehicles eligible under Schedule NZV8UR and these Articles.

2.2.4 All competing vehicles shall reserve the spaces in accordance with Appendix One to these Articles for the Series sponsors' and official decals at all Rounds, which will be provided by the Series.

### **3. SERIES PERSONNEL:**

3.1 At each Round the following personnel, shall have responsibilities and authorities set out as below.

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 Co-ordinator:** Rachael Murray (NZ Touring Cars Limited)  
**Address:** PO Box 89-139  
 Torbay, Auckland 0742  
**Phone Number:** 021 999 664  
**Email:** [rachael@gr8events.co.nz](mailto:rachael@gr8events.co.nz)

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

- (a) Deal with all administrative matters pertaining to the Series including receiving and accepting all Series and Round entries, and
- (b) Record and publish all Class points schedules, and
- (c) Liaise with the Inviting Club/s on all matters pertaining to these Articles, and
- (d) Promote the Series; and
- (e) Supply all Series decals.

3.1.3 **V8 Open & TA2 Muscle Car Class Contact:** Gary Lathrope  
**Phone No:** 0274 522 991  
**E-mail:** [gary@gr8events.co.nz](mailto:gary@gr8events.co.nz)

**Tranzam Challenge Class Contact:** Bob Cullinane  
**Phone No:** 027 493 9337  
**E-mail:** [idt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:idt@xtra.co.nz)

**NZ V8 Utes Class Contact:** Cherie Brown  
**Phone No:** 021 777 110  
**E-mail:** [cherie@v8utes.co.nz](mailto:cherie@v8utes.co.nz)

Who are responsible for and authorised on the Series behalf to answer any questions specific to their respective class.

### 3.1.4 V8 Open, TA2 Muscle Car and Tranzam Challenge:

**Series Scrutineer:** John Wigston  
**Mobile Phone No:** 027 441 3313  
**E-mail:** [j-wigston@extra.co.nz](mailto:j-wigston@extra.co.nz)

### NZ V8 Utes

**Series Scrutineer:** Keith Hargraves  
**Mobile Phone No:** 021 253 2399  
**E-mail:** [termop.hargraves@gmail.com](mailto:termop.hargraves@gmail.com)

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

- (a) Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the Series; and
- (b) Inspect any competing vehicle within the Series in order to ascertain compliance with Schedule NZV8TC, Schedule TA2, Schedule Tranzam and NZV8UR; and
- (c) Assist competitors with technical enquiries relative to the technical regulations applicable to their vehicle; and
- (d) Undertake the duties of a Technical Judge (NSC 86(1)(d)) with respect to weights and measures; and
- (e) Undertake the duties of a Tyre Judge (NSC86(1)(f)); and
- (f) Liaise with the Clerk of the Course on any scrutineering or technical conformity issue for the category; and
- (g) To report to the Clerk of the Course, any instances where a breach of the technical regulations has been identified.

### 3.1.5 Driving Standards Observer: Owen Evans

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 Super V8 Race Series shall be via the [online entry form here](#).

4.1.1 Any entries received after the closing date may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Series Coordinator.

4.1.2 The Series reserves the right to accept or decline entries into the series as per NSC 21.

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 Articles, Schedule NZV8TC, Schedule TA2, Schedule Tranzam and Schedule NZV8UR, and
- (4) Shall comply with any specific requirements of the official Series Sponsor(s), as detailed within these Series Articles.

**5. SERIES STRUCTURE:**

5.1 The Series will comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Venue	Inviting Club
1	17-19 November 2023	Taupo International Motorsport Park	MotorSport NZ Inc
2	26-28 January 2024	Manfield: Circuit Chris Amon	MotorSport NZ Inc
3	15-17 March 2024	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	MotorSport NZ Inc
4	18-19 May 2024	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park	NZIGP

5.2 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.

5.3 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 **Pit Space Allocation:** A marquee or pit garage will be available from the Inviting Club to Competitors that require one. For Competitors not requiring a marquee or pit garage a paddock area will be available as per the Supplementary Regulations Part Two of each Round.

6.2 **Practice:** There will be optional Practice sessions on the Friday of each Round of the Series. This will be as detailed in the Event Schedule.

6.3 **Qualifying:** At all rounds there will be two(2) Qualifying sessions of ten(10) minute durations with a minimum of a five(5) minute gap between the sessions.

6.4 **Race distance:** Races are scheduled to run as follows:

Round	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Venue
1	10 Laps	10 Laps	10 Laps	Taupo International Motorsport Park
2	10 Laps	10 Laps	10 Laps	Manfield: Circuit Chris Amon
3	10 Laps	10 Laps	10 Laps	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park
4	10 Laps	10 Laps	10 Laps	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park

6.4.1 At all Rounds, the Clerk of the Course and/or the Stewards of the Meeting following consultation with the Series Coordinator (where practicable), reserves the right to shorten and / or cancel any practice / qualifying sessions and / or Races in the case of Force Majeure.

- 6.5 Race start procedures:** At all rounds, the starting procedure will be a Rolling Start in accordance with the provisions of Appendix Four, Schedule Z Article 8.3 of the current MotorSport New Zealand Manual, however there will be two(2) formation laps, with the Rolling Start commencing at the end of the second formation lap.
- 6.6 Race starting positions:** For all Races, the V8 Open, TA2 Muscle Car and Tranzam Challenge Classes will form up together. There shall be a two(2) row grid space, then the NZ V8 Ute class will then form up separately together in their own group.
- (a) **Race One:** Grid positions will be determined by the fastest lap times achieved in Qualifying, fastest to the front. The V8 Open, TA2 Muscle Car and Tranzam Challenge Classes will form up together. There shall be a two(2) row grid space, then the NZ V8 Ute class will then form up separately together in a combined group.
- (b) **Race Two:** The V8 Open, TA2 Muscle Car and Tranzam Challenge Classes will form up together. There shall be a two(2) row grid space, then the NZ V8 Ute class will then form up separately together in their own group.
- (i) **V8 Open, TA2 Muscle Car and Tranzam Challenge classes:** Grid positions will be determined by the finishing order of Race One. Any non-finishers will be placed at the rear of the Grid in Qualifying time order. Any competitors who did not start Race One will then be placed in a final group at the rear of the grid in qualifying time order.
- (ii) **NZ V8 Ute class:** Grid positions will be determined by the finishing order of Race One, with the first ten(10) drivers reversed.
- (c) **Race Three:** The V8 Open, TA2 Muscle Car and Tranzam Challenge Classes will form up first. This group may have one (1) split placed within them separating them into two start groups at the appropriate point to promote safe and fair competition for the slower vehicles. This split shall be determined by the Clerk of the Course in conjunction with the Series Coordinator.

After the second group (if applicable) there shall then be a two(2) row grid space, then the NZ V8 Ute class will then form up separately together in their own group.

- (i) **V8 Open, TA2 Muscle Car and Tranzam Challenge classes:** Grid positions will be determined by the fastest overall lap time achieved by the Vehicle in Race One and Race Two with the fastest vehicle to the rear (reverse grid format).
- (ii) **NZ V8 Ute class:** Grid positions will be determined by the points achieved in Races One and Two with the highest points scorer to the front. Should more than one(1) driver be on the same number of points, such drivers will be placed in order of Qualifying times (fastest to slowest).

## **6.7 Meeting Rides:**

- (1) Meeting Rides shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the MotorSport NZ Meeting Ride Policy.

- (2) At Rounds where Meeting Rides are scheduled for the Series, each Competitor entered must comply with the request from the Series Coordinator to provide Category Sponsor Rides.

## **7. TYRE TYPE, ALLOCATION AND MARKING PROCEDURES:**

### **7.1 For V8 Open:**

- (1) Tyres are open to all manufacturers.
- (2) **Practice sessions:** from the Vehicles first Round, any marked or unmarked tyre may be used. At all subsequent Rounds, only marked tyres are permitted.
- (3) **Qualifying sessions:** from the Vehicles first Round and all following Rounds only marked tyres are permitted.
- (4) **New “dry” tyre allocation:** the maximum number of new “dry” tyres that may be presented for marking for each Round of the Series are as follows:
  - (i) First Round for the Vehicle: six(6).
  - (ii) All remaining Rounds for the Vehicle, maximum of: four(4) per Round.

### **7.2 For TA2 Muscle Car: Only the control tyre (dry and wet specification) as per Schedule TA2 are permitted for use at any Round of the Series.**

- (1) **New & Used “dry” tyre allocation for the Series:** the maximum number of new “dry” tyres that may be presented for marking for each Round of the Series are as follows:
  - (i) First Round for the Vehicle: six(6).
  - (ii) All remaining Rounds for the Vehicle, maximum of: four(4) new tyres and two(2) used marked tyres from the current Season, all tyres carried forward to the next Round must be scrubbed or used.
- (2) **Practice sessions:** any marked or unmarked tyre may be used.
- (3) **Qualifying sessions:** Any previously marked tyres from the Vehicles first Round of that current Season and all following Rounds. Only marked New and Used tyres are permitted.

### **7.3 For Tranzam Challenge:**

- (1) Any brand of 16 inch dry tyre may be presented for tyre marking.
- (2) **Practice sessions:** any marked or unmarked tyre may be used.
- (3) **Qualifying sessions:** from the Vehicles first Round and all following Rounds only marked tyres are permitted.

(4) **New “dry” tyre allocation for the Series:** the maximum number of new “dry” tyres that may be presented for marking for each Round of the Series are as follows:

(i) All Rounds for the Vehicle, maximum of: four(4).

7.4 **For New Zealand V8 Utes:** Only the control tyres as detailed in Schedule NZV8UR are permitted for use at any Round of the Series. Control tyres to be purchased direct from the control supplier NZV8UR.

(1) **New & Used “dry” tyre allocation for the Series:** the maximum number of new “dry” tyres that may be presented for marking for each Round of the Series are as follows:

(i) First Round for the Vehicle: six(6).

(ii) All remaining Rounds for the Vehicle, maximum of: four(4) new tyres and two(2) used marked tyres from the current Season, all tyres carried forward to the next Round must be scrubbed or used.

(2) **Practice sessions:** any marked or unmarked tyre may be used.

(3) **Qualifying sessions:** Any previously marked tyres from the Vehicles first Round of that current Season and all following Rounds. Only marked New and Used tyres are permitted.

7.5 **“Wet” Tyre allocation per Round for all Classes:** there is no controlled allocation of wet tyres per Round. If the meeting is declared “wet” by the Clerk of the Course, “wet” specification tyres must be used.

7.6 **Specifically prohibited for all tyres are the following modifications:**

- Hand cut tread grooves;
- Filing and buffing;
- Tyre warmers;
- Chemical treatments; and
- Any means of artificially enhancing tyre performance.

7.7 **Tyre marking:** Tyre marking will take place from 8:00 am on Saturday at each Round of the Series. The location will be inside your pit area, tyres for marking must be off the vehicle.

7.8 It is the Competitor’s responsibility to ensure that tyre markings remain clearly visible. Whenever tyre markings start to become illegible, the Competitor must contact the respective Series Scrutineer.

## **8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

8.1 It is compulsory to have a fully functioning radio receiver in each vehicle for all Qualifying sessions and Races.

8.2 Any race radio tuned to the below frequency must be set to “receive” only.

8.3 The frequency is 455.168750MHz.



## **9. IN-CAR CAMERA TO MONITOR COMPETITOR BEHAVIOUR (Judicial Camera):**

- 9.1** All Super V8 Series vehicles will be required to carry an approved Series in-car camera. The position of fitting this camera takes precedence over any other camera fitted in the vehicle.
- 9.2** This camera must be mounted in accordance with Schedule A and any further instructions issued. The mounting of the camera will be supervised, where required, by the **Chief Scrutineer**, Series Scrutineer or their appointed official.
- 9.3** It is the Competitors responsibility to ensure the camera is switched on and recording during all Practice, Qualifying sessions and Races.
- 9.4** At any time during an Event, the Clerk of the Course, **the Stewards**, the Series Coordinator(s), or their appointee can access footage from the Judicial Camera or any other camera that may be fitted to the Vehicle.

## **10. PARC FERME:**

- 10.1** 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 track to the designated Parc Fermé, the location of which will be notified via Official Bulletin on the Official Notice Board of the meeting.

**Note:** *Competitors 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.*

- 10.2** Only the competitor and one representative per vehicle are permitted to be present at any technical inspection, unless the Series Scrutineer(s) have given specific permission for any additional representatives to be present.

## **11. POINTS**

- 11.1** Points will be recorded and published separately for each of the four Classes; **Open V8s**, **TA2 Muscle Car**, **Tranzam** and **NZ V8 Utes**.

- 11.1.1 Qualifying:** Points for **Open V8s**, **TA2 Muscle Car** and **Tranzam** will be awarded to each Driver based on their overall qualifying result within each Class, at each Round of the Series, as follows:

<b>Placing</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Placing</b>	<b>Points</b>
1st	20	11th	8
2nd	18	12th	7
3rd	16	13th	6
4th	15	14th	5
5th	14	15th	4
6th	13	16th	3
7th	12	17th	2
8th	11	18th	1
9th	10	19 <sup>th</sup> and lower	0
10th	9		

**11.1.2 For all Races**, points for each Class will be allocated to Drivers based on their overall finishing position within each Class, in each Race, at each Round of the Series, as follows:

Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	100	13th	28
2nd	90	14th	26
3rd	80	15th	24
4th	70	16th	22
5th	60	17th	20
6th	49	18th	18
7th	45	19th	16
8th	42	20th	14
9th	39	21st	12
10th	36	22nd	10
11th	33	23 <sup>rd</sup> and lower	5
12th	30		

- 11.2** Any race which is stopped and not restarted, and during which less than 50% of the race distance has been completed by the leader, shall be deemed a non-race, and no points shall be awarded.
- 11.3** Any race which is stopped and not restarted, during which 50% – 75% of the race distance has been completed by the leader, shall be deemed to have been completed in respect of Race Series points but only 50% points shall be awarded.
- 11.4** Any race which is stopped during which 75% or more of the race distance has been completed by the leader, shall be deemed to have finished and a full allotment of points shall be awarded.

**12. AWARDS**

- 12.1** The winner within each Class shall be the Driver who accumulates the highest total points earned throughout the Series, in their respective class.
- 12.2** Second and third place overall will also be awarded.

## APPENDIX ONE – DECALS AND LOCATIONS

