

# 2017 GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE

Revision TWO



2016 GROUP A CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS  
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NEW ZEALAND RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP  
AND RALLY NEW ZEALAND.**

## **PREAMBLE**

Rally New Zealand hereby declare the following Articles to be those governing **2017 GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE** for drivers and co-drivers / navigators.

## **ARTICLE 1 - INTERPRETATION**

In these Articles the following expressions shall have the meanings set out:

- "The Series" means the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE and
- "The Convenors" means those administering the Series. The Conveners consists of 3 appointed officers from Rally New Zealand, promoters of the NZRC and
- "Round Organiser" means the MotorSport NZ members club organising a Rally which is a round of the NZRC and
- "MotorSport NZ" means MotorSport New Zealand Incorporated and
- "Round" means each rally, the results of which qualify for points in the CHALLENGE.

## **ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTS**

To promote and encourage, competitors from all regions, to participate in a series within an enjoyable and relaxed competition in the spirit of motor sport **IN PERIOD PRE 95 GROUP A 4WD TYPE CARS.**

## **ARTICLE 3 - ELIGIBILITY**

### **3.1 Drivers, Co-drivers / Navigators.**

- 3.1.1 All drivers, co-drivers / navigators in the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE must be a current financial member of any MotorSport NZ Member club and must satisfy the entry requirements of each Round Organiser.
- 3.1.2 To qualify for the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE points, the Driver and Co-driver / Navigator must register their intention to compete in the Series with the Conveners and can reside in any region.
- 3.1.3 Competitors who are not registered in terms of Article 6 will be deemed 'non-existent' for the purposes of the points' allocation.

### **3.2 Vehicles**

All vehicles must comply with the specifications set out in the current MotorSport Manual Appendix Two, Schedule A.

### **3.3 Vehicle Eligibility**

3.3.1 The following rules will be recognized for the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE:

- Series production Four Wheel Drive (4WD) saloon of a Make and Model **FIRST PRODUCED BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 1994.**
- Vehicles must retain the original silhouette, with no exterior body panels manufactured from composite materials except for original equipment.
- Vehicles must retain the original make and model of engine cylinder block and **NO variable valve timing cylinder heads.**
- The engine size must be a maximum of 2000cc with the manufactures original bore and stroke dimensions respected – other engine sizes with the manufactures original bore and stroke dimensions will be accepted as long as they are proven to match the body-shell, which was first produced before **31 December 1994.**
- The vehicle must retain the original suspension mounting points and suspension type.
- The gearbox must retain the original type of selection method (i.e. H-pattern) and have a maximum of 6 (six) forward gears and **no electrically controlled/variable centre-diffs.** The type of engagement and gear ratios are not controlled.

3.3.2 Class eligibility will be at the sole discretion of the Conveners and any enquiries regarding eligibility should be referred to the NZRC conveners, Blair Read, Blair Bartels or Simon Bell

3.3.3 It will be the competitors' responsibility to ensure that their car is the correct as per the rules in 3.3.1 above. The conveners will at times do a compliance audit on the cars, any cars found to have illegal modifications, will be disqualified and all points lost.

## **ARTICLES 4 - SERIES STRUCTURE**

4.1 The 2017 GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE shall comprise **THREE** Rounds. A team is required to enter two regional NZRC rounds [North Island or South Island specified below] and be present at the FINAL round of the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE.

<b>NORTH ISLAND ROUNDS</b>		<b>SOUTH ISLAND ROUNDS</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Rally of Whangarei</b> [Rd2 NZRC/ Rd1North Island GRPA] day one only <b>29/30<sup>th</sup> April, 2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Rally Otago</b> [Rd1 NZRC / Rd1South Island GRPA] day one only <b>8/9<sup>th</sup> April, 2017</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Rally Coromandel</b> [Rd4 NZRC/ Rd2North Island GRPA] day one only <b>26<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Rally Canterbury</b> [Rd3 NZRC/ Rd2 South Island GRPA] <b>4<sup>th</sup> June, 2017</b>
<b>2017 GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE FINAL ROUND</b>			
<b>3</b>	<b>Rally Hamilton</b> [Rd5 NZRC/ Rd3North Island GRPA] day one only <b>14<sup>th</sup> October, 2017</b>		

## **ARTICLE 5 - SERIES PERSONNEL**

At each Round, the conveners will be represented by the following personnel who shall have the responsibilities and authority set out:

### (1) SERIES CONVENORS

#### **Blair Read / Blair Bartels / Simon Bell**

Who shall have the authority of a Series Convener who is responsible for and authorised on the Series behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all administration matters pertaining to the Series and
- (b) Record and publish all Series points schedules and
- (c) Liaise with Round Organiser's on all matters pertaining to these Articles and
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the Series and
- (e) Act in the capacity as a competitor Relations Officer  
(as detailed in National Sporting Code Article 88) for the Series competitors and
- (f) Shall be responsible for receiving and recording Series Registrations

### (2) SERIES TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY

#### **Blair Read / Blair Bartels / Simon Bell**

Who shall have the authority of a Technical Eligibility Officer who is responsible for and authorised on the Series behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all matters pertaining to Vehicle eligibility

## **ARTICLES 6 - SERIES ENTRY / REGISTRATION**

### **6.1 Drivers, Co-Drivers / Navigators**

- 6.1.1 Registration for the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE is to be made by Drivers and Co-Drivers / on the form provided with these Articles and must be made to the Conveners.
- 6.1.2 Competitors MUST register for the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE prior to the start of the series.
- 6.1.3 **Registration Fee: Drivers and Co-Drivers / Navigators are required to register for the Series. Entry fee is free, BUT THE COMPETITOR MUST BE REGISTERED FOR AND COMPETING IN CLASS 5A OF THE 2017 NZRC [note this can be paid for rally-by-rally].**
- 6.1.4 **Entry for each Round of the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE must be made as per Class 5A of the 2017 NZRC.**
- 6.1.5 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain the necessary entry forms for the Round.
- 6.1.6 By entering the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE, all drivers and co-drivers / navigators agree to comply under these Articles.

## **ARTICLES 7 - DETERMINATION OF THE SERIES**

### **7.1 Number of Rounds**

The GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE shall comprise of 3 Rounds. Competitors' points from the all 3 rounds will count. The conveners reserve the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds due to force majeure without affecting in any way, its power to award any title.

### **7.2 Points**

(a) Points for each class, based on overall class placings in each Round, will be allocated to the Drivers and Co-drivers.

1st	25	11th	12
2nd	22	12th	11
3rd	20	13th	10
4th	19	14th	9
5th	18	15th	8
6th	17	16th	7
7th	16	17th	6
8th	15	18th	5
9th	14	19th	4
10th	13	20th	3

### **7.3 Determination of Ties**

7.3.1 Should a 'dead heat' occur in any Round of the Series the points allocated to the position 'dead heated' and the next following positions in the Rally will be added together and equally divided between the competitors concerned.

7.3.2 In the event of a 'tie' in the final points tally of the Series for any placing, the best placing shall be determined by reference to the greater number of superior positions on in the various categories from which the points derive (e.g. the number of 1<sup>st</sup> places, then the number of 2<sup>nd</sup> places etc.)

7.3.3 In the event that the previous paragraphs above prove ineffective in deeming a winner, then the Conveners shall, after taking into account such considerations as they deem to be desirable, either declare a winner or declare two or more competitors (as may be appropriate) to the equal winners of the Series.

## **ARTICLE 8 - AWARDS**

### **8.1 Titles - Drivers**

8.1.1 The GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE Overall Driver will receive:

- (i) The GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE Trophy
- (ii) Certificate

8.1.2 The GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE Overall Co-Driver / Navigator will receive:

- (i) The GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE Trophy
- (ii) Certificate

## **ARTICLE 9 - DECALS**

9.1 A yellow "GrpA" will be placed below the NZRC window banner on the co-driver's side of the windscreen and two either side below the event numbers on the rear window.

## **ARTICLE 10 - DISPUTES**

10.1 The conveners are charged with interpreting and making decisions on the series articles and technical regulations.

10.2 Should a registered competitor have a dispute with any of their decisions then the matter will be adjudicated on, by the Disputes Tribunal.

10.3 The Tribunal will hear the case in the same manner as that laid down for MotorSport NZ hearings. Their decision will be final.

10.4 Should a competitor wish to refer the matter to the Tribunal, it must be done within 1 week of the decision being made. The matter can be referred to any Tribunal member. **The Tribunal consists of: Blair Read / Blair Bartels / Simon Bell**

# 2017 GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE REGISTRATION FORM

**[NOTE: Drivers and Co-drivers must fill out a separate form to be eligible for Points.]**

YOUR NAME: .....  
Driver / Co-Driver (Please circle one as applicable)

ADDRESS: .....

MOBILE: ..... EMAIL: .....

CAR CLUB YOU ARE A MEMBER OF: .....

YOUR DRIVER/CO-DRIVER'S NAME: (delete one as applicable) .....

I WILL BE ENTERING NZRC CLASS 5A FOR THE THREE EVENTS: YES / NO (circle as applicable)

**NOMINATE YOUR TWO REGIONAL ROUNDS (please circle TWO)**

**WHANGAREI** **COROMANDEL**

**OTAGO** **CANTERBURY**

## YOUR VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY DECLARATION

MAKE..... MODEL ..... YEAR .....

ENGINE CODE ..... ENGINE CAPACITY .....cc REG No. ....

**STATEMENT: BY SIGNING BELOW, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE VEHICLE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 3.3.**

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**Please return this eligibility declaration along with your NZRC5 registration to [deborah@rallynz.org.nz](mailto:deborah@rallynz.org.nz) – for any technical questions, please contact Simon Bell via 021856277 or [simon@sultants.co.nz](mailto:simon@sultants.co.nz)**