



NZRC ELIGIBILITY UPDATE NZRC 2020

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After having reviewed the data collected from the 2017 NZRC Cat1 competition and following consultation with competitors and promoters and having due regard to the policy of advising competitors, both current and potential, of any significant change to the vehicle eligibility for the NZ Rally Championship, the MotorSport NZ Rally commission issues the following update to the eligibility for the NZRC for 2019 and 2020.

MotorSport NZ will continue to monitor the relative performance of the rally fleet and will, where necessary, make parity adjustments on an annual basis using the power to weight criteria as appropriate to ensure a close and exciting competition.

2019 NZRC Cat1

The Championship portfolio will reflect the following:

- **AP4** – Cars conforming to the published regulations (together with any amendments) must use 1.6L (max nominal) turbocharged engine with 34mm restrictor with minimum weight 1230kg. These cars will also be eligible for International competition in the Asia Pacific Region.

Cars conforming to the AP4 regulations in all respects save the engine capacity may be over 1.6L to a max of 1.8L (nominal) turbocharged with 34mm restrictor with minimum weight 1300kg. These cars are only eligible for the New Zealand Rally Championship and not likely to be eligible for International competition including APRC.

The AP4 regulations will be amended to reflect the acceptance of the Dual Plane Rear Wing favoured by all teams. All reference to AP4 Plus will cease from now on. Cars either comply or do not.

- **FIA Category Cars** – R2, R3, R4 Kit, R5, S2000 and NR4 (Group N including R4 parts) respecting their respective homologations and technical regulations including restrictor sizes and fuel specifications.
- **NZRC Open** – Cars conforming to Schedule A regulations. 2.0L and over Turbocharged cars must have 34mm restrictor and a minimum weight 1350kg. Cars under 2.0L must conform to the same weight and restrictor limits as AP4 above. Naturally aspirated cars must conform to the capacity/weight limits previously prescribed.

Note: Please refer to the NZRC Portfolio for changes to the approved Fuel specifications for 2019 onwards applicable to R5 and Ap4 cars.

2020 onwards NZRC Cat1

As per 2017 - 2019 except that:

- The Gold Star will be restricted to entrants in Cat1 only. The title of NZ Rally Champion will continue to be contested by entrants in Cat1, 1a, 2,3 & 4.
- **NZRC Open** – Cars conforming to Schedule A and respecting the new National Rally Car Rules (to be published as Schedule NZ) Max engine size 2.0L (nominal) 34mm turbo restrictor and minimum weight 1350kg. There will be a maximum vehicle age of 10 years as of 1/1/2020 (from the last manufacture

year for the relevant model). NZ-Built and imported Proto-Cars must have a logbook issued by MSNZ prior to 1 January 2019 to be eligible.

- All other cars will be eligible for the Challenge classes.

Competitors considering building or buying cars only eligible for NZRC Open category are reminded that MotorSport NZ will review the eligibility criteria on an annual basis with at least 3 years notice of any change. When sufficient numbers of new generation cars are competing, we expect to transition the Open Class cars to the Challenge class.

The chart below outlines the Championship Eligibility for 2020 and beyond. Class numbering may differ from that shown.

MotorSport NZ will work with the owners of Proto cars to develop a set of technical regulations applicable to cars eligible for Cat1 only (Group NZ).

NZ Rally Championship Eligibility Table

Competition Year	Title/Award	NZRC Category	Vehicle eligibility
2019	NZ Rally Champion & Gold Star & Class Awards	1	FIA R5, R4 Kit, S2000, MSNZ AP4, CAMS AP4, WRC cars older than 15 years, 4WD MSNZ SCH A Compliant
		2	FIA GPN 2WD R1, R2, R3 and MSNZ SCH A FWD max 2000cc
		3	Open 2WD MSNZ SCH A
		4	Historic Cars as per NZRC Portfolio & SCH RH
	NZ Rally Challenge plus Class Awards	5	MSNZ Sch A excluding FIA R5, R4 Kit, S2000, MSNZ AP4, CAMS AP4, WRC cars older than 15 years.
2020 onwards	NZ Rally Champion & Gold Star & Class Awards	1	FIA R5, R4 Kit, S2000, MSNZ AP4, CAMS AP4, WRC cars older than 15 years. Group NZ 4WD (<i>Note 2</i>)
		1a	Group NZ 4WD (<i>Note 1</i>)
		2	FIA GPN 2WD R1, R2, R3 and MSNZ SCH A FWD max 2000cc
		3	Open 2WD MSNZ SCH A
	4	Historic Cars as per NZRC Portfolio & SCH RH	
NZ Rally Challenge plus Class Awards	5	MSNZ Sch A excluding those cars eligible for Cat1 & 1a (<i>Notes 1&2</i>) (On application cars eligible for Cat1a may be entered in this class provided the driver has not been registered in Cat1 in the previous 2 years)	

Note 1 – Group NZ 4WD eligibility is designed to encompass those cars in the existing NZ Rally Fleet that are based on previously homologated Group N models that have been further modified using non-homologated components. Engine capacity is restricted to a maximum of 2000cc and minimum weight 1350kg, restrictor 34mm. Cars with engines 1800cc minimum weight 1300kg. Proto cars either imported or NZ built are also eligible for this class.

Note 2 - Cars must be less than 10 years old as of 1/1/2020 taken from the last manufacture year of the relevant model. (Subaru GR WRX 2014, Mitsubishi EvoX 2016). Proto cars will be aged as if they are EvoX.

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