



# GROUP A RALLY CHALLENGE

The New Zealand Rally Championship hereby declare the following rules to be those governing the technical eligibility of the **GROUP A RALLY CHALLENGE**. The classes aim is to promote and encourage, competitors from all regions, to participate in a series with an enjoyable and relaxed competition in the spirit of motor sport with **GROUP A 4WD TYPE CARS**.

## **PREAMBLE**

Rally New Zealand hereby declare the following Articles to be those governing the **GROUP A RALLY 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 RALLY CHALLENGE and
- “The Conveners” 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 GROUP A RALLY 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 **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 RALLY 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 RALLY 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.

#### **3.2.1 Vehicle Eligibility – Group A Classic Cars**

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

- All vehicles must comply with the specifications set out in the current MotorSport Manual Appendix Two, Schedule A and must be entered in Category 5 of the New Zealand Rally Championship.
- Vehicles must be series production Four Wheel Drive (4WD) saloon of a make and model first produced before 31 December 1995.
- Vehicles must retain the original silhouette of the production car and fiberglass panels are allowed. Cars may not use carbon or kevlar body panels.
- Vehicles must retain the original make and model of engine cylinder block and variable valve timing cylinder heads are permitted.

- 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 if they are proven [by the entrant] to match the body-shell, which was first produced before 31 December 1995.
- 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 NO sequential gear shifts) and have a maximum of 6 (six) forward gears. The type of engagement and gear ratios are not controlled.
- Electrically controlled/variable centre-diffs are allowed.

### 3.2.2 Vehicle Eligibility – Subaru H6 Rally Cars

The following rules will be recognized for the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE for Subaru H6 Rally Cars as per the Mainland Series.

- **H6 Subaru Specification Chassis:** all models gc8 to 1999 body shape must retain original parts, all steel (alloy bonnet ok) all original glass, no fiberglass or lightweight materials.
- **Suspension:** no cannister shock absorbers unless manufactured prior to 1999. Rear suspension arms can be adjustable.
- **Brakes:** Genuine gc8 calipers, discs free, no pedal box, no Brembo's.
- **Engine:** to be standard h6 3000cc motor. Exhaust free. Air intake free. Cooling system is free.
- **Fuel:** competitors must only use commercially available petrol purchased from a New Zealand petroleum retailer.
- **Computer:** to be a link, with a program that has been made available to all competitors at no charge. Your tune maybe checked at any time and must be made available.
- **Transmission:** no sequential or dog boxes. Five speed or six speed, standard Subaru gear box.
- **Differential:** standard center diff, controller free.
- **Interior:** free but must retain original dash pad.

3.3 Class eligibility will be at the sole discretion of the Conveners and any enquiries regarding eligibility should be referred to the NZRC conveners before the first round entered. It will be the competitors' responsibility to ensure that their car is the correct as per the rules 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 GROUP A RALLY CHALLENGE shall comprise **FOUR** Rounds. **A team is required to enter ANY three NZRC rounds from Rounds 1-5 and it is mandatory to participate in Round 6** (the final) to be eligible for the GROUP A RALLY CHALLENGE.

## 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 Bartels / Simon Bell / Carl Fenn**

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

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

(2) SERIES TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY

**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:

- 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 RALLY CHALLENGE is to be made by Drivers and Co-Drivers / on the form provided via the NZRC portfolio and online.

6.1.2 Competitors MUST register for the GROUP A RALLY CHALLENGE prior 4 (four) weeks prior to the start of the Round One of the NZRC.

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 NZRC.**

6.1.4 Entry for each Round of the GROUP A RALLY CHALLENGE must be made as per Class 5A of the 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 RALLY 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 RALLY CHALLENGE shall comprise of 4 Rounds. Competitors' points from all 4 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.
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| 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 Overall Titles**

- 8.1.1 The GROUP A RALLY CHALLENGE Overall Driver will receive the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE Trophy at the final round
- 8.1.2 The GROUP A RALLY CHALLENGE Overall Co-Driver / Navigator will receive the GROUP A CLASSIC 4WD CHALLENGE Trophy at the final round

**ARTICLE 9 - DECALS**

- 9.1 A "GpA" sticker 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. **\*to be confirmed.**

**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 Bartels / Carl Fenn**

**Please refer to the New Zealand Rally Championship Portfolio for all other sporting regulations, series entry, qualifying rounds and the championship format.**

\*the NZRC conveners reserve the right to modify or change the rules at the start of each season up to 4 weeks prior to Round One of the NZRC.