

# MSA NR FORMULA MONOPOSTO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

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# **REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS**

Motorsport South Africa (MSA) will periodically review these rules and will present the revised version to all members for agreement to publish the updated version.

Amendments and updates to the rules will be recorded in the Amendment Record, detailing the updated version, date of approval of the amendment and a short summary of the amendment.

# **AMENDMENT RECORD**

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#### 1. CONTROLLERS

The controllers of the Northern Regions Formula Monoposto Club Championship shall be Motorsport South Africa, (hereafter referred to as MSA), in conjunction with the Formula Monoposto Committee (hereafter referred to as FMC). The MSA GCR's and SSR's, which shall prevail in the event of a conflict, must be read and understood in conjunction with these rules and regulations.

The Controllers reserve the right to amend, alter or introduce additional rules and regulations and issue interpretation of these regulations as deemed necessary.

# 2. AIM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2.1 To declare an Overall Formula Monoposto Club Champion.
- 2.2. The Championship will be awarded on the basis of the highest points scored in the class-based championship. Other awards may be made at the discretion of the FMC.

#### 3. REGISTRATION

- 3.1. All competitors participating in the Monoposto Championship may be required to attend a registration day where:
  - A race number will be allocated.
  - A chassis identification plate may be issued that must be affixed to the chassis of the vehicle, a registration log may be kept by the secretariat of Monoposto.
  - A respective Association driver code of conduct must be signed and understood by all competitors.
  - The registration process will have no bearing on the individual club's membership and registration.

# 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 4.1 All races will be held under these Standing Supplementary Regulations, MSA General Competition Rules (GCR's), MSA Circuit Racing Standing Supplementary Regulations (SSR's), and the Supplementary Regulations as issued by the Promoters from race to race.
- 4.2 The GCR's together with the SSR's must be read and understood in addition to these regulations and specifications.
- 4.3 Drivers must hold a current and valid MSA Club Circuit Car licence that is applicable to this series. MSA circuit racing licenses can be obtained by making application on the MSA online website www.msaonline.co.za

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY OF CARS & COMPETITORS

- 5.1 The Championship will be open to single-seater, open-wheeler racing cars.
- 5.2 Cars must comply with the regulations of one of the following Associations:

Formula Libre

Formula M

- 5.3 Only cars that have been registered with and approved by 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 above, shall be eligible to compete in the Northern Regions Formula Monoposto Club Championship.
- 5.4 All persons wishing to compete in the Formula Monoposto Championship must be a paid-up member of either Formula Libre or Formula M.

# 6. SPONSORSEXPOSURE

- 6.1 Advertising material, as deemed necessary by the FMC in terms of the promotion of a series sponsor/shall be displayed on each competitor's car and/or racing apparel and in a specified position.
- 6.2 Should such advertising material not be placed on a competing vehicle, that vehicle will not be allowed to compete until such time as the specified advertising material is placed on the vehicle.
- 6.3 Competitors must undertake to race within the spirit of the regulations and the FMC will be the final judge of that fact.
- 6.4 This advertising material has no bearing on the requirements of any of the clubs. (Formula M or Formula Libre).

# 7. RACENUMBERS

- 7.1 Numbers 1 to 10 will be allocated to the top 10 points scorers in the Formula Monoposto championship.
- 7.2 The Associations will draw lots to see the number allocation, 11 to 20 & 21 to 30. This comprising of the top ten championship scorers for the previous year's respective club championships. The balance of competitors will be allocated on a "first come" basis from number 31 upwards, with blocks of numbers being allocated to the Associations for this purpose.
- 7.3 For easy identification different colour numbers and backing will be allocated per formula:
- 7.4 Formula Libre Black numbers on a White background.
- 7.5 Formula "M" Black numbers on a Yellow background.

#### 8. CHAMPIONSHIPRACES, SCORING

- 8.1 The Championship will run over 6 rounds or as many as allocated in the official MSA calendar.
- 8.2 The distance of any race shall be at the discretion of the promoter.
- 8.3 Each round shall consist of at least 2 (two) sprint races.
- The grid for race one of a round will be determined by the fastest qualifying time and downwards. A competitor who fails to post a qualifying time shall start at the back of the grid or behind the last competitor in their class to set a time, this will be at the discretion of the COC.
- 8.5 The grid for race two of a round will be determined by ones finishing position in the first race. Should a driver not start or finish the first race, they shall start at the back of the grid or behind the last competitor in their class to set a time, this will be at the discretion of the COC.
- 8.6 The start of each race will be by way of a standing start.
- 8.7 Should there be too many entries for a single race the field will be split into 2 events using the Monoposto Classes or at the discretion of the FMC as a means of splitting the competitors.
- 8.8 Points will be scored in classes on the following basis for each race:

1st: 10 points
2nd: 8 points
3rd: 7 points
4th: 6 points
5th: 5 points
6th: 4 points
7th: 3 points
8th: 2 points

From 9th: 1 point

Should less than four cars be eligible for points in a particular class of a race, points for that class will be awarded as follows:

3 Cars: 1<sup>st</sup> 8 points 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 points 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 points

2 Cars: 1<sup>st</sup> 7 points 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 points

1 Car: 1<sup>st</sup> 6 points

- A competitor may accumulate points from more than one class during the season towards the Formula Monoposto Championship. All class points shall be scored in the relevant class in which the car raced. Should any championship event be held at circuits other than Zwartkops, Kyalami, or Redstar, and which are further than 200km from Johannesburg, 10 bonus points shall be awarded for commencing practice, qualifying or one of the official races.
- 8.10 In the case of a tie, the competitor with the greater number of 1st place points will be declared the Champion. If this does not resolve the tie, then the greater number of 2nds failing this, 3rds and so on until the tie is resolved.
- 8.11 Competitors shall complete at least two thirds of the class leader's total lap count in a race in order to be awarded class points. If the class leader does not complete the entire race, he / she must complete at least 60% of the total race laps in order to be awarded class points.
- 8.12 A competitor shall be awarded Index of Performance points only if he/she completes the entire race, i.e. takes the Chequered flag.
- 8.13 Points for determining the Index of Performance Championship shall be awarded as follows for each race:

 $1^{\text{st}}$  9 points  $2^{\text{nd}}$  6 points  $3^{\text{rd}}$  5 points  $4^{\text{th}}$  4 points  $5^{\text{th}}$  3 points  $6^{\text{th}}$  2 points  $7^{\text{th}}$  1 point

Two bonus points will be awarded to all competitors commencing official practice, qualifying or one of the official races, should any championship event be held at circuits other than Zwartkops, Kyalami, or Redstar, and which are further than 200km from Johannesburg, 10 bonus points shall be awarded.

Paragraph 8.11 shall also apply to the Index of Performance championship.

#### 9. CLASS STRUCTURE

- 9.1 Class allocation shall be determined at the first race meeting of the season that the competitor competes in as per 9.3.
- 9.2 There will be 4 time-based classes, namely Class A, B, D, & E, Class A being for the fastest cars.
- 9.3 The Association will maintain a register of the competitors in each class which will be published and available on request.
- 9.4 The points scorer with approval of the FMC will allocate unknown car/driver combinations to a class after qualifying or if necessary, after their first race participated in.
- 9.5 The FMC reserves the right to amend class brackets at its own discretion. Its decisions in this regard will be final and binding. Any such amendment must be done and published prior to the first official practice of a race meeting and be formally approved by the Formula Monoposto Chairman & Committee. A copy of the class brackets will be available from the FMC.
- 9.6 Competitors recording a time faster than the class limit will automatically move up to and score points in the class which their faster time dictates in the race in which the competitor recorded the faster time. Save in the case where the FMC is of the view (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances prevail.
- 9.7 Competitors who have recorded slower times than the class lower limit at two consecutive race meetings may be moved to a lower class.
- 9.8 The FMC may review any class change at its discretion or on written application by the competitor, supported by good reason, after two events have passed in which the competitor has participated.
- 9.9 A competitor may at any time apply to the FMC in writing, supported by good reason, to change a vehicle from a higher class to a lower class (i.e. from Class B to Class E). Should this class change be allowed, the competitor will immediately revert back to the original class should he/she break the new class time once in qualifying or any race. All class changes shall be notified to the competitors affected.

#### 10. GENERALTECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Each formula will be responsible for the policing of their respective technical and safety rules.

# 11. RACING SEASON CALENDAR

As per the MSA Calendar, all race meetings count toward the championship.

#### 12. CATEGORY BREAKOUT PROTOCOL

If Formula Libre or Formula M can supply a field exceeding 20 cars for 80% of the racing season they may apply MSA to race "on their own" for the following season.

#### 13. ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

The Monoposto Club Champion will receive a floating trophy

# 14. RACE DAY PRIZE GIVING

Formula Libre & Formula M will receive trophies from the organizers if supplied.

#### 15. YELLOW AND RED CARD SYSTEM

- 15.1 A Yellow Card will be issued to all competitor/s, by the Clerk of Course should there be contact between competitors' vehicles during practice, qualifying or racing. The committee shall consider rescinding the issue of the yellow card, to all competitor/s should one competitor make a written submission to the committee accepting blame for the incident.
- 15.2 When a competitor is issued with a Yellow card, he/she will be under observation for the following two race meetings in which he/she competes (irrespective of the season).
- 15.3 If the competitor is penalized with two Yellow cards whilst under observation for an existing Yellow card, he/she will automatically be penalized with a Red card.
- 15.4 If a competitor is penalized with a Red card, he/she will automatically be excluded from participating in the following two Formula Monoposto Car race days.
- 15.5 Two Red cards in any one season, will automatically exclude the competitor for the rest of the season. If the rest of the season has less than four race meetings, the exclusion will be extended into the new season so that the exclusion is for a minimum of four race meetings

- 15.6 Yellow and/or Red cards may be issued by the FMC in their sole discretion, to competitors for reckless and/or dangerous driving, unsportsmanlike behavior and/or contravention of the MSA regulations.
- 15.7 The consideration to issue Yellow and/or Red cards will be taken by the FMC, after taking into account all the facts relating to the incident. The competitors involved in incidents are required by MSA to submit a report to the Clerk of the Course within one hour of the finish of the practice or race. The FMC, in the absence of any incident report to the Clerk of the Course (CoC) may request incident reports from competitors and after consideration at a hearing, may decide to issue Yellow and/or Red cards. Should it be found that no incident reports were submitted to the CoC, the FMC shall issue all competitors involved with the incident a yellow card.
- 15.8 The competitor has a right of appeal to the FMC within seven days of notification of the issuing of a card. After hearing the appeal of the competitor, the sub-committee shall have the right to change or abide by their decision. Such a decision will then become final.