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REGIONAL HISTORIC PRE 80 &  
PRE 90 REGULATIONS**

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## REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

ANY proposed / desired changes to these Championship Regulations must be submitted to the Controllers for approval. The Controllers reserve the right to introduce new Regulations and / or amend existing Regulations with the approval of Motorsport South Africa (MSA).

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. The new version of the rules will be published by MSA at least seven (7) days prior to the next event being held unless a shorter notice period is approved by MSA. Refer GCR 67.

## AMENDMENT RECORD

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All race meetings shall be held under the **2026** Motorsport South Africa (MSA) General Competition Rules (GCRs), Standing Supplementary Regulations (SSRs), these Regional Regulations, the event Supplementary Regulations (SRs) issued by the promoters / organisers and any APPLICABLE Circulars of MSA.

## 1. ETHOS

- To promote and preserve era-correct historic racing saloon cars in South Africa.
- To ensure and promote free and fair competition.
- To encourage new and existing members to compete.
- To preserve and promote the spirit and heroes of South African saloon car racing.
- To ensure cost-effective participation
- To provide entertainment for spectators and value for money for sponsors.
- To ensure a reasonable level of safety and promote safe driving standards.
- To encourage international participation at international events.
- To respect and abide by the decision of the empowered officials.
- To compete in the *Eastern Cape Regional Historic Championship*, a competitor will have to be a member of *Border Motorsport Club*, or the *Algoa Motorsport Club*.

## 2. CONTROLLERS

- The controllers of the *Eastern Cape Regional Historic Championship* for Pre '80 & Pre'90 Saloon Cars shall be Motorsport South Africa (*hereafter referred to as MSA*), who have delegated the management and control to the *Border Motorsport Sporting Committee*. The *Border Motorsport Sporting Committee* will incorporate the representatives from the *Border Historic Racing Car Register Club*, which is affiliated to the *Border Motorsport*, and responsible for Historic racing aspects in the *Border Motorsport club area*.
- The MSA GCRs and SSRs, which shall prevail in the event of a conflict, must be read and understood in conjunction with these rules and regulations.
- The Championships will be known as the *Eastern Cape Regional Historic Pre '80 & Pre '90 Sprint Championships*. ('the Championships).

## 3. VENUE

All Championship rounds will be held at the East London Grand Prix circuit, with the option of one (1), or a maximum of two (2) away races.

## 4. AIM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

To declare the overall Eastern Cape Regional Historic Series Drivers Champion and to announce the winners of the various classes.

## 5. VALIDITY OF THE REGULATIONS

Applicable for the calendar year of **2026**.

## 6. ELIGIBILITY OF DRIVERS

6.1 The Championship will be open to all competitors resident within the geographical area of the Eastern Cape Province of the Republic of South Africa.

- 6.2 All eligible competitors must be in possession of a minimum of a valid MSA Regional Circuit racing competition license valid for car racing, as appropriate.
- 6.3 Competitor's age: Refer Circuit Racing SSR 1.

## 7. **INCIDENT REPORTS**

Every driver is to return their completed incident report form to the Clerk of the Course as soon as possible after having either retired from or ~~completed the event~~ **having a incident in the said race** (see Circuit Racing SSR 61).

## 8. **ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES**

- Saloon Cars introduced before *31 December 1990*, and that comply with the HMC National Technical Regulations for Historic Saloon Cars.
- Vehicles competing in the Championship shall comply with these rules, the General Competition Rules (GCRs) and Standing Supplementary Regulations (SSRs) of Motorsport South Africa (MSA) and all of the Standing Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations issued by the *Hosting Club*.
- If a specific rule or latitude is not found in these regulations, whether stated it is or is not allowed, that will mean it is not allowed. The MSA GCRs or SSRs, as applicable, will then apply.
- Before any vehicle of any type is allowed to race in the *Eastern Cape Regional Historic* Championship, the vehicle must be registered with and approved by the Controllers and an MSA stamped and registered HTP document must be completed and must be available at all times.
- Each vehicle must carry the current year eligibility token, this to be done at the beginning of each year prior to the first race of the Championship. (Refer to Circuit Racing SSR 2.)
- Only cars that have a valid HTP that have been registered and stamped with MSA shall be eligible to compete and score points in the *Eastern Cape Regional Historic* Sprint Championships.
- Should a competition vehicle race without a valid signed, stamped, and approved HTP it will not score any points but will not be precluded from entering the event.

## 9. **SPECIFICATIONS GOVERNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

- As per the NATIONAL HISTORIC CAR TECHNICAL RULES as published for *Pre '80 & Pre'90 Saloon Cars*.
- Replica vehicles must be built in accordance with the MSA replica rules as indicated in Appendix 3 of the National Technical Regulations.
- Any competitor whose vehicle is found by the TC to differ in specification from his/her HTP will be requested to make the necessary changes.
- No dispensation afforded to any competitor may exceed *twenty-five percent (25%)* of the Championship and no dispensation afforded may be carried over into the next season Championship.

## 10. **CLASSES**

Competitors will be divided into the following classes (according to lap times at East London Prix Circuit):

Class A	-	1 min 34.999 and below
Class B	-	1 min 35.000 – 1 min 39.999
Class C	-	1 min 40.000 – 1 min 44.999
Class D	-	1 min 45.000 – 1 min 49.999

Class E - 1 min 50.000 – 1 min 54.999

No class breakouts will apply at the away races. Classes as determined at the East London Grand Prix circuit will be applicable to scoring the Championship at the away races.

- 10.1** Any new car/ competitors **combination** will be allocated to a class after their first race day. Any points scored will be credited to the competitor to the class in which he/she fits after the days racing.  
The onus is on the competitor to ensure that he/she is entered in the correct class on the day.
- 10.2** A competitor who records a lap time of more than zero point one (0.10) of a second faster than the class cut-off times shown in SSR 10 on one (1) occasion, in any of the three (3) ~~racing heats~~ **races at a event**, will be promoted and placed in an appropriate class according to the lap time with immediate effect, and applicable to all racing heats on the day.
- 10.3** A competitor can move up in the class structure but never down again in the same year, except in exceptional circumstances and with the special written permission of the Controllers.

## **11. DRIVER CONDUCT**

Refer MSA Circuit Racing SSRs 46 to 66 (where applicable).

- 11.1** At the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, MSA Circuit Racing SSR 50 i) (White Line Rule) may be implemented at any stage.
- 11.2** Bumping and/or pushing of other vehicles on the circuit is not allowed and any drivers found doing this will be penalized by the Clerk of the Course in terms of GCR 157. The Clerk of the Course must consider infringements at previous events which resulted in penalties being imposed, when imposing penalties under this heading.
- 11.3** Any competitor who disadvantages another competitor by bumping said competitor's vehicle, even unintentionally which results in the loss of place(s) during a race will, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, generally be penalized so as to finish behind the competitor that was disadvantaged. More severe penalties will be applied in the case of repeat offenders.
- 11.4** The vehicle ahead of any other vehicle in any 'train' of two or more vehicles on the circuit may only change direction once in a straight line from the exit of one corner up to and including the entrance to the next corner unless involved in a genuine overtaking manoeuvre.
- 11.5** When attempting an overtaking manoeuvre coming into a turn, at the end of the braking area, the front bumper of the overtaking vehicle must be past the "B" pillar of the vehicle ahead before the entry to the turn.
- 11.6** If this is not the case then the overtaking vehicle must back off and allow the vehicle ahead to take the racing line through the corner.

- 11.7 If the bumper of the overtaking vehicle is past the "B" pillar of the vehicle ahead, the lead vehicle must take a line so as to allow both vehicles to successfully negotiate the corner and exit. Note: This rule does not apply to 'sweeps', which are treated as normal 'straight line' racing.
- 11.8 At the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, all new drivers to the Championship may be required to have ribbons (Candy Tape) attached to the rear of their vehicles for their first two or three race meetings.
- 11.9 The Clerk of the Course shall be empowered to make use of yellow/red cards in respect of driver conduct issues, as per the following:
- a) A driver receiving a yellow card will be given a three (3) place grid penalty for each of the three (3) races under yellow card conditions.
  - b) No card (either yellow or red) shall be issued without the competitor being afforded a hearing by the Clerk of the Course.
  - c) A yellow card shall have the effect of placing a competitor's driving conduct 'under observation' for the following three (3) races (heats) forming part of the Championship.
  - d) A driver receiving a yellow card will be given a three (3) place grid penalty for each of the three (3) races under yellow card conditions.
  - e) A competitor racing 'under yellow' shall be required to prominently display a supplied yellow decal on the left & right hand side of his/her race car at all times during the affected races, alternatively yellow ribbons will be attached to the vehicle under observation.
  - f) If a competitor is found guilty of an offence while 'under yellow' he/she may, following a hearing, be issued with a red card.
  - g) Should a competitor receive three yellow cards in one season, the Clerk of the Course reserves the right to issue the competitor with a red card.
  - h) The effect of a red card is to bar a competitor from taking part in the next full race meeting forming part of the Championship.
  - i) In the event of the Clerk of the Course deeming a first offence to be sufficiently serious so as to warrant the imposition of an immediate red card, he shall be empowered to take such action.
  - j) 'Card decisions' need not necessarily be made at an event. Following an incident report or protest, the Clerk of the Course may await any additional footage (or other suitable evidence) which may be available after the event before making a decision. The competitor will generally be informed on the day if further evidence is being awaited.
  - k) Where a 'card decision' is made on the day of an event, the affected competitor shall have the right of protest to the Stewards of the Meeting (and the right of subsequent appeal).
  - l) Where a 'card decision' is made between events, the decision shall only be subject to an appeal in terms of the provisions of GCR 214.
  - m) Yellow/red cards issued in one racing season will generally not be carried over into the next racing season, this being at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course. However, competitors guilty of an offence in the last race of the season may be penalized accordingly depending on the severity of the offence.

## 12. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS, FORMAT, AND STATUS

- 12.1 The events making up the Championship are listed in the 2026 MSA Calendar. When more than one (1) race is held on any one (1) particular day, the overall positions for the day will be used solely for the purpose of determining an overall winner for the day and shall have no effect on the points counting towards the EC Historic Series Championship. If a tie should arise in determining the overall winner for the day, the competitor with the best result in terms of combined race time for the ~~heats~~ **races at the said event**, will be used to determine a winner for the purpose of trophies only.
- 12.2 The 2026 Championship will consist of seven (7) rounds. Only six (6) of the seven (7) rounds will count towards the 2026 Championship, which means that any competitor can drop his/her worst scoring round, from counting towards the Championship.
- 12.3 Each round in East London will consist of a minimum of three races or heats. Races per round will consist of three (3) X six (6) lap races, or two (2) X eight (8) lap races. This may change at the “away” event or events as per ~~the rules on the day~~ **the event SRs of the day**.
- 12.4 The organisers reserve the right to host more than three (3) races at any of the rounds to make up the minimum number of races for the year.
- 12.5 Should less than twelve (12) qualifying races be held and scored during the season, the Championship may be declared null and void by the Controllers.

## 13. POINTS SCORING PER CLASS

- 13.1 Points will be scored in each race for each class determined by the number of cars competing on the day in the specific class. The maximum number cars in class competing in any of the races, will determine the points to be scored in all the heats on the day.

No of Competitors per class	Finishing position in a racing heat per class									
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
	Points allocated									
4 to 10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
3	9	8	7							
2	8	7								
1	7									

- 13.2 For starting of the first race of the event, a driver will five (5) bonus points.
- 13.3 For completing the last race of the event, a driver will score five (5) bonus points.
- 13.4 For winning the class with the most competitors on the day, a competitor will ~~score~~ **be awarded** one (1) bonuspoint. Should drivers tie for winning the class with the most competitors on the day, no bonus point will be allocated.

- 13.5 There must be an average of six (6) eligible starters ~~for sixty percent (60%) of the nominated Championship events~~ **across the season** for the combined classes, for the **Championship race** ~~meeting itself to qualify. for Championship status.~~ To be classified as a starter, a competitor must participate in at least one (1) of the official practice sessions listed in the supplementary regulations (SRs) for the said event, and/or participate in the race/event itself Refer Circuit Racing SSR 82 i).
- 13.6 In order to be classified as a finisher, a competitor must have completed not less than sixty-six percent (66%) of the distance of the race under its own power. The sixty-six percent (66%) shall be calculated by rounding off to the nearest lap.
- 13.7 Competitors who are ineligible for the Championship, will be ignored in the results for the purpose of scoring the Championship but will qualify for awards on the day **of the event.**
- 13.8 Should a competitor score points in a particular class and thereafter move up to the next class, he/she will only carry forward any points obtained to the overall Championship and not to the class Championship.

#### **14. QUALIFYING, STARTING & STARTING GRID**

- 14.1 The qualifying session will determine the starting grid for race one (1).  
Fastest Lap in Qualifying = Starting position for Race one (1)..
- 14.2 At the ELGP - Finishing Position in Race one (1). = Starting position for Race two (2)
- 14.3 At the ELGP - Finishing Position in two (2)= Starting position for Race three (3)
- 14.4 Away races - The hosting club rules will apply to starting positions on the grid.
- 14.5 For purposes of qualifying, classes will be amalgamated. A ten (10) minute session will be allocated to each combined class. During this time a competitor may take to the circuit at any time. The fastest lap will determine the starting grid as above. The tyre choice will be determined by the competitor, i.e. either wet weather tires or slicks.
- 14.6 Competitor does not post a lap time in qualifying or in Race one (1):  
If a competitor does not post a lap time in Qualifying or Race one (1);, he/she will start at the back of his/her class.
- 14.7 Competitor does not finish Race two (2):  
If a competitor does not finish Race two (2);, he/she will start at the back of his/her class **for race three (3).**

#### **15. START PROCEDURE**

Rolling starts.

**16. SEPARATION OF TIES**

Any ties will be resolved in favour of the competitor having the greater number of first positions. If this fails, the greater number of seconds will count, then thirds, and so on. If the tie still remains, performance in all the Championship events will be taken into consideration and if this is still ineffective, then the Controllers will declare the winner on any basis they may deem fit.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF POINTS AWARDED**

Scoring for each event will be available on the Motorsport SA website ([www.motorsport.co.za](http://www.motorsport.co.za)) and any objections concerning the scoring must be received by MSA in writing not later than seven (7) days following the publication of the scoring. MSA reserves the right to correct clerical errors at any time.

**18. DECLARATION OF POINTS AWARDED**

The MSA Border Regional Committee at its sole discretion, is responsible for declaring a winner of the Championship, or to withhold such declaration.

**19. FUNCTION OF EC Historic Series Committee AS ORGANISERS**

The primary function of the "ECHSC" is to obtain and negotiate sponsorships for the above-mentioned Championship, as well as organising and promoting the events that make up the Championship. The "ECHSC" takes full responsibility for organising and facilitating the end of year prize giving and trophies. It is furthermore, the function of "ECHSC", as organisers, to obtain sponsors for the categories as set out and to facilitate the payment of **travelling**/prize monies/trophies.

**20. GENERAL**

It is the sole responsibility of all drivers to ensure that their vehicles comply with the above regulations and all drivers/riders are therefore advised to obtain full safety and eligibility clearance from the relevant association technical consultant before entering their first event.