

An **AUTOCROSS** is the ideal environment in which to learn or improve car control skills while at the same time having a lot of fun. It is an event that favours driver skill over outright horsepower, but at speeds higher than those experienced in motorkhanas. The Autocross course is usually laid out (using hay bales, drums or plastic cones) on a large grass or gravel area such as a farm paddock or a car park, although some clubs have purpose built Autocross circuits. Competitors compete in Autocross events individually against the clock with the winner being the person who completes the course in the shortest time. Because the event venue is usually a wide open space, the risk of vehicle damage is low. As for motorkhanas, it is a cheap event in which to participate and perfectly standard road cars can be very competitive.

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<http://www.motorsport.org.nz/sites/default/files/motorsport/manual>

Appendix Five – Clubsport

Schedule C - Clubsport

Part One – Standing Regulations covering all ClubSport Events, except Motorkhanas, Sporting Trials, Car Trials and Regularity Trials

1. ClubSport Introduction: ClubSport events are competitions held usually on a road, circuit or paddock, where the placings are decided by the time taken to complete the course, plus any relevant penalties. Included in this category of events are sprints (straight, bent and circuit), autocross and hillclimbs. Record attempts (both 'land speed' and 'endurance') do not come under the category of ClubSport events.

2. Event Descriptions:

2.1 Basic Events: Basic Status Events are those where competitors (including those new to motorsport) can compete without the need for specialised vehicles and expensive equipment.

A competition licence is not required. However all competitors, save for those entering their first or second Event, shall be members of either a Member club or Associate Member club.

The Basic Status Events are defined as follows;

(1) Autocross: Run on a marked-out course on an unsealed or sealed surface. The course plan is free provided no straight exceeds 200metres in length on an unsealed surface, or 100metres in length on a sealed surface. Two or more cars may run at intervals if the Clerk of the Course deems the course suitable.

A passenger may be carried at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course provided that Article 6 of this Schedule is adhered to.

4. Vehicles:

4.1 All vehicles shall conform to the vehicle safety regulations contained in Appendix Two Schedule A except for Pre 1978 Schedule K, T&C or CR vehicles that are in compliance with Appendix Six Schedule AA.

Note: Competitors should be familiar with and adhere to the MotorSport NZ Code of Practice– Fuel, which is available on the MotorSport NZ website (www.motorsport.org.nz)

5. Competitors:

5.1 All drivers must hold a current club membership of a Member club or Associate Member club, except for new entrants to motorsport, who may compete in two(2) Basic Status Events before being required to join a club.

(1) Any driver between the ages 12-16 years who does not hold a valid MotorSport competition licence may be allowed to compete in Basic Status Events on the following conditions;

(a) That the venue restrictions along with the vehicle type and cubic capacity restrictions detailed in Appendix One Schedule L Article 3.2(2) are respected, and

(b) Only at the discretion of the Event Clerk of the Course.

5.2 All drivers must wear safety apparel as specified in the driver safety regulations contained in Appendix Two Schedule A.

5.3 For Advanced Status Events, all drivers shall hold as a minimum either a Temporary M Grade or M Grade competition licence.

6. Passengers:

6.1 Passengers are not permitted in Basic Status Events unless stated otherwise in the Event descriptions detailed earlier in this Schedule.

6.2 Passengers may be carried in Advanced Status Events, except for Rallycross, Grasstrack Racing and Flying Sprint events, under the following conditions:

(1) Only on such Events that the Clerk of the Course considers the venue does not impose any undue hazards. The Clerk of the Course's decision to decline passengers shall be final.

(2) All vehicles (including Pre 1978 vehicles in compliance with Appendix Six Schedule AA) carrying passengers shall be fitted with the following equipment, which must comply with Appendix Two Schedule A;

(a) Rollcage, and

(b) Both Front Seats, and

(c) Four(4), Five(5) or Six(6) point safety harnesses for both occupants.

(3) Passengers shall wear safety apparel as specified in the driver safety regulations contained in Appendix Two Schedule A.

(4) All passengers shall be briefed on basic event safety procedures, how to correctly wear and subsequently uncouple the safety harness, and shall sign the Passenger Indemnity and Declaration form prior to their participation.

(5) The minimum age of any passenger is twelve(12) years.

(6) Passengers may be changed between runs.