

HILLCLIMBS are generally the highest form of motorsport that can be competed in using a normal road car. They are so named because the finish line must be at a higher altitude than the start line and the course must be mostly uphill. It must be remembered that they are considered high speed events, and with higher speeds also comes a higher "incident/accident" risk. The Hillclimb course can be on a private or public road, with either a gravel or tarsealed surface. Competitors compete in Hillclimb individually against the clock with the winner being the person who completes the course in the shortest time. Because the venues used vary so much, those competitors wishing to compete in a standard car (without full harness seat belts and/or roll cage), should check before the event with the organiser to ensure that such a vehicle is appropriate for the venue.

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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: n/a

2.2 Advanced Status Events: Advanced Status Events are defined as follows;

(5) Hillclimb: Run on a road course, gravel or sealed, which is predominantly uphill from start to finish. Cars may be started at intervals, provided no two(2) cars are on the same section of road between marshal points at any one time.

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.