

NEW ZEALAND SLOT CAR ASSOCIATION INC.



2013 General Rules.

These General Rules cover all New Zealand Slot Car Association Inc New Zealand Championship sanctioned events, 1/32nd Scale, 1/24th Scale, Hard Body Scale and Drag Racing.

A. General Rules:

- A1.** Competitors wishing to compete in an N.Z.S.C.A. sanctioned event must be affiliated to the Association in one of the following ways prior to that meeting.
- a.** A competitor must be a member of a Club that is affiliated to N.Z.S.C.A and has paid its annual affiliation fee of \$50-00.
 - b.** A competitor not being a member of an affiliated club can pay an individual annual affiliation fee to N.Z.S.C.A of \$30-00 or a single event fee of \$10-00 per event at time of entering the event.
- A3.** Anyone who will be 14 years and over during the racing calendar can race at all meetings for that season. If any club decides that they have younger members of a suitable ability to compete at N.Z.S.C.A. events, they have the right to write to the Executive Committee for dispensation. These drivers must be supervised by a senior driver.
- A4.** The N.Z.S.C.A Executive Committee will appoint a Chief Steward for each association meeting. The Chief Steward will control the running of that meeting in accordance with current N.Z.S.C.A. rules.
- A5.** Information regarding Championship events should be sent to all the NZSCA clubs at least eight weeks prior to the event being held.
- A6.** Competitors are to marshal as reasonably requested by the race controller. It is acceptable for the competitors to be divided into groups by club or as required, and assigned marshalling duties for various parts of the track for the duration of the championship.
- A8. Hosting of NZSCA sanctioned events:**
Clubs wishing to host a NZSCA sanctioned event must submit a proposal to NZSCA outlining the following,
- Format
 - Budget
 - Prizes
 - Facilities
 - Accommodation
 - Socialising
 - And any other relevant information that will affect the running of the event.

The financial club delegates will vote on the proposal/s of the national event and award the hosting rights to the successful club at the AGM.

B. Certificates / Miniature Trophies:

The New Zealand Slot Car Association Inc to be responsible for the supply of Certificates and the supply of suitable miniature trophies.

To be funded by the host club paying to NZSCA the sum of \$30-00 per competitor, this amount to be set at the AGM Annually.

The President of the NZSCA in consultation with the Host Club is to present to the Executive Committee of the NZSCA a budget stating the number of trophies and their cost for approval before proceeding.

C. Track, Circuit:

- C1.** Any Tracks used for a Championship Meetings shall have a minimum of 4 (four) lanes and be divided into 100 equal parts and each lane shall be marked separately.
- C2.** Any isolated section of the track for lap counters shall not have reverse polarity.
- C3.** As a prerequisite to holding a Championship meeting on a track not previously used for such, the Host Club must first Notify all member Clubs and subsequently hold a non-championship open meeting catering for all classes no later than one month prior to the Championship meeting.
- C4.** Any controller device that enhances the track power shall be illegal.
- C5.** The track voltage shall not drop below 12 volts DC when each lane is drawing 4 amps, measured at the tapes. This is the mandatory minimum, however it is strongly recommended that the voltage does not drop below 12 volts DC when each lane is drawing 10 amps.

The track voltage shall not exceed 15 volts DC off load.

- C6.** If the track power doesn't meet with rule C5 at the time of the Meeting being held then the Executive Committee will make the decision to run or cancel the meeting.

NZSCA to supply test equipment for testing tracks.

D. Protests:

- D1.** A protest committee comprising of the Chief Steward and one non Executive / Committee Member competitor from each affiliated club represented at the meeting, must be approved before the commencement of a race meeting by the Executive Committee.
- D2.** Any protest must be lodged to the Chief Steward together with a fee of \$10-00, this fee to be set at the Annual General Meeting for the forth coming year. The protest committee shall then be convened by the Chief Steward. The outcome of the protest shall be decided by the Protest Committee. Any penalty handed down shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee, but the competitor(s) have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee. Should a protest be lost by the protestor, the fee shall be retained by the NZSCA, otherwise it shall be refunded in full.
- D3.** Any appeal must be lodged with the Chief Steward together with a fee of \$10-00, this fee to be set at the Annual General Meeting for the forth coming year. The Appeal Committee which is made up of the NZSCA Executive Committee and the Chief Steward, shall then be convened by the Chief Steward. The outcome of the appeal shall be decided by the Appeal Committee. Its decision will be deemed to be final.
Should an appeal be lost by the appellant, the fee shall be retained by the NZSCA, otherwise it shall be refunded in full.

E. Penalties:

- E1.** If a competitor is found to be guilty of un-sportsmanship like behaviour towards the Race Controller, Marshals, a fellow competitor or public spectators, the competitor will be disqualified from the remainder of the meeting.

- E2.** If a competitor's car at post-race re-scutineering is found not to comply with the car rules for its class, then the competitor will be disqualified from that race.
- E3.** If a competitor's car is not forwarded to parke ferme immediately following the end of their race that competitor will be disqualified.
- E4.** If a competitor is found in breach of these rules other than the car rules then he will receive a penalty of 5 laps subtracted from the race that he / she was competing in at the time of the offence.
- E5.** The Chief Steward has the authority to enforce rules E1, E2 and E3. The competitor has the right of appeal to the Protest Committee.

F. Rule Changes:

Rules are changed by being voted on by the Member Club Delegates at the Annual General Meeting of NZSCA, which is normally held over the weekend of the 32nd Scale National in June of each year.

At the AGM each Club appoints a delegate to be their spokesperson and only those appointed delegates vote on matters for their club.

A notice of the AGM date, time and place are sent out to clubs, in this notice clubs are asked to submit remits for consideration at the AGM, remits are also accepted from the floor, it is encouraged that remits be sent to the Secretary of NZSCA before the AGM as if any research is required into these remits before the meeting it can be done, this can save time if the answers are readily available.

The membership of NZSCA are the Clubs themselves and the Clubs have their own members, the individual club members should be taking their ideas and any changes they would like to see to their Club NZSCA committee member or their AGM delegates to bring along to the AGM for discussion.

After the AGM and the event that the current rules relate to the rules for the next calendar year are changed and updated, the changes come about from what has been discussed and voted on at the AGM, on the odd occasion a rule may be modified after a championship event to clarify and make it more reader friendly, when all this updating has been done the DRAFT COPY is emailed to the Executive and Committee of NZSCA, remember these people are elected by the Clubs, for them to read and make alterations to the wording of these changes, this process can take some weeks and several DRAFTS are produced until all is happy with them, the rules are then published by putting them onto the NZSCA web site.

