



TAUPO INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORT PARK 9-12 APRIL 2026

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS – PART ONE

MOTORSPORT NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PERMIT NUMBER: 260188

1. JURISDICTION:

This event is a National Race Meeting, promoted by V8 Supercars Australia Pty Limited and permitted by MotorSport New Zealand Inc, to be held at the above venue and date.

The Event will be held under these Supplementary Regulations, the MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its Appendices and Schedules particularly:

- Appendix Four, Schedule Z being the Standing Regulations Applicable to all Races.
- Appendix Two, Schedule A – Driver and Vehicle Safety; and
- Race Directors/Clerk of the Course Written Drivers Briefing; and
- MotorSport New Zealand Approved Championship and Accredited Articles and Technical Regulations applicable to SP Tools TA2 NZ Championship and Bridgestone GR86 Championship.

2. MAJOR OFFICIALS:

- Organising Committee: Phil Shaw, Gary Lathrope, Rachael Murray, Craig Finlayson, Shanelle Barrett, Vijay Dheda, Damian White
- Secretary of the Meeting: Gary Lathrope
- Assistant Secretary: Jasmine Dheda, Corina Andrews
- Stewards: Martin Fine (Chair), Janet Phipps, Glenn Climo
- Clerk of the Course: Craig Finlayson
- Assistant Clerk of the Course: Gary Lathrope
- Race Directors: Haylee Wallace (TA2 NZ), Howard Atwill (GR86)
- Competitor Relations Officers: *To be advised in Supplementary Regulations Part 2*
- Chief Scrutineer: John Wigston
- Deputy Chief Scrutineer: David Thompson
- Championship/Series Scrutineers: Justin Scelly (GR86), Blair Gray (TA2 NZ), Ian Pledger (CMC)
- Chief Time Keeper: Jacky Braid
- Accident Investigator: *To be advised in Supplementary Regulations Part 2*

3. CIRCUIT DETAILS:

Venue: Taupo International Motorsport Park, Off Road Highway, Rotokawa, Taupo
Length: 3.3 kilometres
Direction: Racing Anti Clockwise
Circuit Density: **Up to 1 hour:** Saloons 44 vehicles, Single Seater 35 vehicles
Over 1 and up to 2 hours: Saloons 50 vehicles

4. CLASSES:

The Event Organisers have scheduled races for the following classes or types, hereafter referred to as 'categories'. Specific category eligibility is that contained in each Series'/Championships' Regulations. For details of Series Personnel, Eligibility and Round Formats, please refer to the relevant Series Articles on the MotorSport New Zealand Race page: <https://motorsport.org.nz/race/>

- **SP Tools TA2 NZ Championship**
- **Bridgestone GR 86 Championship**

- **NAPA Central Muscle Cars Series**

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Eligibility: CMC Muscle Car Member

Schedule: Z

Practice: 1 x 20 min
Qualifying: 1 x 20 min

Races: 2 x 8, 2 x 10 Lap Races (all 20 min time certain)
As per series format, all standing starts

Grid Determination:

- a. Starting Positions for Race 1 will be determined from Qualifying, fastest vehicle to the front (Standing Start).
- b. Starting Positions for Race 2 will be determined by the fastest Lap in Race One or Qualifying with a Reverse Grid (Handicap Start).
- c. Starting Positions for Race 3 will be determined by fastest lap from Races 1, 2, fastest vehicle to the front (Standing Start).
- d. Starting Positions for Race 4 will be off results of Race Three and Reverse Grid (Handicap Start).

5. ENTRIES & PIT MARQUEES:

a. Entry Form:

- i. All Competitors must use this link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/504819> to complete the Entry Form for their Category. Event Organisers and Category Coordinators reserve the right to refuse any Entry in accordance with the prescribed provisions of the National Sporting Code. Entry Fee refunds policy will be at the discretion of the Category Coordinators/Administrator.
- ii. In completing the Entry Form, Competitors (Drivers and Entrants) are deemed to fully understand the Motor Sport New Zealand National Sporting Code and its relevant Appendices and Schedules.

b. Opening and Closing Dates:

Entries open with the publication of these regulations and close (at normal fees) on 31st March 2026 at 17:00hrs via the MotorSport New Zealand App <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/504819>. No entries will be received after 3rd April 2026.

c. Entry Fees:

The Entry Fee for this Event is as agreed between the relevant Category Coordinator and the Promoter and is payable to the Category Coordinator/Administrator.

d. Pit Marquees:

Pit Marquees are compulsory and are included in the Entry Fees.

6. COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS & UNDERSTANDING:

a. Licence Requirements:

Unless otherwise stated in the individual Championship or Accredited Series Articles, each Driver must hold as a minimum a MotorSport New Zealand National C1 Grade Competition Licence or:

- Hold a Motorsport Australia National Competition Licence and valid Trans-Tasman Visa for the Event; or
- Hold the minimum of the highest Grade National Licence issued by a Foreign ASN required for the Event and has obtained approval to compete from the ASN that issued their Licence.

b. Entrants:

If the Entrant is other than a Driver, a MotorSport New Zealand Entrants Licence in the name of the Entrant is required. This is separate to a MotorSport New Zealand Competition Licence.

c. New Drivers:

Any Driver(s) who are racing at one of their first three(3) race events or who have not previously competed at the circuit must indicate to their Category Coordinator/Administrator or The Secretary of the Event and attend the New Competitors Briefing session. The time and place for this briefing will be detailed in Supplementary Regulations Part Two.

d. Drivers Briefing:

A written Drivers Briefing will be emailed to all Competitors prior to the Event.

Category Specific Drivers Briefings may be held on Thursday 9th April the time and location will be detailed in the Supplementary Regulations Part Two.

7. DOCUMENTATION & SAFETY AUDIT INSPECTION:

- a. Documentation:
Documentation will take place on the ground floor under Race Control all Competitors must complete Documentation prior to Qualifying. Competitors are reminded that they need to bring their current Competition Licence, MotorSport New Zealand Member Club Membership Card and Vehicle Log Book to the Event, at the completion of documentation, competitors will be issued with a "passed sticker" which MUST be attached to the rear quarter window before entering the circuit.
- Documentation times are as follows:
Thursday 9th April 10:00 to 17:00hrs
Friday 10th April 08:00 to 10:00hrs
- b. Scrutineering Audit Inspection:
The listed Series Scrutineers will arrange in conjunction with the Chief Scrutineer of the event all management of their categories' Log Books and carry out Safety Audits as required. All other category Safety Audits will be controlled by the Chief Scrutineer from 12:00hrs Thursday of the Event, prior to each Competition Vehicles' first Qualifying Session.

8. ACCESS TO VENUE:

- a. Support Paddock Locations and times listed below:

Wednesday 8th April: 09:00 to 17:30hrs All Categories.

Thursday 9th April: Strict Category pack in times as set out below:

- **Bridgestone GR86 Championship:** 08:30 to 11:30hrs
- **SP Tools TA2 NZ Championship:** 11:30 to 14:30hrs
- **NAPA Central Muscle Cars:** 14:30 to 17:30hrs

NB there is NO provision or Access to the Pit Paddock area for any pack in on Friday.

Category: SP Tools TA2 NZ, Bridgestone GR86 and NAPA Central Muscle Cars

Location: In marquees on the sealed area behind the Pit Garages

Access: via Main Gate, Off Road Highway, Taupo

No Transporters or Teams are permitted to enter the Venue until the above times. The Paddock Area is for Race Cars Only. There will be a Paddock Manager in each location who will advise you of your Pit Location and trailer designated parking area. Trailer parking only available on site. Due to the limited space available most Trucks and Transporters will be relocated to Owen Delany Park for parking.

Each Competitor will be allocated a marquee in their Support Category Pit Area. No other vehicles are permitted in the paddock area.

From 18:30hrs Thursday 9th April until the end of the Event on Sunday, external access to the Paddock is prohibited.

Each Competitor will receive from their Category Coordinator/Administrator a "Parking" sticker to allow you entry to the restricted Competitor Car Park via the Main Gate. No sticker No entry. All other parking will be in the main public car park on the Taupo Gliding Airstrip, enter via the Off Road Highway.

- b. The following are requirements of the venue and Event Organisers:
- No passenger vehicles or trucks are allowed in the Paddock area after 18:30hrs Thursday 9th April.
 - No clip on tents, Ezi-ups, campervans etc are to be located in the Paddock Area.
 - Hospitality of any nature is strictly prohibited in the Paddock area.
- c. All access lanes in and around the pits must be kept clear at all times during the Event.
- d. When unloading your vehicle from your race transporter or trailer, please ensure this is done promptly to avoid congestion.
- e. Competitors must work on their race vehicles in the marquees supplied and not in or from their own transporters.
- f. Support Competitors **may not move** from their allocated Support Paddock position on Sunday 12th April until advised by the Supercars Paddock Manager, limited pack out windows will be available as follows:
- **Bridgestone GR86 Championship:** from 12:30 to 13:00hrs
 - **SP Tools TA2 NZ Championship:** from 14:40 to 15:40hrs

- **NAPA Central Muscle Cars:** from 15:30 to 16:30hrs

Any movement during the above hours must be done with the upmost care as the Paddock Area will still be open to the Public.

NB! From 16:30hrs all paddock movement MUST cease until 18:00hrs.

- g. Competitors, including their teams and other associated people, are not permitted to camp overnight in the Paddock area.

9. **PADDOCK AREA MOVEMENTS:**

- a. Transporting equipment i.e. tyres, jacks and tools to and from the Pit Lane during Support Category Sessions must be achieved by the Crew carrying them or the use of a Hand Cart is permissible, no other form of Transport is permitted.

10. **RACE CIRCUIT WALK:**

- a. Support Categories are permitted to undertake their Race Circuit walk on Thursday 9th April between 15:30 to 17:00hrs.
- b. All personnel participating in the Race Circuit walk must wear a **high visibility vest**.

11. **TIMING/RACE RADIO:**

- a. Timing: Timing for the meeting will be via the MyLaps Transponder system. Transponder hire is \$150 including GST for the meeting. No alternative timing method is available. Please ensure your Transponder is working and fitted correctly. Loss or damage to a hired Transponder will be at the Hirer's expense.
- b. Time certain: All events will be "time certain" events. Competitors will be advised if the listed times vary on the day.

For time-certain races, the Chequered Flag will be shown to the leading Car after whichever of the following comes first:

- i. The end of the number of scheduled laps as detailed in the Event Schedule; or
- ii. The first time it crosses the Finish Line one(1) lap after the time detailed in the Event Schedule.
- c. Race Radio: This will be used for all major announcements for all Categories including Race penalties and is compulsory at this Event. The frequency for Race Radio for SP Tools TA2 NZ and Bridgestone GR86 is **489.6811250 Colour Code 10 Digital**, for NAPA Central Muscle Cars it is **455.168750 MHz Code 6B analogue (179.9)**.

12. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- a. Circuit Light Signals:
The Circuit's Approved Signal Light System in conjunction with Flags shall be used for this event.
- b. Fuel Handling and Storage:
Competitors are reminded to ensure that they are familiar with and abide by the MotorSport New Zealand Code of Practice – Fuel Handling and Storage. This can be found on the MotorSport New Zealand website – <https://motorsport.org.nz/technical/fuel/> in particular the requirement to have a maximum of 40ltrs stored in your Pit location during the day. NO fuel is to be stored in your Pit location overnight. There is no Fuel available at the Circuit for Support Categories.
- c. Each Competitor must have a minimum of one(1) 4.5kg multi-purpose dry powder extinguisher in their Pit Marquee at all times and with reference to MotorSport New Zealand Fuel Handling Code of Practice.

13. **EVENT SCHEDULE (Provisional):**

- a. Attached is the intended Event Schedule. These may be varied or altered at the Organiser's discretion to ensure that all Australia Supercars Championship Sessions and Races stay on Schedule. You will be notified of any change as soon as possible and the Organisers will do everything possible to maintain your involvement as an important part of the programme.
- b. The Organiser, in consultation with the Stewards of the Event, reserve the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the Event or any part thereof for reasons of Force Majeure, any entry fee refund will be made only at the discretion of the Organisers.

Gary Lathrope

**Secretary for the Support Categories of the Event
2026 ITM Taupo Super 440**

EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 2026

Start	Finish	Category	Duration (h:mm)	Session
8:00		Supercars		Container unload commences
8:00		Supercars		Tyre Fitting Open
12:00		Supercars		Scrutineering commences
12:30	14:30	Supercars	2:00	Track Walk
14:00		Supercars		Organisers Meeting
14:30		Supercars		Competitor's Authorised Representatives & Drivers Briefing (followed by Track to Town Briefing)
15:45	17:15	Supercars	1:30	Track to Town Activation
19:00		Supercars		VCS Paddock Closed

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026

Start	Finish	Category	Duration (h:mm)	Session
9:00		Supercars		VCS Paddock Open
9:00		Supercars		Tyre Fitting Open
9:40	10:00	Toyota 86 (NZ)	0:20	Practice 1
			0:10	
10:10	10:30	TA2 (NZ)	0:20	Practice 1
			0:10	
10:40	11:00	Central Muscle Cars	0:20	Practice
			0:10	
11:10	11:30	Supercars Events	0:20	Safety & Course Car Tours and Pit Lane Walk
			0:10	
11:40	12:00	Toyota 86 (NZ)	0:20	Practice 2
			0:10	
12:10	12:30	TA2 (NZ)	0:20	Practice 2
			0:15	
12:45	13:05	Central Muscle Cars	0:20	Qualifying
			0:10	
13:15	13:35	Toyota 86 (NZ)	0:20	Qualifying
			0:15	
13:50	14:15	Supercars	0:25	Practice 1
			0:15	
14:30	14:55	Supercars	0:25	Practice 2
		Supercars	0:05	Practice Starts
			0:10	
15:10	15:30	TA2 (NZ)	0:20	Qualifying
			0:10	
15:40	16:05	Central Muscle Cars	10 laps or 1 lap after 16:03	Race 1
			0:10	
16:15	16:25	Supercars	0:10	TV Track Time
			0:05	
16:30	17:00	Supercars	0:30	Event Rides
TBA		Supercars		Competitor's and Driver's Briefing (2) TBC by the MOM
18:00		Supercars		Tyre fitting closed
18:30		Supercars		VCS Paddock Closed

8.3 SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2026

Start	Finish	Category	Duration (h:mm)	Session
7:30		Supercars		VCS Paddock Open
7:30		Supercars		Tyre Fitting
9:05	9:25	Supercars Events	0:20	Safety and Course Car Tours & Pit Lane Walk
			0:10	
9:35	9:55	Toyota 86 (NZ)	8 laps or 1 lap after 09:53	Race 1
			0:20	
10:15	10:27	Supercars	0:12	Qualifying Part 1 - Race 8
			0:08	
10:35	10:47	Supercars	0:12	Qualifying Part 2 - Race 8
			0:23	
11:10	11:22	Supercars	0:12	Qualifying Part 1 - Race 9
			0:08	
11:30	11:42	Supercars	0:12	Qualifying Part 2 - Race 9
			0:05	
11:47	12:00	Supercars Events	0:13	On-Track Entertainment
			0:05	
12:05	12:25	TA2 (NZ)	10 laps or 1 lap after 12:23	Race 1
			0:15	
12:40		Supercars		15 minute signal
12:45		Supercars		Pit exit open
	12:50	Supercars		Pit exit close
12:55		Supercars	37 laps or 1 lap after 14:08	Race 8- 120kms
				Podium
			0:05	
14:15	14:25	Supercars Events	0:10	On-Track Entertainment
			0:05	
14:30	14:50	Toyota 86 (NZ)	8 laps or 1 lap after 14:48	Race 2
			0:10	
15:00	15:20	Central Muscle Cars	8 laps or 1 lap after 15:18	Race 2
			0:15	
15:35		Supercars		30 minute signal
15:40		Supercars		Pit exit open
	15:50	Supercars		Pit exit close
16:05		Supercars	37 laps or 1 lap after 17:18	Race 9- 120kms
		Supercars		Podium
18:00		Supercars		Tyre Fitting Closed
20:30		Supercars		VCS Paddock closed

8.4 SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026

Start	Finish	Category	Duration (h:mm)	Session
8:30		Supercars		VCS Paddock Open
8:30		Supercars		Tyre Fitting
9:05	9:25	TA2 (NZ)	10 laps or 1 lap after 09:23	Race 2
			0:10	
9:35	10:00	Central Muscle Cars	10 laps or 1 lap after 09:58	Race 3
			0:10	
10:10	10:35	Supercars Events	0:25	Super Fan Experience (Pit Lane)
10:10	10:35	Supercars Events	0:25	Safety and Course Car Tours
10:35	10:50	Supercars Events	0:15	Driver's Parade
			0:10	
11:00	11:20	Toyota 86 (NZ)	8 laps or 1 lap after 11:18	Race 3
			0:20	
11:40	11:52	Supercars	0:12	Qualifying Part 1 - Race 10
			0:08	
12:00	12:12	Supercars	0:12	Qualifying Part 2 - Race 10
			0:23	
12:35	13:05	Supercars	0:30	Qualifying Part 3 - Race 10 TTSO
			0:05	
13:10	13:25	Supercars Events	0:15	On Track Entertainment
			0:05	
13:30	13:50	TA2 (NZ)	10 laps or 1 lap after 13:48	Race 3
			0:10	
14:00	14:20	Central Muscle Cars	8 laps or 1 lap after 14:18	Race 4
			0:15	
14:35		Supercars		30 minute signal
14:40		Supercars		Pit exit open
	14:50	Supercars		Pit exit close
15:05		Supercars	61 laps or 1 lap after 16:53	Race 10 - 200kms
		Supercars		Podium