CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT HANDBOOK

2026/2027 Season

Calendar

Round	Dates	Venue
PTS Logistics Season opener	R1 - 13 to 15 November 2026	Taupō International Motorsport Park
Allied Petroleum International	R2 - 8 to 10 January 2027	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park
Giltrap Group Taupō Historic GP	R3 - 15 to 17 January 2027	Taupō International Motorsport Park
Ascot Park Hotel International	R4 - 22 to 24 January 2027	Teretonga Park, Invercargill
NAPA 71st New Zealand Grand Prix	R5 - 29 to 31 January 2027	Highlands Motorsport Park, Cromwell
Alliance Services Grand Finale	R6 - 26 to 28 February 2027	Hampton Downs Motorsport Park

Welcome

Dear Venue Managers, Competing Teams, Drivers, Officials, Event Personnel and Volunteers,

Welcome to the 2026/27 NextGen Championship.

This Handbook is your blueprint for seamless, safe and professional event delivery across all six rounds.

It brings together everything you need to know about getting into a venue, setting up your space, and operating on event days. Key sections are enforceable under the MotorSport New Zealand National Sporting Code, and the Supplementary Regulations for each round.

Safety rules sit in a separate document, NextGen Championship Safety and Site Rules.

In reference to race teams and competitors, your team accepts them once, by tick box on the electronic entry form at event sign-up. Please make sure everyone working under your entry has read them.

We look forward to another outstanding season of racing across New Zealand.

Paul Fallon
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National Racing Group Promotions Limited t/a NextGen

The purpose of this Handbook

The NextGen Event Handbook is designed as a guide for competitors and team members to understand the expectations of the NextGen Championship operational requirements at an event: including access, pack-in, parking, marquees, suppliers and contacts.

This should be read in conjunction with the event's **Supplementary Regulations Part One** and **Part Two**, which competitors must comply with from a sporting and regulatory perspective, including applicable penalties.

Safety rules are not in this handbook. They are in NextGen Championship Safety and Site Rules, accepted once by your team at event sign-up. Sporting and Technical regulations are in Supplementary Regulations Part One and Part Two.

Part 1. Getting In

1.1 Venue access

Day	Time	Who	Primary contact
Monday	By arrangement	Marquee contractor, NextGen Ops team	Venue Ops Manager
Tuesday	7:00am to 6:00pm	NextGen Ops team, Contractors	NextGen Ops Manager
Wednesday	7:30am to 6:00pm	Transporters and trailers over 9m, CTFROT teams	NextGen Ops Manager
Thursday	7:30am to 12:00pm	CTFROT teams, TA2 teams, GT NZ teams, GR86 teams	NextGen Ops Manager
	12:00pm to 6:00pm	All teams and competitors	
Friday	7:00am to 7:00pm	Teams, competitors, and public from 9:00am	NextGen Ops Manager
Saturday	7:00am to 7:00pm	Teams, competitors, and public from 9:00am	NextGen Ops Manager
Sunday	7:00am to 9:00pm	Teams, competitors, and public from 9:00am	NextGen Ops Manager

Exit strategy applies on Sunday evening. Follow the directions of NextGen and venue staff.

Control Handover

On the Monday build day and the Monday after the event, the venue is the primary contact on site. From Tuesday to Sunday, NextGen is. The handover is confirmed in person between the venue operations manager and the NextGen Operations Manager on each of those days.

1.2 Event-week circuit activity

Other activity runs at the venue during event week. Plan your travel and arrival around it.

Round	Venue	Day and date	Activity
1	Taupō Motorsport Park	Thu 12 Nov 2026	No Circuit Activity
2	Hampton Downs	Thu 7 Jan 2027	CTFROT testing
3	Taupō Motorsport Park	Wed 13 Jan 2027	GR Customer Experience
3	Taupō Motorsport Park	Thu 14 Jan 2027	GR Customer Experience, CTFROT testing
4	Teretonga Park	Thu 21 Jan 2027	CTFROT testing, GR86 testing
5	Highlands Motorsport Park	Tue 26 Jan 2027	Promotional day
5	Highlands Motorsport Park	Wed 27 Jan 2027	GR Customer Experience
5	Highlands Motorsport Park	Thu 28 Jan 2027	GR Customer Experience, CTFROT testing
6	Hampton Downs	Wed 24 Feb 2027	GR Customer Experience
6	Hampton Downs	Thu 25 Feb 2027	GR Customer Experience

1.3 Category Managers

Final competitor numbers are due to the NextGen Sporting and Ops Managers by 5:00pm on the Friday of the week before event week. We finalise the build of the paddock plan from those numbers. Late numbers mean we cannot guarantee your category gets the space it needs.

Please be onsite before the first team arrives, transporters aside, to help manage your category's pack in.

1.4 Pack in

Day	Time	Who
Wednesday	7:30am to 6:00pm	Transporters and covered trailers over 9m
Wednesday	From 7:30am	CTFROT teams
Thursday	By 12:00pm	All over-9m units MUST be parked
Thursday	7:30am to 12:00pm	GR86, GT New Zealand, TA2
Thursday	From 12:00pm	All other Categories
Thursday	6:00pm	Pack in closes. No exceptions
Friday	7:00am to 5:30pm	Pre-arranged only

Gates are monitored before midday Thursday so transporters can be positioned and the event build finished.

If you are in a commercial marquee, check with the NextGen Ops Manager before you arrive on Wednesday to confirm your marquee is ready. If your commercial marquee is not ready you may be asked to delay your pack-in. Delays can be caused by weather and late notification of additional teams.

If you cannot pack in by 6:00pm on Thursday, you must contact NextGen Ops Manager to arrange a Friday arrival. Arriving Friday after the track has gone live may mean waiting for the lunch break or the end of the day, so those in practice are not disrupted by vehicle movement in the paddock. Friday practice is included in your Grid Fee and open to every entered competitor.

1.5 Transporters and covered trailers over 9m

Anything 9m or longer is considered oversized and takes up extra space in the paddock. Tell us about it and we will plan the paddock layout around it. If we do not know about your oversized unit we cannot plan for it and it may end up in the trailer park.

Cost is $230 including GST per unit, invoiced to your Category.

Wheel chocks must be in place on all Transporters once parked in paddock area.

1.6 Thursday testing, Round 4 Teretonga

Teretonga is the one venue where the paddock sits inside the circuit, and access to the paddock is by crossing the race circuit. Thursday is pack in day for all teams. CTFROT testing runs on the same day, so access to the paddock will be delayed while the track is live. A testing and crossing schedule will be issued before the round. Please plan your arrival around the circuit crossing opening times.

1.7 Overnight security

NextGen provides overnight security at every round:

- 6:30pm Wednesday to 6:30am Thursday
- 6:30pm Thursday to 6:30am Friday
- 6:30pm Friday to 6:30am Saturday
- 6:30pm Saturday to 6:30am Sunday
- 6:30pm Sunday to 12:00am Monday

On Friday and Saturday evenings security operates a one-way gate system, out only, from 7:00pm.

If you need to stay longer to repair your competition car, please refer to Item 1.8 below.

1.8 After-hours access

We know cars sometimes need rebuilding late. Access after 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday needs approval from the NextGen Operations Manager or the NextGen Sporting Manager, in consultation with the venue. Request it by 4:00pm on the day.

1. **Friday and Saturday evenings only.** Please don't arrive at the track on Thursday and expect to spend the evening rebuilding your car.
2. **No in-and-out access.** You're either in, or you have left for the evening. Sort out food, parts and tools before 7:00pm.
3. **Absolutely no drinking.** Those staying back are working on the car. Anyone drinking will be removed from the venue.
4. **Only those working on the car or overseeing the repair.** No moral-support people onsite.
5. **A motorhome or accommodation onsite is not automatic approval.** Prior approval must be gained to work on your car after 7:00pm.

Part 2. Your Space in the Paddock

2.1 Trailer parking and support vehicles

The paddock area is not just for race teams. It also houses the podium, merchandise stands, sponsor displays, car shows and the food village, so space is tight. If you are not in a commercial marquee, your space is limited to:

Your setup	Trailer goes	Support vehicle goes
Open or uncovered trailer	Trailer Park	In Paddock (requires Paddock Parking Pass)
Covered trailer with Ezy-Up or Awning attached	In Paddock	Teams Parking Area

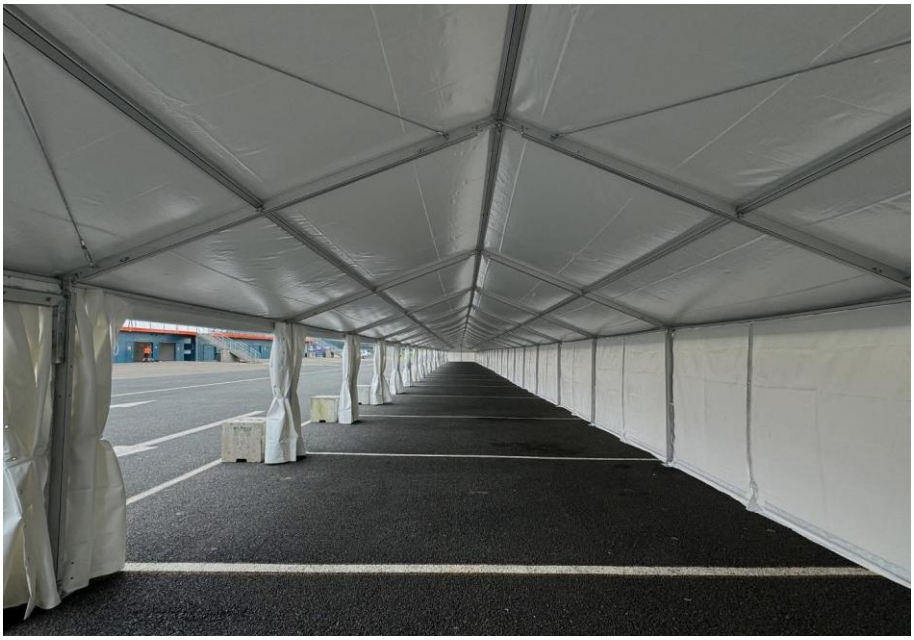
Support vehicles parked alongside an Ezy-Up must not move while the track is live.

2.2 Team Ezy-Ups

Team Ezy-Ups must be tidy, well-presented and safely secured. You will be surprised how often the NextGen Ops team need to secure Team Ezy-Ups to stop them blowing away after the teams have left the track for the day. Anchoring and weighting requirements are in NRG-GDE-002 NextGen Championship Safety and Site Rules.

2.3 Commercial marquees

All commercial marquees approvals and builds are managed by NextGen. Only NextGen-approved marquees are permitted. That way builds meet NextGen health and safety requirements and council bylaws for temporary structures, and the venue is ready on time and safe.



Pricing, 4m x 6m bays

Region	Price per bay
North Island	*$776.25 + GST*
South Island	*$1,185.00 + GST*

Pricing, 3m x 6m bays (limited to NZ Porsche, Formula Atlantic, Formula Racing, GTRNZ and BMW)

Region	Price per bay
North Island	*$625.50 + GST*
South Island	*$750.00 + GST*

Price includes venue hire on build and dismantle days, coordination of placement, contractor induction and collation of contractor health and safety documentation, weights, anchor bolts and forklift operating hours. NextGen manages placement, build, dismantle, weights, anchors and permits.

Damage is charged back, including marquee walls and poles. Three common causes of damage that have occurred in the last two seasons are:

- Securing structures (such as Ezy-ups) and electrical cables to marquee
- Parking (or loading) trailers against marquees causing rubbing
- Adhering race schedules to walls
- Exhaust marks from starting up race car too close to marquee walls
- Toolboxes rubbing on walls in windy conditions

If any walls or roof panels need to be replaced, you will be charged a flat fee of $500 + GST. Note, this fee is below the replacement cost of a wall or a roof and will be charged.

Bay allocation

Category Managers are to confirm final bay allocation list with NextGen Ops Manager by 5:00pm on the Monday of event week so the correct number of bays can be erected and marked up before teams arrive.

Internal dividing walls

Internal dividing walls are available to separate bays within your marquee. Order through your Category Manager by 5:00pm Monday of event week. If you wish to provide your own branded skin, you will only need to order the poles which will be installed for you, then you attach your skin with cable ties. The skin dimensions are 1690mm x 5830mm. Make sure you request your skin to be hemmed with eyelets.

Option	Price
Internal divider with white skin	*$132.25 + GST*
Internal dividing poles only	*$115.00 + GST*

2.4 Generator power

All commercial generator power must be coordinated through NextGen. An estimate is available on request, with actual costs on-charged after the event.

Costs will vary with the number of distribution boxes, whether boxes are shared between back-to-back marquee rows, metres of distribution cable, fuel used across the weekend, and any callouts for resets.

Generators are shut down in the evening unless overnight running is approved by your Category Manager and communicated to the NextGen Operations Manager. Overnight use will incur an additional fuel charge to your category.

Sponsored generators

If your category has a generator sponsor, NextGen must approve the arrangement. Sponsored generators must:

1. Have enough distribution cables and boxes for every competitor in the sponsored allocation. If not, NextGen hires them from the event generator provider and on charge to your category.
2. Have a named person managing set-up, operation, start-up, shutdown, refueling each day and pack-out. NextGen personnel can do this at a charge.
3. Be coordinated with NextGen if a forklift is needed for transport. Costs appl.
4. Provide proof of Public Liability cover of at least $1,000,000, an appropriate Safety Plan, and correctly certified equipment.

2.5 Nitrogen gas

Nitrogen orders from Core Gas or BOC Gas commonly arrive on Tuesday or Wednesday, before your team does, and we often have no way of knowing whose is whose. Category Managers must send NextGen a bay or garage list of who has ordered Nitrogen by 5:00pm Monday of event week. Unlisted orders will be placed in a location convenient to the event build and teams will need to fetch their own orders on arrival at the track.

2.6 Fuel supply

For safety and convenience at each round, NextGen Championship has introduced a mandatory fuel supplier for all competitors that use **98 Octane**. **Refer to Supplementary Regulations Part One, Article 12b.**

Allied Petroleum supplies Mobil Synergy Supreme 98 Octane, roughly 10,000 to 20,000 litres per meeting. Fuel is available well before your category's first session and stays onsite for the whole event. This removes the need to carry bulk fuel in support vehicles.

You buy what you need, when you need it, by credit card direct with Allied Petroleum. You may order your own Allied Card. An Allied Card earns loyalty discounts.

Per litre pricing is confirmed in writing to Category Managers before each round.

Fuel storage and refueling recommendations are outlined in Motorsport New Zealand Code of Practice – Fuel. The recommendations outlined in the Code of Practice are mandatory at NextGen rounds.

2.7 Competitor Motorhomes and mobile driver's lounges

Must be booked by 5:00pm Monday of event week so that we can allow for it in the paddock plan.

Venue	Booking
Hampton Downs (Rounds 2 and 6)	Through NextGen by emailing operations@nextgennz.co.nz
Taupō (Rounds 1 and 3)	Direct with the venue by emailing: track@taupomp.co.nz
Teretonga (Round 4)	Through NextGen by emailing: operations@nextgennz.co.nz
Highlands (Round 5)	Near to Paddock = through NextGen by emailing operations@nextgennz.co.nz In Motorhome Parking Area = email the venue: functions@highlands.co.nz

Motorhomes or mobile driver's lounges in the paddock area are $300 + GST per unit and need approval from the NextGen Operations Manager or Sporting Manager, as they take paddock space. Cost will be charged to your Category.

2.8 South Island trailer and race car storage

Transporters and trailers may be left in a secure area at Highlands Motorsport Park between the Teretonga and Highlands rounds, from midday Monday 25 January 2027 following Round 4. Contact the NextGen Operations Manager by 5:00pm Monday of event week.

Part 3. On the Day

3.1 Engine warmups

No engine warm-ups before 8:00am on any day. Venues operate under noise conditions, and this is not negotiable. You may start your car to get it off the trailer, but no revving.

3.2 Verbal drivers' briefings

Verbal drivers' briefings are mandatory. **Times are in the Supplementary Regulations Part Two.** Penalties apply for non-attendance under the National Sporting Code.

3.3 Race circuit walks

A race circuit walk for all teams is available on the Thursday evening of event week. **Times are confirmed in the Supplementary Regulations Part Two.** CTFROT has additional race circuit walks in its schedule.

3.4 Podium and Victory Lane

Drivers finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd come straight to Victory Lane with their car at the end of the cool-down lap, for post-race interviews in front of their Category Media Wall. Where more than one class is competing, Category Managers may request only the 1st placed driver from each class. Categories may take photographs at the Media Wall at the same time.

For the final race of the weekend, the top three in that race attend, plus the top three for the weekend may be requested for trophy presentations and champagne celebrations.

Much of this is on live broadcast. Get to Victory Lane promptly, follow the event organiser's directions, and clear the area as soon as formalities finish so the podium can be reset for the next category.

Victory Lane is a Parc Ferme area. Parc Ferme is a highly restricted area under Motorsport New Zealand National Sporting Code and access is restricted. For detail on those who are permitted access to Parc Ferme, refer to the MSNZ National Sporting Code Article 60 or your Category Championship or Series Articles.

As Victory Lane is also used as an interview area for broadcast and podium presentations, the following personnel are also permitted to be in this Parc Ferme area.

- Category Manager
- Approved Category photographer or videographer
- Promoter-approved photographer, videographer and broadcast team
- Category-approved sponsor for trophy presentation

Part 4. Directory

4.1 NextGen Championship personnel

Role	Name	Contact
MSNZ Event Director	Michael Masi	*michael@michaelmasi.com*
Event Manager	Paula Buchannan	*events@nextgennz.co.nz*
Operations Manager	Paul Fallon	*operations@nextgennz.co.nz*
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Event Secretary South Island	Caitlin Day	*entries@nextgennz.co.nz*
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Broadcast Manager	David Tunnicliffe	*broadcast@nextgennz.co.nz*
Media Manager	Richard Craill	*media@nextgennz.co.nz*
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4.2 Category contacts

Category	Contact	Email
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Bridgestone GR86 Championship	Amanda Kibble	*amanda.kibble@toyotaracing.co.nz*
Summerset GT New Zealand Championship	Phil Shaw	*gtnz@nextgennz.co.nz*
SP Tools TA2NZ Championship	Rachael Murray	*rachael@ta2nz.co.nz*
NEXEN Tyre Mazda Racing Super Series	Alex Canty	*alex.canty@gmail.com*
NZ Porsche Championship	Daniel Angus	*daniel.angus@hotmail.com*
GTRNZ Racing Series	Kylie Hendl-Cox	*kyliehendlcox@gmail.com*
BMW	Raewyn Burke	*info@bmwraceseries.co.nz*
Formula Atlantic and Formula Racing	Karl Sentch	*karl@ecoflow.co.nz*
F5000	Glenn Richards	*glenn99@icloud.com*
HVRA - Heritage Touring Cars (post 1980)	Bruce Dyer	*bruce105@gmail.com*
HVRA (1960-1980)	Bruce Dyer	*bruce105@gmail.com*

Thank you for taking the time to review the NextGen Championship Event Handbook. Your cooperation and professionalism ensure the smooth and safe delivery of every event. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to excellence and look forward to working together for another successful NextGen season of motorsport.