SAFETY AND SITE RULES

2026/2027 Season

Every person working at the NextGen Championship rounds is covered by these rules.
Your team accepts them once, at event sign-up, for the whole season.

MOTORSPORT IS DANGEROUS.

People are killed and seriously injured at motorsport events in New Zealand and overseas every year. By entering a NextGen Championship venue you accept that risk and you accept these rules.

The ten that matters most

If you read nothing else, read this page.

1. **No fuel anywhere overnight except the venue container.** Not in a garage, marquee bay, transporter, trailer, support vehicle or motorhome. The only exception is fuel already in a race car's own tank.
2. **Full PPE when refueling, no exceptions.** Overalls, gloves, eye protection, closed footwear, on both the person refueling and the person on the extinguisher.
3. **Engine off and a second person on a 9 kg extinguisher before any fuel goes in.**
4. **Give way to pedestrians in the paddock, every time.** The paddock is a public area and a work area at the same time.
5. **Never enter the circuit, pit lane or a track access road unless you have been told you may.**
6. **Anchor or weight your Ezy-Up at all four legs, including overnight.**
7. **Alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited while working, driving, or accessing the venue after hours.**
8. **Report every injury, fire, spill and near miss the same day.**
9. **Stop means stop.** Any NextGen manager, any venue manager and any MSNZ official can stop your activity.
10. **Emergencies: dial 111, then tell the nearest official who you are, where you are and what has happened.**

1. Which rules apply to you

Four sets of rules apply at every round.

Source	Covers	Set by
National Sporting Code and Supplementary Regulations	Sporting and technical control, on-track conduct, scrutineering	MotorSport New Zealand
These Safety and Site Rules	How you behave off track at a NextGen round	NextGen
Venue conditions of entry	The site, its buildings, its hazards, its access rules	Each venue
Your own systems	How your team or business works	You

Where two rules cover the same thing, the strictest one applies. Some NextGen requirements go further than the National Sporting Code. Where they do, the NextGen requirement applies as a condition of entry.

If you think two rules genuinely conflict, stop and ask the NextGen Operations Manager or NextGen Sporting Manager. Do not resolve it yourself.

2. Emergencies

ANY EMERGENCY: DIAL 111 FIRST, THEN TELL THE NEAREST OFFICIAL.

Say three things and nothing else: who you are, where you are, what has happened. Then stay where you are unless it is unsafe to do so.

- Do not move a seriously injured person unless leaving them puts them in greater danger.
- Do not post about an incident on social media and do not speak to media. Refer all enquiries to the NextGen Media Manager.
- Venue emergency details, including the radio call, muster points, first aid and defibrillator locations, are on the event Paddock Plan or in the Supplementary Regulations issued for each round.

3. Fuel

Fuel is the highest risk at every round. These rules are not negotiable and breaching them may remove you from the event.

Overnight, from published gate close to published gate open

Zero fuel in any garage, marquee bay, transporter, trailer, support vehicle, motorhome or team area. The only exception is fuel already inside a competition vehicle's own tank.

Everything else goes to the venue's dedicated dangerous goods container. It is locked overnight and you cannot access it outside published hours.

During operating hours

A working quantity only, capped at 40 litres per pit area, per the MotorSport New Zealand Code of Practice, Fuel Handling and Storage. Where your team runs more than one car, do not store your fuel together in one place: each 40-litre allocation must be kept at least 3 metres from the next. Anything above your area's cap goes back to the container.

Mandatory fuel supplier, 98 Octane

If your vehicle runs on 98 Octane, you must buy it on site from NextGen's mandatory fuel supplier. You cannot bring your own. Buying 98 Octane from another source is a breach under the event's Supplementary Regulations. All other fuel types may still be brought under the container and storage rules below.

Containers

- Containers of 25 litres or less must meet AS/NZS 2906:2001 or ASTM F852.
- Larger containers must carry UN packaging marks and correct hazard labelling.
- Every container must be permanently marked with your team and category name.
- Damaged, unmarked or non-compliant containers may be removed from site.

Refueling

- Engine off. Ignition off. Electrical master switch disconnected.
- A second person present with a fire extinguisher of at least 9 kg dry powder, 80B rated, in hand and not on a bracket.
- No ignition sources within 3 metres. That includes running engines, generators, heaters, e-cigarettes and smoking.
- A spill kit is available in your area before you start.
- Refuel in your own pit area only. Never in pit lane (except for where permitted with an endurance race).
- Nobody sits in the car while it is being refueled (except for where permitted with an endurance race).

PPE is compulsory when refueling

The National Sporting Code recommends it. NextGen requires it. Both the person refueling and the person on the extinguisher must wear:

- Natural fibre or FIA rated overalls, with no exposed synthetic clothing
- Gloves
- Eye protection
- Closed footwear

Spills

Stop the flow, contain it, and tell your Category Manager and the NextGen Operations Manager immediately. Never wash a spill into a drain or onto grass.

4. Fire, hot work and ignition sources

Every marquee bay, garage and team area must have a minimum of one 4.5 kg multipurpose dry powder fire extinguisher accessible at all times, and everyone in your team must know where it is. Any concession or activation that generates heat needs an extinguisher of the correct class.

Hot work means anything producing heat, sparks or flame, including cutting, welding and grinding. Before you start:

- Move all fuel, oil, thinners and other flammables well clear
- Remove or protect nearby combustible material, including marquee walls
- Have a charged extinguisher within arm's reach
- Have a second person watching, during the work and afterwards

Planned hot work of any significance needs written approval from the NextGen Operations Manager first. No barbecues, open flame cooking or patio heaters near garaging, marquees or the fuel container without NextGen and/or venue approval.

5. Paddock movement, speed and pedestrians

The paddock is a shared work and public area. Spectators, families, children, media, sponsors and displays are in it at the same time as race cars, transporters, forklifts and support vehicles. Drive on that basis.

- Observe the site speed limit shown on the venue signage, or walking pace where people are close.
- Race cars to move through the paddock at walking pace and must have a crew member walking ahead.
- Give way to pedestrians every time.
- Support vehicles parked alongside an Ezy-Up must not move while the track is live.
- Transporters must have wheel chocks in place once parked.
- No reversing a transporter or oversized trailer without a spotter.
- No riding on the outside of any vehicle, on trailers, or on a tow hitch.
- E-scooters, bikes and pit bikes follow the same speed limit and the same give way rule. No Children are allowed on e-scooters.
- Keep your area clear of trip hazards, trailing leads and loose cable.
- A marshal may close the paddock to everything except race cars to manage congestion. Follow their direction.
- No passenger vehicles or trucks are to move in the paddock after the circuit has gone live on Saturday and Sunday of event week.

6. Track access, track walks and crossings

Never enter the circuit, pit lane or any track access road unless you have been told you may. The circuit can go live at short notice.

Track walks

A track walk is available on the Thursday evening of event week. Times are confirmed in the Supplementary Regulations.

- Broadcast, signage and track maintenance vehicles are also on the circuit.

- Walk in the published direction only and keep to one side.
- Vehicles on track during a walk are limited to 20 km/h with hazard lights on.
- The walk ends when the official in charge says it ends, not when you have finished.

Track crossings

At Teretonga the paddock sits inside the circuit, and Thursday testing means the track is live while teams pack in. Crossings are controlled. You cross only when the crossing controller directs you, and you cross without stopping. A crossing schedule is issued before the round. Never make your own way across.

7. Temporary structures, wind and work at height

- If your team brings its own pop-up canopy (Ezy-Up), it must be securely anchored or weighted at all four legs at all times, including overnight.
- If wind or weather makes structures unsafe, NextGen will direct you to drop your structure.
- Do not modify, cut, drill or hang load on any commercial marquee, scaffold or temporary structure that has been erected by NextGen.
- If any part of your work takes your feet off the ground, including a trailer or transporter roof, use proper access equipment rated for the job. Do not stand on wheels, boxes, panels or vehicle bodywork to gain height.

No one is to be in the line of fire of a suspended load, for any reason. Do not stand, walk or work under or near anything being lifted by a hoist, crane, jack, chain block or similar, including engines, gearboxes, wheels and bodywork. Keep clear until the load is lowered and the area is called safe.

8. Electrical and generators

- All commercial generator power is coordinated through NextGen. Sponsored generators need NextGen approval before the event.
- Every lead and appliance must be in sound condition. Damaged items will be removed from site.
- Use residual current device protection (RCD) on all temporary power.
- Keep leads out of walkways, off wet ground and clear of vehicle paths.
- Do not daisy chain multi boxes.
- Do not refuel a running or hot generator.
- Generators must not run overnight without approval through your Category Manager and the NextGen Operations Manager.

9. Alcohol, drugs and fit for work

No alcohol and no drugs, including impairing prescription medication, while working, driving, riding or operating anything at the venue.
If you are too tired to work safely, please stop.

During approved after hours work at the venue, alcohol is strictly prohibited.
Anyone drinking will be removed from the venue.

10. Children and minors

Children are welcome in the paddock, supervised.

- Under 16 must be always supervised by a responsible adult.
- No accompanying person under 16 in pit lane, on the grid, in Victory Lane or in any restricted area unless the Supplementary Regulations allow it. This does not apply to a licensed competing driver or a licensed official acting in role.
- No child of any age is allowed in the fuel container area, near hot work, near a working generator, or in a marquee build or dismantle zone.
- Children must not ride on trailers, transporters, forklifts, pit bikes or e-scooters.

11. Reporting an incident, injury or near miss

Report everything. An injury, a fire, a fuel spill, a near miss, damage to property, or anything that could have hurt someone.

- Report to your Category Manager and the NextGen Operations Manager as soon as it is safe, and on the same day at the latest.
- Preserve the scene where anyone has been seriously hurt. Do not move vehicles, equipment or debris until you are told you may do so.
- Do not contact WorkSafe New Zealand yourself. Where a notification is required, it is made by the responsible organisation, not by an individual competitor, team or contractor. Reporting to NextGen is how you meet your obligation.

12. Who can stop you

Any of the following may stop your activity immediately if they consider it unsafe: the NextGen Operations Manager, the NextGen Sporting Manager, the Event Director, the venue's operations manager or duty manager, and any MotorSport New Zealand official acting within sporting control.

Stop means stop. Follow the instruction immediately; any concerns or disputes can be addressed afterwards.

Serious or repeated breaches may result in removal from the venue, suspension for the round, referral to your Category Manager and referral to MotorSport New Zealand.

You may also stop your own work at any time if you believe it is unsafe, and you will not be penalised for doing so. It is your responsibility to tell someone straight away.

13. If you bring a contractor or supplier

If you engage a contractor or supplier to work at a NextGen round, you remain accountable for them.

Before the round, complete NextGen Contractor and Supplier Acknowledgment for each contractor company and give it to NextGen through your Category Manager, with:

- Public liability insurance of at least $1,000,000
- Evidence of competence, including any licenses, tickets or certificates required
- A short-written description of how they will do the work safely
- Certification for any equipment that requires it

Deadline is 5:00pm on Friday of the week prior to event week. One form per contractor company, signed by the person in charge of their work, who confirms they have briefed their crew. Contractors work to these rules. That briefing is the control.

14. Accepting these rules

You accept these rules when you sign up for the event. There is a tick box on the electronic entry form. Ticking it confirms, on behalf of your whole team, that:

- You have read and understood these Safety and Site Rules
- You accept them as a condition of entry to every NextGen Championship round for the season
- You will pass them on to every person working under your entry, including drivers, crew, guests and any contractor you engage, before they enter a venue
- You understand motorsport is dangerous and that your team accepts that risk

Most of your team will never tick that box themselves. Passing these rules on is your job, not theirs, and it is the control that protects them. Brief anyone who joins later before they come on site.

Contractors and suppliers cannot use the entry form, so they acknowledge these rules separately on NextGen Contractor and Supplier Acknowledgment. That applies to contractors you bring as well as to contractors NextGen engages.

15. Changes to these rules

One acceptance covers the event. The current version applies from the date it is issued.

Teams entering part way through the season accept the current version at the time they enter before they are granted venue access.