



2023 GDM Classics

Background

The Winter Series Classic Race class has been in existence for over twenty years and during this time has provided an opportunity for classic race car enthusiasts to compete in a friendly and non-combative environment.

The series original rules were strict with regards to the age, type of vehicle permitted to enter and the allowed modification of those vehicles. The lowest lap times permitted on Manfeild was 1.23 and very few cars could achieve a 1.23. let alone better it. Over the years following the GFC the grid sizes reduced from about thirty down to a low of six.

To address the dwindling grid sizes and make the Winter Series Classic class more appealing to a greater number of drivers the rules were gradually modified. A far wider range of cars were allowed to qualify for inclusion via 3 different classes. Classic, Retro Classic and Modern Classic.

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For 2023 the three classes have now been collapsed into one.

1. There will now be a single class with race points awarded in accordance with the Feilding Auto Electrical Winter Series points allocation rules. Driver points will accrue for each race of the three races at each of the four scheduled rounds of the Winter Series. The driver with the most accumulated points from the four meetings will be adjudged winner of the series and Classics Cup.
2. The traditional practice/qualifying session will be practice only. Grid positions in the first race will not be assigned by the lap times achieved in practice but on fastest times set at previous events. GDM Classics coordinators together with the official timekeepers will set the handicap grids based on competitor times from previous events, as well as from races on the day.
3. To make the series more attractive to those drivers with less speedy cars, every race is a handicap race.

Maximum Lap Time

To avoid very high closing speeds and to ensure the handicap system will work, cars that consistently fail to achieve a lap time of 1.30.000 by more than one second on Manfeild in dry conditions may be asked, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course, to race in the RS Cup class. Should entry into the RS Cup class not be favoured by these drivers they are welcome to remain the GDM Classics, however the handicap system will be based the maximum lap time of 1:30.000.

Break-Out Time

1.18.000 is the break-out lap time for the class. Cars capable of faster than 1.18.000 are welcome to race with the Classics but penalties will be accrued for lap times under 1.18.000, as per the 2023 FAE Winter Series rules:

If you are faster than the break-out lap time in the practice session you will automatically lose **50** championship points.

If you go faster than **the break-out lap time** in any of the 3 races during the day, the following penalty will apply:

For each lap faster by **0 – 1.000** seconds in any one race, a penalty of **10 seconds** will be added to your total race time.

For each lap faster by **1.001 – 2.000** seconds in any one race, a penalty of **20 seconds** will be added to your total race time.

For each lap faster by **2.001 – 3.000** seconds any one race, a penalty of **30 seconds** will be added to your total race time.

Cars that consistently break the 1.18.000 lap time by more than one second, may be asked, at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course to race in the GT class.

No In-Car Lap Timers

In-car lap timing devices are prohibited. Data loggers, lap timers, countdown timers, cell phones or any similar device that provides live information to the driver must not operate within view of the driver. Their displays must be removed or disabled during official practice and races. No pit-to-driver communication is permitted during practice and races. Failure to comply will result in the loss of all points accumulated in the meeting.

GDM Classics Series Rules

1. Cars must be manufactured before 31st December 1993. Minimum 30 years young. However, if cars manufactured after this date are of the same appearance and specification as that manufactured prior to 31st December 1993 these cars are eligible to compete.
2. The exterior of the car must be smartly maintained and have no non-period aerodynamic aids fitted.
3. The interior of the car will be in tidy condition with the original dashboard in place.
4. Engines must be either original equipment for the car or an engine from the same manufacturer of the car with the same number of cylinders. Engines may be equipped with turbo or superchargers if these items were fitted on the engine as standard equipment.
5. No sequential gearboxes are allowed.
6. Tyres are free.
7. Brakes and suspension are free.
8. Wheels may only be increased by 2 inches in diameter and width from OEM.
9. Overly aggressive driving, deliberate, careless, or retaliatory contact with other vehicles will **not** be tolerated under any circumstances.
10. All cars will conform to the NZ Motorsport safety rules, Appendix 2, Schedule A.
11. All cars must display the GDM Retail Systems windscreen banner. Should you not have the required banner please contact either of the people whose details follow.
12. Entries are to be lodged online at <https://manawatucarclub.org.nz/product-category/payments/>

All competitors are asked to attend, where possible, the Manawatu Car Club's prize giving event on a date and venue to be advised.

Entry for any car into GDM Classics is by invitation only and will be at the sole discretion of the coordinators. Exceptions may be made regarding car eligibility by contacting either Michael or John.

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