



2024 FAE Winter Series Classics Rules

Similar to the event entry policy of the Goodwood Members Meeting, the Manawatu Car Club wishes to invite the cars not the drivers.

We are wanting to re-create those early days of Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon from 1973 to 1994 with cars that resemble those that raced in and around that era. The series is designed to promote clean, 'gentlemanly' racing with authentic-looking classic cars that the public can easily relate to. We are after cars 'with a story'.

The Series is loosely based on the Classic & Thoroughbred rules in the Motorsport NZ National Sporting Code for modified Classic Saloon and GT vehicles. In our case only cars manufactured before 31 December 1994 (30 years) will be eligible.

There will be two race classes:

- Classic Cars which will compete for the Classics Cup and
- Retro Classic Cars which will compete for the Saloon Trophy.

Classic Cars will be permitted authentic period modifications from their era. Retro Classics may run modern engines but must retain their classic appearance.

Drivers are invited to apply to join the Classics grid. The Committee will consider their cars' story and reserves the right to accept or reject their entry into the Classics Series.

A driver may request to join the Classics Series with a car that does not meet the eligibility criteria but will not be eligible for points.

Vehicle Eligibility: All Cars

- Saloons and GTs manufactured prior to 31 December 1994.
- Exterior: Vehicles must be smartly maintained with all factory exterior trim in place including headlamps, taillights, grills and bumpers. Replica parts may be used provided they closely resemble the original factory items.
- Non-period aerodynamic aids such as splitters, rear spoilers or flared guards are not permitted.
- Replica race-car liveries that reflect the pre-95 era are highly encouraged.
- Interior: must be clean and tidily painted with full dashboards and door cards intact. Front seats may be replaced with recognised competition seats.

- Gearbox: Sequential-shift gearboxes are not permitted, otherwise gearboxes are free.
- Clutch: Free
- Differential: Free
- Suspension: Free provided the original suspension type is retained (eg. McPherson Struts, live rear axle)
- Brakes: Free
- Wheels: Free provided that the desired 'authentic look' is respected
- Tyres: Free

Engines: Classic Cars

- Original engines may be substituted for another engine but only one with the same number of cylinders as originally produced and only from the same manufacturer's range and manufactured during the same era.
- All other internal engine modifications are free except you must retain carburettors if the car was originally produced with them (you may upgrade these) or the original fuel injection systems.
- Turbo and supercharged vehicles are allowed only if they were original equipment. Turbocharger and Supercharger units may not be substituted for later model units. A supercharger may not be replaced with a turbocharger or vice-versa.
- Rotary powered vehicles are allowed but are restricted to the original version of engine as fitted when new to the vehicle range: 10A, 12A, 13B, 20B
- The capacity of forced induction engines and rotary engines will be classified according to Schedule A 3.5 Equivalence Factors

Engines: Retro Classic Cars

- Original engines may be substituted for modern engines but only with the same number of cylinders/rotors as originally produced and from the same manufacturers range. (e.g. Ford Escort with a Ford Mondeo 4-cylinder Duratec engine; Holden Commodore with an 8-cylinder GM engine).
- Modern turbo and supercharged engine upgrades are allowed, but only if the vehicle was originally manufactured with a turbo or supercharger.
- Rotary engine powered vehicles are allowed but only if the vehicle was originally manufactured with a rotary engine.

Race Format:

The Classic Race Series will run the following race format:

- 10 minutes Qualifying
- 6 laps Handicap set by the official timekeeper based on fastest lap time in Qualifying
- 6 laps Handicap set by the official timekeeper based on fastest lap time of the day
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Fastest Lap Time:

The fastest allowable lap time is 1:18.00. Anyone exceeding this time will be asked to join GT Cup

Sub-Classes:

Classic Cars will comprise of three engine capacity-based Groups:

Group 1 - 0 – 2000cc

Group 2 – 2000 - 4300cc

Group 3 - 4300 and over

Retro Classic Cars will comprise of three engine capacity Groups:

Group 4 - 0 – 2000cc

Group 5 – 2000 - 4300cc

Group 6 - 4300 and over

Determining the Winner of Classics Cup and The Saloon Trophy

Each capacity group within the two race groups will score series points according to their finishing order within their group.

The drivers with the most accumulated points over the four rounds of the Winter Series will be declared the winners of Classics Cup and Saloon Trophy respectively.

In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by Schedule Z 11.6 Ties in Championships, Cups, Trophies or Series.

Series Points Table:

1st	75	11th	30	21st	10
2nd	67	12th	28	22nd	9
3rd	60	13th	26	23rd	8
4th	54	14th	24	24th	7
5th	49	15th	22	25th	6
6th	45	16th	20	26th	5
7th	42	17th	18	27th	4
8th	39	18th	16	28th	3
9th	36	19th	14	29th	2
10th	33	20th	12	30th	1

Additional Awards

Best livery

Fastest Gold Card Holder

Most original Classic Car

Best Presented Retro Classic

Hard Luck Award

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