

Honda Cup Articles

2017-18 Summer Series draft #1

Articles covering the Honda Cup Register Summer Race Series 2017-18

Preamble

The Honda Cup Register hereby declares the following articles to be those governing a Motor racing series for drivers of Honda Cup eligible cars.

The series is organised and held in accordance with the Motorsport NZ National Sporting Code, the standing regulations and any supplementary regulations applicable to and issued by the organizers of each round of the series.

These articles are at all times to be read in conjunction with:

- The national sporting code {NSC} and its appropriate Appendices and Schedules
- The current technical regulations schedule Honda Cup
- The event supplementary regulations issued by the inviting clubs

1 Interpretation

In these articles the definition of terms used within the schedule shall be referenced from the national sporting code and as detailed below:

"The series" means the Honda Cup 2016-2017 Summer Series for cars complying with schedule Honda Cup and "The club" means the Honda Cup Register and "round organiser" or "inviting club" means Motorsport NZ member club organising a meeting and/or event which is a round of the series and "national sporting code" or "nsc" means the Motorsport NZ national sporting code and "round" means each meeting and/or event the results of which qualify for points in the series.

2 Objectives

The objective of the series is to promote and foster the Honda Cup Race Series by presenting competitors with a well-promoted series creating enjoyable and relaxed competition in the spirit of Honda Cup competition.

3 Eligibility

3.1 All drivers must hold an MSNZ National Race license or higher and if the entrant is other than the driver and entrants license is required in the name of the entrant.

3.2 Eligibility shall be for cars complying with the specifications set out in the Honda cup Technical regulations as set out in the schedule to these articles.

3.3 All entrants and drivers shall agree to submit their vehicle to eligibility scrutineering when required by the appointed Series Scrutineer.

3.4 All drivers and entrants shall be financial members of the Honda Cup Register and a Motorsport NZ affiliated club.

3.5 A competitor shall pay the full Series entry/admin, Fee to race in part of, or all Rounds of the Series. Membership for the Honda Cup Series is from 1st September 2017 to 30th August 2018.

4 Series Structure

4.1 Round 1-5

Round 1	25-26 November Hampton Hrc
Round 2	27-28 January Hampton Speedworks
Round 3	24-25 February Manfield IRC
Round 4	24-25 March Taupo IRC
Round 5	4-5 May Hampton HRC (first race is 30min instead of 8 laps)

4.1.1 The organiser reserves the right to add, cancel or amend rounds of the series due to force majeure without affecting in any way its power to award and titles.

5 Series Personnel

5.1 At each round the following personnel or their approved assistant shall have Responsibilities for and authority set out.

5.1.1 Series Secretary.

Who is responsible for and authorized by Honda cup register to:

- I. Deal with all administrative matters pertaining to the series.
- ii. Record and publish all series points, schedules.
- iii. Liaise with inviting clubs on all matters pertaining to these articles.
- iv. All membership matters.

5.1.2 Race Director

Who is responsible for and authorized by Honda cup register to:

- I. Deal with administrative matters pertaining to the series.
- ii. Record and publish all series points schedules.
- iii. Liaise with inviting clubs on all matters pertaining to the articles.
- iv. Ensure correct placement of decals on competing vehicles.
- v. Act in capacity as a CRO for the series competitors.
- vi. Provide the inviting club with starting grid positions.

5.1.3 Series Coordinator and assistants

Who is responsible for and authorized by Honda cup register to:

- I. Assist the Race Director
- ii. Record all series points schedules.
- iii. Liaise with inviting clubs on all matters pertaining to the articles.
- iv. Ensure correct placement of decals on competing vehicles.
- v. Act in capacity as a CRO for the series competitors.
- vi. Provide the inviting club with starting grid positions

5.1.4 Series Tech. Officer. [Scrutineer] and assistants

Who is responsible and authorized by Honda cup register to;

- I. Deal with all technical matters pertaining to the series.
- ii. Undertake and discharge authority outlined in NSC80.
- iii. Undertake technical eligibility checking.
- iv. Assist competitors with technical inquiries relative to technical regulations applicable to their vehicle.
- v. Liaise with event officials and series co coordinator on any scrutineering or technical Conformity issues for the category.

6 Series Entry

6.1 Entry to the Series is by Invitation and shall be made on the Honda Cup Series

Registration/entry form and submitted to the Series Secretary for acceptance. By entering the series all competitors agree to comply with these articles and those of the NSC.

6.2 Each round of the series, which is separate to the series entry, shall be made on the Official entry form and by their specified closing date and forwarded directly to the Organizing Club or to the Secretary of Honda Cup as advised prior to the round.

6.3 The registration -entry fee for the Honda Cup and membership of the Honda Racing Drivers Club of NZ [HRDCNZ INC.] for the 2017-18 series shall be \$240.00 including gst if applicable, for part or all of the rounds. There will be no refunds given once an entry has been processed unless entry is declined.

6.4 Conditions of Entry

6.4.1 The competitor/entrant by entering the series is deemed to be in acceptance of these series articles as they are presented and shall be at all times responsible for the Presentation of their competing vehicle with respect to safety requirements under schedule A and eligibility requirements under schedule Honda Cup.

6.4.2 The competitor/entrant by entering the series is deemed to be in acceptance of and will at all times comply with any specific requirements of the Official Series sponsors as detailed within these articles.

6.4.3 The Series Organiser reserves the right to accept or decline entries to the Honda Cup series as per nsc21, without explanation.

7 Points

7.1 Competitors must enter a minimum of three rounds to be eligible to win their class Series and /or trophy. This includes 2nd and 3rd places.

7.2 Overall points will be awarded in accordance with the official results as follows.

7.2.2 Cars competing in HU /prototype class are eligible for class point but not overall Series Points.

Overall points

Practice

Complete qualifying - 10

Secure outright Pole for Race 1 - 15

Races

First - 45

Second - 35

Third - 30

Fourth - 25

Fifth - 20

Sixth - 18

Seventh 16

Eighth - 14

Ninth - 12

Tenth - 10

Eleventh - 9

Twelfth - 8

Thirteenth - 7

Fourteenth - 6

Fifteenth – 5

Sixteenth - 4

Seventeenth - 3

All other finishers - 1

Fastest lap overall (Each Race) – 5

7.3 Class points will be awarded in accordance with the official results as follows

Class Points

Practice

Complete qualifying - 10

Secure Class Pole for Race 1 - 15

Races

First - 30

Second - 25

Third - 20

Fourth - 15

Fifth - 10

Sixth - 6

Seventh - 5

Eighth - 4

Ninth - 3

Tenth - 2

All other finishers - 1

Fastest lap in class (Each Race) – 3

8 Awards

8.1 The Honda Cup Champion will be the driver with the highest overall points scored over the five rounds of the series.

8.2 The following awards will be made according to the results of the series as follows

Overall series 1st 2nd 3rd

● **N1** : 0 to 1600cc 1600 to 1800cc combined 1st

● **H1** :

● **H2** : 0 to 1800 1st

● **H3** : 1801 to 2000 1st

● **H4 and H5** : 2001 to 2400 1st

● **Rookie of the Year** (rookie shall be a driver who has not previously competed in Honda Cup, tier 1, tier 2, IRC or Honda Challenge)

● **Master of the Year.**

● **Most Improved Driver of the Year.**

● **Best Race Vehicle.**

● **Sportsperson of the Year.**

● **Service Award**

● **Enduro award**

● Other awards as appropriate

9 Television coverage and in car cameras

9.1 Where and when applicable the prescription on appendix 1 sched Q article 9 shall apply.

9.2 If television coverage is arranged the Honda Cup Register reserves the right to advise competitors of the conditions via bulletin to these articles one week prior to the televised meeting.

9.3 All in car camera installations shall be subject to inspection and approval by the series Scrutineer and or Chief Scrutineer of the meeting.

9.4 The Series Race Director reserves the right to install in car cameras in any competing vehicle whilst competing in the Series.

10 Round format

10.1 Practice /qualifying will consist of ~~be~~ one session of a minimum of 20 minutes duration or as otherwise determined by the race meeting organiser.

10.2 Race format is planned around (3) races at each round.

10.3 Race length to be determined by each organizing club but will be between 8 and 10 laps.

10.4 Race starting positions.

10.4.1 Race one starting position will be determined by the fastest lap achieved from the qualifying session with fastest driver to the front.

10.4.2 Race two starting position will be determined by the fastest lap from qualifying and race one combined; arranged with fastest to the front with top ten reversed i.e. front 10th fastest back to fastest followed by 11th , 12th etc.

10.4.3 Race three will be a handicap grid race with the fastest at the rear and slowest on pole. The handicap time will be based on the total number of laps less one multiplied by the difference between the competitors fastest lap time from qualifying, race 1 and race 3, whichever is quickest.

● Any driver failing to register a qualifying time will start at the rear of the grid in an order as determined by the series co coordinator.

● The series co coordinator has the authority to reposition any car as he sees fit.

● All new or inexperienced drivers will start at the back of the grid until the series co Coordinator deems them ready to start in their correct grid position.

● If the Honda cup register is required to limit the number of starters qualifying times will be used to determine the cut off.

10.5 Grid start for race one shall be rolling and reverse top ten and handicap starts will be standing in accordance with the provisions of appendix 4 sched z.

10.6 At all rounds the series co coordinator in conjunction with the clerk of course and/ or Steward of the meeting reserves the right to shorten and or cancel any practice, qualifying session and or race in the case of force majeure.

11 Parc fermé

11.1 A park fermé may be utilized at the qualifying and or race at each round of the series.

The parc fermé will be at the event organizers designated area. The area between the finish line and the park fermé shall be deemed to be and must operate as part of the parc fermé.

11.2 The Series Scrutineer may authorise entry for team personnel for the purpose of vehicle eligibility inspections.

11.3 Vehicles may only be released by the Series Scrutineer in consultation with the series co coordinator and or event Stewards.

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12 Decals

All competitors must ensure that their competing vehicle and apparel have specified spaces reserved for all Series register and Series sponsors at all rounds of the series. All decals shall be placed in the correct location as identified in appendix a attached

12.1.1 Designated areas- competition vehicle including but not limited to: top of front windscreen /window banner (No other window banner other than the official banner may be used and banner shall not be reduced or added to in height).

12.1.2 Areas at top front on both drivers and passenger's side front doors.

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12.1.3 Area behind front wheel [rear of front guard]

12.1.4 Area on front fender each corner

12.1.5 Area on rear hatch or boot

12.1.6 Area in lower front of bonnet

12.1.7 Others areas as outlined in appendix

12.2 Competitors apparel /race suit –including but not limited to:

Front breast top – space for series logo badge – supplied by Honda Cup

Front breast - space for series naming sponsor badge - supplied by Honda Cup

12.3 Competition numbers are to be allocated by the Series Secretary and the competitors shall provide and affix the numbers in accordance with the requirements of appendix 2 sched. A.

12.4 The drivers name shall appear on both rear side windows and bottom right of front screen in Arial font, capitals 60mm height colour white.

12.4.1 All vehicles shall have number plates of standard size fitted front and rear

12.5 No competing vehicle shall carry any decals that conflict commercially with those of the series sponsor or the Series, Conflicting decals shall be removed immediately upon request. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from the event.

12.6 No competing vehicle shall carry any decals from any other race series or event. Conflicting decals shall be removed immediately upon request. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from the event.

12.7 The finally decision as to any conflict shall be made by the Series Co coordinator together with Series Scrutineer.

12.8 No flags, banners, signage or clothing with conflicting sponsors or race series shall be visible at the circuit

13 Penalties, protests and appeals

13.1 Penalties shall be applied in accordance with the prescribed articles of the nsc part v111-penalties.

13.2 Failure to run Series Sponsors and/or Honda Cup decals and/ or failure to remove any decals as requested will incur a penalty which will be imposed by the Clerk of the Courses in consultation with the Series Scrutineer and Series Co-ordinator

13.3 Dangerous and/or Unsportsmanlike driving or behaviour will incur a penalty which will be imposed by the Clerk of the Courses in consultation with the Series Scrutineer and Series Co-ordinator. This includes behaviour by an person identified as being associated with any driver or team. Penalties may result in exclusion from the event , venue or series.

13.4 Any protest shall be lodged in accordance with the nsc and the competitor shall advise the series co coordinator and the competition relations officer where appointed by the meeting.

13.5 Competitors have the right to lodge an appeal; in accordance with nsc part x1 appeals.

14 Publicity

14.1 Driver /entrants are required to complete the competition profile form provided and return them to the series Secretary two weeks prior to the first round.

15 Pits

15.1 All Honda Cup competitors shall pit in the designated area as indicated by the race director and series co ordinators and shall when requested supply their own (Max size 6mx3m) pit tent.

15.2 The series co-ordinator will designate a pit area/s for the series tent for the purposes of holding drivers briefings and class meetings

15.3 Dependant upon the pit area; competitors will be restricted to one service vehicle allowance unless otherwise advised by the series co-ordinator. Trailers are not to be parked in the pit area during normal competition hours

Appendix A – Decal Placement Summer 2017-18

All decals supplied/required by Honda Cup must be placed in the location indicated and must:

Not be modified, altered or obstructed in any way;

Not all positions may be used but they ~~may~~ must be kept clear throughout the Series;

Car should be submitted for technical inspection with all non-Honda Cup Series decals and any decals conflicting with series sponsors removed;

All registered Competitors shall be supplied with one complete set of series decals free of charge at official pre season tech inspection;

All replacement Series and sponsors decals will be supplied by Honda Cup to Competitors on request and will be charged;

All windows to be free of any other decals or signage other than that as outlined Below – ref Sched A.

Appendix B – Code of Driving Conduct

The following are guidelines to clarify situations that can occur during races.

There are 2 over riding principles that apply at all times:

- Firstly, a driver must not cause an avoidable accident
- Secondly, drivers must give each other "racing room"

1. General – the responsibility for passing another car safely rests with both drivers. The Overtaken driver should be aware that he/she is being passed, he/she must not impede the pass by blocking and both drivers must give each other racing room.

2. Right to the Line – the driver in front has the right to choose his/her line on the track so long as it is not considered blocking. A passing driver only has the right to their own line when they can make a pass without contact and there is adequate room to achieve it.

3. Blocking – a driver may choose to protect his or her position so long as they do not block.

Blocking is defined as 2 consecutive line changes on a straight to protect their position and in doing so, impede the vehicle that is trying to pass. Drivers are prohibited at all times from changing lines in a corner.

4. Car to Car Contact – contact between cars when passing, resulting in one car having an off track excursion or one car gaining an advantage is not permitted. Late diving to the inside of a corner to pass or attempt to pass is not permitted if contact with another car results.

5. Racing Room – in the situation where a car is required to give "racing room" - it is Defined as a full car width between the subject car and the edge of the track or another car.

See <http://hondacup.co.nz/downloads/MSNZ-Code-of-Driving-Conduct.pdf> for more.

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