



# 2015 MX-5 NATIONALS RACING RULES AND REGULATIONS

**PRESENTED BY THE MX-5 CLUB OF NSW**



## RULES AND REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO MX-5 NATIONALS

### 1. PURPOSE:

The MX-5 Nationals is a one make motorsport event featuring MX-5 racing and regularity. This document pertains only to the MX-5 Race events at the 2015 MX-5 NATIONALS. For information on the regularity events see the Wakefield Park Raceway Supplementary Regulations.

### 2. EVENT ORGANISER:

The Event Organiser of the 2015 MX-5 Nationals is the MX-5 CUP Committee, on behalf of the MX-5 Club of NSW.

### 3. CALENDAR

The MX-5 Nationals are to be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2015. The venue for the event is Wakefield Park, Goulburn. Wakefield is a 2.2 kilometre circuit well suited to MX-5s.

### 4. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

The MX-5 NATIONALS are open to MAZDA MX-5s (and imported MAZDA Miatas and Roadsters). A vehicle is defined as being an MX-5 if it is visually recognisable as an MX-5, retains the original Mazda MX-5 VIN, and has a Mazda piston engine.

### 5. RACE FORMATS

#### a. SPRINT RACES

- i. There will be 3 sprint races on the first day of competition, preceded by qualifying sessions.
- ii. Qualifying times will determine starting positions for Race 1.
- iii. Standing starts will be employed for the Sprint races, as per the Rules and Regulations of AASA and Wakefield Park Raceway. However the Nationals committee reserve the right to employ rolling starts should conditions demand it for safety reasons.
- iv. Starting positions for each subsequent race will be determined by finishing positions in the previous sprint race.

#### b. 1 HOUR ENDURO

- i. There will a qualifying session on day 2 of competition to determine starting positions for the 1 hour ENDURO.
- ii. Standing starts will be employed for the ENDURO, as per the Rules and Regulations of AASA and Wakefield Park Raceway. However the Nationals committee reserve the right to employ rolling starts should conditions demand it for safety reasons.
- iii. **CPS** There is a Compulsory Pit Stop for all vehicles competing in the Enduro of 90 seconds duration. See below for more details.

### 6. VEHICLE CLASSES - TIME BASED CLASSES

In the interests of simplicity of development and implementation, time based classes will be used.



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Time based classes were successfully implemented in the inaugural year of the MX-5 CUP in 2014, and have also been used with great effect in a number of other race series.

This classing system removes the need for the development, implementation and administration of complex classing definitions. Furthermore, it eliminates the need for costly and time consuming compliance with these classes by competitors. Policing of classes is greatly simplified and the need for a complex penalty and appeals process removed.

The time based classes to be used are based on Wakefield Park lap times as follows:

Class	Lap Time (min/sec)
A	1.03.01-1.05
B	1.05.01-1.07
C	1.07.01-1.09
D	1.09.01-1.11
E	1.11.01-1.13
F	1.13.01-1.15

#### Class determination:

- These classes apply to a dry track.
- Competitors will be assigned to a class **based on their qualifying time**. A competitor may elect to be moved to a quicker class, not a slower class. To do so they must inform the Nationals Organising Committee immediately following qualifying, and prior to the first race.
- On a wet track the committee will also use qualifying times to determine classes. If/when the track dries the time brackets for the respective classes will be modified accordingly.
- If a competitor records a time faster than his or her class in a race during the Nationals competition weekend, he or she will be moved to the quicker class. No breakouts will be allowed. A time above his or her class will not affect the class for that competitor for that round. You may be bumped up, but not down.
- The committee reserves the right to alter these class definitions if the composition of the NATIONALS competitor group warrants it. The Committees decision is final.

#### Right to review previous performance

All competitors are expected to compete in the spirit of the Nationals event. The committee expects drivers and vehicles to perform to their potential. If any competitor is deemed not to be doing so, and is believed to be cynically exploiting the rules of the event, previous performances will be considered. This will take into account current and prior recorded times given: a specific driver; conditions; and car configuration and tune. Any competitor who is found to be demonstrably slower despite these factors being consistent may be subject to relegation to another class.

## 7. CLASS WINNERS, NATIONALS CHAMPION, and INTERSTATE COMPETITION

### 2015 NATIONALS CLASS WINNERS

CLASS WINNERS will be determined at the Nationals weekend. Points are awarded for finishing position in your class for every race you finish. For 2 driver teams, these points are awarded to the 'team' (or vehicle they are sharing).



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### **2015 MX-5 NATIONALS Champion**

An MX-5 NATIONALS CHAMPION will be determined at the NATIONALS weekend. This will be the competitor who has accumulated the most points over the weekend. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Because of the structure of the competition, the NATIONALS champion could come from any of the 6 classes.

### **2015 NATIONALS STATE COMPETITION**

All competitors will accumulate points for their state towards the interstate competition. These will be tallied at the end of competition to determine the winning state for the 2015 MX-5 Nationals.

### **8. QUALIFYING PROCEDURE, GRID POSITIONS AND STARTING PROCEDURE**

For qualifying procedure, grid positions and starting procedure refer to the Supplementary Regulations of the event administrator, and the AASA Standing Regulations and National Competition Rules. Standing starts will be employed, however the Nationals committee reserve the right to employ rolling starts should conditions demand it for safety reasons.

For 2 driver teams, the quicker of the 2 qualifying sessions times will be used to determine starting grid position. Note that both drivers must be nominated on the official entry form.

### **9. ENDURO COMPULSORY PIT STOP (CPS)**

There will be a compulsory pit stop for all vehicles of 90 seconds duration during the Enduro.

- a. The 90 seconds commences when the vehicle has come to a complete stop. The timing of the CPS ends once the vehicle is no longer stationary.
- b. The control tower will signal when the CPS window is open by displaying a CPS sign board. When the CPS window closes the sign will be withdrawn.
- c. The CPS window commences 20 minutes into the Enduro, and closes at 40 minutes into the Enduro. Any Pit Stop commenced outside of this window is not counted as your CPS.
- d. Any vehicle failing to attempt a CPS will be subject to a 5 minute penalty.
- e. Any vehicle failing to remain stationary for 90 seconds during its attempted CPS will be subject to a 5 minute penalty.
- f. The CPS is to be performed in Pit Lane adjacent to the garage. A vehicle may be moved into its garage for its CPS, however the 90 seconds only commences when it has come to a complete stop.
- g. A driver change is optional in the Enduro, however if there is to be a driver change it must be performed during the CPS. If there is no driver change the driver can remain in the vehicle.
- h. If a driver change is effected, the replacement driver must have all safety equipment securely fastened prior to moving off from the garage. This includes harness, HANS device if so equipped, window net if so equipped.
- i. There is to be no refuelling during the CPS or at any other time during the Enduro. This applies whether the car is in Pit Lane or in the garage.
- j. All vehicles must be under the control of a Car Controller during its CPS. The Car Controller is not permitted to conduct any work on the vehicle during this pit stop. It is recommended the Car Controller remains at the front of the vehicle in view of the driver at all times. The Car Controller is to control the release of the vehicle at the completion of its CPS and is to watch for other vehicles coming down Pit Lane to ensure it is clear.



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- k. Vehicles may have work performed on them during the CPS. However there are to be no more than 2 Pit Crew members, in addition to the Car Controller, in Pit Lane working on the vehicle at any time. This number includes the exiting driver providing assistance to his or her co-driver. There is no limit to the number of crew working on the vehicle in the garage.
- l. All Pit Crew, including the Car Controller, must complete Wakefield Park's Indemnity form before entering Pit Lane. Failure to do so will result in the competing vehicle being excluded from the meeting.
- m. Note there is a 40km/h speed limit in Pit Lane. This applies when the vehicle passes the 40km/h speed sign on entering Pit Lane, until the car exits Pit Lane (indicated by the speed de-restriction sign). Penalties apply for exceeding the speed limit in Pit Lane, of one (1) minute, a stop/go penalty or both.

## 10. COMPETITION NUMBERS

Competition numbers for the MX-5 NATIONALS will be allotted to competitors with preference awarded in the order in which entries are received by the committee. Every effort will be made to accommodate entrants' preference(s) for race numbers.

## 11. MX-5 NATIONALS ENTRY

- i. **Entering in the MX-5 NATIONALS entitles you to:**
  - Participate in all social events held over the weekend
  - Compete for Class trophies over the weekend, earn points in each race you finish towards the title of NATIONALS Champion and the trophies awarded to the top 3 NATIONALS place getters, and contribute points towards your state's tally
  - Be eligible for any product and prizes on offer
  - Receive a Competitor Sticker pack
  - Receive a NATIONALS cap or tee-shirt
- ii. **MX-5 NATIONALS COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS:**
  - i. Submit your entry for the weekend with Wakefield Park. Submit your registration form with the Nationals Committee.
  - ii. Comply with all requirements of the AASA licencing body and the racetrack operator. This encompasses competitor licencing and conduct, vehicle preparation and presentation, and competition rules. Relevant documents include the AASA NCR, Standing Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations of Wakefield Park. AASA Race Licence or suitable equivalent will be accepted.
  - iii. MX-5 NATIONALS competitors should be capable of lapping Wakefield Park in under 1 min 15 sec. The committee reserves the right to exclude any entrant from competing if they fail to demonstrate their capacity to do so.
  - iv. The MX-5 NATIONALS Committee reserves the right to require all competitors to display Sponsors' stickers whilst competing at the NATIONALS. These stickers will be placed: Towards the upper rear of each door ; and/or on the bonnet; and/or on the rear numberplate location of each competing vehicle; and/or across the top of the windscreen.



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## 12. MX-5 NATIONALS POINTS SYSTEM

- a. Points will be awarded for all place getters in each class, and these tallied over the season to determine outright NATIONALS placings for the weekend.
- b. All MX-5 NATIONALS entrants will be eligible to accrue NATIONALS points in each MX-5 NATIONALS race.
  - i. These points will be awarded as follows:

PLACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	>=8
POINTS	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- ii. Points are awarded on the basis of finishing position. If an entrant does not finish they are not eligible for points.
- c. At the end of the NATIONALS competition, in the event of a points tie for a top three NATIONALS position, the committee will refer to the following (in this order) to determine the winning positions: Number of wins; Number of second places; Number of third places; qualifying times.

## NATIONALS POINTS ACCUMULATION:

Competitors earn points for class position for each race they finish. These count towards the Class competition. They also count towards the NATIONALS and State championship (for their State Club).

- Points will be awarded for all places in each class.
- Breakouts:
  - If a competitor records one or more laps faster than their class as determined by their qualifying time, they are moved to the faster class and all results from the weekend are calculated on the basis of their finishing position in the faster class.
- Class Winners: the winner of each class will be declared at the end of the NATIONALS weekend.
- Points will accrue for all competitors towards the NATIONALS competition, with trophies for the 3 competitors with the highest tallies being awarded at the conclusion of the competition.

## 13. SPORTING CODE OF CONDUCT:

The MX-5 NATIONALS committee expects safe and competitive racing, in an environment which affords sportsmanlike behaviour. The NATIONALS encourages competitive racing, and as such it is recognised that racing incidents may occur. However repeated transgressions, and overly aggressive driving, will not be tolerated by the committee. The AASA National Competition Rules Tarmac and AASA Standing Regulations address driver conduct and required behaviour.

The Nationals committee reserves the right to review any and all in car video footage from any competitor from the event if they feel any competitor has failed to drive to the standards required or may be cynically exploiting the rules.



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#### FIRST TIME RACERS

Before submitting an entry in the MX-5 NATIONALS, competitors will need to obtain:

- Race licence
- Vehicle logbook

They will also need to prepare their car and equipment to comply with the competition rules and regulations of the licencing body and those of the event promoter and raceway.

First time racers should refer to information on the MX-5 Club of NSW's website  
<http://nsw.MX-5.com.au/motorsport/other-motorsport/racing>.

A committee member has been assigned to assist with any questions and concerns that first time racers may have.

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## DOWNLOADS

#### AASA RACING REGULATIONS, AND NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES

<http://australianautosportalliance.com>

#### LODGE EVENT ENTRY WITH WAKEFIELD PARK RACEWAY

<http://www.wakefieldpark.com.au/>

## LINKS

WAKEFIELD PARK RACEWAY <http://www.wakefieldpark.com.au/>

MAPS OF WAKEFIELD <http://www.wakefieldpark.com.au/maps>



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