

2012

Top Half Rally Series

Rally Whangarei | 31 March - 1 April
Possum Bourne Memorial Rally | 22 - 24 June
Rally Gisborne | 25-26 August
Rally of the North | 13th October

ARTICLES GOVERNING THE 2012 TOP HALF SERIES

PREAMBLE

The Convenors hereby declare the following Articles to be those governing the 2012 Top Half Rally Series for drivers and co-drivers.

ARTICLE 1 - INTERPRETATION

In these Articles the following expressions shall have the meanings set out:

“The Series” means the Top Half Series” and

“The Convenors” means those administering the Series. The Convenors consists of 2 appointed officers selected by the Top Half Series member clubs and

“Round Organiser” means the MotorSport NZ member clubs organising a Rally which is a round of the Series and

“MotorSport NZ” means MotorSport New Zealand Incorporated and

“Round” means each rally, the results of which qualify for points in the Series.

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTS

To promote and encourage, competitors from all regions, to participate in a series within an enjoyable and relaxed competition in the spirit of motor sport.

ARTICLE 3 - ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Drivers, Co-drivers.

3.1.1 All drivers, co-drivers in the Series must be a current financial member of any MotorSport NZ Member club and must satisfy the entry requirements of each Round Organiser.

3.2 Vehicles

All vehicles must comply with the specifications set out in the current MotorSport Manual Appendix Two, Schedule A.

3.3 Classes

3.3.1 The following classes will be recognised for the Series:

Class A 0 – 1400	(2WD)
Class B 1401 - 1850	(2WD)
Class C 18501 & over	(2WD)
Class D Open	(4WD)
Class E Pre 96	(4WD) - manufactured prior 31 December 1995

Class E – Eligibility:

- Series production Four Wheel Drive (4WD) saloon of a Make and Model first produced before 31 December 1995.
- Vehicles must retain the original silhouette, with no exterior body panels manufactured from composite materials except for original equipment.
- Vehicles must retain the original make and model of engine cylinder block and cylinder heads.
- The engine size must be a maximum of 2000cc with the manufactures original bore and stroke dimensions respected.
- The vehicle must retain the original mounting points and suspension type.
- The gearbox must retain the original type of selection method (i.e. H-pattern) and the number of forward gears. The type of engagement and gear ratios are not controlled.

3.3.2 Class eligibility will be at the sole discretion of the Convenors and any enquiries regarding eligibility should be referred to:

Jill Greenland

3.3.3 It will be the competitors' responsibility to ensure that the correct class is entered on the individual Round entry for and the results sheet.

ARTICLES 4 - SERIES STRUCTURE

4.1 The 2012 may comprise the following Rounds:

Round	Date	Organising Club
1	31 st Mar – 1 st Apr – Rally Whangarei	Rally NZ
2	22 nd - 24 th June – PBM Rally	Rally NZ – Pukekohe Car Club
3	25 th - 26 th Aug – Rally Gisborne	Rally NZ
4	13 th October 2012 – Rally of the North	Northern Sport Car Club

ARTICLE 5 - SERIES PERSONNEL

At each Round, the Convenors will be represented by the following personnel who shall have the responsibilities and authority set out:

- (1) SERIES CONVENOR
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Who shall have the authority of a Series Convenor who is responsible for and authorised on the Series behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all administration matters pertaining to the Series and
- (b) Record and publish all Series points schedules and
- (c) Liaise with Round Organisers on all matters pertaining to these Articles and
- (d) Ensure correct placement of decals on vehicles contesting the Series and
- (f) Act in the capacity as a competitor Relations Officer (as detailed in National Sporting Code Article 88) for the Series competitors and
- (g) Shall be responsible for receiving and recording Series Registrations

- (2) SERIES TECHNICAL ELIGIBILITY
Simon Bell
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Who shall have the authority of a Technical Eligibility Officer who is responsible for and authorised on the Series behalf to:

- (a) Deal with all matters pertaining to Vehicle eligibility

ARTICLES 6 - SERIES ENTRY / REGISTRATION

6.1 Drivers, Co-Drivers

6.1.1 *Registration for the Series for Drivers and Co-Drivers will be automatic on entry into the first contested round.*

6.1.2 Entry for each Round of the Series must be made on the Round organisers' event entry form.

6.1.3 It is the responsibility of the competitor to obtain the necessary entry forms for the Round.

6.1.4 By entering the Series, all drivers and co-drivers agree to comply under these Articles.

ARTICLES 7 - DETERMINATION OF THE SERIES

7.1 Number of Rounds

The Series shall comprise of 4 Rounds.

7.1.2 The Convenors reserves the right to either cancel or amend any Rounds due to force majeure without affecting in any way, its power to award any title.

7.1.4 Should a registered competitor change classes during the season, points from all classes shall be accumulated towards overall Points.

7.2 Points

(a) Points for each class, based on overall class placings in each Round, will be allocated to the Drivers and Co-drivers.

1 st	32	8 th	13	15 th	6
2 nd	27	9 th	12	16 th	5
3 rd	23	10 th	11	17 th	4
4 th	20	11 th	10	18 th	3
5 th	18	12 th	9	19 th	2
6 th	16	13 th	8	20 th	1
7 th	14	14 th	7		

1 point to all other registered Drivers and Co-drivers who start in each class.

Note: A "Start" in the event is as defined in the National Sporting Code.

(b) In addition, bonus points will be added to points gained overall as follows: based on Top Half Series registered Drivers and Co-drivers only overall position in final results of each round:

5 points	1st to 5th overall	2 points	16th to 20th overall
4 points	6th to 10th overall	1 point	21st to 25th overall
3 points	11th to 15th overall		

(c) to retain points for the overall title & class titles, drivers and co-drivers must have entered a minimum of 2 events from all the events that make up the series.

Note: Only registered competitors will be considered when allocating points.

7.3 Determination of Ties

7.3.1 Should a 'dead heat' occur in any Round of the Series the points allocated to the position 'dead heated' and the next following positions in the Rally will be added together and equally divided between the competitors concerned.

- 7.3.2 In the event of a 'tie' in the final points tally of the Series for any placing, the best placing shall be determined by reference to the greater number of superior positions on in the various categories from which the points derive (e.g. the number of 1st places, then the number of 2nd places etc.)
- 7.3.3 In the event that the previous paragraphs above prove ineffective in deeming a winner, then the Convenors shall, after taking into account such considerations as they deem to be desirable, either declare a winner or declare two or more competitors (as may be appropriate) to the equal winners of the Series or Class.

ARTICLE 8 - AWARDS

8.1 Titles - Drivers

(a) Series Award. This title shall be awarded to the registered driver nominated on the Series registration form who has gained the highest number of points in the Series.

8.1.1 The Series Overall Driver will receive:

- (i) The Top Half Series Overall Drivers Trophy
- (ii) Series Trophy and Certificate
- (iii) Cash Prize

8.1.2 The Series Overall Co-Driver will receive:

- (i) The Top Half Series Overall Co-Drivers / Navigators Trophy
- (ii) Cash Prize

8.1.3 Class Awards. These titles shall be awarded to the Registered Drivers nominated on the Series Registration form, who have gained the highest number of points, in the Series, in their respective classes:

Class A	0 - 1400 cc	(2WD)
Class B	1401 - 1850cc	(2WD)
Class C	1851 & Over	(2wd)
Class D	Open	(4WD)
Class E	Pre 96	(4WD)

8.1.4 The Class Winning Drivers and Co-Drivers will receive:

- (i) Series Trophy and Certificate

8.2 Novice Driver, Novice Co-Driver

This title shall be awarded to the registered driver, co-driver nominated on the Series registration form (who has competed in less than 3 rallies) who has gained the highest number of points in the Series, regardless of class.

8.2.1 The Novice Driver will receive:

- (i) Rally Drive NZ Trophy for the Series Novice Driver
- (ii) Cash prize

(iii) Certificate

8.2.2 The Novice Co- Driver will receive:

- (i) Cash prize
- (ii) Certificate

8.3 Most Outstanding Performance - Driver

This title will be awarded to the registered driver nominated on the Series registration form who has the most improved performance, outstanding car preparation, camaraderie and attitude to the sport.

ARTICLE 9 - DECALS

9.1 Organisers must reserve advertising spaces B2 on competitors' vehicles for the Series sponsor's decals.

9.2 Organisers must include Article 9.1 in their event Supplementary Regulations.

ARTICLE 10 - DISPUTES

10.1 The convenors are charged with interpreting and making decisions on the series articles and technical regulations.

10.2 Should a registered competitor have a dispute with any of their decisions then the matter will be adjudicated on, by the Disputes Tribunal.

10.3 The Tribunal will hear the case in the same manner as that laid down for MotorSport NZ hearings. Their decision will be final.

10.4 Should a competitor wish to refer the matter to the Tribunal, it must be done within 1 week of the decision being made. The matter can be referred to any Tribunal member.

The Tribunal is **Willard Martin, Anita Greenland, Bruce Crockett, Steve Burley.**