



**NORTHERN REGIONS  
CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2017 NORTHERN REGIONS CROSS COUNTRY CAR RACING CHAMPIONSHIP.**

### **MSA NORTHERN REGIONS MOTORSPORT CIRCULAR NR 8/2017**

#### **1. VALIDITY OF THE REGULATIONS**

Applicable for the year 2017.

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITORS**

The Championship is open to all competitors who comply with SSR 300, of the current MSA Non-Circuit Handbook and who are domiciled within the area under the jurisdiction of the MSA Northern Regions Motorsport Committee.

To score points and or win trophies in the 2017 Northern Regions Cross Country Championship all competitors (Regional and Club classes) will need to be members of one of the 4 Northern Regions Motor Clubs i.e Barberspan Motor Club; Lichtenburg Motor Club; Off Road Racing SA (ORSA) or Vryburg Motor Club.

Competitors entering more than 2 National Events in any National Class in 2017 will not be eligible to score championship points in the 2017 Regional Championship. This does not apply to those competitors that enter regional events in a different vehicle (other than the vehicle that they race at National level) and /or where the competitor races in a different capacity ie National Navigator competes as a regional driver and vice versa.

In the interest of personal safety the wearing of a neck brace will be compulsory for all regional and club competitors in 2017. The minimum requirement will be the approved foam neck supports that are currently available.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES**

Any vehicle which conforms to the classes laid down in Part II of the Off-Road Racing Regulations contained in the current MSA Non-Circuit Handbook may be entered in the regional classes.

**3.1** The Special Vehicle Category classes B and P will be retained as classes competing in Regional events. The production vehicle category will be limited to classes D and E. All vehicles competing in these classes must conform to the specifications as set out in the MSA Non Circuit Handbook. In addition to the above there will be one Club class for production vehicles Z only.

**3.2** The specifications for the Club class will be the same as above with the exception of engine capacity which will be un-restricted. Club competitors are not eligible to score points / trophies in the respective overall categories (Special and Production) at regional events.

**3.3** All Vehicles must display advertising decals supplied by the Regional Championship as well as the event Sponsors' decals. Refer to GCR 246 (iii), which makes it a condition of entry to display the Sponsors advertising material. Vehicles and competitors who do not comply with the provision will not be passed by the Scrutineers.

**3.4** GPS is compulsory for all Regional competitors as per SSR300x. GPS is not compulsory for competitors entering the club class (ONLY) however it is strongly recommended.

**3.5** It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure that the GPS has been activated and zeroed before taking part in the qualifying and the main racing section. The same applies for the downloading of the GPS after the race that is compulsory for all competitors. Route deviations penalty. Refer SSR 318 A iii) d) v) g).

#### **4. GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLASSES**

General conditions applicable to all classes are laid down in SSR 301 and 302 of the current MSA Non-Circuit Handbook.

#### **5. GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL EVENTS**

The general conditions applicable to Organisers of all Championship events are laid out in SSR's 302-319 of the current MSA Non-Circuit Handbook.

#### **6. MAXIMUM / MINIMUM DISTANCES**

Championship events shall be one day events run over a minimum distance of 200 km's and a maximum distance of 250 km's. the only exception to this will be one marathon event per year held over 2 days where the minimum distances will be 400km and a maximum distance of 500km.

#### **7. 2017 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

The 2017 Championship events are listed in the MSA Calendar. If less than five events are run or scored, the Northern Regions Motorsport Committee reserves the right to withhold the declaration of champions.

#### **8. POINTS SCORING**

**8.1** Points will be awarded to Regional and club competitors as per the current Cross Country Championship Regulations for **ALL** classes.

**8.2** An additional 5 Points will be awarded for starting an event.

**8.3** No points for the day and or starting points will be awarded to a competitor who is excluded from an event.

**8.4** To be deemed as a finisher of an event a competitor must complete the total distance of the event within the allowed time as laid down in the SSR's, or on extended time as allowed by the Clerk of the Course, should circumstances so dictate.

**8.5** A competitor's overall position within his Category will be used to determine the Category Champions.

**8.6** A competitor's position within his class, together with his starting points will be used to determine the Class winners.

## **9. COMPETITORS INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THEIR CLUB'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT**

Should a competitor be involved in the development, laying out or working of a route for a Regional Championship event, the competitor may not enter the event. Points will be awarded to the competitor at the end of the year, on the basis of his average points scored in the championship. A maximum of two crews per event are eligible for organiser's points. The results of the event must reflect which competitors are to score organisers points when these results are submitted.

## **10. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS AND STARTING ORDER.**

**10.1** A minimum of six (6) competitors must start the event in the relevant category for that event to score towards the Championship.

**10.2** Competitors will be started according to their qualifying time over a distance of not more than 50 km on 1 day events and 80km on 2 day events. Competitors who fail to complete the prologue will start at the back of the field behind the last competitor with a recorded prologue time according to their overall championship points. At all the events that are run in conjunction with the national events competitors will start according to the Regional seeding based on their overall Regional Championship points with the overall points leader starting first. The exception in 2017 will be that all the Class P competitors will start in the front of the field according to their points standing in the championship in 2017.

## **11. EVENTS TO COUNT**

All events are to count towards the Regional Championship.

## **12. AWARDS**

Year-end awards will be allocated to competitors that finish First, Second and Third overall per class for all the Regional classes ie Classes B,P,D and E provided that there are a minimum of 6 competitors per class per event. The only exception to this requirement will be Class B navigators Championship (as many cars and single seaters) the Navigators championship will only be awarded if the Class B Champion is a twin seater and qualifies in terms of the minimum requirements. Should

the minimum requirements for the declaration of Champions not be achieved class winners will be declared.

**AIM OF THE NORTHERN REGIONS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**12.1** To declare the following champions:-

- a) Special Vehicle Category Champion Driver and Co-Driver.
- b) Production Vehicle Category Champion Driver and Co-Driver.
- c) Class champions / winners of classes B, P, D and E.
- d) Club Class Z Champions / winners.