



## **REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2018 NORTHERN REGIONS CROSS COUNTRY CAR RACING CHAMPIONSHIP.**

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

Applicable for the year 2018.

### **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 2018 Northern Regions Cross Country Championship all competitors 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.

*In order to qualify for Championship awards, competitors must start in at least '50% plus 1' of all available events for the season.*

Competitors entering more than 2 National Events in any National Class in 2018 will not be eligible to score championship points in the 2018 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 i.e. National Co-Driver 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 2018. The minimum requirement will be the approved foam neck supports that are currently available.



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### 3. ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES

#### a. SPECIAL VEHICLES

Any special vehicle which conforms to the classes B and P as laid down in Part II of the Cross-Country Car SSR's contained in the current MSA Non-Circuit Handbook, may be entered in the Regional classes. The Special Vehicle Category Classes B and P will be retained as classes competing in Regional events.

All vehicles competing in classes B and P must conform to the specifications as set out in the MSA Non-Circuit Handbook.

#### b. PRODUCTION VEHICLES

Any production vehicle which conforms to the classes D and E as laid down in Part II of the Cross-Country Car SSR's contained in the current MSA Non-Circuit Handbook, may be entered in the Regional classes. The Production Vehicle Category Classes D and E will be retained as classes competing in Regional events.

All vehicles competing in classes D and E must conform to the specifications as set out in the MSA Non-Circuit Handbook.

#### c. CLUB CLASS Z

In addition to the above there will be one Club class for production vehicles namely Z only. The specifications for the Club class will be the same as above with the exception of engine capacity *and/or make of manufacture* 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.



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**d. CLASS X (CROSS-CHALLENGE)**

*New for 2018, CLASS X (CROSS – CHALLENGE) is introduced to run as a SEPARATE SERIES hosted by Northern Regions. The aim of this class is to accommodate any cars from the following classes: A, S and T, that are complying to the 2018 Cross Country Car SSR's as per the technical specifications laid down in PART II: CLASSIFICATION AND VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS for these classes.*

*Please note the following below:*

- *The crew shall consist of two persons*
- *Minimum weights will apply as per the 2018 Cross Country Car SSR 3.1 – Minimum Weights*
- *Air intake restrictors will apply as per the 2018 Cross Country Car SSR 3.2 – Power Output Restrictions*
- *These vehicles must comply with the safety regulations as set out in the MSA Non-Circuit Handbook.*

*CLASS X will run as a separate series for two years after which there will be a review.*

**4. ADVERTISING**

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.

**5. GPS**

GPS is compulsory for all Regional competitors as per SSR300x. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure that the GPS has been activated and zeroed before taking part in the prologue 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).



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## 6. 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.

## 7. 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.

## 8. MAXIMUM/MINIMUM DISTANCES

Championship events shall be one-day events run over a minimum distance of 180 km's and a maximum distance of 300 km's. The only exception to this will be one marathon event per year held over 2 days where the minimum distance will be 400km and the maximum distance 500km.

## 9. 2018 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The 2018 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.

## 10. POINTS SCORING

Points will be awarded to Regional competitors as per the current Cross-Country Championship Regulations for ALL classes.

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

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

To be deemed 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.

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

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



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## **11. SEEDING SYSTEM**

Seeding will be done on the following basis:

*Points will be awarded to the actual finishing position in the race irrespective of class or category ranging from the first to the last finisher. The competitor that finishes 1<sup>st</sup> will get 1 point, then 2 and 3 and so on, down to the last finisher. In the event of a DNF the competitors will be given the last finisher's points plus 1 point. The seeding order will be based on ascending points i.e. from the least points to the most points, with the least points starting in first place, second least in second place and so on. Seeding will be used to determine the starting order at each event, either for the prologue or in the case of a National/Regional combined event where there is no prologue, the general starting order. In the interests of safety, the Clerk of the Course may alter the starting order where necessary.*

## **12. 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.

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

A minimum of six (6) competitors must start the event in the relevant class for that event to score towards the Championship, or an **AVERAGE** of 6 competitors per race for the season.

*At the events where a prologue is held, competitors will start the prologue in the order as determined by the Regional Seeding System. Competitors will then start the main racing section according to their qualifying time. The prologue shall be held over a distance of not more than 50 km on one-day events and 80km on two-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 of that of the fastest competitor in their class, multiplied by 1.5, and thereafter according to their seeding positions.*



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*Competitors who fail to start the prologue will be allocated a time of the fastest car in their class multiplied by 2, and thereafter according to their seeding positions. At the events that are run in conjunction with National events, there will be no prologue and competitors will start according to the Regional Seeding System.*

#### **14. EVENTS TO COUNT**

All events are to count towards the Regional Championship.

#### **15. AWARDS**

*Year-end awards will be allocated to competitors that finish First, Second and Third in the Overall Special Vehicle and Overall Production Vehicle Categories provided there is a minimum of 6 competitors starting each category, per event or an AVERAGE of 6 competitors starting each race for the season.*

Year-end awards will be also be allocated to competitors that finish First, Second and Third in all the Regional classes i.e. Classes B, P, D & E, provided there is a minimum of 6 competitors *starting each class, per event or an AVERAGE of 6 competitors starting each race for the season.* The only exception to this requirement will be Class B Co-Drivers Championship, as many cars are single seaters. The Co-Drivers Championship will only be awarded if the Class B Champion is a twin seater and qualifies in terms of the minimum requirements *and the same applies to the Co-Drivers in this class for second and third places.*

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

#### **16. AIM OF THE NORTHERN REGIONS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP**

To declare the following champions:

- Overall Special Vehicle Category Champion Driver and Co-Driver.
- Overall Production Vehicle Category Champion Driver and Co-Driver.
- Special Vehicle Class Champions - Drivers and Co-Drivers. Winners of Classes B & P.
- Production Vehicle Class Champions - Drivers and Co-Drivers. Winners of Classes D & E.
- Club Class Z Driver and Co-Driver - Champions/Winners.
- *Class X (Cross Challenge) Series Driver and Co-Driver - Champions/Winners*



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