



# NORTHERN REGIONS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

## 2018 SEASON REGULATIONS NEWS

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EXCITING NEW CLASS, CHANGES IN CLASS Z AND IN THE SEEDING SYSTEM.

### CLASS X

We are very excited to introduce **Class X** – to be known as the **X-Challenge** (pronounced **Cross-Challenge**) series. This class will run as its own championship within the Regional Championship but not be eligible, at first, for the Overall Regional Championship. Although it will have Club status for the first two years, the view is for this class to become a fully-fledged Regional Championship class should the minimum prescribed numbers be there.

Any cars complying to the current technical specifications for Class A, T and S are eligible for Class X. *“There are many ‘older spec’ cars laying around, even some older ‘SP’ bakkies”* said Francois Smit, Northern Regions’ Regional Representative. *“These cars might not be 100% competitive at National level anymore and instead of them rusting away in garages all over, we would like to give them a home at Northern Regions”* Francois added.

In addition to the above factor, costs and time also play roles in these tough times we are facing, and the stark reality is that some competitors find it difficult to take additional time off in the form of Fridays. With only the Barberspan Marathon event taking place on Friday and Saturday, the other 6 races all take place on Saturdays. *“We have had great interest in this class so far and expect a good turnout in 2018”*. Furthermore, competitors that entered in the ‘National Invitational Class’ in the past, will now fall under Class X” said Francois.

As is the case with any other regional class, any National Competitor that competes in more than 2 Nationals in the same car and position (ie driver or navigator) will not be eligible to score championship points in this class. To reserve your number for the 2018 season for Class X please liaise with Charmaine Fortune at [videosport@mweb.co.za](mailto:videosport@mweb.co.za).

### CLASS Z

In addition, the specifications for Class Z has been broadened to include bakkies where the engine make differs from the chassis/body, much like Class F used to be. This means that you could have a Ford bakkie with a Toyota engine or any other combination.

### SEEDING

Changes to the seeding system (to determine time trial starting positions) sees a mixture of all classes and Class P will no longer start in front but rather everyone will start in their seeding points positions.

For more information on any of the above, please refer to the Northern Regions Cross Country Car Regulations 2018, or feel free to contact Francois on 083 274 5889