



2026 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA NSW FORMULA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the championship is to promote and foster racing for 'wings & slicks' open-wheel race cars.

1. CATEGORY ORGANISER

The category organiser is Formula Race Car Association (FRCA).

Category Representative: Greg Muddle (0432 890 708)

Technical Officer: Rodney Baker (0411 340 842)

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Cars compliant with the applicable technical regulations and technical bulletins issued by Motorsport Australia, and issued with a log book for, the following classes or groups:

- (i) Australian Formula Two. This includes 1st Category Formula 3 cars with a build date prior to 31/12/94, fitted with an inlet air restrictor with a maximum diameter 24mm and issued with a Formula 2 log book.
- (ii) Formula 3. Cars with a build date before 31.12.2011 and fitted with an inlet air restrictor of a maximum diameter of 26mm.
- (iii) Formula 4 with approval from AU4.

- (iv) Formula 4000.
- (v) Formula 1000.
- (vi) Open wheeled racing cars with historic (Group Q or R) log book, with Motorsport Australia permission. Cars must be ineligible for other NSW State Championship categories and are permitted to have a measured capacity up to 2000cc.
- (vii) Other open wheeled racing cars with engines that are derived from a motorcycle are permitted to have a measured capacity up to 1400cc and are subject to rev limits as follows.
 - Up to 1000cc 13,000rpm
 - Up to 1200cc 12,000rpm
 - Up to 1400cc 11,000rpm

Competitors should be able to satisfactorily demonstrate the proper application of these limits.

- (viii) Other open wheeled racing cars that hold a Motorsport Australia 1st category or other eligible log book, which are ineligible for other NSW State Motor Race Championship categories. Competitors under this provision must have prior written approval of the category organiser.
- 2.2 Cars not meeting the requirements of paragraph 2.1 are permitted to compete but are ineligible for points. Competitors must have prior written approval of the category organiser.
- 2.3 Each car shall comply with the current relevant technical appendices from the Motorsport Australia Manual.
- 2.4 Traction control. The use of electronically programmable launch control or traction control is not permitted.
- 2.5 Tyres.
- (i) Tyre brand and compound is free, unless there is a binding and enforceable contract for the class of car.
 - (ii) Only four race tyres are permitted to be used for any one round of the championship. Tyres may be marked by the Chief Scrutineer or his delegate prior to qualifying. These tyres must be used throughout the event, unless a replacement is approved by the Chief Scrutineer for safety reasons. Wet weather tyres are free from this restriction.

(iii) Where a change of dry weather tyres is permitted under 2.5(ii), the car will start from rear of grid.

- 2.6 The category Technical Officer may request an inspection of any competing vehicle for compliance with eligibility rules in accordance with FRCA eligibility testing guidelines as posted on the FRCA website. Any inspection must be conducted in the presence of the competitor. Inspections may be random. The Technical Officer does not have the power to act on a possible infringement; however, the Technical Officer may refer matters to the Chief Scrutineer.
- 2.7 Any eligibility inspections may be conducted by the Chief Scrutineer in accordance with any provisions of the Motorsport Australia Manual, including but not limited to matters referred by the Technical Officer, whether under section 2.6 above or otherwise. Where a matter has been referred to the Chief Scrutineer the inspection shall be conducted in Parc Ferme following the next practice, qualifying or race session if it cannot be agreed with the competitor to conduct it prior to that. The Technical Officer may assist the Chief Scrutineer in any inspection if so requested by the organiser or the Chief Scrutineer.
- 2.8 At the conclusion of qualifying or racing, cars may be directed to Parc Ferme without first returning to their pit area and without having been interfered with. Cars may be impounded in the designated Parc Ferme and must not be removed or worked for any purpose without the permission of the Chief Scrutineer.
- 2.9 References in sections 2.6 to 2.8 to the Technical Officer and Chief Scrutineer shall be equally applied to their appointed delegates (in the case of the Technical Officer, this delegation must be in writing).

3. CLASSES

3.1 AFO1: The following cars shall be eligible:

- (a) Formula 3 cars with a construction date after 31 December 2001;
- (b) Formula Holden;
- (c) Cars eligible under 2.1(vi) or 2.1(viii) determined by the Category Representative to be AFO1 cars.

3.2 AFO2 – All cars not eligible for AFO1.

4. REGISTRATION & DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All Drivers are required to register for the championship and pay a registration fee. Points will not be recognised toward the championship until the registration fee has been paid.
- 4.2 The fee payable is \$125. For FRCA members, registration is included in their membership fee. Competitors not planning to compete at all rounds may pay a per-

round fee of \$30.

- 4.3 Fees will be held by FRCA. At the end of the season any unspent monies will be held in custody by FRCA for subsequent use or spent on trophies, presentations or promotion.
- 4.4 In addition to the registration fee, additional fees may be levied on all competitors to cover specific costs associated with the championship, subject to approval by FRCA members at a properly constituted meeting.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP & POINTSCORE

- 5.1 A point score shall be maintained for the Outright Championship based on outright finishing order. A separate point score shall be maintained for Classes FR2 based on the finishing order within that class.
- 5.2 In determining the points from each race, placings shall not include drivers of cars that do not meet the eligibility requirements set out in section 3 or the registration requirements in section 4.
6. Competitors from other states can earn points in a single round of a NSW category event without needing registration but participating in two or more rounds requires registration.

6.1 Championship points will be awarded as follows:

- (a) For the Outright Championship, for cars classified as finishing in each race: 1st –

25 points	6 th – 8
2 nd – 18	7 th – 6
3 rd – 15	8 th – 4
4 th – 12	9 th – 2
5 th – 10	10 th – 1

- (b) For the Class Pointscore, for cars classified as finishing in each race, for the finishing order within the class:

1 st – 15 points	5 th – 5
2 nd – 12	6 th – 3
3 rd – 9	7 th – 2
4 th – 7	8 th – 1

- (c) Points from all races will be aggregated for the championship. Drivers may only include points from a maximum of 5 championship rounds.

- (d) The driver with the highest aggregate outright points will be declared the Category Champion.

6.2 Full points will be awarded for any race where a minimum of 50% of the original race

distance is completed and the result is declared. In the event of a race being red flagged with less than 50% race distance completed and not restarted no points will be awarded.

- 6.3 In the event of a tie-on placing in the championship, places shall be determined by comparison of the number of first placings gained (the higher being the winner). If not resolved by this, comparison shall be made of the number of second placings, then third placings, and so on until a winner is determined. If after this process a clear winner is still not determined, the accumulated points prior to the last race (the higher being the winner), second last race, etc. shall be the decider.
- 6.4 At the conclusion of the season trophies shall be awarded to first second and third finishers in each of the Outright Championship..
- 6.5 Trophies provided by the promoters at each round shall cover 1st 2nd and 3rd place outright based in the final race of each round.

7. COMPETITION NUMBERS

- 7.1 The number 1 shall be reserved for the sole use of the highest point's scorer from the previous year's Outright Championship, regardless of Class.
- 7.2 Competitors may request and reserve a competition number from the organiser, which will be allocated for their use at each round of the championship.
- 7.3 A driver registered for the NSW Championship shall have precedence over a non-registered driver having the same competition number. For drivers who were registered for the prior year's State Championship their competition number will be reserved until the 1st round, however they will forfeit precedence if they have not registered by that time.

8. RACES

- 8.1 Races will be conducted during scheduled Championship rounds, and races may be spread over one or two days in consultation with the Event promoter.
- 8.2 The championship will be conducted over not less than 4 rounds. Proposed Championship Rounds will be published on the FRCA website and may include one round conducted outside of NSW.
- 8.3 Each round of the Championship shall comprise three (3) sprint races which count towards the point score. The third race shall be the Trophy race and should be of a planned minimum duration of no less than 15 minutes (for the purposes of paragraph 6.2). Duration may be expressed as a number of laps appropriate to the host circuit in the supplementary regulations of the event.
- 8.4 Grid positions will be determined in accordance with section 9.
- 8.5 In the event that scheduling permits more than three races for the round, additional

races may be run but shall not be included in the point score nor impact on grid positions for races included in the point score.

- 8.6 Where the ambient temperature is below 10 degrees Celsius, the race start procedure should include an additional warm-up lap prior to the cars forming on the grid where such a request has been made to the Clerk of the Course by the Category Representative or delegate.

9. QUALIFYING

- 9.1 There will be one qualifying session of no less than 10 minutes planned duration from which the starting order for the preliminary races are determined in order of fastest to slowest.

(a) The qualifying order for the first race will be determined in accordance with the driver's fastest credited lap in the qualifying session.

(b) Drivers failing to complete qualifying times that satisfy the above requirements will start behind qualifying drivers and in an order at the discretion of the Stewards.

- 9.2 Starting order for subsequent races will be determined by the finishing order in the previous race (progressive grid).

10. SPONSORS

Competitors shall carry any championship sponsor stickers in a clearly visible location as nominated by the organiser for championship sponsors. Failure to comply shall if determined by the stewards render the competitor ineligible to compete.