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**NATIONAL HOTROD TOUR 2021**

CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

**The National Hotrod Tour is run under the World of Motorsport South Africa (WOMZA)**

**and unless otherwise stated, all Rules and Regulations of WOMZA apply.**

1. **RACE FORMAT**
   * 1. **QUALIFYING POSITIONS**

Qualifying sequence will be determined by means of a draw for Round 1 and then

in reverse Championship order for all legs thereafter. Championship order will be amended to include drop scores on the completion of the 2nd round with Competitors who are new to the series qualifying first.

* + 1. **QUALIFYING**

All Competitors will qualify.

Group A and Group B is determined by dividing the Competitors, based on their respective qualifying

times, into two equal Groups with the top half of the Competitors being in Group A and the balance

in Group B. An Odd number of Competitors will see Group A being one Competitor extra then

Group B.

Pro and Pro-Am Competitors compete in the group in which they qualify.

* + 1. **DRAW FOR HEATS**

All Competitors will attend a compulsory Drivers Meeting directly after qualifying.

The Group A Competitors will draw for Heat 1 and invert for Heat 2.

The Group B Competitors will draw for Heat 1 and invert for Heat 2.

* + 1. **HEATS**

Each Competitor will compete in two heats in their respective Groups.

* + 1. **FINAL**

Qualifying times determine the starting positions for the Final.

Should there be more than 26 Competitors able to participate in the final then the Final may be split into two Finals with the Top 20 Competitors racing the Final and the balance of the Competitors participating in a Consolation Final. This decision will be made between a representative from the Committee, one Drivers Representative and the Race Directors and will be made as Interval commences. They will consider the nature of the track in respect of large grids and the condition of the vehicles competing.

* + 1. **POINT SCORING**

Points are awarded as such

Group B Heats – 20,18,17,16,15

Group A Heats – 30,28,26,25,24

Consolation Final – 25,23,22,21,20

Final – 40,37,35,34,33

* + 1. **LAPS**

The Group A heats will consist of 25 Laps. The Group B Heats will consist of 20 Laps. The Consolation Final will be 15 Laps (reviewable by the Tour Committee after considering number of Competitors in Consolation Final) and the Final will be 30 Laps.

Laps under a yellow flag count towards race laps. Yellow flag laps that count towards race laps may not exceed 8 Laps in the Heats and Final. The Race Director must red flag races where the delay to clear the circuit will take longer than the prescribed laps under yellow before restarting the race.

**1.7 QUALIFYING FORMAT**

* + 1. Qualifying does not count for Points, however in a circumstance where the Final could not take place then Points will be awarded for Qualifying and included in the events result.
    2. In this instance the Points will be 30, 29, 28, 27, 26 etc.
    3. Qualifying will take place, regardless of circuit conditions, at the scheduled time. If the circuit conditions change during qualifying, the session will still continue.
    4. The Race Director may at his discretion, and under extreme circumstances, place all cars on the circuit for an 8-lap practice just prior to qualifying to try and neutralise a “dirty” circuit.
    5. Any Competitor who misses his position in the qualifying sequence as a result of a minor problem such as a puncture must be ready within 5 minutes of having missed his qualifying slot. Repairs in this instance to be carried out in pitlane.

This includes Competitors who may encounter a problem whilst completing warm up laps. In all other instances, including breaking down during the qualifying hot laps without completing a single timed lap, a Competitor who misses his qualifying slot and is unable to effect repairs within 5 minutes and is therefore unable to complete a single timed lap will start the Final from the back of the Grid.

* + 1. In the event of a timing system failure the respective Competitor will be given a chance to accept any lap that may have been timed or he will forfeit these and re-qualify at the end of the sequence.
    2. Each Competitor gets 1 installation lap (starting this lap from just beyond the finish line), 1 warm up lap and 3 timed Laps with only the fastest lap counting.
    3. Where Competitors set identical times, the Competitor who set the time first enjoys the benefit of starting closer to the front.
    4. If for any force majeur reason Qualifying cannot take place or be completed the 2/3 grid system will apply as per the 2018 Regulations with Group A, B and C with Points determining the grid for the Final.

* 1. **RACE PROGRAM**
     1. Promoters to place heats in first half of meeting with one support class at least between Heat 1 for both Groups and Heat 2 for both Groups
     2. Consolation Final and Final to be run after Interval
     3. Cars to be placed on the grid during for a compulsory Autograph session, the details of which will be made to the Drivers by the Committee before each event.
  2. **WINNER OF THE EVENT**
     1. Driver who scores the most points wins the event
     2. Ties broken by positions in the FINAL.
  3. **TROPHIES**
     1. Trophies to be awarded to the Driver who takes pole position,
     2. Top 3 in the Final and Top 3 in Consolation Final – Top 3 in both finals are to stop on the grid and be presented with trophies and do a parade lap directly after the final heat.
     3. The top 3 in overall Points will receive their trophies during Prize Giving.
     4. The top 3 in the Pro-Am Series will receive trophies during Prize Giving. The Pro-Am Class is for Competitors who enter the series who have yet to win an SA Title in SA Motorsport at the start of the respective season. The first Pro-Am in a Season will automatically fall from this class in the following year. Committee is responsible for placement in Pro or Pro-Am classes.
  4. **DROPPED SCORES**
     1. Competitors will drop their worst three scores (scored in Heats or Final) from their overall score. (to be reflected as Championship Standings after Round 2)
     2. DNE, Heats with a Point Penalty and Exclusions may not count as dropped scores.

1. **TYRES**

**All Rounds**

* + 1. Restricted to a maximum of 10 new and 2 used Hoosier H10SA tyres. The used tyres must measure less than 3.5 mm when measured at 4 consecutive wear points at the centre line of the circumference of the tyre. The tyres to be used over the 4 rounds and managed by each Competitor. Allocation reduces by 2 new tyres for each round which the Competitor may miss.
    2. Interchanging of tyres is permitted provided that the tyre is logged and forms the quota for the respective Competitors using the tyre.
    3. Competitor may not log more then 6 tyres per event.
    4. Tyres to be logged between 10am and 1pm at the Scrutineering Bay on the day of the event.
    5. Any Competitor participating in Qualifying, Heats or a Final without a logged tyre will be excluded from the event.

1. **GENERAL**
   * 1. Drivers are reminded that they have the right to protest any decision made by the officials, if they feel aggravated.
     2. Drivers are reminded that they are responsible for their immediate family and pit crew.
     3. Drivers are reminded that if they threaten to load their cars during an event, they will be expelled from the Tour with immediate effect. Any negative social media post whether it be Facebook, Instagram etc, will see a Competitor expelled from the Hotrod Tour with Immediate Effect.
     4. Drivers failing to enter at least one event of the First Four events will start all heats from the back of Group B and from the back in the Final in Round 5.
     5. Any Competitor, family members or crew making derogatory comments about the Tour or fellow Competitors will result in the Competitor being expelled from the Tour with immediate effect.
     6. Drivers may only participate in the respective heats in which they were drawn.
     7. During heats the cars will line up in Single file, after warmup, in their race order.

The grid Marshal will show Competitors to X and all gaps must be filled.

It goes without saying that if a Competitor is missing the entire grid will move up by alternating between the inside grid slot and the outside grid slot. If position 3 is missing position 4 becomes 3, 5 becomes 4, 6 becomes 5 becomes 4 and so on.

* + 1. During the Final all open slots will be closed by re allocating the grid positions i.e. if position 3 is missing Position 4 becomes 3, 5 becomes 4, 6 becomes 5 and so forth.
    2. Races will restart in original positions regardless of any Competitors role in a first lap Incident.
    3. All restarts will be done with cars two abreast if the restart takes place in the first 10 laps of the race and single file if the incident occurs on lap 11 and beyond. The line-up marshal will indicate either a cross or single file restart. Competitors may un-lap themselves if the stoppage occurs within the first 10 laps. This will be indicated by displaying a yellow flag accompanied by a waving green flag whereupon these Competitors must move to the outside and make their way around to the back of the field.
    4. Any Competitor who is the recipient of a prize who does not attend Prize giving, without being excused by the Tour Director, will be excluded from the Results of the Final Heat during that event.
    5. Any Competitor who proceeds with legal action will have their Competition Licence suspended until such time that the issue is resolved.

1. **OFFICIALS CHANNEL OF PROTOCOL**
   * 1. The Race Directors will deal with issues during the race. Exclusions to be avoided at all costs

unless the incident is very serious.

* + 1. The Tour Secretary is responsible to post results upon completion of the Heat.
    2. The Race Directors and Drivers Representatives have a 45-minute timespan to review

and deal with any issues.

* + 1. The Tour Secretary is responsible to post amended results.
    2. Any aggrieved Competitor now has 45 minutes to Protest these decisions. Such a Protest must be in the form of an “Intention to Protest form” and accompanied with R1000 cash. This must be handed to the Tour Director.
    3. A written Protest must be presented to the Tour Director within 1 hour of submitting the “Intention to Protest form”
    4. A competitor deciding to withdraw a Protest will forfeit the R1000 paid over.
    5. Any Competitor who loses a protest will forfeit the points scored in the Heats and Final whilst Contesting under appeal.
    6. All notices will be posted on the Tour Notice Board. It is the responsibility of each Competitor to be aware of these decisions.

1. **RETROSPECTIVE GRID/POINT PENALTY**

Aggrieved Competitors and the Clerk of the Course have the opportunity to make a written submission about an incident to the Tour Steward by 5pm on the Tuesday subsequent to the event.

The Tour Steward must collect and review the evidence and decide within 7 days of the completion of the event. This decision is not protestable. In Car footage is also compulsory (see Paragraph 10.)

A point penalty, as per the WOMZA General Race Regulations, or a 5 Grid position penalty will be applied to the guilty Competitor for the next event. The heat or final in which the penalty is applied cannot be counted towards a dropped score. In the case of such an instance after the last round, the Tour Championship results will be considered pending until the submission is reviewed. Any penalty applied at this point will be made to the overall Championship in the form of a Points Penalty.

1. **TOUR DATES**

* 1 May Richards Bay
* 7 August Rock Raceway
* 30 October Rietkuil
* 4 December Ultimate Raceway

1. **AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE** – The Tour Committee reserve the right to make a decision for which the WOMZA Regulations, General Construction Regulations, Specific Class Regulations and 2021 Tour Regulations does not make provision. The Committees decision in this regard is final.
2. **IDENTIFICATION OF PRO AND PRO-AM COMPETITORS –** The Competitors will be responsible to mark their wings accordingly.

Pro Competitors – Black wing and endplates with white numbers

Pro-Am Competitors – White wing and endplates with black numbers.

Other designs of various colours may be displayed on the wings.

1. **ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEE**

* Entry Fee R 500 per event. Any Competitor who is unable to afford the entry fee may approach Michelle for confidential dispensation.
* Entry Fees are payable to the National Hotrod Tour and not The Host Club.
* Entries close two weeks before an event.
* Any Competitor failing to enter in time will start both heats from the back of Group B and the Final from the back of the Grid.

1. **In Car Footage**

* Competitors may not make a submission for a Retrospective penalty without producing their own forward-facing footage regardless of the incident.

1. **My Laps Lap Timing System**

A Computerised lap timing system is in place for 2021. This system consists of a transponder to be attached to all cars on the driver’s side sissy bar down pipe and placed within the inside of the structure. Scrutineer will assist in this placement. Each Competitor must collect a personal transponder upon signing on for practice on Friday. Transponders are to be in place through-out Friday and Saturday and must be returned to the dedicated timing point upon completion of the event. Competitors will be responsible for replacing the transponder at R 3500 plus import duties and International Courier costs should it be misplaced or broken. Competitors are responsible to ensure the transponder is being ‘picked up’ by the system. It is compulsory to have the lap timer fitted for Friday and Saturday practice of a Tour leg.

1. **Tour Champion**

For the Tour to achieve Championship status at least 50% (2 legs) of the scheduled Championship Rounds must be held.