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**NZ Group One Series Points Allocation & Rules**

Masterton Motorplex and Meremere Dragway after consultation with the drivers are pleased to announce the Kiwi Thunder Group One National Series for the 2018/2019 season. The series will be run over four meetings; dates are as follows.

Round 1, Meremere January 12th run as a Pro Ladder

Round 2, Masterton February 16/17 run as a Pro Ladder

Round 3, Meremere March 9/10 run as Pro Ladder

Round 4, Masterton March 23/24 run as a Pro Ladder

These rounds will be sanctioned by the applicable tracks governing body.

There will be 8 car fields with a first alternate/second alternate, all non-qualifiers will run off the back of the field

With a Pro Ladder 1 runs 8, 2 runs 7 etc. All meetings will be racer return to enable teams to gain points for the championship.

There will be no bye’s in qualifying or with any runs at the back of the field with the non-qualifiers/losers if there is an even number of cars (the public don’t like to see bye’s)

Racers can gain points at the four Championship Series events and the Series Champion for both classes will be the points leader at the conclusion of final round. To get place points/trophies or prize money if applicable the racer must fire under Starters orders, stage, accept the green light and break the beam. This must be done under the vehicles own power. If both vehicles do not stage, accept the green light and break the beam, they will both be disqualified

**Race Entry/Prize Money**

Race entry, $140 plus $20 IHRA NZ affiliation or $30 for NZDRA affiliation

Gate entry as per Tracks normal gate prices

Travel money as per tracks normal policy

Prize money $1000 1st $500 runner up

Trophies will be presented to the winners and runner ups.

End of season Prize money, winners $1000 runner ups $500 and trophies will be awarded

**Points Allocation**

Points are allocated for series meeting round wins, qualifying positions and entry as specified below.

**Elimination Points**  
Winner 100 points

2nd 90

3rd 80

4th 70

5th 60

6th 50

7th 40

8th 30

**Qualifying Points**

No. 1 Qual 10 points No. 5 Qual 6 points  
No. 2 Qual 9 points No. 6 Qual 5 points

*All other non-qualifiers receive 1 point*

No. 3 Qual 8 points No. 7 Qual 4 points

No. 4 Qual 7 points No. 8 Qual 3 points

**Entry Points = 10**  
All entrants to each event will receive 10 entry points

**National Records Points**  
E.T. or MPH = **10**

E.T. and MPH = **20**

**Two racers/one race vehicle**

All teams that have two drivers is acceptable, they must enter together at the first race meeting they attend. However, a single driver/rider team may not get a fill-in to driver to continue to collect series points. In exceptional circumstances the team can apply to the applicable track for dispensation.

**Qualifying – non-qualifiers**

All racers must front with their class for qualifying. All group one racers must qualify in alternate lanes, if a racer runs in the left lane for the first qualifying round and misses round two, then comes out for round three, they must then qualify in the right lane. There is to be no buys unless there is an odd number of vehicles. If deemed necessary to eliminate buys the start line officials can change the racers lane. Refusal to comply with the official’s request will result in the qualifying run being disallowed and possible disqualification at Starters’ Discretion. If you are not on the start line with the rest of your class, you will miss that round of qualifying. In addition, if for any reason you are able to make the start line but lose fire, we will allow a restart if your class is still on the track. However, if your class has finished its round of qualifying before you are ready, you will not be permitted to run. No test runs/qualifying runs outside of the class qualifying session! NO correspondence will be entered into.

Those who have entered to race, but are unable to qualify and want to persevere and get the car going for round 1 of eliminations are able to do so under the following circumstances:

- As the class is an 8 car field the racer may be added as bottom qualifier if the class field size has not been reached

- If there is more than one racer that fits this bill, they will be drawn out of a hat to select which order they will qualify in at the bottom of the field

**Weigh In**

All group one vehicles must be weighed at the first meeting they attend. Weights must be recorded in the vehicles log book. You will be turned away from the entry booth if your log book has not been filled out.

**Disqualifications and Disputes/Protests**

i. The complaint must be laid officially ($100 protest fee) by the driver (not crew chief or team member). We will not accept complaints from a crew member. Protest forms are available from the Area Steward.

ii. A statement must be attained from both/all drivers on neutral ground (generally the Pit Tower or base of the Main Tower) and not in any particular drivers Pit space.

iii. The Starter and/or the Race Director will be consulted if the complaint / dispute involves start line procedures (especially with all those rules that state “at Starters discretion”) or race rules.

iv. The Area Steward will be consulted if the dispute/complaint relates to vehicle safety, technical or fuel rules.

v. The Race Director will be notified immediately of the outcome one way or another so that seeding’s, ladders etc can be revised if necessary.

vi. Disputes panel will be made up of the area steward, a track representative and a driver that is not in group one.

 