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Welcome to another year of ORANZ sanctioned club race meetings which has started with the CMORC Counties Classic Series, followed by the Round 1 of the ORANZ National Series in the North Island hosted by PNORC last weekend to be followed by Round 1 in the South Island hosted by Otago in Twizel on the 19-20 April 2014.

Good Luck to all those members hosting and participating in the events above and during this years competition.

SAFETY

On behalf of ORANZ we would like to notify the following SAFETY changes / amendments to the 2013 ORANZ Rulebook effective immediately:-

- **Rule 2, A, Sanctioning & Event Types**

Add:-

“f) ORANZ Public Liability Insurance applies only to sanctioned events where an event permit application has been granted. Non sanctioned events such as club meetings, hot rod shows, bbq’s etc must have an event permit approved for the event to be covered by the public liability insurance policy”.

- **Rule 6, i) Eligibility**

Wording to change to:-

“Outside assistance is permitted from marshalls and other competitors not withstanding that only official vehicles and competing vehicles are allowed on the track during the race. Assistance may only consist of assistance to leave the track only, not restart the vehicle. A vehicle must cross the finish line under its own power”.

- **Rule 7, n): Flame retardant race gloves and eye protection (visor or goggles)**

Wording to change to:-

“All vehicles shall be checked prior to the start of any race or heat and when re-entering a race after pitting or re-fueling to ensure all occupants must have their harnesses, helmets, neck brace, flame retardant race gloves and eye protection (visor and/or goggles) secured correctly and these must remain in place for the duration of the race”.

Failure to implement this rule may result in your Club’s future Event Permit Applications being withheld as I consider this rule a serious safety issue.

- **Rule 10: Log Books**

Note:-

Please read and familiarise yourself with all clauses. Upon receipt of the logbook the competitor must complete all details inside the front cover including the placement of a photo of that vehicle. Remember the logbook belongs to the vehicle (not the driver).

Please note - no log book, no race, no exceptions.

Please get yourself organised to avoid disappointment – please ensure your logbook is fully compliant.

- **Rule 11, H, 2, c) 1) Class 7**

Wording to change to:-

“Carburetors must be 28 PICT as originally fitted to 1200VW engines or optional a 30 / 31 PICT 3 carburetor”.

- **Rule 11, H, 2, k) Class 7**

Add:-

“5) 2mm piston rings allowable”.

- **Rule 11, H, 2, w) Class 7**

“5) Rear disc brakes allowable.

- **Rule 11, L, M, N**

Note:-

Please note a remit has been lodged to delete Classes G, H and K as there are currently no vehicles registered in these classes. This remit if passed will be implemented as from 1st January 2015.

- **Rule 15, a) Clothing, Footwear & Helmets**

Wording to change to:-

“All competing drivers and passengers shall wear approved driving suits that cover the body from ankle to wrist and neck. Any rips, tears or broken fasteners will not be acceptable. Any repairs, modifications to be with approved material only and to a professional standard”.

- **Rule 15, c) Clothing, Footwear & Helmets**

Wording to change to:-

“All competing drivers and passengers shall wear fire retardant racing footwear or lace up leather boots. Competing in sandals, training shoes, jandals, gumboots or bare feet is not permitted. Failure to comply with the above rule could lead to exclusion from the event”

- **Rule 23, b) Tow Rope – First Aid Kit – Fire Extinguisher**

Wording to change to:-

“All vehicles must carry an adequate first aid kit, containing a minimum of:-

- A thermal blanket for each occupant.
- An elastic gauze type bandage size approx 5cm x 4m
- A crape type bandage 7.5cm x 4m to use as a dressing-sling-tourniquet
- 7.5cm x 10cm double sided non-adhesive absorbent dressing
- 2 x alcohol free cleansing wipe
- 1 x small saline solution
- 1 x small eyewash solution
- 1 x small antiseptic burn cream
- 6 x various size adhesive dressings
- 1 x small roll strapping tape
- 1 x craft knife.
- All the above to be individually sealed units contained in a marked sealed first aid unit”

- **Rule 23, c) Tow Rope – First Aid Kit – Fire Extinguisher**

Wording to change to:-

“All vehicles must carry a fire extinguisher of at least 1kg, which must be mounted in a secure position within reach of both driver and passenger while seated not necessarily belted in. For endurance races all vehicles must carry at least 1 additional 1kg fire extinguisher in a safe and secure position easily accessible from the outside of the vehicle. Vehicles fitted with in-car fire extinguisher systems are not exempted from these requirements”.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTIFICATION

All persons infringing the marked track area **to wear Hi Viz Vests at all times - no exceptions please** – failure to comply could jeopardise your team participation at this or other events.

NEW RACE VEHICLE COMPLIANCE SYSTEM

As from the 1st April 2014 each club shall appoint a person they believe has a sufficient amount of technical knowledge of our sports mechanical requirements to be club scrutineer/s.

The club scrutineer/s must subsequently be approved by the Chief Technical Officer whereupon the Chief Technical Officer will provide the club scrutineer with full instructions for the new procedure and approval process.

The club scrutineer/s will be issued with ORANZ conformance tamper proof tags (to be fitted to “B” pillar area of the vehicle) and also conformance stickers (to be placed into vehicle log book).

The club scrutineer/s will be responsible for ensuring all cars in their club meet all the requirements of the ORANZ scrutineering sheet when being inspected, and are complaint with the class in which vehicles are registered.

Any technical issues which may arise during these inspections will be reviewed by the Chief Tech Officer and Chief Steward in conjunction with detailed dialog and photographic contact with the club scrutineer/s and decision provided.

All drivers will be responsible for their vehicle being checked by their club scrutineer on an annual basis prior to the first major event for the year and conformance tags are valid for a calendar year from date of fitting.

If the tag is removed for any reason then the vehicle must go through another full scrutineering inspection.

In the event of a major crash or roll over the tag will be removed by ORANZ or club officials and the vehicle will require to be scrutineered and approved prior to racing again.

Remember it is the driver / owner/s responsibility to ensure their vehicle fully complies with all ORANZ requirements at all times - **no exceptions**.

Vehicles will then only require a safety inspection at race events to check spark arrestors, belts, horns, lights, 1st aid kits, tow ropes, fire extinguishers, brake test and front steering etc.

We believe this process will lead to more consistency in mechanical safety and class conformity in the sport.

NEW EVENT REGISTRATION PROCESS

As from the 1st April 2014 all events must follow the following process for event registration, safety gear check and vehicle safety inspection.

Step 1 – Registration

Complete all registration paperwork at registration desk (log books, ORANZ cards, indemnity forms, entry forms etc).

Step 2 – Safety Gear Inspection

Take all safety gear for inspection to inspection desk (racing suit, boots, helmet, goggles, visors, gloves, neck braces etc).

Step 3 – Safety Inspection

Take your vehicle for safety inspection (spark arrestors, belts, horns, lights, 1st aid kits, tow ropes, fire extinguishers, brake test and front steering etc).

Please note that random checks may still be carried out by the Chief Technical Officer at any stage and at any event.

On behalf of the ORANZ Executive and myself, we wish you all a successful 2014 race season.

Yours in Offroading

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ORANZ Chief Steward