

HISTORIC TOURING CARS

ELIGIBILITY UPDATE

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G'day Nic,

The following is from
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Rev Limi ters

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Following on from recent race meetings it has come to my attention that the process surrounding our rev limiter rules, are possibly being abused by some competitors and teams.

The rules are in place to produce a fairer field of play for all.

As a Motorsport Australia Eligibility officer and Technical Delegate, I have always held the view that when transgressions are discovered we need to also consider if there has been genuine error, accident or simple mistakes involved prior to exercising our powers regarding infringement notices and their subsequent penalties. The benefit of doubt is always considered.

This open mindedness and fairness of process may have been taken advantage of, and with that in mind I now advise all competitors of the solution – as follows;

Prior to Qualifying and racing, rev limiter chips and units (where required to be fitted) may all be tested by our Eligibility team as per Motorsport Australia regulations (see below).

Where your spec sheet states the requirement for the use of a MSD Soft Touch rev limiter Part No 8728 with a 7500 RPM limit.

- The limiter will be subject to testing at race meetings.
- The limiter will be located in an easily accessible position within the engine bay.

If your spec sheets says a limiter is required, it must strictly comply with the regulation above. If it does not you need to ensure it does prior to inspection at the track – you have been warned.

Any rev limiter chip found to be tampered with in any way during a race event, will incur the issue of an infringement notice.

As per the general regulations the subsequent actions and penalties applied will be decided by the stewards.

'Oh my chip must have fallen out' – it's the competitors responsibility to ensure it doesn't!

'The seal must have just come off' – if you didn't notice that prior to the session and advise us to recheck it then once again it was the competitor's responsibility!

'I didn't know I had to move the limiter' see above! It's your responsibility!

It seems to me that it is possible the rules and boundaries are being tested by some competitors and teams, the current rules in place allow us a mechanism to ensure this cannot be the case in the future and we will now avail ourselves of this mechanism.

Given the fact this information will be distributed to all group N competitors in Australia via the AHTCA and the state clubs, it is clear that our decision to implement this practice without leniency is warranted, sound and just.

The Victorian Eligibility team for group N has agreed to operate this system where possible and we encourage all interstate eligibility teams to consider the same practice. Should an interstate competitor anywhere assume that the excuse for non-compliance is that it is not enforced elsewhere, you may well be very disappointed.

Parc Fermé



At the recent Historic Sandown event Victorian EOs trialled the Parc Ferme' system.

Future events may, where possible, include Parc Ferme' conditions for all competitors at the conclusion of each session.

The details of the Parc Ferme' conditions will be relayed to each competitor via the new tower to car one-way radio system at each session as well as be included in the Supp. Regs for the event.

Each competitor has a responsibility to comply with these conditions or infringement notices and possible subsequent penalties will be applied.

In short, cars will assemble in the stated Parc Ferme' location for a stated time period. Tyre pressures may be checked and engines started for cooling purposes, but that is all!

Any unauthorised interaction with the car by driver or crew prior to release of the cars from Parc Ferme' may result in an infringement notice.

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Cheers,

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Regards,

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