

Victorian Mini Club Inc.

Competition Rules

1. Eligibility

To be eligible for competition championship events held by the Victorian Mini Club Inc., a Member of the Club must be currently financial and hold at least a CAMS¹ entry level licence, unless waived by CAMS. Competition licences are yearly renewable. They are available from CAMS, or in some cases from the Event Secretary on the day of the event, on payment of a fee determined by CAMS.

2. CAMS NCR's

All Members of the Club are to be acquainted with and bound by the National Competition Rules of CAMS. These rules are stated in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport each year. Copies are available from CAMS.

3. Club Competition Rules

All Members of the Club are also to be acquainted with and bound by the most recently published set of Club Competition Rules, as set out in this document, plus any overriding Supplementary Regulations.

4. Championships

4.1 Points System

- a) For each event (round), points are scored separately for the first fifteen competitors in each championship. 20 points go to first place, 16 to second, 14 to third, 12 to fourth, 11 to fifth down to one point for 15th place. Lower placings also earn one point.
Should two competitors tie for any placing, they both receive equal points – for the higher place.

Eg. If two tie for first then both score 20 points and third scores 14 points.

- b) Competitors in the Discipline Championships will drop their points from one round, (where an uncontested round scoring zero may be the dropped round).
Their remaining points then carry through to the relevant Open and Class Championships.
(i.e. one round from each discipline will be dropped – potentially four in total)
- c) The winner of each championship is the competitor with the highest score resulting from a) and b) above.

4.2 Open Championships comprising Discipline Championships

- a) Mini Club Championship (Open)
- Motorkhana Championship (Disc.)
 - Hillclimb Championship (Disc.)
 - Autocross Championship (Disc.)
 - Sprint Championship (Disc.)

Eligible cars; classes A, C, D and G.

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4.2 Open Championships comprising Discipline Championships (cont'd)

- b) Non-Mini Championship (Open)
 - Motorkhana Championship (Disc.)
 - Hillclimb Championship (Disc.)
 - Autocross Championship (Disc.)
 - Sprint Championship (Disc.)

Eligible cars; classes E and F.

Non-Mini competitors cannot earn points in the Mini Club Championship.
The winner of the Mini Club Championship is the Club Champion.

4.3 Closed Championships

- Ladies Championship, Mini and Non-Mini
- Junior Championship, Mini and Non-Mini

Only competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the first event for the year can earn points in the Junior Championship.

4.4 Class² Championships

- Mini Class A Championship
- Mini Class C Championship
- Mini Class D Championship
- Non-Mini Class E Championship
- Non-Mini Class F Championship
- New Mini Class G Championship

4.5 **Rookie Award:** Open to any competitor in their first year of competition in any CAMS affiliated club. If a competitor joined the Club after the first championship event and did not win the award that year, then the competitor will also be eligible for the award in the following year.

4.6 **Clubman Award:** At the end of the year, the Committee determines the winner of the Clubman Award based on attendance at Club events. Committee Members are not eligible for this award.

4.7 **Best Official Award:** At the end of the year, the Committee determines the Best Official Award based on participation as an Official during the year. Committee Members are not eligible for this award.

4.8 **Officials at Championship Events:** Members who officiate in key positions at VMCI organised Club Championship events will be able to claim compensation points, if they have been prevented from competing due to their official duties. To claim compensation points for an event, the official needs to have obtained competition points in another event in that championship. Compensation points cannot be awarded to more events in a championship than the number of events the member has competed in. Where a club member officiates at greater than the number of events they are eligible to claim points for, then the highest points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the official to claim the points by notifying the Club Points Keeper.

² Classes are defined in Section 6

4.8 **Officials at Championship Events:** (cont'd)

Points will be available to key officials as per the following table :

Club Steward	10 points
Event Director	10 points
Assistant Director	5 points
Event Secretary	5 points
Chief Timekeeper	5 points
Event caterer	5 points

Some examples to clarify the rule :

- 1) a member competes in 3 motorkhanas and directs 2 others so they can claim 20 compensation points for the two events. If the member only competed in one motorkhana then 10 compensation points could only be claimed for one event.
- 2) a member competes in one motorkhana, directs another and is secretary for yet another. The highest compensation points of 10 points only can be claimed.

4.10 **Compulsory officiating:** In order to win the Open, Discipline and/or Class Championships, competitors must have officiated at a VMCI run competition event or an event approved by the committee. The onus will be on the competitor to verify their officiating to the Club Points Keeper.

5. **Trophy List**

5.1 **Perpetual Trophies:** Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the first place in the following championships:

- (a) Mini Club Championship
- (b) Non-Mini Championship
- (c) Motorkhana Championship, Mini and Non-Mini
- (d) Hillclimb Championship, Mini and Non-Mini
- (e) Autocross Championship, Mini and Non-Mini
- (f) Sprint / Bitumen Championship, Mini and Non-Mini
- (g) Ladies Championship, Mini and Non-Mini
- (h) Junior Championship, Mini and Non-Mini
- (i) Mini Class A Championship
- (j) Mini Class C Championship
- (k) Mini Class D Championship
- (l) Non-Mini Class E Championship
- (m) Non-Mini Class F Championship
- (n) New Mini Class G Championship
- (o) Rookie Award, Mini and Non-Mini
- (p) Clubman Award
- (q) Best Official Award

Notes:

- (i) If less than three events are run in a championship, no award will be given.
- (ii) Committee Members are not eligible to win the Clubman or Best Official awards.
- (iii) Trophies may not be awarded if the place getters competed in only one event.

5.2 **Other Awards:** The following awards will only be awarded if there is a deserving recipient and thus may not necessarily be awarded annually:

- (a) President's Award (decided by the President)
- (b) Committee Award (decided by the Committee)
- (c) Literary Award (decided by the Editor(s) of the Newsletter)
- (d) Photographic Award (decided by the Editor(s) of the Newsletter)
- (e) Inverted Mini Award
- (f) Driver Encouragement Award (decided by the Committee)
- (g) Thrasher Award (decided by the Committee)
- (h) Touring Award

Note: The Inverted Mini Award is awarded to any Club Member who rolls their Mini during the course of a competition event (not necessarily a Club Event). The Inverted Mini trophy consists of a model Mini mounted upside down on a wooden base.

5.3 **Perpetual Trophies:** Perpetual trophies remain the property of the Club and are presented to the winners of the awards listed at 5.1, to keep for one year (see 7.3). A keepsake trophy or plaque to commemorate the win, is presented to the winners at the annual presentation night with the perpetual trophy. Multiple titles won by an individual may be grouped on the one trophy or plaque.

5.4 **Trophies for Second and Third Places:** Second and third place getters for the Mini Club Championship receive a trophy or plaque. Second and third place getters in championships (b) to (n) as listed at 5.1 receive an award. All other awards are made to the first place getters only.

5.5 **Event Trophies:** For each Club Championship event run by VMCI, trophies will be awarded as specified in the relevant supplementary regulations for that event.

5.6 **Presentation of Trophies and Extra Trophies:** All trophies won by Club Members at Club events will be presented at a Trophy Presentation to be held at the end of the competition year. Club Members will only be awarded trophies in accordance with 5.1 through 5.6 of these rules.

6. Class Regulations

6.1 **Class Limits:** Vehicles in the Classes A,C and D are restricted to Minis and their derivatives of pre 2002 build date.

Class A: All Minis up to 1274 cc engine capacity.

ie. engines based on 850, 970, 997, 998, 1071 and 1098 cranks

Class C: All Minis from 1275 cc to 1330 cc capacity.

ie. engines based on 1275 cranks

Class D: All Minis of 1331 cc and greater capacity and those vehicles affected by clause 6.2.

Class E: All Non-Minis up to 2000 cc capacity.

Class F: All Non-Minis of 2001 cc and greater capacity.

Class G: All New Minis (Minis of Post Jan 2002 build date).

In the case of dispute over engine capacity the competitor may be asked by the Committee to remove the head to allow the bore and stroke to be measured.

Vehicles defined as hybrids by clause 6.8 or specials / kit cars by clause 6.13 will be placed in Class E or F, as appropriate to engine capacity.

Note: The Committee shall have the final say in any dispute over Class eligibility.

- 6.2 **Class D:** Class D is intended for purely racing Minis of pre 2002 build date and as such any Mini vehicle featuring one or more of the following will automatically be placed in Class D:
- (a) Limited Slip Diff., Locked Diff., Viscous Coupling or similar device,
 - (b) Slick or Wet Racing Tyres,
 - (c) Any head other than an iron 5 port head based upon a BMC/BL/Rover etc. 'A' series casting.
 - (d) Forced Induction.
- 6.3 **Mokes:** Any Moke running without a standard size windscreen will be placed in Class D. All Mokes entered in a Club competition event must have suitable roll-over protection.
- 6.4 **Weight:** There is no minimum weight for any of the classes except to define specials and kit cars as per clause 6.13. Competitors should note that vehicles thought to contravene CAMS safety rules may be excluded from competition by event scrutineers or organisers.
- 6.5 **Carburetion:** There is no restriction on the type or number of carburettors used. The use of Fuel Injection of any type is also permitted.
Note: Nitrous Oxide is not permitted by CAMS and is therefore not permitted at any Club event.
- 6.6 **Suspension and Brakes:** There are no restrictions on modifications to suspension and brakes.
- 6.7 **Wheels and Tyres:** There are no restrictions on the size or type of wheels used, other than any applicable CAMS safety requirements. Slick or Wet Race tyres may be used but if the vehicle is a pre 2002 Mini, it will be placed in Class D. Tyre restrictions for motorkhanas are governed by the National Motorkhana Code. Re-treads or re-manufactured tyres may not be used in any competition event.
- 6.8 **Hybrids:** Any pre 2002 Mini with a non 'A' series engine and any post Jan 2002 Mini with a non BMW engine is a hybrid.
- 6.9 **De-stroking:** Any Mini engine with its capacity reduced below its original Class limit will still be deemed to be in the original Class. (eg. a short-stroke or sleeved 1275 or 1220 cc capacity would still be in Class C)
- 6.10 **Handbrakes:** A hydraulic handbrake may be fitted to a Class A, C, D or G Mini. The handbrake may be re-sited between the front seats. The handbrake must be operated in the same way as standard. Any replacement handle must be of equal length to the original mechanism. The ratchet mechanism may be altered so as not to lock in the 'brakes on' position.
- 6.11 **Gearbox:** The use of straight-cut gears is permitted in all Mini classes.
- 6.12 **Change of Class:** A vehicle may not run in any other Class, including Class D, than the one indicated by these rules. If a car should be found to be running in the wrong Class then all points and results will be amended to reflect the correct Class or, at the Committee's discretion, the car shall be excluded from all results unless a satisfactory explanation is provided.
- 6.13 **Specials and kit cars:** Any Mini weighing less than 10% below the original vehicle it is based on is a special and/ or kit car (i.e. $600 - 10\% = 540\text{kg}$). Any Mini with a wheelbase less than the original vehicle it is based on is a special and/ or kit car.

7. Miscellaneous Rules

- 7.1 **Motorkhana Penalties:** The penalties for Club Motorkhanas shall be the same as those for the Victorian Motorkhana Championship as laid down in the National Motorkhana Code each year.
- 7.2 **Junior Competitors:** Any competitor under the age of 18 at the time of the first competition event for the year is eligible to score points in the Junior Championship for the entire year. Any Club Member under the age of 18 at the time of an event run by the Club may pay half the normal entry fee to enter the event.

CAMS has issued the following guidelines for competition by Junior Members:

- 12 to 14 years of age: Under supervision may compete in Motorkhanas
- 14 to 16 years of age: Under supervision may compete in single car Speed Events
- 16 to 18 years of age: May compete in open motor sport provided the Club feels the member has the ability.

- 7.3 **Perpetual Trophy Return Date:** To enable sufficient time for engraving of perpetual trophies prior to the Presentation, all perpetual trophies must be returned to the Competition Secretary no later than the November Club meeting each year.