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27,28,29 November

2026 Australian Formula Ford 1600 Nationals

Sporting Regulations

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A.1 ELIGIBILITY

(i) The objective of the Australian Formula Ford 1600 Nationals is to promote and foster the competition of racing cars complying with the Motorsport Australia regulations for Formula Ford 1600 racing cars. The Australian Formula Ford 1600 Nationals is open to all competitors whose vehicles comply with the 2026 Formula Ford 1600 or Historic Formula Ford rules as defined by Motorsport Australia.

(ii) Each vehicle competing in the Australian Formula Ford 1600 Nationals shall be registered with the Formula Ford Association Inc. and be one for which a certificate of origin has been issued.

(iii) Any inspections shall be conducted by the chief scrutineer in accordance with the provisions of the FFA Handbook and the Motorsport Australia Manual. A Formula Ford Eligibility Officer may assist the Chief Scrutineer if appointed by the organisers. The Eligibility Officer for the Championship shall be Scott Black or as appointed by the organiser.

A.2 CATEGORY AND CLASS DEFINITION

(i) Categories
- Formula Ford 1600 - open to all Formula Ford 1600 racing cars. (Designations “K”)
- Historic Formula Ford - open to Historic Formula Ford racing cars as defined by Motorsport Australia under Group F of the Motorsport Australia Manual. (Designation “H”)

(ii) Classes for the Formula Ford 1600 Nationals shall be as follows:
- Outright - open to all Formula Ford 1600 racing cars (Designation “K”)
- The Analogue Cup – open to Formula Ford 1600 racing cars without Data Logging or Digital Gauges.
- The Hard Charger Award – is for the most places gained from the Starting Grid in the Final Race. All competitors are eligible.

(iii) Due to Historic Group F Formula Ford category cars having lower racing minimum weights and tyre regulations Historic Group F will be not be eligible for placings in the Australian Formula Ford 1600 Nationals, however they will be competing within their own category competition within the overall field. Historic Group F Formula Ford cars can compete in the Formula Ford 1600 competition subject to the requirements of

Schedule L in the Motorsport Australia Manual. This includes running Yokohama tyres, racing weight of 510kg and a 40mm minimum ride height.

A.3 EVENT

The 2026 Australian Formula Ford 1600 Nationals will be contested on November 27,28,29 at Sydney Motorsport Park.

A.4 CATEGORY ORGANISERS

(i) The organisers of the Nationals shall be the Formula Ford Association, herein referred to as “the Organisers".

The Nationals committee is Phil Marrinon, Tim Beale and Jeff Senior.

At Circuit Administration shall be members of the Nationals committee assisted by FFA committee members.

Formula Ford 1600 Scrutineer, Scott Black

Jeff Senior can be contacted on 0412 580 620 (bh) or jsr76@hotmail.com

(ii) The organiser’s website is www.formulaford.org.au

A.5 RACE FORMAT

(i) The 2026 Australian Formula Ford 1600 Nationals will be made up of 5 Races.
(ii) The Heat races shall compile points to determine the grid for the Final race.
(iii) The Nationals shall be determined on the results of the Final race only.

A.6 POINTSCORE TO DETERMINE GRID FOR FINAL

(i) Points for the Heat Races of the meeting shall be complied to determine the grid for the Final. Points will only be awarded to Drivers classified as a finisher in the results of each Heat race.

Pointscore

1st	50 points	14th	27 points	27th	14 points
2nd	46 points	15th	26 points	28th	13 points
3rd	44 points	16th	25 points	29th	12 points
4th	42 points	17th	24 points	30th	11 points
5th	40 points	18th	23 points	31st	10 points
6th	38 points	19th	22 points	32nd	9 points
7th	36 points	20th	21 points	33rd	8 points
8th	34 points	21st	20 points	34th	7 points
9th	32 points	22nd	19 points	35th	6 points
10th	31 points	23rd	18 points	36th	5 points

11th	30 points	24th	17 points	37th	4 points
12th	29 points	25th	16 points	38th	3 points
13th	28 points	26th	15 points	39th	2 points
				40th	1 point

(ii) The determination of the grid will be for the entire field, irrespective of whether the cars are Formula Ford 1600 or Historic Group F Formula Ford

(iii) In the event of a tie on points in the Heat races then the Final race grid for those effected shall be determined by comparison of the number of first placings gained in the Heats. If then not resolved, comparison of the number of second placings, then third placings etc. Then if after all comparisons are affected and the placings are still not determined, the relative placings in Qualifying shall be the decider.

A.7 AWARDS

(i) Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd outright in Formula Ford 1600 Nationals, 1st Analogue Cup, 1st Historic Group F Formula Ford and the Hard Charger Award.

ii) Prize for Formula Ford 1600

1st place - 1 set Yokohama Formula Ford race tyres

Prize for Historic Formula Ford

1st place – 1 set Avon historic Formula Ford race tyres

(iii) Additional Awards for Historic competition may be awarded.

A.8 COMPETITION NUMBERS

(i) The number 1 shall be reserved for the sole use of the winner of the 2025 Australian Formula Ford Nationals.

(ii) Competitors/driver may otherwise request a competition number from the organiser, which shall be allocated for if available.

(iii) The Driver race number shall be determined by the organisers.

A.9 QUALIFYING

(i) The vehicles shall be gridded in the dummy grid prior to the qualifying session in the order of the combined practice session times. If a driver did not compete in timed practice, then the cars will be gridded in competition number order behind the cars who competed in the timed practice sessions.

A.10 GRID POSITIONS

(i) In races, the Formula Ford 1600 and Historic Group F Formula Fords shall be gridded as one combined grid. Each car, regardless of category, will start in the position where they qualified, finished the previous race, or determined by points achieved for the Final.

(ii) Heat races are progressive grid.

(iii) The Grid for the Final is based on points accrued in the Heat races.

A.11 PENALTIES

(i) Penalties are at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting. The following are recommendations from the organisers of the Australian Formula Ford 1600 Nationals.

(ii) Qualifying – Competitors/Drivers found to have presented an ineligible vehicle in reference to ride height or minimum weight shall be disqualified from the session and relegated to rear of grid for the next session.

Races – Competitors/Drivers found to have presented an ineligible vehicle in reference to ride height or minimum weight shall be disqualified from the results and relegated to rear of grid in accordance with NCR194

(iii) Driver Conduct – Drivers who have been proven to have broken the Driving Code of Conduct shall be excluded from the session, whether it be qualifying or race

A. 12 CHAMPIONSHIP LIVERY

(i) Vehicles shall carry championship sponsors decals as nominated by the organisers. These decals are to be placed in a clearly visible location when viewed from ten metres away either directly in front or from the either side perpendicular to the cockpit opening. Decals are not to be placed on horizontal surfaces or behind wheels when viewed from the side.

(ii) Failure to comply with 13.1 shall render the competitor/driver ineligible for points at any rounds where the decals are not carried and/or clearly visible.

A. 13 TYRES

(i) The chief scrutineer will be a Judge of Fact in relation to any decision relating to a breach of these tyre regulations

(ii) Only 1 set of tyres shall be used for the entirety of Qualifying and Racing inclusive for both Formula Ford 1600 and Historic Group F Formula Ford.

(iii) Officials may mark the nominated tyres to be used in the competition. Only tyres carrying the appropriate marks are permitted for qualifying and at the start of each race.

(iii) If a marked tyre is damaged it may only be replaced by a tyre of similar wear and only at the sole discretion of the chief scrutineer.

A. 14 FUEL

(i) Formula Ford 1600 competitors shall be restricted to circuit fuel only

(ii) Historic Formula Ford competitors are not restricted to Circuit Fuel

A. 15 PARC FERME

(i) During the Nationals, cars may be impounded in the designated Parc Ferme and must not be removed for any purpose without the permission of the Technical Commissioner or Chief Scrutineer. Only the driver of the competing car is permitted to accompany the car in the Parc Ferme area. Cars may be weighed at any time.

A. 16 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

(i) Formula Ford 1600 and Historic Formula Ford:

a. Technical – Formula Ford 1600 cars shall comply with the regulations as defined by the Motorsport Australia Manual, 2026 Formula Ford Association Handbook or as specified in these championship regulations

A. 17 EVENT SCHEDULE

The schedule shall be provided closer to the event.