



2009 Genuine Ford Parts Australian Formula Ford Championship

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S1 TITLE and JURISDICTION

S1.1 Title

This Championship shall only be known as and referred to as the “2009 Genuine Ford Parts Australian Formula Ford Championship.”

S1.2 Authority / Jurisdiction

- (a) All events in the 2009 Genuine Ford Parts Australian Formula Ford Championship (Championship) will be conducted under the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the Federation Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA); the National Competition Rules (NCR’s) and Race Meeting Standing Regulations (RMSR’s) of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS); the Sporting and Technical Regulations issued for this Championship by CAMS and Commercial Arrangements issued for this Championship by the Category Manager (as posted on the CAMS website); Supplementary and Further Regulations issued by the Organiser at each round; Bulletins issued by the Stewards of the meeting any Driver Briefing Notes issued by the Race Director at a meeting.
- (b) This Championship has been sanctioned by CAMS as a National Championship.
- (c) Australian Formula Ford Management Pty. Ltd. has been appointed as the Category Manager (CM) by CAMS for this Championship.

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S2 ADMINISTRATION

S2.1 Personnel

The following personnel have been appointed to the Championship by CAMS and/or the CM and have the authority to administer the various aspects of these regulations as detailed in the RMSR’s.

- (a) Race Director (RD) Lawrie Schmitt
- (b) Championship Steward Michael Dennis
- (c) Technical Commissioner (TC) Greig Black
- (d) Driving Standards Advisor (DSA) TBA
- (e) Category Administrator (CA) Margaret Hardy

S3 COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in the Championship, each Competitor must hold a current CAMS Competitor’s Licence and be a party to a current agreement with the CM.

S4 AUTOMOBILE ELIGIBILITY

Only automobiles that comply with the provisions of the 2009 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport – RACE - Specifications of Automobiles – 1st Category – RACING CARS – Formula Ford are eligible to compete in the Championship. Each competing automobile must be the subject of a Certificate of Origin.

S4.1 Replacement Automobiles

Following the commencement of the first practice session of each round of the Championship, any automobile that has been entered to compete at that round may not be replaced with another automobile.

S5 DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in the Championship, a Driver must hold a current CAMS National Circuit Licence or higher and be nominated by an eligible Competitor. Drivers holding CAMS Provisional Circuit Licences will be eligible to compete, providing they carry “P” plates, in accordance with the NCRs, until their licence is upgraded to a National Circuit licence. The 2007 and 2008 Australian Formula Ford Champions (Tim Blanchard and Paul Laskazeski) are ineligible to compete.

S5.1 Substitute Drivers

Prior to the commencement of the first practice session at each round of the Championship, a Competitor may nominate a substitute driver who may be permitted to compete in the remainder of the meeting subject to the approval of the Stewards of the Meeting and the CM.

S6 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS / REGISTRATION

The Championship will be conducted over eight (8) Rounds as detailed in the Championship Calendar below. Each race conducted as a part of the Championship will count in determining the final results.

Each driver participating in all or part of the Championship is required to register their entry with Australian Formula Ford Management Pty. Ltd and to pay the relevant registration fee.

Any driver who has failed to register and pay all relevant fees twenty one days prior to the intended date of competition may not be permitted to practice or race in that competition.

S7 CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

The Championship will be conducted over the following rounds:

Round	Date	Venue
1	March 26 – 29	Albert Park
2	May 1 – 3	Winton
3	May 29 – 31	Symmons Plains
4	June 19 – 21	Hidden Valley
5	July 31 – August 2	Sandown
6	August 21 – 23	QLD Raceway
7	September 11 – 13	Phillip Island
8	October 22 – 25	Gold Coast 300

S8 ROUND FORMAT

The number, length and format of track sessions will ultimately be negotiated between the CM and the event promoter prior to a round of the Championship and will be advised in the relevant Supplementary / Further Supplementary Regulations issued for a meeting.

S8.1 Round Format

Generally, the format for each round of the Championship will be as follows:

- (a) Practice - Two (2) - 20 minute practice sessions (normally Friday).
- (b) Qualifying - One (1) - 20 minute qualifying session (normally Saturday).
- (c) Races - Three (3) – 15 minute races (approximately) expressed as a number of laps.

S8.2 Variations to Timetable

The timetable may be varied at any time by the Stewards of the Meeting due to exceptional circumstances or Force Majeure.

S9 GRID DETERMINATION

The grid for each race will be determined as detailed in the RMSR's – Progressive Grid.

S10 START PROCEDURE

The start procedure for each race will be as detailed in the RMSR's – Championship Standing Start (3 Minute – Standing Start).

S11 AWARDS and POINTSCORE

S11.1 Prizes and Trophies

Prizes, trophies and awards will be as determined by the CM and will be advised to all Competitors.

S11.2 Championship Pointscore

(a) Points shall be awarded to drivers for each race in the Championship as follows:

Finishing Position	Points
1 st	20
2 nd	16
3 rd	14
4 th	12
5 th	10
6 th	8
7 th	6
8 th	4
9 th	2
10 th	1

- (b) Points will only be awarded to the drivers classified as finishers in the final results of each race.
- (c) In addition to the above, one (1) Championship point shall be awarded to the driver achieving pole position for the first race of each round of the Championship.
- (d) The driver gaining the highest points total over the eight (8) rounds shall be declared the winner of the Championship.
- (e) In the event of a tie at the end of the Championship, final positions will be determined by comparing the race results achieved by each tied driver, with the driver with the highest number of first places being awarded the higher Championship position. If at this stage a tie still exists, it will be resolved by comparing the number of second, third or fourth places (and so on) achieved by each tied driver until all positions have been determined.

S12 Event Operations

S12.1 Championship Registration and Entry

The Championship will operate under the CAMS Series Registration and Entry Process. Series Registration and Entry Forms will be available from the CM with document checking being conducted by the CM prior to the first official track session at each round of the Championship.

S12.2 Oversubscribed Entries

In the event that the number of entries received for a round of the Championship exceeds the track density for a particular venue, the acceptance of entries shall be made on the following basis:

- (a) Registered Drivers who are contesting the full Championship;
- (b) Registered Drivers who are contesting at least three rounds of the Championship;
- (c) All other entries, to the track density, accepted in order of receipt.

S12.3 Driver/Team Manager Briefings

Each Driver and Team Manager (i.e. an appropriately authorised representative of the Competitor, other than the driver) must attend the compulsory Drivers' briefing, **which shall be scheduled prior to the first practice session**. The time and location of this briefing will be detailed in the Supplementary or Further Regulations for the meeting. The attendance sheet must be signed by the Driver and the Team Manager to confirm attendance. Other compulsory briefings may be convened as required and will be advised to all Competitors accordingly.

S12.4 Impound/Parc Ferme

- (a) Each automobile, including those remaining in pit lane, must proceed directly to the designated impound/Parc Ferme area via the most direct route (or as directed by Race Officials) at the conclusion of qualifying, without returning to pit or paddock areas and without interference from any third party (other than an Official of the Meeting).
- (b) Each automobile completing each race must proceed directly to the designated impound/Parc Ferme area (or as directed by Race Officials) at the conclusion of the race, without returning to pit or paddock areas and without interference from any third party (other than an Official of the Meeting).
- (c) Automobiles may not be removed from impound/Parc Ferme except with the express permission of the

TC or the Chief Scrutineer.

S12.5 Qualifying

- (a) The order in which automobiles pre-grid for a qualifying session will be determined by the times achieved in the combined practice sessions at the meeting.
- (b) During qualifying automobiles may not return to the paddock area without the express permission of the TC. If an automobile exits pit lane to the paddock during qualifying it will not be permitted to re-join that session.

S12.6 Pit Lane

- (a) All Pit Crew members are required to sign a Pit Lane Indemnity Form prior to the first track session and to display identification as and if required by the meeting organiser.
- (b) Pit Crew members are not permitted to approach or work on competing automobiles in the "fast lane" at any time, including whilst automobiles are queued waiting to re-enter the track after a Red Flag period.

S12.7 Removal of Automobiles from the Circuit

Following the commencement of the first practice session, it is not permitted to remove any automobile from the circuit (prior to the release of all automobiles from the impound/Parc Ferme established following the final race of that round of the Championship) without the prior express written approval of the TC.

S12.8 Practice Starts

Practice starts are only permitted at the pit lane exit or at the start of any formation (green flag) lap.

S12.9 Communication to/from Automobile

No signal of any kind may pass between a moving automobile and any person except for the following:

- (a) Legible messages on a pit board
- (b) Body movement by the Driver
- (c) Lap trigger signals from trackside to the automobile
- (d) Signals from timing transmitters

Please note: Lap trigger transmitters shall be battery powered and once operating must be free-standing and incapable of receiving external information. Such devices MUST NOT be attached to or placed upon the Pit Lane wall and must be positioned at least six metres from the official V8SA transmitter and behind the Pit Signalling wall.

S12.10 Race Management Channel (RMC)

A minimum of one (1) senior team member for each competing automobile must monitor RMC at all times during practice, qualifying or racing. Details of the RMC frequency will be available from the CM.

S13 TYRES

S13.1 General

- (a) The TC or his nominee may inspect and confirm that only nominated tyres are in use at any time during the Meeting.
- (b) The TC will be sole arbiter with regard to the interpretation and application of these tyre regulations. Any decision made by the TC in this regard will not be the subject of any protest or appeal.

S13.2 Tyre Nomination

All tyres will be nominated to an automobile chassis no., not to a competitor. Each competitor will be required to nominate their tyres to authorised Championship personnel for identification, marking and recording no less than ninety minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of the relevant session (practice 1, practice 2 and qualifying/racing). Barcode identification will be recorded. Only tyres nominated under the circumstances described below may be used during a round.

S13.3 Tyre Identification

Each nominated tyre will carry barcode identification and tyres to be nominated must be selected from stock identified in this way.

S13.4 Practice – First Round

At the opening round, or the first round contested by that chassis, a maximum of eight (8) tyres may be nominated for practice, however only four (4) may be new tyres.

S13.5 Qualifying and Racing – First Round

At the opening round, or the first round contested by that chassis, each competitor may nominate a maximum of eight (8) tyres for qualifying and racing. However only four (4) may be new tyres, the other four (4) must be from the tyres nominated and used for practice at that round. A tyre that has been nominated and used during practice, must be nominated again for identification, marking and recording if it is to be used for qualifying and racing. These will be the only tyres permitted for use in qualifying and racing, unless

authorised as below.

S13.6 Practice – all other rounds

Only previously nominated and recorded tyres may be used. Up to eight (8) tyres may be nominated for use during the practice sessions. Different tyres from within the eight (8) nominated may be used for each practice session.

S13.7 Qualifying and Racing – all other rounds

Each competitor may nominate a maximum of eight (8) tyres for qualifying and racing. However only four (4) may be new tyres, the other four (4) must be from tyres previously nominated. A tyre that has been nominated for use during practice at this round, must be nominated again for identification, marking and recording if it is to be used for qualifying and racing. These will be the only tyres permitted for use in qualifying and racing, unless authorised as below.

S13.8 Replacement Tyres

There will be no new replacement tyres. In exceptional circumstances the Technical Commissioner may authorise the use of a replacement tyre from outside the tyres nominated by a competitor for that race meeting. This permission will only be given after presentation of compelling evidence by the competitor and will apply only to a previously nominated tyre (from an earlier round or practice session). Such a replacement will result in the competitor being placed at the rear of the grid for the next track session.

S13.9 Wet Weather

If the Race Director declares the track conditions to be wet, the choice of tyres will be at the discretion of the competitor for that session or race, *SAVE THAT* tyres must carry barcode identification.

S13.10 Tyre Covers

Protective tyre covers may be used in the paddock area. Their use is prohibited in the assembly, pit lane, impound and scrutiny areas and they must not be re-fitted until after all post-session checks are completed.

S13.11 Heating Tyres

The use of any device to artificially heat tyres is prohibited.

S14 FUEL

For the duration of a meeting, competitors must use only 98 octane Premium Unleaded fuel as supplied by the official fuel supplier as detailed below:

Fuel Control

John Thompson

BH: (03) 9583-5906

Email: fuelcontrol@bigpond.com

Please note: With the exception of ambient atmospheric air and the specified control fuel, no other substance may be added to the intake charge of the engine.

S15 AUTOMOBILE MARKINGS

Each automobile must comply with the provisions of Schedule K in respect to signage, including the requirement to carry a CAMS decal (40mm x 175mm) below the competition number on each side of the car. Each automobile must also display the driver's name ON EACH SIDE, adjacent to the cockpit, Ford & Genuine Ford Parts decals at the locations detailed on the enclosed placement diagram (Appendix A), two Avon decals, one on each side of the nosebox of the automobile, two Performance Wheels decals, one on each side of the nosebox of the automobile ABOVE the Avon decal and other support sponsor decals, as required. Ongoing sponsorship negotiations may require the display of additional sponsor signage, at locations to be negotiated with competitors as required.

S16 DRIVER'S APPAREL

Each driver must only use apparel in compliance with Schedule D of the 2009 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport with the mandatory addition of underwear and balaclava. Apparel checks will be undertaken as required by the Chief Scrutineer.

S17 ON BOARD CAMERAS

On board cameras must be securely mounted to the roll bar and recording devices secured inside the bodywork of the automobile, to the satisfaction of the Chief Scrutineer. No on board cameras other than those fitted by personnel authorised by the CM are permitted

S18 TESTING RESTRICTIONS

Testing is prohibited in the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

From February 28, 2009, all drivers registered for more than two (2) rounds of the Championship shall be required to nominate, in writing, to the CM, two test Championship circuits, defined as the circuits which will host a round of the Championship. Unlimited testing will be permitted at these nominated circuits. Testing at local circuits which are not part of the Championship is permitted. Drivers may compete in State meetings (for the entire meeting only) where an appropriate class is available.

Testing is prohibited at the venue of any scheduled round on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday prior to that round, SAVE where Thursday is part of the meeting schedule.

The CM may consider a request to vary test track nominations, after the closing date, on the presentation of compelling written evidence. Such approval will only be considered under exceptional and unusual circumstances.

APPENDIX 1 – AUTOMOBILE MARKINGS

FORMULA FORD

2009 COMPETITION NUMBER AND CHAMPIONSHIP DECAL PLACEMENT

NOTE: Drawing is NOT TO SCALE

Decal Placement	Competition Number Background Details			
1. Driver's Name – 1 Each Side	Height	230mm	Width	190mm
2. Ford – 1 on nose – immediately above number	BLACK NUMBERS (min. height 165mm) ON A WHITE BACKGROUND FONT STYLE: ZURICH BOLD			
3. CAMS Decal (2) – 1 each side, below number	NUMBER PLACEMENT			
4. Avon Decals (2) – 1 each side of nosebox	Side	Minimum height from BASE OF AUTOMOBILE – 300mm		
5. Ford Decal (2) – 1 on each side at top of engine cover	Numbers	Must be above any lateral protection structures		
6. Performance Alloy Wheels decals (2) – 1 on each side of nosebox ABOVE Avon decals	Front	Positioned in a location visible to a person standing directly in front of the automobile at a distance of at least 10m		
7. Genuine Ford Parts decals (2) – 1 on each side at top of engine cover	Numbers			
8. AMSF Logos (2) – 1 on each side on lateral protection structure				

