



Welcome to Masterton Motorplex (MMP) – we are really looking forward to this season – 20 years of MMP – what a great achievement, many interesting years of racing at both venues – and now we are here to stay.

Perfect time to extend our thanks to all our current and previous Board members – These guys and gals are the ones that made it all happen, without them there would be no MMP, they are a humble group of people that have made MMP what it is today. Also to all our Volunteers, again whether you are still involved or have been in the past – MMP could not run these meetings without you – again a humble group who “Volunteer” their time on race weekend (and at other times during the year).

Sponsors and supporters – without these businesses and individuals again there would be no MMP – you see their signs on display at the track and some of them are involved in race weekends, they may be a driver, crew, volunteer, spectator they are everywhere – we have some of the best signage of any drag racing track – that shows how much support we have.

Drivers & Crew – we thank you for coming to our meetings and supporting our track, you have seen the changes over the last 20 years and with us you have progressed, moving up in classes, improving your vehicles, getting crews involved with you and getting those juniors out on the track (that is a class that has really grown).

So thanks again to everyone – ITS DRAG RACING TIME

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### Track Progress report

Over the winter the MMP Board and helpers have been busy –

- New Burnout Pad
- Startline finished off with “The Mountshop” sponsorship for the season
- Extra lime at end of the track
- Planting more trees
- And general tidying and maintenance which is always ongoing



## 2017 – 18 Season Dates

- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – “Test n Tune” both days
- Saturday - “**Street Car Comp**”
  - Sunday – “**Street Bike Comp**” –**Steve Green Memorial Trophy** - bikes can be scrutineered on Sunday 8.00 -9.00am
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – “**NZDRA Central Nationals**”
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – “**Dragstalgia**” – “Celebrate MMP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary”
- 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – “**Auckland Invasion**” Series round for IHRA
- 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – “**50<sup>th</sup> NZ Nationals**”

### Pre Entry

- Online Pre Entry and forms are located on our new website [www.mastertonmotorplex.co.nz](http://www.mastertonmotorplex.co.nz)

### Travel Money

- Travel money will be paid for the December, January, February & March meetings to those who meet our criteria South Island, North of Taupo and New Plymouth & above). Bike’s receive half the below travel money.
  - Invercargill and: \$600.00
  - Christchurch: \$400.00
  - Nelson: \$300.00
  - North of Taupo & New Plymouth: \$100.00 & \$200.00 (depending on area)
- To be eligible for travel money you must: (full details & form [www.mastertonmotorplex.co.nz](http://www.mastertonmotorplex.co.nz))
- - 1) MMP must receive travel money request at least one month prior to event
  - 2) Provide pictures of car/bike with entry (for event promotional purposes).
  - 3) Provide a driver and car/bike profile
  - 4) Run quicker than 9.9 seconds.
  - 5) Complete the first round of eliminations.
- **Travel money entry deadlines are:**
  - December – Central Nats deadline 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017
  - January - Dragstalgia deadline 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017
  - February – Auckland Invasion deadline 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018
  - March – 50<sup>th</sup> NZ Nationals deadline 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### Entry Procedure – ALL racers must complete Entry & SSP form

- **Street Cars/Bikes** – When you arrive at the track please line up for scrutineering (7.am – 8.45am Saturday only). If you have a current sportsman licence, your licence number is your car number for the season If you purchase a meeting licence (day licence \$30.00) we will issue you with a temporary car number for the weekend on the day. If you have any questions please contact one of the officials.
- **Competition Cars/Bikes** – Registration Booth open Friday night 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Saturday 7.00am to 9.00am. You must have your licence, log book and completed entry and SSP form. All crew must sign in at the entry to receive armbands.
- **All forms are on our website and we encourage you to fill them in before the meeting (SSP forms must be filled in correctly, signed and dated for the meeting)**



**Late entries** – we do not accept late entries – if for some valid reason you are going to be late you **MUST** contact Bob or Anneke and discuss.

### **Drivers Briefing**

- All Drivers and Crew Chiefs **MUST** attend the drivers briefing prior to the start of racing – approx. 9.30am (announced over the pit PA prior to drivers briefing starting).

### **New Racers**

- All new racers **MUST** attend the “Newbies Brief” – this is announced over the pit PA and starts at 9.10am on the pedestrian crossing in the staging lanes – gives a rundown of racing rules and procedures – some drivers and crew may want a refresher on this – feel free to attend

### **Qualifying**

- Qualifying will be on the first day only except at the Event Coordinator’s sole discretion. If this day is cancelled or rained off MMP may extend qualifying to the second day. The number of qualifying rounds will be at MMP’s discretion. If the driver wants to change to a different competition category, they must inform the officials (at Entry Booth) no later than 10 minutes after the last qualifying round for the intended category has finished.

### **Crew**

- We will be strictly enforcing the limits on crew numbers. Your crew **MUST BE PRESENT** at the entry booth to sign in and receive their armbands. These armbands will get them into the venue on Sunday morning only.
- Super Street, Modified Bike or other sportsman DY0 classes are only permitted 1 official crew.
- Junior Dragster, Junior Dragbike, are permitted 2 official crew.
- All other classes are permitted a maximum of 4 official crew.
- Additional crew are allowed & should sign entry form, but will not receive armbands.
- Crew that have not signed the entry form are only permitted in the public areas. The vehicle driver takes full responsibility for them and their actions if they are in the drivers pit space.
- If you require more than 4 crew (Group 1 only) please let Bob or Anneke know.

### **Pits**

- Only race cars/bikes and tow-vehicles are approved to be in the Pits (these have stickers from registration booth) , any unapproved vehicles / trailers will be required to move – This will be enforced this season – please let the Entry Booth know if you see vehicles in the pits that are not authorised
- There is a map of the pit layout on our website. There will be a large map of the pit layout at entry to the pits – and one at the Entry Booth – If you don’t park in the correct area – please don’t be offended when you are asked to move.
- Camping - If you can’t set up your tent within your pit space, you will be directed to the camping area (at the back of staging lanes). If you do camp in your pit space, you must pack up your tent before racing starts each day.
- Any one on a bike, quad or trike **MUST** be wearing a helmet at ALL times



## Prizegiving

- Prizegiving will be held ½ an hour after the last Competition final is completed.
- The location for prizegiving is at the back wall (with our major sponsors signage on it) – if there is a change in location it will be announced at drivers briefing

## Passengers

- No passengers are permitted unless Masterton Motorplex (MMP) receives a Passenger request form at least 7 days prior to event (under forms on the website). Passengers must have a direct involvement to the car ie: Sponsor, Crew, family (at MMP discretion). MMP reserves the right to refuse any application. MMP or the NZDRA Area Steward reserves the right to revoke any application on the day of the event.
- You **MUST** advise the Entry booth that you are taking passengers, and the passenger(s) must sign the indemnity form – no later than 9.00am on Saturday.
- All cars with a passenger onboard must display the letter 'P' 150mm or taller on the right front window. This letter must be removed when there is no passenger onboard

## A few extra points

- The Competition Area is the staging lanes, start line area, track and return road
- Only racers/crew that have signed the indemnity form and have an armband are permitted in the Competition area.
- An adult **MUST** accompany any participants under the age of sixteen when they are in the Competition area (this includes Junior Dragster teams).
- Any one on a bike, quad or trike **MUST** be wearing a helmet at ALL times

## Alcohol

- Drivers may be subjected to random breath alcohol testing. Failing a test means disqualification
- No alcohol in the pits until 30 minutes after all racing has finished (not just your vehicle)
- No alcohol in the public spectator area unless bought at the concession stand.

## Camping

- Overnight camping is available at the track for racers and crew only for \$10 pp.
- Please ensure you pay for camping – pay at the gate – we will be doing spot checks
- There are no showering facilities.
- Please keep the camping area clean and tidy. There are several bins – please use them
- This is a family camping area. Please - no loud music after 11pm.
- No race car engines to be run after dark – please use the pits for work vehicles
- **STRICTLY NO CROSSING THE FENCES OUTSIDE THE MMP AREA – THERE IS AN OPERATIONAL AIRPORT DIRECTLY BESIDE THE MMP BOUNDARY AND YOU NEED TO STAY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES FOR YOUR SAFETY.**

## NZDRA Rule changes

- Please make sure you are familiar with all rules, not just the ones in your class. A full copy of the rule book can be downloaded from the NZDRA website - [www.nzdra.co.nz](http://www.nzdra.co.nz). Remember to also download the additional rule supplements.
- If you require a logbook contact NZDRA – [www.nzdra.co.nz](http://www.nzdra.co.nz)
- New rules are usually confirmed by the NZDRA Board in May each year. Their website will be updated once their decision has been finalised.



## Price List

MMP has not increased the entry fees for many years. Costs have been increasing steadily over the last few years (including the loss of a very good sponsorship deal with VP meaning the price of traction compound has doubled). We can no longer absorb these cost increases, so we need to increase racer entry costs by \$20 per vehicle. Remember, this is a non-profit track and any surplus gets reinvested in the facility

- Gate entry per person ..... \$20.00
- Gate entry (under 14 years old) ..... Free
- Super Street, Modified Bike race entry ..... \$70.00
- Junior Dragster race entry ..... \$70.00
- All other Car / Bike race entry ..... \$120.00
- Additional driver..... \$20.00
- Approved passenger ..... \$10.00
- Overnight Camping..... \$10.00pp

MMP will increase racer entry prices for one off events (eg NZDRA Nationals). This are advertised in advance and are on our new website. Above pricing is for entries for November & January meetings only (non National Events)

## Startline Breakdowns

We use the following procedure if there is a breakdown.

- 1) If the car is between the start line and the yellow line on the barriers (about 100 feet / 30 metres out) the driver must stay in the car if they cannot restart. The starter will signal to the backup person to get behind the wall, and the starter will allow the other lane to go. The crew **MUST NOT** go onto the track
- 2) If the car is past the yellow line on the barriers, the starter will shut the other lane down. He will then signal the crew to tow the stalled car to the finish line and onto the return road. Do not return to the start line. The other lane will then be restarted and have a bye run.
- 3) If the driver requires **MINOR** assistance (eg can't get into reverse) signal the starter, or have your back up person signal, and he will allow the crew past the startline. This **DOES NOT** include remote starting or using battery packs in the tow vehicle.
- 4) Please tell your crew – **DO NOT** go onto the track without the starters permission. **DO NOT CROSS/JUMP THE BARRIERS AT ANY TIME** regardless of the situation.

## Prize Incentives for Racers

- This year we again offer some additional incentives for competitors at each race meeting:
  - Best Appearing Vehicle & Crew – \$100 or voucher
  - Lowest ET of the meet – \$100
  - Top MPH of Meet – \$100

## Personal Bests (PB's)

- We will have a PB board located at Entry Booth
- If you do a PB during the meeting it is up to you to write it on the board
- We will give you a PB certificate at Prize-giving