



Operational Rule Interpretation

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Grid Determination– FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL OFFICIALS

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Background

KA has been asked to clarify the procedure for establishing a grid and in particular gridding P Plate competitors at Race Meetings.

Extract of Rule - Competition Rules

Chapter 1, Rule 21 *Grid Determination*

- a) At the end of qualifying, the times achieved by each Driver will be officially published.
- b) Unless otherwise outlined in the Supplementary Regulations for a Meeting, **all grid positions will be determined by the qualifying times from fastest to slowest.**

Procedure

The 2015 KA National Competition Rules stipulate that unless specifically detailed in the Supplementary Regulations for some standards of Race Meetings, when qualifying is used to determine grids, the grids shall be determined from fastest to slowest times recorded by each Driver.

This means that all Drivers are required to start in the position that they qualified or earned through results at all events related to this meeting irrespective of their licence grade.

They can of course opt to start at the rear of the grid if they feel more comfortable doing that.

When a meeting is conducted using the random grid format; D Grade and E Grade drivers must be gridded at the rear of field.

It is only Club events that have an option to set the grid for races in some random manner other than through conducting qualifying sessions.

At Club events, the grids may be determined by computer draw or some other random format. These are specifically included to accommodate smaller Club Race Meetings where there are relatively low numbers of Competitors entered in each Class that otherwise renders qualifying somewhat meaningless.

The concept of setting a race grid from fastest to slowest times recorded has been established over many years in all forms of motorsport and has been done this way primarily in the interests of safety of the competitors.



SUMMARY OF EVENT QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

	National Champ.	National Series	State Champ	National Cup	National Trophy	State Series	State Cup	Zonal Club Champ	Club Comp
Qualifying Session Required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional It should be dependent upon number of entries for the event. i.e. the more entries for the event, the greater the need for the grid to be set by qualifying times – fastest to slowest.
Details	In Championship Regulations.	1 Session per Class	1 Session per Class	1 Session per Class	1 Session per Class	1 Session per Class	1 Session per Class	1 Session per Class	1 Session per Class
						May be combined with Warmup		May be combined with Warmup	May be combined with Warmup
									If qualifying is not conducted, the method of setting the grid must be detailed in Supplementary Regulations.

CMS has been modified to cater for the above processes of determining grid positions.

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