

Autocross

Autocross is the ideal environment in which to learn or improve car control skills while at the same time having a lot of fun. It is an event that favours driver skill over outright horsepower, but at speeds higher than that experienced in motorkhanas.

The Autocross course is usually laid out (using hay bales or plastic cones) on a large grass or gravel area such as a farm paddock or a carpark, although some clubs have purpose built Autocross circuits. Competitors compete in Autocross events individually against the clock with the winner being the person who completes the course in the shortest time.

Because the event venue is usually a wide open space, the risk of vehicle damage is low. As for motorkhanas, it is a cheap event in which to participate and perfectly standard road cars can be very competitive.

Note: Rally type tyres are usually NOT allowed to be used in these events.

Minimum Requirements

(for club level competition)

A safe car to at least Warrant of Fitness standards (especially brakes, steering and seat). A fire extinguisher is recommended but is not required (there will be fire extinguishers at the start and finish lines). The driver must be at least 12 years old^{#1}, wear an approved crash helmet^{#2} and fire retardant overalls^{#3}, and belong to a MotorSport NZ member club.

Major Event

NZ Autocross Championship (held in conjunction with the MotorSport NZ ClubSport Championship).

Notes:

- #1 12 - 15 year old drivers can only compete on private venues or roads closed under Section 3.4.2(b) of the Local Government Act. The member club will advise further on this aspect.*
- #2 Your Club Scrutineer will check and advise if your crash helmet is acceptable.*
- #3 Minimum standard is cotton with close fitting cuffs.*

General:

Opportunities exist to enter a maximum of two Autocross events prior to gaining membership of a member club.