

Motorkhana

A motorkhana is a cheap and enjoyable form of motorsport and at the same time is one of the most competitive. It is an event in which you can use almost any vehicle (standard road cars can be very competitive) and is primarily a test of driver skill.

Cars compete against the clock, one at a time, with the driver negotiating a set course which is defined by (non-damaging) markers such as plastic cones. The course must be negotiated in the correct sequence, with penalties applying for going the wrong way or hitting markers etc. Part of the course may have to be negotiated in reverse. Normally competitors are allowed two runs at each course with their fastest time counting towards results.

The winner is the person who completes all of the courses in the shortest time. Events are normally held on smooth grass or tarseal venues such as farm paddocks or car parks. Because the venue is usually a wide open space and the speeds involved are low (most tests are completed using 1st and/or reverse gear), the risk of vehicle damage while competing is low. Depending on the number of entries, competitors may be divided into classes thereby providing greater competition.

Minimum Requirements

(for club level competition)

A safe car to at least Warrant of Fitness standards (especially brakes, steering and seat). The driver must be at least 12 years old^{#1} and belong to a MotorSport NZ member club.

Major Event

NZ Motorkhana 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.

General:

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