

Hillclimb

Hillclimbs are generally the highest form of motorsport that can be competed in using a normal road car. They are so named because the finish line must be at a higher altitude than the start line and the course must be mostly uphill. It must be remembered that they are considered high speed events, and with higher speeds also comes a higher 'incident / accident' risk.

The Hillclimb course can be on a private or public road, with either a gravel or tarsealed surface. Competitors compete in a Hillclimb individually against the clock with the winner being the person who completes the course in the shortest time. Because the venues used vary so much, those competitors wishing to compete in a standard car (without full harness seat belts and / or roll cage), should check before the event with the organiser to ensure that such a vehicle is appropriate for the venue.

Minimum Requirements

(for club level competition)

A safe car up to at least Warrant of Fitness standards (especially brakes, steering and seat), equipped with a fire extinguisher^{#2}. The driver must be at least 12 years old^{#1}, wear a crash helmet^{#3} and fire retardant^{#4} overalls, belong to a MotorSport NZ member club and be the holder of a ClubSport competition licence.

Major Event

The NZ Hillclimb 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 See your Club Scrutineer before purchasing to ensure the type is acceptable and to gain knowledge of where and how to install in the car.

#3 Your Club Scrutineer will check and advise if your crash helmet is acceptable.

#4 Minimum standard is cotton with close fitting cuffs.