



GENERAL AND SPORTING REGULATIONS 2009 HILL CLIMB SERIES

ORGANIZATION :

The 2009 Hill Climb Series is organized in accordance with the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the List of Requirements of the Hillclimbs Commission (Asia), the provisions of the National Sporting Regulations of the Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP), and these Regulations.

The Series is organized by the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines; a duly registered Motor Sports Club.

The Regulations of the 2009 Hill Climb Series are available from the secretariat of the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines or from its website at www.hillclimbclub.com.

TITLE OF RACES : THE 2009 HILL CLIMB SERIES

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS :	March 29	La Union
	April 26	Bataan
	May 16	Zambales
	May 17	Bataan
	July 4	La Union

**The organizer reserves the right to make changes to the schedule and location of event(s), or cancel the race meeting(s) entirely, subject to approval by the ASN.*

STATUS OF EVENTS : National

OFFICIALS OF THE EVENTS :

The names of the officials will be published in the Supplementary Regulations governing each event, which will be made available to competitors in advance.

PROGRAMME FOR EACH EVENT :

The programme for each event will be announced through the Supplementary Regulations, to be issued by the Organizer.

PROPRIETARY :

The 2009 Hill Climb Series is the property of the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines.

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Articles from the General Prescriptions that are applicable to the 2009 Hill Climb Series have been included in these regulations.

Should any dispute arise, the panel of Stewards of the Meeting will be the only authority to make a decision (ISC-Art.141).

The Organizer reserves the right to carry out necessary or required changes to these regulations, due to *force majeure* or for safety reasons, and shall be made known by means of official bulletin(s). It also reserves the right to change, postpone or cancel event venue(s) if necessary, due to unforeseen circumstances, and is not liable for any damages or losses incurred as a result.

1) REGULATIONS

The final text of these Sporting Regulations shall be the English version which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation. Headings in this document are for ease of reference only and do not form part of these Sporting Regulations.

Clarification, interpretation and arbitration of any rules, requirements and regulations that are not covered by the FIA 'General Prescriptions', Specific Regulations, Sporting Code and Technical Regulations shall be decided by the panel of Stewards of the Meeting.

2) GENERAL UNDERTAKING

All drivers, competitors and officials participating in the 2009 Hill Climb Series undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees and agents, to observe all the provisions, as supplemented or amended, of the International Sporting Code (the Code), the Hill Climb Series Technical Regulations, and the present Sporting Regulations.

3) GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a) It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that all persons concerned by his entry observe all the requirements of the Code, the Technical Regulations and the Sporting Regulations. If an entrant is unable to be present in person at the event he must nominate his representative in writing. The person having charge of an entered car during any part of an event is responsible jointly and severally with the competitor for ensuring that the requirements are observed.
- b) Competitors must ensure that their cars comply with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout practice sessions and the races.
- c) The presentation of a car for scrutineering will be deemed an implicit statement of conformity.
- d) All persons concerned in any way with an entered car or present in any other capacity whatsoever in the paddock or course must wear the appropriate pass at all times.

- e) The entrant shall declare that to the best of his belief his driver(s) possess(es) the standard of competence necessary for an event of the type to which the entry relates, that should his driver(s) at the time of the event be suffering from any disability whatsoever he shall declare the disability to the Stewards prior to the driver(s) driving on the course, that the vehicle entered is suitable and roadworthy for the event having regard to the course and the speed that will be reached and that he, his driver(s) and team members enter upon and use the course and its facilities entirely at his or their own risk.
- f) Any competitor who, in the opinion of the Stewards, shows insufficient skills, judgment or ability may be disqualified from further participation in the event.

4) ELIGIBLE DRIVERS

- a) Drivers must be current members in good standing, of the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines.
- b) A driver must be a holder of a current civil driver's license issued by the Land Transportation Office.
- c) Drivers vying for the National Title must possess a current National Competition License for Hill Climb issued by the Automobile Association of the Philippines.
- d) Licenses must be presented to the secretariat before the start of the event.

5) ENTRIES

- a) Applications for entry shall be accepted only if accompanied by the required documents (licenses) and the corresponding entry fees.
- b) The entry fee amount(s) will be contained in the Supplementary Regulations. Entry fees must be paid in full to the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines by the deadline stated in the Supplementary Regulations or through separate bulletins for each event.
- c) A surcharge of 50% will be charged for entries paid AFTER the closing date for regular entries. All entry fees and any surcharges must be paid prior to the event.
- d) Entry applications shall include confirmation that the applicant has read and understood the Code, the Technical, Sporting and Supplementary Regulations governing the event, and agrees on his/her own behalf and on behalf of everyone associated with his/her participation in the event, to observe to them.
- e) With the submission of the entry application by the entrant/driver and accepted by Organizer, the entrant/driver are both deemed to have accepted and understood in full all the regulations governing the event.
- f) The right of acceptance of registration or entry rest with the Organizer as per ISC Article 74.

6) COMPETITION NUMBERS

- a) Each car must carry the competition number assigned by the Organizer. The said number plate must be affixed on the two front doors (or their equivalent panel) of the car.
- b) For this purpose a space of at least 40 cm x 40 cm must be made available, free of advertising, on each front door (or their equivalent panel) of the vehicle for affixing said number plate.

7) ADVERTISING ON CAR

- a) A car may only participate in an event if it carries the mandatory markings and advertising required by the Organizer.
- b) Competitors may affix their own advertising in spaces not reserved for the Organizer's mandatory markings or advertising.
- c) No display may contain offensive material.

8) SPORTING CHECKS

- a) During scrutineering, and anytime during the event, each competitor must have all documents mentioned in Article 4 above available.
- b) Unless a waiver is granted by the Organizers, competitors who do not keep to time limits will not be allowed to take part in the Event.

9) SCRUTINEERING

- a) Initial scrutineering of the vehicle will be conducted at a time and place to be announced through a separate bulletin. Drivers and vehicles that report for scrutineering after their scheduled time shall be liable to a penalty which may go as far as exclusion, at the Stewards' discretion.
- b) Drivers must accompany their vehicles at scrutineering and present their helmets and other safety equipment for inspection.
- c) Competition numbers and any official advertising must be affixed on the competing vehicle for inspection.
- d) No car may take part in the official timed runs until it has been passed by the Scrutineers. However, scrutineering does not constitute confirmation that the vehicle complies with the regulations in force.
- e) The Scrutineers may:
 - i) Check the eligibility of a car or of a competitor at any time during the Event;
 - ii) Require a car to be dismantled by the competitor to make sure that the conditions of eligibility or conformity are fully satisfied;

- iii) Require a competitor to pay the reasonable expenses which exercise of the powers mentioned in this Article may entail;
 - iv) Require a competitor to supply them with such parts or samples as they may deem necessary.
- f) Any car which, after being passed by the Scrutineers, is dismantled or modified in a way which might affect its safety or call into question its eligibility, or which is involved in an accident with similar consequences, must be re-presented for scrutineering approval.
- g) The Clerk of the Course may require that any car involved in an accident be stopped and checked.
- h) Checks and scrutineering shall be carried out by duly appointed officials who shall be responsible for the operation of parc ferme and who alone are authorized to give instructions to the competitors.
- i) All competitors must declare the use of radios and their frequencies to the organizers and seek the necessary permissions and permits prior. Any infringements may result in the confiscation of such equipment for the duration of the Event.
- j) The Organizers may require entrants to fit an Electronic Self Identification Module for the purpose of accurate timing, the exact position of which will be advised prior to the race. These modules will have to be in place and switched on for all the timed sessions of the event. A fee may be charged which will be for the account of the competitor.

10) TIRES

Slick tires are permitted provided that:

- a) There are AT LEAST four (4) grooves ALONG the circumference of the tire. The total width of the grooves should be at least 17% of the total surface area of the tire.

CIRCUMFERENCE X TIRE WIDTH = Surface Area

thus, CIRCUMFERENCE X TIRE WIDTH X 0.17 = Minimum Total Width of Grooves

- b) The depth of the groove shall be at least 3mm. at the time of scrutineering. Slick tires will be marked and will be rechecked prior to the first official run on the day of the event.

11) FUELS

- c) The use of any fuel is allowed.
- d) Refueling is ONLY permitted in the designated refueling area and must be conducted with the required safety equipment and procedures.
- e) The driver may remain in the car during refueling but the engine must be shut off.

12) GENERAL SAFETY

- a) Official instructions will be given to drivers on the course by means of the flag signals laid out in the Code. Competitors must not use flags similar in any way whatsoever to these.
- b) Drivers are strictly forbidden to drive their car in the opposite direction of the course unless this is absolutely necessary in order to move the car from a dangerous position. The driver must follow the directions of the marshals at all times. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the race.
- c) Drivers taking part in official timed runs must always wear a helmet that complies with current FIA standards.
- d) The Clerk of the Course, a Steward or the Medical Officer may require a driver to undergo a medical examination at any time during an event. Said medical examination may include an anti-doping test. (ISC- Appendix L, Chapter II, Art. 4.)
- e) All vehicles must be fitted with a fire extinguisher:
 - Handheld: Minimum 5 kg.
 - Plumbed-in: Minimum 7.5 kg
- f) A first aid kit is required on board the competing vehicle.
- g) The use of a safety harness is mandatory. The minimum requirement is a 3-point harness except for those competing for the National Title for which a 4-point safety harness compliant with current FIA standards is required.
- h) The cars of drivers vying for the National Title are required to have installed a 4-point roll protection of current FIA standards as a minimum. The installation of roll protection in cars of drivers not vying for the National Title is strongly recommended.
- i) Failure to comply with the general safety requirements of the Code or these Sporting Regulations may result in the exclusion of the car and driver concerned from the Event.

13) EVENT

- a) The hill climb course will have a minimum distance of 2 kilometers.
- b) Each 'Event' shall consist of:
 - i) At least one (1) familiarization run in the morning of the event date; and,
 - ii) At least, two (2) official timed runs.
- c) The organizers reserve the right to postpone, change or cancel the date and venue of an event or a part thereof.

14) BRIEFING

Competitors will be notified in the pre-event briefing, by announcement, bulletin or the Supplementary Regulations of the time and location for the driver's briefing in each event. Attendance is mandatory and failure to attend will result in a penalty of up to FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP5,000.00) and a personal briefing at the convenience of the Clerk of the Course or the Deputy Clerk of the Course.

15) INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- a) In exceptional circumstances, the Stewards may give instructions to competitors by means of special circulars in accordance with the Code. These circulars will be distributed to all competitors who must acknowledge receipt.
- b) Any decision or communications concerning a particular competitor will be communicated to him forthwith in writing within 25 minutes of such decision and receipt must be acknowledged.
- c) All classifications and results of the timed runs, as well as all decisions issued by the officials will be posted on the official notice board.

16) START and FINISH PROCEDURE

- a) There will be a standing start. The start signal will be given by means of starting lights activated by the starter appointed by the Organizer, or by hand signals of the marshal if need be.
- b) The finish line will be signaled by a checkered flag.

17) SUSPENDING A RACE

Should it become necessary to suspend a timed run because the course is blocked by an accident or because weather or other conditions make it dangerous to continue, the Clerk of the Course will order red flags to be shown at all marshal posts. It is the competitor's responsibility to stop racing and proceed along the course at a reduced speed with caution.

18) CLASSES

Except for Historic Cars, vehicles shall be classified according to their engine model and horsepower rating as published in the *Automobile Guidebook*.

GROUP 1	below 105 HP
GROUP 2	105 HP to 154 HP
GROUP 3	155 HP to 204 HP
GROUP 4	205 HP and above
Historic Car	Vehicles manufactured in 1975 or earlier

- a) For vehicles with add-on forced induction such as turbo chargers and superchargers, a 1.5 factor will be applied to its published HP then rated accordingly as per adjusted HP output.

Ex: 120 HP (with add-on turbocharger) X 1.5 = 180 HP
Therefore, the vehicle will fall under Group 3.

- b) As determined by the Chief Scrutineer, any vehicle that is perceived to have undue advantage within its Group or HP bracket due to lightening shall be moved up to the next Group.

19) CLASSIFICATION

- a) The official classification will be published after the race. It will be the only valid race result. Any amendments shall only be made under the Code and these Sporting Regulations.
- b) The faster of the two timed runs of a driver shall count toward classification.
- c) The top three drivers per class will be awarded trophies and/or prizes for the event. The top ten finishers in each class will be awarded points that will count towards the series championship award (per class). The driver with the most points at the end of the 5-event series will be awarded the class overall award.
- d) For the National Title, the top ten (10) drivers of the day (regardless of class) will be awarded points. Only drivers with cars that meet the requirements for National Title will be eligible for said points. The competitor garnering the most points at the end of the 5-event series will be awarded the National Title.
- e) Point System

1 st	20 points	6 th	6 points
2 nd	15 points	7 th	4 points
3 rd	12 points	8 th	3 points
4 th	10 points	9 th	2 points
5 th	8 points	10 th	1 point

- f) Coefficients
The rounds of the 2009 Hill Climb Series shall have the following point coefficients.

March 29	La Union	1.5
April 26	Bataan	2.0
May 16	Zambales	1.0
May 17	Bataan	1.0
July 4	La Union	1.5

20) PODIUM CEREMONY

- a) Competitors must take part in the prize-giving ceremony, abide by the Organizer's podium and media procedures and attend any promotional activities.
- b) The drivers finishing the race in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class must attend the prize-giving ceremony on the podium and abide by the podium procedure as directed by the Organizer and immediately thereafter make themselves available for

at least one (1) hour for the purpose of any media interviews and press conference in the media center or other specified location.

21) PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- a) Protests shall be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee in cash of TWENTY THOUSAND Philippine Pesos (PHP20,000.00).
- b) Appeals must be made in accordance with the International Sporting Code. The Appeal shall be accompanied by a fee in cash of THIRTY THOUSAND Philippine Pesos (PHP30,000.00).
- c) Any entrant, team or driver that wishes to make any communication with the Clerk of the Course or the Stewards of Meeting must do so in writing.
- d) Race control is strictly off limits to all persons other than race officials. A fine or a penalty up to disqualification may be imposed on the car and driver related to any unauthorized entry to race control.

22) PROMOTION

- a) Drivers must take part in any promotional activity requested by the Organizer during the series, particularly those immediately prior to and following an event as referred to by these regulations.
- b) Drivers and entrants must use reasonable endeavors to assist the Organizer in the promotion of the Series and each Event including the sponsors, their goods or services, and any television coverage of each Event.
- c) The drivers, entrants and teams permit the Organizer to use their name(s) for any promotional, advertising, publicity and public relations purpose, for the promotion of the Series.
- c) Use of the Organizer's logo by the competitors, entrants and teams or by their agents or representatives is prohibited other than by prior authorization in writing from the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines.

23) ADVERTISING AND RIGHTS

- a) Each driver and entrant must ensure that all advertising carried by or associated with the driver or entrant (including on or in the car) complies with the applicable laws of the Philippines including complying with any national restrictions required in order to permit the filming and television coverage of the event.
- b) Each driver and entrant will promptly comply with the directions of the Organizer as to the removal or covering up of advertising which, in the opinion of the Organizer does not comply with article 23a.
- c) All rights in relation to the Hill Climb Series including the name, logo, image and fame of the Series including all rights in the nature of copyright trademarks and other

intellectual property rights and rights of action are owned by the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines (HCCP).

- d) No competitor or any other person may use or attempt to use any of the rights referred to in Article 23c without first making a written request to the HCCP specifying its intended use and obtaining the prior written consent of the HCCP. Without limitation, the fact that a driver or entrant becomes registered for an Event or the Series or is awarded points for an Event or is declared the winner or a place greater in an Event or the Series will not constitute the HCCP's consent to use any of the rights referred to in Article 23c.

24) TELEVISION and IMAGE RECORDING

- a) The Hill Climb Club of the Philippines, as Promoter, shall have the exclusive right to procure the filming or image recording of each event.
- b) The Promoter may exclusively determine all editorial decisions concerning the image recording or television coverage of an event.
- c) All drivers and entrants shall provide all assistance reasonably requested by the Promoter or any television or film producer authorized by the Promoter to assist in the image recording and television coverage of each event.
- d) The Promoter may choose at random, competitors to carry in-car cameras at each event. Should any competitors be invited to carry an in-car camera, it will be mandatory that the in-car camera is carried and that the logo supplied, if applicable, by the Promoter is displayed in front of the camera.
- e) No other in-car camera and no other advertising will be permitted in the car, or on the car facing the camera, or on the drivers helmet or person in front of the camera without the specific written agreement of the Promoter.
- f) No component of any onboard camera if installed must be allowed to come in contact with any moving part of the car.

25) MERCHANDISING

- a) Without limiting Article 23c, the Promoter shall have the exclusive right to procure the production of goods or services associated with or exploiting the Series.
- b) No manufacturer, driver or entrant or any other person may use or attempt to use any of the rights referred to in Article 23c without prior written consent of the Promoter. Without limitation, the fact that a manufacturer, driver or entrant becomes registered for an Event or the Series will not constitute the Promoter's consent to use any of the rights referred to in Article 23c.

26) ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY

- a) By applying for entry to participate in an event or the series and by subsequently participating in that Event or the Series each driver and/or entrant shall have acknowledged that motor racing is a dangerous sport and shall have voluntarily

assumed all risks associated with their participation including the risk of loss to themselves or to other persons.

- b) Each driver and/or entrant agrees that the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines, the Automobile Association of the Philippines, the local governments of the venue and province in which the event will be held, the landowners in whose property the event will take place, the sponsors of the event and each of their employees, agents and contractors shall have no liability to the driver or entrant (including their employees, agents and contractors) in contract, tort or otherwise (including liability for negligence) arising by reason of or in connection with the entry, participation or failure to participate of the driver or entrant (including their employees, agents and contractors) in the Event.
- c) Each driver and/or entrant agrees that the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines, the Automobile Association of the Philippines, the local governments of the venue and province in which the event will be held, the landowners in whose property the event will take place, the sponsors of the event and each of their employees, agents and contractors shall have no liability to the driver or entrant (including their employees, agents and contractors) for any death or personal injury arising by reason of or in connection with the entry, participation or failure to participate by the entrant or driver (including their employees, agents and contractors) in the Event.

27) RELEASE

Each driver and/or entrant releases and discharges the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines, the Automobile Association of the Philippines, the local governments of the venue and province in which the event will be held, the landowners in whose property the event will take place, the sponsors of the event and each of their employees, agents and contractors from all liability in contract, tort or otherwise (including any liability for negligence) arising by reason of or in connection with entry, participation or failure to participate of that driver or entrant (including their employees, agents and contractors) in the Event.

28) INDEMNITY

Each driver and/or entrant indemnifies the Hill Climb Club of the Philippines, the Automobile Association of the Philippines, the local governments of the venue and province in which the event will be held, the landowners in whose property the event will take place, the sponsors of the event and each of their employees, agents and contractors against all Losses of that driver or entrant or that driver's or entrant's employees, agents or contractors or any third party arising in any way out of or in connection with the entry, participation or failure to participate of that driver, entrant, employee, agent or contractor in the Event.

29) LOSS

Loss includes liability, cost, damage, expense, fee or charge in respect of any property or person and death or injury to any person.