



## Golden Era Auto Racing Club (Qld) Inc.

Incorporated Association IA 32402

### By-Laws, Regulations and Procedures

Effective from **1<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

**Preamble: At all times, the safety and wellbeing of fellow drivers and the preservation of their historic cars shall be the predominant consideration of the Club.**

#### 1 - MEMBERSHIP

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| <b>1.1</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Membership is on an annual basis for the 12-month period ending 30 June.</li><li>ii) Where details have changed a new completed <i>Membership Renewal</i> form shall be forwarded to the Secretary for each new membership period affected.</li><li>iii) Membership lapses if the annual membership fee is not received by 1<sup>st</sup> September of the annual membership period.</li><li>iv) Honorary and financial members are entitled to participate in a Club Drive Day event.</li><li>v) An invited car club ("Invited Club") may also participate in selected drive days, at the discretion of the Management Committee.</li></ul> |
| <b>1.2</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Intending new members are advised to review the Club Constitution, Drivers Code of Conduct and must submit to the Club Secretary a <i>New Member Application</i> form accompanied by a non-refundable application fee.</li><li>ii) The Management Committee will review the application, and the Secretary will advise the result to the applicant as soon as the committee decision is finalised.</li></ul>   |
| <b>1.3</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) The annual single membership fee is \$30; payment by direct deposit is preferred.</li><li>ii) The New Member application fee is \$40; no further fees are payable if the application is successful.</li></ul>  |
| <b>1.4</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) The Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Procedures, Club Forms and the Club newsletter will be posted on the Club website - <a href="http://www.gear.org.au">www.gear.org.au</a>.</li><li>ii) Notices, including a 'Notice of Meeting', will be advised to members via email.</li></ul>   |

#### 2 - DRIVE DAYS

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| <b>2.1</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Only eligible vehicles approved by the Management Committee prior to a GEAR event ("Drive Day") will be deemed to be "eligible cars".</li><li>ii) The respective Drive Day venue will provide a Clerk of Course to manage the event.</li><li>iii) Prior to a Drive Day, members are required to conduct a thorough inspection of their vehicle that they intend to use to participate in the event and ensure it is functional and safe to drive.</li><li>iv) Members participating in a Drive Day must adhere to the Drivers Code of Conduct, as published on the Club website.</li></ul>  |
| <b>2.2</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) The <i>GEAR Sign-On</i> procedure must be completed prior to the driver's briefing. Club officials will issue a wrist band and helmet sticker to participating members.</li><li>ii) The participating venue requires that a driver completes an application to be approved, present a driver's licence (issued or accepted by Queensland Government authorities), and a current track licence issued by the relevant sanctioning body. On completion of entry formalities, a wrist band will then be issued by the venue official.</li><li>iii) On a Drive Day wrist bands and helmet stickers will be checked by the venue official prior to each track session.</li></ul> |

2.3	<p>i) A <b>mandatory driver's briefing will be held on the Drive Day.</b></p> <p>ii) A second briefing <b>may</b> be called, at the discretion of the Management Committee.</p> <p>iii) <b>Wrist bands may be stamped after the driver's briefing.</b></p> <p>iv) Where a member does not attend the driver's briefing the consent of <b>two</b> Committee members and the Clerk of Course is required for a member to participate in a Drive Day.</p>
2.4	<p>i) Subject to 2.4 ii), iii) and iv) below, Drive Day track sessions will usually be conducted in the following groups –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Green</b> – slower 'tin-tops' and production sports cars;</li> <li>• <b>Blue / Red</b> – racing and sports racing cars, including Clubmans; Two groups if there are 10 or more cars per group.</li> <li>• <b>Yellow</b> – faster 'tin-tops' and production sports cars;</li> <li>• <b>Black</b> – Invited Club vehicles, and other vehicles at the Management Committee's discretion</li> </ul> <p>ii) Each driver will nominate the preferred group when signing on; every effort will be made to accommodate individual preferences.</p> <p>iii) The Management Committee will decide, in consultation with the Clerk of Course, the final composition of each group, with safety as the over-riding consideration. Any driver affected by such a decision will be duly informed.</p> <p>iv) The Management Committee, in consultation with the Clerk of Course, may use discretion to vary the composition of a group during a Drive Day.</p>
2.5	<p>i) Instructions and directions from the venue officials must be obeyed at all times.</p> <p>ii) A spill of fluid, such as oil / coolant / fuel, in the pit area must be immediately cleaned by the member or party responsible for causing the spill.</p> <p>ii) A fluid spill on the track must <b>immediately</b> be notified to the venue officials.</p> <p>iv) The pit bays closest to the briefing room / office are for the use of the Management Committee and Raceway vehicles.</p>
<b>3 - ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES</b>	
3.1	<p>i) The Committee will determine the <i>Vehicle Eligibility Guidelines</i> for vehicles that may participate in Club Drive Days. Details will be advised to members and posted on the Club web site. Refer to <a href="http://gear.org.au/documents/">http://gear.org.au/documents/</a></p> <p>ii) The eligibility guidelines will be reviewed from time to time, and any decisions so made will be in accordance with the Club Constitution. The Committee will have the final decision on vehicle eligibility.</p>
<b>4 - CLUB SOCIAL FUNCTIONS</b>	
4.1	A contribution may be required towards the cost of any Club social function.
4.2	The Management Committee may require that members proposing to attend functions, advise the Secretary <b>prior</b> to any shut off date for bookings.
4.3	Once a closing date for a function has been issued, no further bookings shall be accepted without approval of the Management Committee.
4.4	Refunds for non-attendance at a pre-paid functions will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.