



## Chief Steward

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National's Second Round – Nelson – Ruff & Tuff

Scrutineering was carried out Friday afternoon but the weather wasn't helping with heavy rain and gusty wind. What could be scrutineered was and the remaining cars were completed on Saturday morning.

No time trials were carried out and grid positions for the start were determined by marble draw over class.

The start (a timed enduro) procedure was two cars at ten seconds apart. Due to crowding from the grid road to the start line being tight, the cars eventually started on their own time a few seconds apart per ten second row.

With the lead car taking out the track marking and warning tapes with-in a few k's of the start we had a roll over and two head to head accidents with injury reported. The roaming marshal had left and was soon on the scene. The marshal called for the track to be closed and ambulance to be sent. This was well managed (red flagged) with the lead cars and eventually the whole field other than those involved in the incident being lined up in Indian file just short of the transponder line.

The race management team decided to call the first lap null and void and used the lap as a look see lap. The race was shortened to eleven laps so no one was dis-advantaged regarding fuel planning and the race started as a new race.

Those involved in the incident started from the rear of the grid. Some repairs were carried out to cars on the track and others in the pits while the track was being cleared while waiting for the restart which caused a little confusion amongst the drivers. The race intention was discussed or explained to each driver or group of drivers and all were in favour of starting as they were lined up as the faster cars in the classes were now namely established ahead of the slower cars. As it was originally a marble draw, I saw no issues with this format and felt it to be safer option.

The race proceeded to its conclusion with no further safety concerns. I am still to receive the race report in due course.

All in all, a well run event and a credit to the club.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Cameron

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