

# 86

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**NEW ZEALAND**

**2023/24 SERIES GUIDE**



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# ABOUT OUR CHAMPIONSHIP

## NEW ZEALAND'S LEADING ONE-MAKE RACING SERIES

Globally acclaimed and the focus of a fast growing passionate fan-base of owners and drivers, Toyota's 86 coupe has been rewriting sports coupe history since its international launch with a string of Car of the Year and technology awards to its name.

The 86 evokes its inspiration, the iconic AE86 of the 1980s, with superbly balanced handling, free revving engine and a performance oriented rear wheel drive format.

Internationally, the top spec GT86 model was quickly out on the race track, winning its class in grueling endurance races at Spa and the Nurburgring.



# FINDING **NEW ZEALAND'S** NEXT WORLD CHAMPION

The 86 was the subject of rapturous acclaim on debut. When it arrived in New Zealand it was named Car of the Year 2012. TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand picked up on the potential of the 86, producing a locally specified and professionally prepared race car, the TR 86. Built by TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand, the cars are designed for racing and can be certified for Targa road rallies and other competitions. But their primary purpose was clear from the outset.

Building on the globally recognised success of its unique Castrol Toyota Formula Regional Oceania Championship, Toyota devised a closely controlled one-make championship for the TR 86, offering local race drivers the chance to be part of a close fought and exciting series that competes on New Zealand's leading race circuits.

The Toyota 86 Championship, like the Castrol Toyota Formula Regional Oceania Championship, plays a role in helping rising race drivers hone their skills - and with the close grids of TR 86 competitors, it brings the added bonus of dedicated media coverage and television, helping to attract sponsors at driver and team level.

The Toyota 86 Championship celebrated its 10th year in 2023, an impressive milestone for a category which continues to grow its fields each season.

The championship has its own dedicated photographer, with images posted each evening of race weekends on the TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand Facebook page and the TGRNZ website. The images accompany professionally written media releases summarising the day's on-track activity.





# THE TR-86

Proudly built at Hampton Downs by TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand, the TR 86 is purpose designed for the race track.

Carefully selected race specific components are added to the impressive standard specification to create a car at home on the circuit in the cut throat environment of a one make competition.

Each car features adjustable race shocks, race brake calipers and rotors, and Speedline 18-inch alloy wheels, fitted with Nexen tyres.

Inside, a colour Motec dash logs the car's performance data so drivers can identify areas of improvement

The driver's environment is all race car, with a Sparco touring car race seat, six point safety harness and race steering wheel all fitted inside an FIA six point roll cage.

Control parts ensure the championship remains competitive and fair. Only officially built TR 86 cars are eligible for the championship.



**THE RACE-READY TR-86 TAKES DRIVING WHERE FEW SPORTS CARS DARE TO GO, THE TRACK!**

# TR-86

## SPECIFICATIONS

CAR	Toyota TR-86
ROLL CAGE	FIA-approved 6 point
ENGINE	2000cc boxer engine
GEARBOX	Factory 6 speed with race spec Exedy clutch kit
DIFFERENTIAL	Torsen limited slip diff
SEATS	86-branded Sparco seats
ECU	Factory
SHOCKS	MCA adjustable
BRAKE KIT	TR-86 spec - Alcon race brake package
WHEEL RIMS	18" Speedline competition wheels
TYRES	Nexen race tyres
WEIGHT	1190kg with full tank (approx)
FUEL	98 octane
DATA	MoTeC C125 colour display/logger





# WHAT MAKES TOYOTA 86 UNIQUE?



## ONE OF A KIND

The Toyota 86 Championship is an independently organised MotorSport New Zealand Championship with technical support and backing from Toyota New Zealand Limited.

## PROUDLY BUILT IN NEW ZEALAND

All TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand TR-86 cars are proudly built by us here in New Zealand at the TGRNZ workshop located at Hampton Downs.

## PROFESSIONAL

A team of experienced staff are responsible for managing both the Toyota 86 Championship and Castrol Toyota Formula Regional Oceania Championship all year round.

## SUPPORTING YOUNG KIWIS

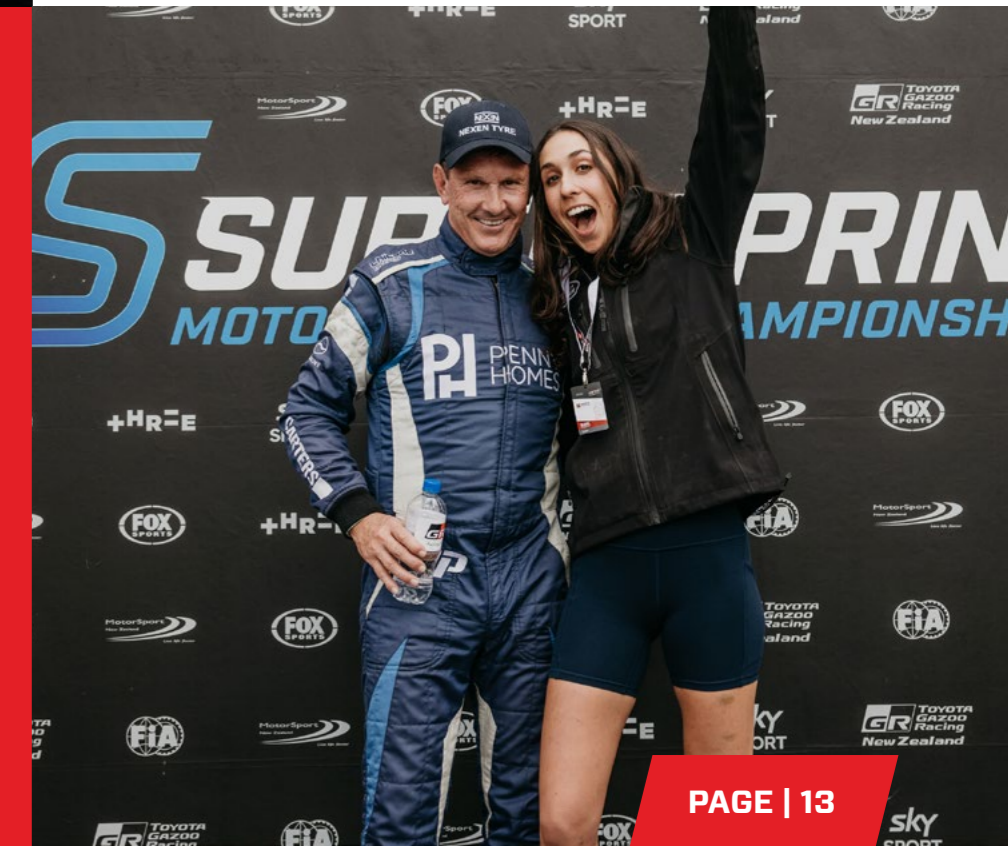
Going into its 11th year, the championship welcomes a fresh draft of talented racers expected to make the racing at each of the six rounds a close-fought battle.

## DRIVER SUPPORT

Drivers in the championship have access to professional technical services including mechanical, electronics and data analysis and receive a substantial rebate on parts with as much as 60% off recommended retail.

## PRIZE PACKAGE

An impressive championship prize pool valued at \$100K.





# PRIZE PACKAGE

**THE TOYOTA 86 CHAMPIONSHIP BOASTS AN IMPRESSIVE PRIZE POOL VALUED AT APPROX. \$100K.**

While the prize details are still being finalised for the 2023/24 season, recent prizes have included a drive in a GR Supra EVO GT4 in the ADAC GT4 Germany Championship at the iconic Nürburgring, Germany, a test with Red Bull Ampol Racing in the Gen 3 Supercar at Queensland Raceway and a drive in the Australia Toyota 86 Championship category at the legendary Bathurst event in Australia.

TOYOTA GAZOO Racing NZ is excited to be able to confirm a prize pool just as impressive in due course.



# WEEKEND FORMAT

On offer is a condensed six round championship, totalling to over **2,500kms**, and **850 mins of track time**. The Toyota 86 Championship is a premier one-make racing series in New Zealand offering young drivers the best stepping stone towards a future career in motorsport.

## THURSDAY

**PACK IN**

## FRIDAY

**PRACTICE SESSIONS**  
3X 20MIN

## SATURDAY

**QUALIFYING**  
20MIN

**RACE 1**  
GRID SET BY  
QUALIFYING  
RESULTS

## SUNDAY

**RACE 2**  
GRID DETERMINED BY  
REVERSING THE TOP 10  
FINISHERS OF RACE 1

**RACE 3**  
GRID SET BY COMBINED  
POINTS FROM RACE 1 &  
RACE 2 - HIGHEST POINTS  
TO THE FRONT



**OVER 2,500KMS AND 850 MINS  
OF TRACK TIME ON OFFER!**

# DRIVER BENEFITS

## YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- ✓ Comprehensive supply of genuine parts at preferential prices at every round.
- ✓ Experienced staff provide engineering and technical support at events.
- ✓ Four complimentary hospitality passes at each championship round.
- ✓ 86 Paddock facility provided at each event.
- ✓ Television, social media, web and professional PR services.

The Toyota 86 Championship takes drivers to some of the most spectacular race circuits in New Zealand.

At every round, cars are on track for practice sessions, qualifying, and at least three races.

Drivers in the championship have access to professional technical services, parts at preferential rates and excellent support services, along with hospitality facilities for which TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand has rightly become famous.

There are ample intervals between races to adjust and refine car set-up, host guests at the Toyota Financial Services Paddock Club over a hot drink or lunch, and to enjoy the 'buzz' of racing as part of New Zealand's premier motor racing series.

An extensive parts and panel inventory follows the championship, available at every round, and the combined knowledge of TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand and Toyota New Zealand is available to competitors who need advice on technical matters.

All of this is included in your series registration fee.

# PROFESSIONAL MEDIA SERVICES

Professional television, social media, web and PR services are part and parcel of the championship.

Images and media information are available for use by all drivers and teams. All results and updates are posts on the TGRNZ Instagram and Facebook channels throughout the race weekend.

The championship encourages drivers to use social media to add to the excitement and inform sponsors, friends and family about their on-track exploits.

The championship has a dedicated TV package and has aired on TV3, Sky Sport in New Zealand, Fox Sport & Kayo in Australia, Pasifika TV over the Oceania region and motorsport.tv livestreamed globally.



# CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES AND AWARDS

## TOYOTA 86 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

At the annual MotorSport New Zealand Awards function, the overall winner (highest overall points scorer from all rounds of the championship) will be awarded the Toyota 86 Championship Trophy.

## PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS

2022/23 Brock Gilchrist - iMac Race Engineering  
2021/22 Rowan Shepherd - Action Motorsport  
2020/21 Rowan Shepherd - Rowan Shepherd Motorsport  
2019/20 Peter Vodanovich - Peter Vodanovich Motorsport  
2018/19 Callum Hedge - CareVets New Zealand  
2017/18 Jack Milligan - CareVets New Zealand  
2016/17 Ryan Yardley - CareVets New Zealand  
2015/16 Ash Blewett - West City Motorsport  
2014/15 Tom Alexander - Ken Smith Motor Racing  
2013/14 Jamie McNee - ETEC Motorsport

## TOYOTA 86 CHAMPIONSHIP ROOKIE OF THE YEAR TROPHY

The title of 86 Rookie of the Year will be awarded to the Rookie driver with the highest overall points.

Note: Criteria applies

## PREVIOUS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR WINNERS

2022/23 Rylan Gray - Action Motorsport  
2021/22 Hugo Allan- The Heart of Racing  
2020/21 Marco Giltrap - Giltrap Racing  
2019/20 Ryan Wood - CareVets New Zealand  
2018/19 Callum Hedge - CareVets New Zealand  
2017/18 Jordan Baldwin - Novus New Zealand  
2016/17 Jack Milligan - CareVets New Zealand  
2015/16 Ryan Yardley - CareVets New Zealand  
2014/15 Marcus Armstrong - Neale Motorsport  
2013/14 Ash Blewett - West City Motorsport

## DRIVERS WILL COMPETE FOR THE COVETED TOYOTA 86 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY, THE TOYOTA 86 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, AND THE MASTER OF THE YEAR TROPHY

## TOYOTA 86 CHAMPIONSHIP MASTER OF THE YEAR TROPHY

The title of 86 Master of the Year will be awarded to the Master driver with the highest overall points.

Note: Criteria applies

## PREVIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

2022/23 John Penny - Action Motorsport  
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2020/21 John Penny - Action Motorsport  
2019/20 Leo Bult - Dark Horse Racing  
2018/19 Leo Bult - Dark Horse Racing  
2017/18 Not awarded  
2016/17 Johny Penny - Penny Homes





# PREMIUM HOSPITALITY

Our Toyota Financial Services Paddock Club is a dedicated premium serviced mobile facility available for drivers, sponsors and guests to enjoy in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

A two-course buffet lunch featuring local cuisine is provided Saturday and Sunday (excluding Supercars).

Tea and coffee is available in our cafe throughout the day as well as free internet access.

Drivers receive four complimentary hospitality passes at each championship round (excluding Supercars round).

This is an ideal environment to host colleagues, VIPs, friends and family, to chat with the racers and experience special events such as podium presentations.

At selected rounds you will also be dining alongside the young stars of the CTFROC, who combined with the 86 drivers are the motor racing names of tomorrow.

This is the finest corporate hospitality available at any race circuit in New Zealand. The commitment from the series really works to create a 'family' ambience for competitors and sponsors alike.

Any questions or special dietary requirements contact Amanda Tollemache - TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand.

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# A ROUTE TO SUPERCARS

Motorsport Australia has recognised the high quality of driving in the New Zealand Toyota 86 Championship and its status in domestic Kiwi motorsport by awarding Supercars Superlicence points to the championship's top performers.

Thirteen points are required to qualify for a Motorsport Australia Superlicence and the winner of the Toyota 86 Championship will get a highly valuable five points towards that total. The championship runner up will receive four points, third place will receive three points, fourth place two points and the fifth place finisher one point.

It now means both TOYOTA GAZOO Racing New Zealand championships offer Supercars licence points with the winner of the Castrol Toyota Formula Regional Oceania Championship awarded ten points.

The links between the ultra-competitive NZ Toyota 86 Championship and the 'main game' series in Australia have been growing in recent seasons, with winners and top rookies appearing in one-off drives in the Australian TR86 series which supports the Supercars Championship at selected rounds and we have past NZ 86 drivers competing regularly in Super 2 and Super 3.

Our 2023 Toyota 86 Champion Brock Gilchrist was also awarded a Triple Eight Engineering Supercars test thanks to the Tony Quinn Foundation.



# SUPERCARS SUPERLICENCE POINTS

POSITION	POINTS
1ST PLACE	5
2ND PLACE	4
3RD PLACE	3
4TH PLACE	2
5TH PLACE	1

### WHAT IS THE CRITERIA ?

To qualify for a Motorsport Australia Superlicence each applicant must satisfy the following criteria:

- Hold a minimum of an FIA International Grade C licence; and
- Be a minimum of 17 years of age; and
- Accumulate a minimum of 13 points under either the FIA (refer ISC Appendix L) or Motorsport Australia Superlicence points system during the five years prior to the application



# THE TONY QUINN FOUNDATION

The Tony Quinn Foundation has increased the amount of financial support it is giving New Zealand motorsport by reaffirming funding for various scholarships for a second year, and teasing a new initiative to help kiwi drivers launch an overseas career.

For the 2022-23 season the TQF has increased their commitment to CTFROC, Toyota 86 and Formula Ford along with a new initiative to help accelerate

Kiwi drivers in their initial offshore career progression.

Budding race car drivers who take part in the Academy programmes at Quinn's Hampton Downs facility are eligible for significant financial support towards competing in the Toyota 86 Championship.

TQF has increased support for the Toyota programmes to over \$100,000. Of that, \$37,500 is

now available for the T86 Academy Shootout winner, who must be a rookie driver.

The major prize for the TR86 Championship in 2022 was a test drive in a V8 Supercar with Triple Eight Engineering, with inaugural winner Rowan Shepherd winning the prize-drive at Queensland Raceway. In 2023 Toyota 86 Championship Brock Gilchrist was awarded a Gen 3 Camaro test with Red Bull AMPOL Racing.



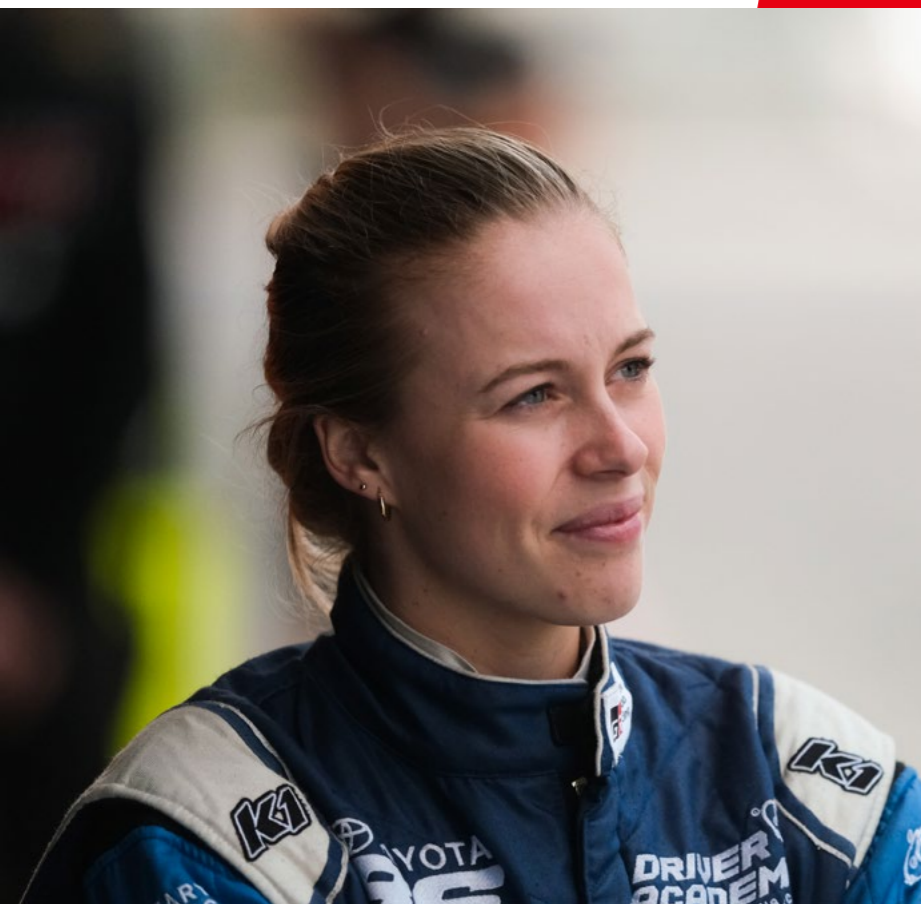
**DRIVER**

**TESTIMONIES**



**BROCK GILCHRIST**  
2023 TOYOTA 86 CHAMPION

*I believe it is a very good stepping stone, the cars all being the same and the level of racing in the series is like nothing else in NZ. Toyota NZ put up an unbelievable prize pool each year that could lead to more opportunities and the TGRNZ team that put so much time and effort into the series has been run flawlessly throughout the past couple of years.*



**CHELSEA HERBERT**  
2021/22 TOYOTA 86  
COMPETITOR

*It is very competitive but with it being like that you know that when you are going well you are matching and beating some of the best young drivers in the country. That's a big incentive to improve and get better.*



**JOHN PENNY**  
2x MASTERS CHAMPION  
(2022, 2023)

*I really think Toyota have got the parity correct within the class. That's across all the critical areas like tyre allocation, race duration, and the reverse grid format in race two which allows the top ten competitors who finished within the top ten of the first race to have a realistic chance of achieving a podium finish. The racing across the whole field is also tightly contested. I love that part of it.*



# TOYOTA 86 CHAMPIONSHIP STATS

<b>2,500</b> KMS OF RACING OFFERED	<b>850</b> MINS OF SEAT TIME	<b>6</b> DIFFERENT RACE CIRCUITS	<b>123</b> NUMBER OF DRIVERS IN THE 86 CHAMPIONSHIP TO DATE	<b>5</b> SUPERCARS SUPER LICENCE POINTS ON OFFER
<b>18</b> NUMBER OF FREE PRACTICE/TEST SESSIONS	<b>NZ\$40</b> COST PER KM OF RACING (ESTIMATED COST)	<b>6</b> NUMBER OF QUALIFYING SESSIONS	<b>10</b> CONSECUTIVE SEASONS COMPLETED	<b>18</b> RACES ON OFFER DURING SEASON





# 2023 SOCIAL MEDIA SEASON STATISTICS

JANUARY 1, 2023 - MAY 12, 2023

4,298,646 TOTAL IMPRESSIONS	163,930 TOTAL ENGAGEMENTS	1589 TOTAL PUBLISHED POSTS	3,760 TOTAL POST LINK CLICKS
12,985 AVERAGE DAILY REACH	47,457 INSTAGRAM POST LIKES	26,906 FACEBOOK REACTIONS	1,004 FACEBOOK POST SHARES
4,454 COMMENTS ON POSTS	15,807 TOTAL AUDIENCE	216,840 TOTAL VIDEO VIEWS	756 PUBLISHED STORIES ON INSTAGRAM

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# 2023 NEWS & TELEVISION COVERAGE

## PRE-SEASON NEWS

66	2,036,949	408	9,240,242
LOCAL NEWS MENTIONS	NATIONAL NEWS REACH	INTERNATIONAL NEWS MENTIONS	INTERNATIONAL NEWS REACH

## IN-SEASON NEWS

39	1,625,797	50	75,334,205
LOCAL NEWS MENTIONS	NATIONAL NEWS REACH	NEWS INTERNATIONAL MENTIONS	INTERNATIONAL NEWS REACH

## TELEVISION COVERAGE

424	206	69	NETWORKS
HOURS OF TV COVERAGE	HOURS OF LIVE TV COVERAGE	LIVESTREAMED HOURS	sky SPORT +HR=E FOX SPORTS PASIFIKATV



# TOYOTA 86

## SEASON BUDGET

### INDICATIVE TOYOTA 86 RUNNING BUDGET

- Series registration and Entry for Six rounds \$8,500
  - Tyres - (4x per round + 2 x spares @ \$320.25 each) \$8,326.50
  - Fuel - .25 ltrs per KM (based on \$3 per ltr) 2300 kms \$1,725
  - Oils - Engine, gearbox & diff \$1,500
  - Brake pads (3 x sets per season) \$1,500
  - Brake rotors (1 x set per season) \$2,000
  - Gear box replacement (1x box per season) \$3,000
  - Consumables \$500 (after rebate)
- TOTAL (excluding GST) **\$27,051.50**

### TR-86 CAR COST

- Average used TR-86 (exluding GST) \$60,000
- Car Lease RRP\* (excluding GST) \$21,000

*\*Depending on availability*





# 2023-24 CALENDAR

R1	TAUPO INTERNATIONAL MOTORSPORT PARK (TAUPO)	17-19 NOV
R2	MANFELD CIRCUIT CHRIS AMON (FEILDING)	26-28 JAN
R3	EUROMARQUE MOTORSPORT PARK (CHRISTCHURCH)	9-11 FEB
R4	HIGHLANDS MOTORSPORT PARK 68TH NEW ZEALAND GRAND PRIX (CROMWELL)	16-18 FEB
R5	HAMPTON DOWNS MOTORSPORT PARK (NORTH WAIKATO)	15-17 MAR
R6*	MANFELD CIRCUIT CHRIS AMON (FEILDING)	19-21 APR

\*Round 6 subject to confirmation of the 2024 Australian Supercars Championship calendar.

## OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## OFFICIAL PARTNERS



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