

# Winch challenge competition rules changes

The following changes have been made in the 2009 rules (version 8) since the 2008 rules (version 7). Only a summary of each altered or new rule has been provided here so be sure to read the rules concerned to make sure you are aware of the full extent of each rule change in this new version.

1.3 (new rule)	Outlining an event's relationship to the NZFWDA and Drug Free Sport NZ.
5.5	Panels now only need to remain equivalent strength as OEM if they encompass the passenger compartment (i.e. doors, windscreen surrounds). The "equivalent strength" requirement no longer applies to other aftermarket panels.
5.10	Removed mention of wooden doors.
8.1	Exhaust must now comply with WOF regulations.
9.3 (new rule)	A battery isolation switch is now required. Read rule 9.3 for requirements.
13.2 (new rule)	Rear-wheel or four-wheel steering is not permitted.
16.7	Wheel spacer requirements changed to be "certified to LVVTA standard".
22.3 (removed)	Duplication of rule 17.3. Rule removed and remaining section 22 rules re-numbered
24.2 d.	A WOF is still required, but the "no older than 28 day" requirement has been removed for those who present a current 4x4 Challenges log book at scrutineering.
24.2 g. (removed)	Duplication of rule 22.2. Rule removed and remaining 24.2 items re-numbered
24.2 g. (previously 24.2.h)	A current 4x4 challenges log book can now be used to show a record of roll cage compliance.
25.15 (moved)	Moved into the competition rules section heading to be a guiding principle which outlines the intent of the competition rules. Remaining section 25 rules re-numbered
26	Section rules re-numbered to fix error from previous version.
26.29	Stowing winch cable penalty now applies to anytime the winch cable is connected to the vehicle via a cable stowing system. See the glossary and rules interpretation for more information.
Glossary	Added entries for 'Stowing the winch cable' and 'Winch operation'.
Rules interpretations	Added rule interpretation for 'Stowing the winch cable'.

All other rules, interpretations, information remain unchanged.