

2025 NSW/VIC Interstate Challenge Scoring

Introduction

Various methods were developed to determine the winning Club in the 2025 competition. All methods were based on the calculation of a score for each MX-5 driver, equal to their benchmark time divided by their fastest laptime during the first five runs, expressed as a percentage. The sixth run was excluded so that the results could be determined by the end of the final run.

Method 1

Points were allocated in order of highest to lowest scores outright, using the standard points system of the NSW Sprint Championship. The 15 Victorian competitors were matched against the best 15 NSW competitors. Under this scheme, NSW had 125 points and VIC had 70 points indicating a winning margin of 79% to NSW. This method excluded 6 NSW drivers from the scoring.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17+
Points	25	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Method 2

As per Method 1, except the points system used by Victoria at the 2024 Interstate Challenge was applied. Under this scheme, NSW had 288 points and VIC had 172 points, indicating a winning margin of 67% to NSW. This method excluded 6 NSW drivers from the scoring.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Points	50	45	41	38	35	32	29	26	23	20	18	16
Place	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24+
Points	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Method 3

Points were allocated in order of highest to lowest scores within each of the four MX-5 classes: Standard, Clubman, Modified and Open. The standard points system of the NSW Sprint Championship was used. Within each class, equal numbers of NSW and Victorian drivers were included. Under this scheme, NSW had 243 points and VIC had 203 points indicating a winning margin of 20% to NSW. This method excluded 7 NSW drivers and 1 Victorian driver from the scoring, however, their rank was included when determining the points for lower ranked drivers. This method can potentially exclude a large number of highly competitive drivers if no entries are received in a particular class e.g. Standard.

Method 4

As per Method 3, except the excluded drivers were removed from the ranking when allocating points to lower ranked drivers (see Clubman). Under this scheme, NSW had 243 points and VIC had 210 points indicating a winning margin of 16% to NSW.

Conclusion

The winner in 2025 was NSW. It is recommended that **Method 2** be utilised for all future editions of this competition because it ensures the fastest drivers in all classes are included and points are shared more broadly across all ranks.



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Class	Cat.	PL	Car	Driver	Make & Model	Time	Benchmark	Score	Method 1		Method 2	
									NSW	VIC	NSW	VIC
1-Standard	1C	1	68	Bryan Shedden	Mazda MX-5 2015	67.715	67.7	99.98%	25		50	
2-Clubman	2F	2	16	John Karayannis	Mazda MX-5 2009	65.808	64.6	98.16%	22		45	
4-Open	4T	3	211	Brendan Beavis	Mazda MX-5 2001	59.873	58.7	98.04%		20		41
4-Open	4N	4	46	Ian Spinks	Mazda MX-5 2016	61.613	60.1	97.54%	18		38	
3-Modified	3B	5	25	Kyle Robinson	Mazda MX-5 1998	66.165	64.5	97.48%	16		35	
1-Standard	1B	6	216	Jason Gilholme	Mazda MX-5 2002	69.042	67.2	97.33%		14		32
2-Clubman	2E	7	351	Glenn Thomas	Mazda MX-5 2009	67.474	65.6	97.22%	12		29	
3-Modified	3B	8	62	Noel Heritage	Mazda MX-5 2000	66.410	64.5	97.12%		10		26
2-Clubman	2F	9	26	Tyler Schaafsma	Mazda MX-5 2017	66.865	64.6	96.61%	9		23	
1-Standard	1B	10	19	Jake Murphy	Mazda MX-5 2001	69.658	67.2	96.47%	8		20	
3-Modified	3B	11	199	Damien Costello	Mazda MX-5 2003	67.243	64.5	95.92%		7		18
2-Clubman	2E	12	168	Craig Girvan	Mazda MX-5 2010	68.909	65.6	95.20%		6		16
2-Clubman	2A	13	14	Joshua Tkac	Mazda MX-5 1992	70.587	67.0	94.92%	5		14	
2-Clubman	2K	14	7	Matthew Thomas	Mazda MX-5 2018	66.053	62.6	94.77%	4		12	
2-Clubman	2E	15	711	Roberto Ferrari	Mazda MX-5 2008	69.227	65.6	94.76%		3		10
2-Clubman	2B	16	141	Maxwell Lloyd	Mazda MX-5 2000	69.655	65.9	94.61%		2		9
2-Clubman	2F	17	169	Jackson Crebert	Mazda MX-5 2007	68.334	64.6	94.54%	1		8	
4-Open	4T	18	76	Ralph Thompson	Mazda MX-5 2005	62.640	58.7	93.71%	1		7	
2-Clubman	2K	19	150	Alan Conrad	Mazda MX-5 2019	66.976	62.6	93.47%		1		6
4-Open	4N	20	188	Randolph Stagno	Mazda MX-5 2021	64.309	60.1	93.46%		1		5
4-Open	4N	21	55	Kutay Dal	Mazda MX-5 1996	65.058	60.1	92.38%		1		4
2-Clubman	2B	22	49	Michael Tarrant	Mazda MX-5 1999	71.678	65.9	91.94%	1		3	
2-Clubman	2F	23	69	Alex Thomas	Mazda MX-5 2007	70.444	64.6	91.70%	1		2	
2-Clubman	2B	24	17	Craig Baird	Mazda MX-5 1996	72.362	65.9	91.07%		1		1
2-Clubman	2E	25	34	Graeme Tierney	Mazda MX-5 2007	72.125	65.6	90.95%	1		1	
4-Open	4N	26	39	Paul Ledwith	Mazda MX-5 1997	66.262	60.1	90.70%		1		1
2-Clubman	2B	27	59	Stephen Fisher	Mazda MX-5 2002	73.078	65.9	90.18%	1		1	
3-Modified	3B	28	381	James Muir	Mazda MX-5 1999	71.890	64.5	89.72%				
4-Open	4N	29	147	Leigh Mummery	Mazda MX-5 1998	67.110	60.1	89.55%		1		1
2-Clubman	2F	30	50	Phillip Reid	Mazda MX-5 2005	72.972	64.6	88.53%				
3-Modified	3B	31	242	Leon Bogers	Mazda MX-5	72.981	64.5	88.38%		1		1
1-Standard	1B	32	163	Keiran Taylor	Mazda MX-5 2001	77.312	67.2	86.92%				
4-Open	4T	33	20	Julian Ascone	Mazda MX-5 1991	67.826	58.7	86.54%				
2-Clubman	2B	34	241	John Downes	Mazda MX-5 1998	76.284	65.9	86.39%		1		1
4-Open	4T	35	56	Lionel Ascone	Mazda MX-5 2004	70.014	58.7	83.84%				
4-Open	4T	36	186	Jamie Collins	Mazda MX-5 SP 2002	73.767	58.7	79.57%				
5-Non-MX-5	5O	1	389	David Phillips	Toyota GR Yaris 2021	64.541						
5-Non-MX-5	5O	2	4	Jason Atkins	Toyota GR Yaris 2024	67.664						
5-Non-MX-5	5O	3	66	Stewart Grigg	VW Golf R 2012	67.672						
5-Non-MX-5	5O	4	5	Joshua Collins	Subaru BRZ 2015	68.624						
5-Non-MX-5	5O	5	24	Aden Schaafsma	Hyundai i20N 2022	70.166						
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