

BMW Race Driver Series

E30 Class Championship Format 2017-2018 season.

A) Qualifying: This will consist of a single qualifying session for the E30 Championship at a time determined by the event organizers.

- 1) If, because of track closure / blockage, weather delays or other external influence, a valid time is not registered for at least 50% of the cars on track for the qualifying session, then all qualifying times will be set aside. However, this does not include individual cars that do not get a valid qualifying time because of their own mechanical failure or accident. Those cars automatically go to the back of the grid.
- 2) 10 bonus points are awarded for the fastest lap. No bonus points will be awarded if the count back system has been used to determine the top qualifier.

B) First Race: Scratch Race

- 1) Scratch race will be gridded from fastest to slowest, followed by those without qualifying times. Full points are awarded as per the attached table, with 10 bonus points awarded for the fastest race lap.
- 2) Cars that are entered and qualified, but unable to compete in the first race will have their grid-place left blank.

C) Second Race: Bracket–Reverse-Grid Race

- 1) Cars that still have no valid lap time after qualifying and Race 1, will be added to the rear of the race group after those groups have been reversed using the ranking system defined in the Qualifying section above.
- 2) Reverse grid race: Using the “best-of-meeting” lap time from qualifying and Race 1, the group is re-sorted, before being reversed. The field is then split into three starting blocks based on the table below, with a blank grid row between each block.

Field Size	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Group 1	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10
Group 2	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10
Group 3	5	4	5	6	7	6	7	6	7	8	9	8	9	8	9	10	11
Field Size	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Group 1	12	12	12	12	12	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	16	16	16	16	16
Group 2	10	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	16	16	16
Group 3	10	11	10	11	12	13	12	13	12	13	12	13	14	15	14	15	14

Block 1 starts at the first fall of the start flag. Block 2 starts 5 seconds later on the second fall of the flag, with block 3 starting at 10 seconds on the third fall of the flag. NB: The groups do not move up for each flag drop – they must stay in their allocated grid position. Points awarded as per the attached table, with 10 bonus points awarded for the fastest race lap.

D) Third Race: Scratch Race

- 1) The entire field will be reclassified, based on points earned to that point of the meeting, including qualifying and fastest lap bonus points
- 2) Drivers who have an equal number of points will be ranked on the grid using a count back of race places from the first two races. If this does not separate one or more drivers, they will be ranked according to their fastest lap to date in that meeting. In the unlikely event that any drivers cannot be separated by the above rules, they will be ranked according to the Qualifying section above. If a car qualifies for a particular place but is unable to make the start for any reason, that grid spot will remain vacant.
- 3) 10 bonus points awarded for the fastest race lap.

1. Championship Structure.

The championship will consist of between five and eight race meetings, with three points scoring races per meeting, along with fastest race lap bonus points, plus a fastest qualifying lap bonus per group. Points are tallied over the season with the following allowances:

a. The two worst race results of a 15, 18, 21 or 24 race championship (including non-attended races) can be dropped. All other race results will be counted, including any non-scoring races.

b. If a minimum season total of five meetings (15 races) is not reached (e.g. because of cancellations) the race committee may decide to count all races. If such a change is to be made drivers will be advised at least 28 days ahead of the final race meeting of the season. If because of a penalty a driver is excluded, disqualified or suspended from one or more qualifying sessions, races, or even complete meetings, then none of those zero-scoring races or qualifying sessions can be “dropped”. This applies in the case of both driver behavior issues and technical infringements and is irrespective of whether the penalty was applied by the meeting organizers, MSNZ stewards or from within the BMW Race Series.

c. If because of a penalty a driver is excluded, disqualified or suspended from one or more races, or even complete meetings, then none of those zero-scoring races can be “dropped”. This applies in the case of both driver behavior issues and technical infringements and is irrespective of whether the penalty was applied by the meeting organizers, MSNZ stewards or from within the BMW Race Series.

d. In the case of more cars than the maximum of the grid being entered for the race weekend. The excess entries will be gridded with the 2.0 litre Class (Provided there are spaces available). These cars and drivers will participate in accordance with the 2.0 litre regulations. However, the finishing positions of E30 Series cars will be set aside from the 2.0 litre finishing positions and points will be awarded as a continuation of the E30 points. Entries will be “First in, First served”

2) Rookie trophy:

Will be awarded in addition to the overall championship. This will be based on the highest placed driver who makes her/his debut in the E30 class during the 2017-2018 season. Previous experience in the Open class, even while driving an E30, does not prevent a driver from being classified as a “rookie” during their first full season in the E30 class.

3) Change of Car:

If a driver uses more than one car during the season, his/her points will be calculated as though it were two separate entries. ie the points will not be added together. This includes a change of engine type between M40 or M20 L-Jetronic or M20 Motronic, but does not prevent a driver from reconditioning his/her existing engine, or replacing it with an identical type of engine, as long as all other series regulations are followed.

The only exception to the “one car” rule would be in the case of irreparable body/panel damage to a car requiring the introduction of a new car. In that case, the driver’s points tally would continue with the new car, provided it had an identical type of engine (but not necessarily the same body type) and that the swap is approved in writing by the Committee, prior to the new car being raced in a BMW event.

1) **Championship Points:** to be awarded for each individual race.

1 st = 200	15 th = 100	29 th = 60	43 rd = 35	57 th = 21
2 nd = 185	16 th = 96	30 th = 58	44 th = 34	58 th = 20
3 rd = 173	17 th = 92	31 st = 56	45 th = 33	59 th = 19
4 th = 163	18 th = 89	32 nd = 54	46 th = 32	60 th = 18
5 th = 154	19 th = 86	33 rd = 52	47 th = 31	61 st = 17
6 th = 146	20 th = 83	34 th = 50	48 th = 30	62 nd = 16
7 th = 139	21 st = 80	35 th = 48	49 th = 29	63 rd = 15
8 th = 133	22 nd = 77	36 th = 46	50 th = 28	64 th = 14
9 th = 127	23 rd = 74	37 th = 44	51 st = 27	65 th = 13
10 th = 122	24 th = 71	38 th = 42	52 nd = 26	66 th = 12
11 th = 117	25 th = 68	39 th = 40	53 rd = 25	67 th = 11
12 th = 112	26 th = 66	40 th = 38	54 th = 24	68 th = 10
13 th = 108	27 th = 64	41 st = 37	55 th = 23	69 th = 9
14 th = 104	28 th = 62	42 nd = 36	56 th = 22	70 th = 8

NB: As per NZMS Regulations, cars must finish to earn points = at least 75% of race distance, with completion of their last lap within 4 minutes of the winner.

Penalties

These are not limited to those written below.

These shall be considered minimum possible penalties to be applied by the race series committee.

1. Tyres found in a condition outside of the series rules: - 25 points per tyre
2. Missing trim: 25 points per missing piece
3. No WOF: -100 Points
4. Camber outside of the series rules: -25 points each side Incorrect
5. Car not presented for weigh-in after Qualifying or Races: No points will be awarded
6. Under the Minimum weight for your class: -25 points for each 5 Kilograms under
Example: 0.01kg- 5kg under =25 Points, 5.01kg- 10kg under =50 points
7. Sway bars found to be outside of the series rules (including links): -25 points
8. Failure to wear a FHR during qualifying or races: 200 point deduction.
9. Anyone found to have threatened or abused an official, competitor, spectator or show behaviour (that in the eyes of the races series) bringing the race series into disrepute shall likely result in expulsion from the race series.
10. Missing Seal: 200 Point deduction