

# BMW Race Driver Series

## Endurance Championship Structure and Format 2017-2018 Season for Open Classes GTA, GTB, GTC, 2 Litre and E30 Series Cars

### Race Formats

- A) Qualifying:** This will consist of up to 2 qualifying sessions for the BMW Endurance Championship at times determined by the event organizers. If you are competing in a 2 driver team, both drivers must do a minimum of one timed lap.
- 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) Competitors who have not competed in any BMW Race Driver Series race previously may be required to start from the back of the grid at the discretion of the Series Co-ordinator.

### **B) Race – Scratch Race 1 hour**

- 1) The Grid is based on the qualifying times defined above from fastest to slowest.
- 2) In the absence of valid qualifying times, the following methods will be used to calculate the qualifying order:
  - a. The cars will be qualified in the order their total points scored to date in the 2017-2018 championship, regardless of which class they are competing in.
  - b. If they are in their first meeting of the season, they will be ranked in the order that they finished the 2016-2017 championship.
  - c. Any drivers unable to be separated by “a” or “b” above, They shall start from the back of the grid. If there are multiple cars these positions shall be determined by ballot.
- 3) All cars start at the same time.
- 4) Finishers earn full points within as per the attached table.
- 5) Where cars are entered and qualified, but unable to compete in the Scratch race, their grid-place will be left blank.

### **Championship Structure**

- 1) Comprises of cars entered and complying with detailed descriptions E30, 2.0 litre, and Open Endurance technical regulations.
- 2) Trophies are awarded for each round to the top three drivers/teams, as well as overall season trophies for the top three overall.
- 3) Between two and four 1 hour race meetings, each one with a point-scoring one hour race.
- 4) Change of Car: If a driver/Team 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 does not prevent a driver from reconditioning their existing engine, or replacing it with a similar type of engine.

- 5) You may have a main driver and a co-driver. Points are allocated to the main driver and their car. You may have more than one co-driver during the season.

### **Compulsory Pit Stop**

Pit Stop: During the 1-hour race, a minimum of one (1) pit stop must be made by each competing vehicle. This pit stop must be made between twenty (20) and forty (40) minutes of the race duration and is not permitted under Red Flag conditions. If the pit stop is completed outside of this time a 50 point penalty shall be applied.

During this pit stop, either:

- a) For a dual-driver teams, a driver change is to be made, or
- b) For single-driver entries, the driver must exit the car, complete a full circuit of the car and re-enter.

Where a driver change is made, the driver about to get into the car should be positioned by the front passenger door of the vehicle, once it stops in the pit bay. The driver who has just driven must exit the vehicle, proceed around the vehicle to the front passenger door and "tag" the replacement driver, who shall then continue the circuit of the car (in the same direction as the outgoing driver) before entering the vehicle.

- 1) You must cross the pit lane entry line no sooner than the 20<sup>th</sup> minute and no later than the 40<sup>th</sup> minute. If your team is judged to have made this stop outside of this compulsory period will result in a 50 point penalty.
- 2) If you do not preform the compulsory stop you/ your team shall be DSQ.

### **Re-fueling**

- 1) If you are intending to re-fuel during the race. You must comply to the Motorsport New Zealand regulations regarding safety and procedures. You must also comply to any regulations, procedures or guidelines required by the Race meeting organiser or the Clerk of the course.

**Championship Points:** to be awarded to the finishers in each class.

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

NB: As per NZMS Regulations, cars must finish to earn points = 75% of race distance and completion of the 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. Not completing the compulsory pit stop: - DSQ
2. Not completing the compulsory pit stop during the compulsory pit stop window: - 50 Points
3. Driver not completing a lap around the car or the co-driver getting in before the driver completes the lap of the car during the compulsory pit stop: - 50 Points
4. Tyres found in a condition outside of the rules: - 25 points per tyre
5. Car not presented for weigh-in after Qualifying or Races: 100 Points and possible disqualification
6. Under the Minimum Weight for your class: -25 points for each 5 Kilograms
7. Failure to wear a FHR During qualifying or races: -200 points
8. 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.