

BMW Race Driver Series

Open Championship Format

2019-2020

A) Qualifying:

This will consist of a single qualifying session for Open Group GT, Open Group A, Open Group B and Open Group C combined 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 Open class 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 within each race group. No bonus points will be awarded if the count back system has been used to determine the top qualifier.
- 3) Competitors who have not competed in the BMW Race Driver Series previously may be required to start from the back of the grid at the discretion of the Series Co-ordinator.

B) Race One – Scratch Race

- 1) Based on the Qualifying times defined above.
- 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 2017-2018 championship.
 - c. Any drivers unable to be separated by “a” or “b” above, their Qualifying order will be determined by ballot.
- 3) All cars start at the same time.
- 4) Finishers earn full points within each race group, as per the attached table.
- 5) Where cars are entered and Qualified but are unable to compete in the Scratch race, their grid-place will be left blank.

C) Race Two – Handicap Race

- 1) Handicaps calculated using the “best-of-meeting” lap times from Qualifying and Race 1 and Race 2.
- 2) In the absence of valid Qualifying times for one or more cars, their times will be calculated using historical data. If no such data exists, then they will receive an assessed lap time, as determined by the Race Series Committee.
- 3) Finishers earn full points within each race group, as per the attached table.
- 4) To discourage “foxing” in Qualifying sessions, drivers will be penalized for “breaking out” of their handicap lap time. If their lap time improves by more than 1.5%, they will receive a 10-point penalty for each break-out lap. To allow for changing track conditions across a meeting, usually because of the weather, this break-out will be measured against the average of the field.

D) Race Three – Handicap Race

- 1) Handicaps calculated using the “best-of-meeting” lap times from Qualifying and Race One and Race Two.
- 2) In the absence of valid Qualifying times for one or more cars, their times will be calculated using historical data. If no such data exists, then they will receive an assessed lap time, as determined by the Race Series Committee.
- 3) Finishers earn full points within each race group, as per the attached table.
- 4) To discourage “foxing” in qualifying sessions, drivers will be penalized for “breaking out” of their handicap lap time. If their lap time improves by more than 1.5%, they will receive a 10 point penalty for each break-out lap. To allow for changing track conditions across a meeting, usually because of the weather, this break-out will be measured against the average of the field.

E) Minimum Lap Times

A minimum lap time has been set for ideal conditions at each existing circuit

Group GT: No Minimum Lap Time

Group A: *Minimum* Lap Times for Group A cars as follows:

Pukekohe 1’09.300

Hampton Downs 1’09.300

Taupo 1’35.000

Manfeild 1’12.000

Group B: *Minimum* Lap Times for Group B cars as follows:

Pukekohe 1’13.000

Hampton Downs 1’13.000

Taupo 1’40.000

Manfeild 1’15.000

Group C: *Minimum* Lap Times for Group C cars as follows:

Pukekohe 1’17.300

Hampton Downs 1’17.300

Taupo 1’45.300

Manfeild 1’19.300

Cars going faster than these times in any Qualifying session or race will be penalised as follows:

- 1) Qualifying – all lap times below the track minimum will be excluded from the results.
- 2) If you go faster than the break-out lap time in any of the three races during the race meeting, the following penalty will apply.

For each lap faster by 0 –00.50 seconds in any one race, a penalty of 10 points will be deducted from your race points.

For each lap faster by 00.51 – 1.000 seconds in any one race, a penalty of 15 points will be deducted from your race points.

For each lap faster by 1.001 –2.000 seconds any one race, a penalty of 30 points will be deducted from your race points.

For any lap faster by 2.000 seconds any one race, a penalty of exclusion from that race will apply.

- 3) Where there has been a material change to the layout of the track during the season, the committee may notify competitors of a new minimum lap time prior to the commencement of a meeting.
- 4) If a competitor breaks out of their class time three times in two races (in a single race meeting), they may be moved to the class above for the rest of the season.

Championship Structure

1. The Open Class comprises of four Groups, with detailed descriptions of each group being included in the Open Class technical regulations.
The four classes are as follows: **Group GT, Group A, Group B and Group C**
2. Each group is run as a separate competition with trophies awarded at each round for each group, as well as overall season trophies for the top three in each group.
However, if there are three or less competitors entered in any one group at a race meeting, only a first place trophy will be awarded in that particular group.
3. Competitors may only compete in one class at any meeting unless moved as required by the Committee.
4. Group A, Group B and Group C: If a competitor exceeds their class eligibility during Qualifying or racing then they may be moved up to the next class.
5. Between five and eight race meetings, each with three point-scoring races and with bonus points for the fastest Qualifying lap 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 the 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 (eg 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.
 - 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 behaviour 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 Driver Series.

6. 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 does not prevent a driver from reconditioning their existing engine or replacing it with a similar type of engine. Similarly, if any technical changes to the car means that it moves from one race group to another, then that will also equate to two separate entries.
7. Non-Series Entrants: If, because of meeting formats, guest drivers etc, there are non-championship drivers running within the Open Class race group, their finishing places will be ignored in determining Open Class Championship points.
8. **Championship Points:** to be awarded to the finishers in each Group.

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

NB: As per MSNZ 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 shall be considered minimum possible penalties to be applied by the BMW Race Driver Series and are not limited to those written below.

1. Failure to wear a FHR During qualifying or races: -200 points
2. 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 BMW Race Driver Series.