

BMW Race Driver Series

E46 Spec Class Championship Format 2021-2022

***Note:** For the 2021-2022 season, the E46 Spec Class will qualify and race in the same grid as the Dunlop E30 Championship. For Race One and Race Two, the Dunlop E30 Championship will start the races at least 30 seconds prior to the E46 Spec Class. For Race Three, both classes will be merged.

1. Qualifying

This will consist of a single Qualifying session for the E46 Spec Championship at a time determined by the event organizers.

- a) If because of track closure / blockage, weather delays or other external influences, 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.
The grid for Race One shall be determined by the points finishing order from the previous round. However, this does not include individual cars that do not get a valid qualifying time because of their own mechanical failure or accident. These cars automatically go to the back of the grid. Ranking for entrants who did not participate at the previous round will be determined by ballot.
- b) If it is the first race meeting of the season and because of track closure / blockage, weather delays or other external influences, 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.
The grid shall be determined by the points finishing order from the previous season's championship finish. 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. Ranking for entrants who did not participate in the previous season will be determined by ballot.
- c) 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 Race One grid.

2. Race One – Scratch Race – 10 laps

- a) The grid for Race One will be set using the fastest to slowest results from qualifying followed by those without valid qualifying times. Those without valid qualifying times shall be ordered by their points standing in the championship to date. If this is the first round and there are cars without a valid qualifying time they shall be ordered in the rear of the grid by ballot.
- b) Cars that are entered and qualified, but unable to compete in the first race will have their grid place left blank.
- c) Full points are awarded as per the attached table.

3. Race Two – Scratch Race – 8 laps

- a) Race Two will be gridded as per the finishing order from Race One.
- b) Cars that have no finishing position from Race One will be added to the rear of the grid. If there is more than one car without a finishing position from Race One the order will be determined by ballot.
- c) Cars that are entered and qualified, but unable to compete in the second race will have their grid-place left blank.
- d) Full points are awarded as per the attached table.

4. Race Three – Handicap Race – 8 laps

- a) The entire field (including the Dunlop E30 Championship cars) will be combined and reclassified based on the “best of meeting” lap times from Qualifying, Race One and Race Two. If no such data exists, then they will receive an assessed lap time, as determined by the Race Series Committee.
- b) 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.
- c) Finishers earn full points with as per the attached table.

5. Championship Structure

The E46 Spec Class Championship will consist of between five and eight race meetings, with three points scoring races per meeting.

Points are tallied over the season with the following allowances:

- a) Point scores from a competitor's two worst competed race results of a championship series will be excluded from their final points tally at the end of the season. Races not competed in will not count as an exclusion unless the competitor at least entered that race meeting and completed the documentation process at the venue. Should extenuating circumstances exist then the Committee, at its sole discretion, may select any race result as a drop. All other race results will be counted, including any non-scoring races.
- b) If because of a penalty a driver is excluded, disqualified, penalised, or suspended from one or more qualifying sessions, races, or even complete meetings, then none of those non-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, MotorSport Stewards or from within the BMW Race Driver Series.
- c) If a minimum season total of five meetings (15 races) is not reached (e.g. because of meeting or race cancellations) the BMW Race Driver Series committee may decide to count all races, which will be advised as soon as practicable.

6. Change of Car

Should a driver use more than one vehicle during the season, providing the vehicle they have changed to is eligible for the E46 Spec Class, points may be carried over.

8. Championship Points

These points are to be awarded for each individual race.

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: Being classified as a finisher will be in accordance with Schedule Z, Article 15.

7. Penalties

These shall be considered minimum possible penalties to be applied by the BMW Race Driver Series committee and are not limited to those written below.

- a) Missing trim: 25 points per missing piece
- b) Camber outside of the E46 Technical Regulations rules: 25 points per each incorrect side
- c) Car not presented for weigh-in after Qualifying or Races: No points will be awarded
- d) 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
- e) Sway bars found to be outside of the E46 Technical Regulations (including links): 25 points
- f) Failure to wear a FHR during qualifying or races: 200 point deduction.
- g) Anyone found to have threatened or abused an official, volunteer, competitor, spectator or show behaviour (that in the eyes of the BMW Race Driver Series) bringing the race series into disrepute shall likely result in expulsion from the BMW Race Driver Series.
- h) Missing Seal: 200 Point deduction