

# BMW Race Driver Series

## Open Class Championship Format

2021-2022

### **1. Qualifying**

This will consist of a single Qualifying session for the Open Class Championships 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.  
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) 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 Coordinator.
- 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 based on the Qualifying times defined above.
- b) In the absence of valid Qualifying times, the following methods will be used to calculate the qualifying order:
  - i. The cars will be qualified in the order their total points scored to date in the 2021-2022 championship, regardless of which class they are competing in.
  - ii. If they are in their first meeting of the season, they will be ranked in the order that they finished the 2020-2021 championship.
  - iii. Any drivers unable to be separated by “i” or “ii” above, their qualifying order will be determined by ballot.
- c) The start for Race One will be a Standing Start in accordance with Schedule Z, Article 8.1 (Standing Starts).
- d) In the instance where a competitor is unable to start the race, their grid box will be left empty.
- e) Finishers will earn points within each race group as per the attached table.

### **3. Race Two – Handicap Race – 8 laps**

- a) The grid for Race Two will be set using the “best-of-meeting” lap times from Qualifying and Race One.
- 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 as per the attached table.
- d) To discourage “foxing” in Qualifying and Race One, 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.

### **4. Race Three – Handicap Race – 8 laps**

- a) The entire field will be 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) To discourage “foxing” in Qualifying, Race One and Race Two, 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) Finishers earn full points with as per the attached table.

### **5. Minimum Lap Times**

- a) 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:

<b>Pukekohe:</b>	1:09.300
<b>Hampton Downs:</b>	1:09.300
<b>Taupo</b>	1:35.000
<b>Manfeild</b>	1:12.000

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

<b>Pukekohe:</b>	1:13.000
<b>Hampton Downs:</b>	1:13.000
<b>Taupo:</b>	1:40.000
<b>Manfeild:</b>	1:15.000

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

<b>Pukekohe:</b>	1:17.300
<b>Hampton Downs:</b>	1:17.300
<b>Taupo:</b>	1:45.300
<b>Manfeild:</b>	1:19.300

- b) Cars going faster than these times in any Qualifying session or Race will be penalised as follows:
- i) Qualifying: As per 1C, 10 bonus points will be awarded to the fastest lap time within each group that is in accordance with the minimum lap times in Section 5.
  - ii) If you go faster than the break-out lap time in any of the three races during the race meeting, the following penalties 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.

## **6. Championship Structure**

- a) The Open Class comprises or 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.
- b) 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.
- c) Competitors may only compete in one class at any meeting unless moved as required by the Committee.
- d) 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.
- e) The Open Class Championships 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:
  - i. 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.
  - ii. 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 non-scoring races or qualifying sessions will be excluded. 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.
  - iii. 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.

## **7. Change of Car**

Should a driver use more than one vehicle during the season, providing the vehicle they have changed to is still eligible to remain in the current class, points may be carried over  
If changing vehicles means changing to another class, this will be treated as a separate entry.

## 8. Championship Points

These points are to be awarded for each individual race.

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

## 9. 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) Failure to wear a FHR during qualifying or races: 200 point deduction.
- b) 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.