



2023 SPORTING REGULATIONS FOR THE FIA EUROPEAN DRAG RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL PRESCRIPTIONS

1. REGULATIONS

- 1.1. The final text of these regulations shall be the English version which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation. The headings in this document are for ease of reference only and do not form part of these Sporting Regulations.

2. GENERAL UNDERTAKING

- 2.1. All drivers, competitors, and officials participating in the Championship undertake, on behalf of themselves, their employees and agents, to observe all the provisions of the FIA International Sporting Code (hereinafter "the Code") and its Appendices, the FIA Drag Racing Regulations: Technical Regulations and Race Procedures and the present FIA European Drag Racing Championships Sporting Regulations.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3.1. There will be four (4) FIA European Championships:
- one for drivers of Pro Modified,
 - one for drivers of Top Methanol Dragsters and Top Methanol Funny Cars,
 - one for drivers of Pro Stock, and,
 - one for drivers of Top Fuel Dragsters.
- 3.2. The General Prescriptions will be observed for these Championships, as will the FIA Drag Racing Technical Regulations and Race Procedures. The Supplementary Regulations of each Event will conform to the Standard Regulations and the Events will be organised in accordance with the Organisation Agreement entered into between the organiser, the ASN of the country of the Event and the FIA.
- 3.3. There will be a maximum of eight (8) Events per year and a maximum of two (2) Events per venue. There must be a minimum gap of eight (8) days between successive Events.
- 3.4. A minimum of three (3) events across at least two (2) different countries will be required in order to award Championship titles each year.
- 3.5. It is strongly recommended that the organiser of the Event organise at least one (1) other drag racing Event in the year in which the FIA European Drag Racing Championship application is made.

4. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

- 4.1. FIA Pro Modified, FIA Pro Stock, FIA Top Methanol Dragster and Funny Cars and FIA Top Fuel vehicles complying with the current FIA Drag Racing Technical Regulations and Race Procedures.
- 4.2. Each vehicle must have a valid FIA European Drag Racing Championship Event logbook. The Event logbook will be issued by the FIA Technical Delegate.

5. TYPE OF EVENTS

- 5.1. The Events will take place on drag strips complying with the specifications as stated in the section "Criteria for Approval of Drag Strips" in the FIA Drag Racing Technical Regulations and Race Procedures. The Event is to be listed on the FIA International Sporting Calendar.
- 5.2. Length of the competition area:
- 1/4 mile (402,33 m) for Pro Modified,
 - 1/4 mile (402,33 m) for Top Methanol Dragsters and Funny Cars,
 - 1/4 mile (402,33 m) for Pro Stock,
 - 1000 feet (304,78 m) for Top Fuel Dragsters.

6. ORGANISATION OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Each organiser, via its ASN, shall supply the information set out in Appendix 1, to the FIA, at least in English, no later than ninety (90) days before the Event, together with the detailed timetable and the Organisation Agreement described hereinafter (Appendix 2). Each Event will be organised in accordance with the Organisation Agreement entered into between the organiser of the Event, the ASN of the organising country and the FIA.

A visa is issued by the FIA for each of the Events, provided that all the documents required by the present regulations have been duly sent to the FIA by the aforementioned deadlines and that they are in conformity with the regulations applicable to the Championship. Each Event must be organised in strict compliance with these documents.

- 6.2. At each Event the organisers must invite all four (4) Championship categories. In certain circumstances and if approved by the FIA Drag Racing Commission, an organiser may invite a minimum of two (2) Championship categories. **The organizer must ensure that the FIA categories will run in a consecutive order. Should any particular conditions preventing such during the event, a new version of the timetable must be agreed with the FIA Race Director.**
 At an FIA Championship Event, the organiser is under no circumstances allowed to run an FIA Championship category in a non-FIA Championship series. FIA Championship categories not taking part in the FIA Championship Event can only be run as an exhibition. Non-qualifiers may be proposed to take part in an exhibition.
Should an exhibition take place during the same event, all competitors participating in the event must be invited under the same circumstances to participate in the exhibition, in order to be able to gain an equal amount of track time. The competitors can accept or decline the invitation at their sole discretion.
- 6.3. At each Event, a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) qualifying sessions (except Top Fuel maximum four (4)) should be scheduled for each category, of which at least one session must be completed. The maximum number of vehicles taking part in first round elimination is sixteen (16) in each category. Each Event organiser has the right to limit the first round of elimination to eight (8) vehicles in each category. FIA Pro ladders must be used. All eliminations have to take place on the final day of the Event unless more than eight (8) vehicles are in the first round of the elimination, in which case the first round can only take place on the day before the final day of the Event or on the final day of the Event. The system of qualifying and eliminations is described in the FIA Drag Racing Technical Regulations and Race Procedures.
- 6.4. The Event organiser should hold a press and media conference before each Championship Event to which the Event organiser will invite press and media.
- 6.5. It is the organiser's responsibility to provide Internet, wifi, email, and telephone facilities at their Championship Event. There is also a requirement for service to press and media before, during and after the Event.
- 6.6. The Panel of the Stewards shall consist of three (3), including the Chairman. The Chairman of the Stewards and second International Steward must be appointed by the FIA, from the FIA Drag Racing Stewards List. The national Steward should also, when possible, be appointed from the current FIA list by his/her ASN.
 The local organiser shall take care of the costs of two (2) Stewards (1 international Steward and 1 national Steward).
- 6.7. For each Event the following will be designated by the FIA:
- 1 permanent Race Director;
 - 1 International Steward, Chairman of the Panel of the Stewards;
 - 1 International Steward,
 - 1 FIA Technical Delegate, who will be responsible for scrutineering and have full authority over the national scrutineers;
- And, if appropriate:
- 1 Medical Delegate;
 - 1 Press Delegate;
 - 1 Observer;
 - 1 FIA Assistant Technical Delegate.
 - The FIA may appoint other delegate(s) whose name(s) must be included in Appendix 1 to the present regulations.
- For each Event, the ASN will designate:
- 1 Steward who is a national of the country of the ASN organising the Event;
 - 1 Clerk of the Course.
- For each Event the organiser will provide a minimum of one (1) FIA Drag Racing Committee approved Scrutineer per fifteen (15) entries.
- 6.8. The championship promotor will be responsible for determining the allocation of minimum travel and running cost compensation that is paid to each competitor. These will be announced by the promotor no later than 1st March each year for that season. These figures will be fixed for the season, however, the promotor can choose to raise or lower all or selected figures after the opening three events of the season. Should they elect to do so, the figures cannot be decreased by more than 20% and the new figures must remain unchanged until the end of that season.
- The Organiser will pay the competitor any due compensation within seven (7) days from the date on which the Event is held.
- ## 7. INSURANCE
- The organiser of an Event must ensure that all competitors, their personnel and drivers are covered by third party insurance. Ninety (90) days before the Event, the organiser, via its ASN, must send the FIA details of the risks covered by the insurance which must comply with the national laws in force. This insurance certificate, written in the language of the country as well as in English, shall be made available to the competitors.
- Third party insurance arranged by the organiser shall be in addition and without prejudice to any personal insurance policy held by a competitor or any other natural person or legal entity taking part in the Competition.
- Competitors taking part in the Competition are not third parties with respect to one another.
- ## 8. COMPETITORS
- 8.1. Competitors must hold on FIA International Competition Licence valid for drag racing and specifically for the category of vehicle to be driven.
- 8.2. Each competitor should display his name together with a decal of his national flag on each side of the driver's compartment on his racing vehicle.
- 8.3. Each competitor must display the FIA European Drag Racing Championship logotype at chest height on the right hand front side of his driver's suit. Minimum size 80 x 80 millimetres.

- 8.4. Each competitor must display the FIA European Drag Racing Championship logotype each side of his racing vehicle. For Dragsters on the outside bottom rear corner of the rear wings spill plates, for Funny Cars on the outside upper rear corner of the rear wings spill plates, for Pro Stock and Pro Modified Cars on the rear quarter panel. Minimum size 120 x 120 millimetre.
- 8.5. To be eligible for any awards the competitor must display the Championship Sponsor and/or Event decals, logotypes and/or badges as required by the Championship Promotor. Position as per the FIA European Drag Racing Championship Promotor instructions.

Championship sponsor (Max. one (1)) (Required for receiving Championship award).

- One (1) decal on each side of the car (maximum size 700 cm² per decal).
- One (1) badge positioned under the FIA European Drag Racing Championship logotype on his driver's suit (Maximum size 32 cm²).

Associated Championship sponsor (Max. three (3)) (Required for receiving Championship awards).

- One (1) decal on each side of the car (maximum size 250 cm² per sponsor and per decal).

Category sponsor (Max. one (1) per category) (Required for receiving Championship and Event award).

- One (1) decal on each side of the car (maximum size 450 cm² per decal).

Associated Category sponsor (Max. three per category) (Required for receiving Championship and Event awards).

- One (1) decal on each side of the car (maximum size 250 cm² per sponsor and per decal).

Event sponsors (Max. two (2)) (Required for receiving Event awards).

- One (1) decal on each side of the car (maximum size 350 cm² per sponsor and per decal).

- 8.6. To be eligible for any awards in the FIA European Drag Racing Championship (series or Event), an FIA European Drag Racing Championship series registration fee has to be paid each year by each competitor in each category to the Championship Promotor at the latest thirty (30) days before taking part in any Championship Event. This single fee is in the sum of €800 plus value added tax (VAT) and covers all rounds of the Championship. This registration fee is in addition to all normal Event entry fees. For application forms contact the FIA European Drag Racing Championship Promotor.
- 8.7. Each competitor must have a current FIA European Drag Racing Championship competition number. FIA Drag Racing competition numbers should be applied for thirty (30) days before taking part in any Event from the FIA European Drag Racing Championship Promotor. In the FIA European Drag Racing Championship, a competitor may use a number from one to ten (1-10) corresponding to his finishing position in the same Championship category the previous year.
- 8.8. The winner and runner-up in each category must attend the relevant prize-giving ceremony and press conferences at the Event to receive any awards and/or rewards, unless extenuating circumstances prevail, at the discretion of the stewards.

9. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSIFICATION

- 9.1. For the FIA European Drag Racing Championship, points are awarded as follows:

Field size	1-2	3-4	5-8	9-16
(Cars)				
1st Round - Loser	-	20	20	20
2nd Round - Loser	-	-	40	40
3rd Round - Loser	-	-	60	60
Runner - Up	20	40	60	80
Winner	40	60	80	100

Additional points are awarded as follows:

- 10 points to all contestants, 1 qualifying run required.
- Qualifying positions earn points as follows:
 - 1st 8
 - 2nd 7
 - 3rd 6
 - 4th 5
 - 5th & 6th 4
 - 7th & 8th 3
 - 9th through 12th 2
 - 13th through 16th 1

After each qualifying session, the top 3 qualifiers in that session. Points to be awarded as follows:

- In Pro Modified, Pro Stock and Top Fuel:
 - 3 points to the quickest ET
 - 2 points to the 2nd quickest ET
 - 1 point to the 3rd quickest ET
- In the Top Methanol category:
 - 3 points to the quickest ET according to the Index
 - 2 points to the 2nd quickest ET according to the Index

1 point to the 3rd quickest ET according to the Index

If at the end of the season a tie exists in a series, it shall be resolved as follows. If, after step one is followed a tie still remains, additional steps are to be followed until the tie is broken:

- A. Review full season of elimination racing between tied contestants. Driver with most “head to head” victories wins tie.
- B. Review full season of elimination racing. Driver who has won the most rounds wins the tie.
- C. Apply tie-breaker points to full season of competition as follows:
 - Event Winner 5
 - Runner-up 3
 - Semi-Finalist 2
 - Quarter Finalist 1

Competitor with the most tie-breaker points wins the tie.

If any portion of an Event is completely rescheduled for any reason, qualified contestants unable to return will be granted an automatic withdrawal, earning no points. If a contestant does not wish to be withdrawn from the postponed Event and desires to receive points earned up until the point of cancellation, the contestant must contact the FIA Race Director.

If the Event is suspended before any qualifying has taken place, all competitors that have successfully passed scrutineering will receive ten (10) points each. If the Event is suspended after the first qualifying session has taken place, qualifying points and first round points will only be issued to the qualifying competitors in accordance with the FIA Drag Racing Technical Regulations and Race Procedures.

Non-qualified competitors will not receive any first round loser points.

If an Event is suspended before or during an elimination round, all competitors still in the elimination at the beginning of that round will receive the losers points for this round.

9.2. Points – General

All points are awarded to the competitor and cannot be transferred under any circumstances. Points are not transferable from one category to another.

If the Event is disrupted and rescheduled due to weather or other conditions after eliminations of that category are in progress, those contestants unable to return will be awarded points up to the round completed before postponement. If a competitor is found guilty of any infraction post Event causing the competitor to lose his points, no points adjustment will be made to the qualifying or elimination results for other competitors.

Attempts to set Low Elapsed Time will not be permitted after qualifying ends, with the exception of those vehicles remaining in category competition. The final run on which a competitor is eliminated will be permitted as a Low Elapsed Time.

The FIA Race Director has the option of allowing competitors whose vehicles have experienced irreparable damage to leave the Event prior to eliminations, yet retain their points and monetary awards. Competitors must notify the FIA Race Director to arrange for this allowance.

Any competitor excluded for major technical non-compliance loses all points for that particular Event.

9.3. Alternates

Once qualifying has been concluded and a ladder has been established, pairings will not be changed. However, should a qualified vehicle and competitor be unable to make the first round of elimination (not reach the bleach box), an alternate can be inserted in their place. The quickest non-qualifier will take the first available space, the second quickest non-qualifier the next available space and so on. When and if this happens is at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course / FIA Race Director.

First round points and cash awards will be kept by the qualified competitor. His vehicle must be on the race track premises at the time the first round commences. Alternates will not receive first round loser points under any circumstances.

The awards paid to the original qualifier will be deducted from the cash awards paid to the alternates. If an alternate competitor is inserted into a rescheduled Event for a non-returning qualifier, the alternate will receive full round points and cash awards.

Alternates progressing further than the first round will then become eligible to earn points (minus the first round loser points which always remain with the original qualifier).

9.4. Exclusion, suspension, disqualification

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Appendix, participation in any programme conducted by or in conjunction with the FIA is conditioned upon being in good standing with the FIA. Any person found guilty of drug or doping-related offences is subject to such disciplinary action as the FIA shall determine appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion, including but not limited to immediate suspension and a termination of his/her good standing. Such person will be immediately suspended from all FIA programs and may not be eligible for points, titles, prize money or other awards which have not already been bestowed, as shall be determined by the FIA. Further, any annual awards which might be granted may be made contingent upon maintaining good standing with the FIA through the year following the annual award, if so determined by the FIA. Further still, any person who shall be facing prosecution for a drug-related offence may be granted such awards on a contingent basis and may not be eligible for annual awards of prize money unless and until he/she shall not have been found guilty for such offences during the year following the award of such prizes if so determined by the FIA.

9.5. Protests and Appeals

Penalties, protests and appeals are subject to the provisions Code, Article 12, 13 and 15. The Stewards may adjudicate on any matter not covered by these regulations and impose penalties in accordance with the Code.

Protests must be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of €1000.

Appeals must be made in accordance with the Code and accompanied by a fee of €3000.

10. BALANCE OF PERFORMANCE AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The balance of performance and adjustments to the technical specifications of the vehicles or the handicap index for the Top Methanol category are carried out by and/or under the control of the FIA Drag Racing Committee.

The FIA Drag Racing Committee reserves the right to adjust some of the parameters as follows:

- **Pro Modified:** minimum weight (Classes), maximum overdrive limits, Turbo Boost limits (Art. 1.13 Supercharger, Art. 1.15 Turbocharger).
- **Top Methanol Dragster:** minimum weight (Class weight breaks), nitromethane percentage on non-supercharged engine, (Class weight breaks), maximum overdrive limits (Art. 1.8 Supercharger).
- **Top Methanol Funny Car:** minimum weight (Class weight breaks), maximum overdrive limits (Art. 1.8 Supercharger).

Top Methanol handicap index system:

Index margins for the class shall be determined and published on the FIA website before the season starts. These margins shall be determined simply by comparing individual class index elapsed-time factors.

Any decision concerning the changing of one or several of these parameters will be notified by the FIA Drag Racing Committee to the competitors at the latest two (2) weeks before the start of the next Event concerned by posting that decision on www.fia.com.

11. ENTRY FORMS AND ENTRIES

- 11.1. Anybody wishing to take part in the Event must send the Official Entry Form, duly completed, by the appropriate closing date, to the secretariat at (complete address, telephone, etc.)
- 11.2. Foreign competitors must have the authority of their ASN in accordance with Articles 2.6 and 3.8 of the Code and Appendix L.
- 11.3. Entry forms which are amended, incomplete or defaced are invalid.
- 11.4. A vehicle may only be entered once. No competitor may drive more than one (1) vehicle in the same category.
- 11.5. The organisers have the right to refuse an entry **without giving any reason stating the ground for such a refusal (Art. 3.14 of the Code)**.
- 11.6. The maximum number of entries in each category for qualification will be thirty-two (32), with a minimum of two (2) entered vehicles in each category.
- 11.7. By the fact of their entry all competitors will be deemed to have declared that the vehicles, team and personnel under their control will comply with all regulations throughout the Event.

12. ENTRY FEES

- 12.1. Entry fee is €260 in local currency per competitor until (Date – maximum one (1) month before the Event). Late entries may be accepted after this date. If accepted, an extra fee of €600 in local currency will be charged.
- 12.2. The entry application will only be accepted if accompanied by the total entry fees or by a receipt issued by the competitor's National Sporting Authority (ASN).
- 12.3. No vehicle will be allowed to start unless the entry fees have been paid in full (if applicable). Additional fees may be payable by a competitor who refuses to carry the organiser's sponsor's advertising.
- 12.4. Ticket allocation included in the entry fee is a minimum of ten (10) for a team, including the driver.
- 12.5. Entry fees may only be refunded:
 - A. to candidates who are not accepted,
 - B. in the case of the Event not taking place,
 - C. in the case of the category being cancelled.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKING

- 13.1. All competitors must report to administrative checking which will be held at a location designated by the event organiser.
- 13.2. The check shall consist of the inspection of all required documents, including the FIA International Licence.
- 13.3. Unless the FIA stewards have granted a waiver, those competitors and drivers who fail to report to checking shall not be authorised to take part in practice and the race.

14. SCRUTINEERING

- 14.1. Any vehicle taking part in the Event must be presented by the driver or his official representative to scrutineering (see Chapter I – Programme). The vehicle must be in race ready condition when presented to scrutineering. Any vehicle arriving after the closure of scrutineering may be refused permission to start.
- 14.2. The organiser may provide a special period for scrutineering for competitors who arrive after the closure of scrutineering and may apply financial penalties which must be specified in Article 13.
- 14.3. All vehicles must comply with the current FIA Drag Racing Technical Regulations and Race Procedures and the FIA European Drag Racing Championship SFI Specification list.

- 14.4. Each vehicle must carry its FIA competition number, displayed on (specify positions) of the vehicle.
- 14.5. Additional scrutineering may be carried out at any time during the Event.
- 14.6. The competitor's safety clothing (protective clothing, helmets, gloves, etc.) and the FIA European Drag Racing Championship Event logbook must be presented with the vehicle at scrutineering.

15. QUALIFYING & COMMON REGULATIONS

The qualifying sessions will be held in accordance with the current FIA Drag Racing Technical Regulations and Race Procedures and these FIA European Drag Racing Championship Sporting Regulations.

15.1. Eliminations

The FIA Pro Ladder system will be used. All qualified vehicles from spot numbers one to eight (1 to 8) will be in the first round of elimination. However, the organisers reserve the right to decide to run larger fields in the first round of elimination if appropriate, without further consultation or notification.

Pairings as per qualifying schedule to be issued at Event (but may be overridden at the Race Director's/Clerk of the Course's sole discretion.)

However, and only for the first round of elimination:

- the competitor with the quickest qualifying time shall have the right to choose in which pairing (first pair, second pair, etc.) to run.
- the competitor with the next quickest qualifying times, in order, shall have the right to choose in which of the remaining pairings to run until all pairings have been selected.

- 15.2. The qualifying and elimination positions will be awarded points in accordance with the FIA Drag Racing Technical Regulations and Race Procedures and these FIA European Drag Racing Championship Sporting Regulations.
- 15.3. A minimum cool down time of ninety (90) minutes is guaranteed between rounds, except for emergencies in exceptional circumstances, and on the decision of the FIA Race Director, when the time might be shortened to seventy-five (75) minutes.
- 15.4. The starting system will use the 3 amber Pro Start. All amber lights are activated (shown) with a 4 tenths of a second delay to the green light start signal.

16. GENERAL CONDITIONS

16.1. Team or crew member

Any individual who is part of a competitor's team or crew must display an appropriate Event pass at all times when in a restricted area.

16.2. Declaration of a Re-Run

Should a timekeeping or marshalling error occur, putting the validity of a result into question, the FIA Race Director, **in conjunction with the Stewards of the event, has the sole right are entitled** to declare that a re-run must take place.

16.3. End of final

At the end of each category final the vehicles shall be taken directly to the designated Parc Ferme area, where they shall remain until officially released.