



FOUNDING MEMBERS' CLUB AWARDS



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!



Foreword

Dear President, Dear Delegate,

As President of the FIA Founding Members' Club, it is my honour to represent the 13 Clubs that, in 1904, laid the foundation of what is today the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile.

I am now proud to invite you to take part in a tradition that continues to honour excellence: the **2025 FIA Founding Members' Club Awards**. These prestigious prizes celebrate and recognize contributions to automobile heritage and will be awarded during the FIA Prize Giving Ceremony, the most visible and high-profile event of the FIA.

In 2025, the Founding Members' Club will award:

- **The FIA Founding Members' Heritage Cup.** Established in 2010, this award honours a personality, institution, event, circuit or restoration project that has made a remarkable contribution to the historic vehicle movement.
- **The FIA Founding Members' Heritage Promotion Cup.** Created in 2024, this award acknowledges efforts to boost the knowledge and consciousness of motoring heritage in society. It seeks to recognize personalities or projects that, while not necessarily rooted in a long motoring heritage, demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting unique contributions to automotive history.

All eligible nominations will be assessed by the Founding Members' Club, which will determine the most fitting award based on the impact and dedication demonstrated.

Your nomination can make a real difference. Nominating someone is a meaningful way to give due recognition to projects keeping motoring history alive and to ensure their dedication gets the recognition it deserves and inspire others to do same.

Please send your nominations and supporting materials to the FMC Secretariat no later than **Monday, 15 September 2025**.

You will find the Application Forms and Awards Guidelines in the following pages.

We look forward to discovering and celebrating your inspiring nominations.

Yours sincerely,

Ludwig Fürst zu Lowenstein
FMC President

Enclosures:

- 1- 2025 Application Form
- 2- FIA Founding Members' Club Awards Guideline



FIA FOUNDING MEMBERS' CLUB AWARDS

2025 Nomination Form

The FIA FOUNDING MEMBERS' CLUB AWARDS honour an individual, institution, an entity, event, circuit or restoration, who/which has made an outstanding contribution or promotion to the historic car movement.

NAME of CANDIDATE being proposed

NAME of NOMINATING PARTY (FIA MEMBER)

Date:

**President
signature:**

Application Deadline: 15 September 2025 at 14:00h CEST

Please return this form along with a complete supporting dossier by e-mail to:

FMCawards@fia.com

Required documentation (*in accordance with Article 8 of 2025 FMC Awards Guidelines*):

- **A presentation in English either in 'Word' or 'PowerPoint' format.** (see specific conditions below), containing at least the following details:
 - contact details of the candidate.
 - a description and relevance of the candidate to be honoured, covering the list of the question specified in Appendix.
- **A short summary of the application** (one–two pages, or 600 words maximum).



“FIA Founding Members’ Club Awards”

2025 Guidelines

Introduction

The FIA Founding Members define the following Guidelines to ensure that each winner of each award is determined in a fair and transparent manner. The List of questions in the appendix constitutes an integral part of these Guidelines.

This Guidelines define the requirements for participation and eligibility to win the Awards and specify the procedure for determining the prize winners.

Art. 1. Purpose

The “Founding Members’ Club Awards” are intended to honour a personality institution, event, circuit or restoration who/which has made an outstanding contribution or promotion to the historic car movement.

Art. 2. Founding Body / Organisation

The “Founding Members Club’s Awards” are awarded by the Founding Members’ Club (FMC) of the Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile (FIA).

The “Founding Members Club’s Awards” are advertised by the FMC Secretariat.

Art. 3. Definitions

- Candidate: the individual, institution, entity or object presented to the Awards. The candidate is the specific project, which can be supported by private individuals and groups of people. Such candidate is eligible if it meets one or several of requirements as presented in article 6.
- Nominating party: the FIA member entity which presents the Candidate to the Awards.
- Prize winner: The individual, institution, entity, object who / which receives one of the FMC Awards in recognition of exceptional or outstanding achievement within or contribution to the historic vehicle world. It is different from the Nominating party.

Art. 4. Trophy

The “Founding Members’ Club Awards” are challenge Cups which are passed on to the respective current prize winners. The name of the prize winners and the year in which they have won are engraved on the trophies. A Replica can be provided to the winners after the original trophy is returned, upon request.

Art. 5. Advertising of the Award

The “Founding Members’ Club Awards” are awarded annually. The “Founding Members’ Club Awards” will be launched prior to the award ceremony by writing to the FIA member clubs. Should no candidate meet the necessary requirements, the FMC might decide to not award one or both Cups. The founding body decides on the implementation of the award ceremony.

Art. 6. Eligibility / Candidates





Private individuals and groups of people who meet one or several of the following requirements shall be eligible to win the Awards:

1. (Organisers of) Events such as competitions/races, rallies or concours d'élégance of international relevance that have a great influence on the historic car movement and that boast a long-standing tradition/history; for eligibility of the event itself to win the award.
2. Private individuals who make or have made an outstanding contribution of international relevance to the historic car movement, such as drivers, entrants, racing or rally legends, designers, photographers, writers etc. Such eligible candidates may include deceased personalities.
3. Institutions that make an outstanding contribution of international relevance to the historic car movement, such as museums, collections, archives, etc.
4. (Persons in charge of) Circuits or non-competitive motoring venues of international relevance that are of outstanding importance to the historic car movement; for eligibility of the circuit itself to win the award.
5. (Persons in charge of) Restorations of vehicles, buildings or venues or other automobile- related entities of international relevance that are of outstanding importance to the historic car movement; for eligibility of the restoration itself to win the award.

Persons, who with their contribution to the historic car movement pursue a primarily economic purpose, shall only be eligible to participate/win if they demonstrably make part of their profit available to/invest it in/use it for the benefit of the historic car movement (e.g. by promoting motoring to young people etc.). In case of doubt, the judging panel (cf. Art. 9) shall make the final decision concerning the approval for participation. In any case, it is not subject to legal recourse.

Eligible candidates who have not already won the Awards previously may apply multiple times to win the award; however, no more than 3 times over a period of 10 years. Prize winners may apply again after 10 years or if the nature of their contribution to the historic car movement has changed significantly.

Art. 7. Application

Any eligible candidate in accordance with art. 6 of these Guidelines **can exclusively be nominated by a FIA member club.** The number of applications per club per year is limited to one. It is foreseen to send the initial call for nominations ahead of the summer break. The application can be submitted electronically to the FMC Secretariat in accordance with the documents advertising the Awards.

Nominations can be received until 15 September 2025 (14:00h CEST); applications after this deadline will not be considered.

Upon submission of the application, the candidates consent to their application being published in a suitable format.

Art. 8. Content of the Application

Applications must be submitted electronically with a **presentation in English** either in 'Word' or 'Powerpoint' format. The presentation should be no more than 2'000 words and no more than 10



type-written pages of A4, with font size 12. It may be a combination of text and imagery, but submissions should seek to answer the questions relevant to the category, as well as the general questions in the List of Questions set in Appendix. All information must be contained in the submission, links to websites may be included but no warranty is given that such links will be reviewed.

The presentation shall also be accompanied by a **mandatory short summary** of the application (one–two pages, or 600 words maximum).

The presentation must at minimum include the following:

- a. contact details of the candidate;
- b. a description of the service to be honoured (cf. List of questions in Appendix);
- c. further details in accordance with the List of questions specified in Appendix.

Candidates may submit by email an audio-visual presentation of a maximum duration of 3 minutes in a current and easily displayable format. Nominating parties also can also propose to present the candidate (maximum 5-minutes presentation) during the relevant Founding Members' Club meeting, whether in person or remotely.

Letters of endorsement to a Candidate can be admissible, but only when the activities of the candidate have a direct impact on, or directly involves the endorsing entity. If this were not to be the case, such letters would be considered as letters of support and hence, dismissed.

Art. 9. Judging Panel

The judging panel selects the prize winners from the received applications.

The judging panel consists of the members of the FMC. It evaluates the received applications and determines the prize winners by means of a majority decision. As the chair of the judging panel, the President of the FMC has the deciding vote. A majority of the FMC members must be present or represented for the selection process. The decision of the judging panel is final and cannot be contested. It is not subject to legal recourse.

Art. 10. Selection Process

The selection process for each Award shall be in two rounds, if required. The judging panel shall determine the prize winner from amongst the applications that meet the necessary requirements as follows:

During the first round, the two candidates with the highest number of points are determined in accordance with a 3-point system. In doing so, every member of the judging panel can award 3 points. Any represented votes of the members of the judging panel not present shall be included.

During the second round, the members of the judging panel present shall select the prize winner from the two candidates determined in round 1 by voting for one candidate (1 vote for 1 candidate). Any represented votes of members of the judging panel not present (except if present via video /audio conference) shall no longer be taken into consideration. The candidate with the most votes wins the Award.

Abstention from voting shall be permitted in both rounds.



Art. 11. Announcement of the Prize Winners

The Chair of the judging panel shall decide the elements of disclosure and the way the prize winners will be announced.

Art. 12. Award Ceremony

The "Founding Members' Club Awards" is generally awarded during FIA's Prize Giving or Annual General Assemblies although this can change in certain years on decision of the FMC. It can also be awarded at two different events should the judging panel see fit. The prize winners and merit are presented and honoured.

The FMC Heritage Cup and the FMC Heritage Promotion Cup consists of temporary trophies which will each be held by the winners during the year following the awards, and permanent trophies replica can be provided to the winners at the end of that year, if requested.

The media communication will be decided by the founding body.

Art. 13. Documentation of the Prize Winners

The founding body shall keep a record of the prize winners and maintain continuous documentation.

Art. 14. Declaration of Commitment

These Guidelines (incl. Appendix) shall be issued to applicants and the candidates interested in participating. Upon submitting their application, the candidates acknowledge these Guidelines as binding.

Art. 15. Final Provision

These Guidelines were approved in by the members of the FMC and are currently in force.



Appendix to 2025 Guidelines

List of Questions on the “FIA Founding Members' Club Awards”

1. All Categories

In accordance with Art. 8 of the Guidelines, the presentation of candidates in all categories must at minimum include details on the following:

- Has the nomination contributed significantly to the broadening of awareness of motoring and in particular historic motoring among the wider population?
- Has it served to promote the value and contribution of the motor car to society in general?
- In what way is the nominee's outstanding contribution to the historic car movement of international relevance?
- What provision, if any, is there to ensure the long-term security of the designated activity? Funding etc.
- Is there any specific evidence that distinguishes the nominee's contribution? Duration and/or quality, international or national recognition from other recognised bodies, participant/visitor comments?
- If the purpose is predominantly economic: To what extent is an economic contribution made to the benefit of the historic car movement?
- A brief summary (max. 50 words) of why it/they should be awarded the Founding Members' Club Awards.

2. Events

If the nomination is for an event (cf. Art. 6, item 1 of the Guidelines), in addition to the questions applying to all categories listed in item 1 of this list, at least the following details must be provided:

- What is the history of the event and what is its origin? How long has it been running?
- Is it a stand-alone event or part of a series?
- What is the organisational structure, e.g. private individual, members' club, commercial organiser etc.?
- About the nature of the event: Is it open to all or by invitation only? How many participants (national and international) are there? How many spectators are there?

3. Personalities

If the nomination is for a private individual (cf. Art. 6, item 2 of the Guidelines), in addition to the questions applying to all categories listed in item 1 of this List, at least the following details must be provided:

- In what discipline(s) of sport and in what role has the nominee made his contribution? Driver, entrant, organiser, marshal etc. (more than one role possible).
- Evidence of success and/or contribution: Results, awards etc.?
- Identify the duration of contribution.
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- Is the nominee voluntary or paid, professional or amateur?



4. Institutions

If the nomination is for an institution (cf. Art. 6, item 3 of the Guidelines), in addition to the questions applying to all categories listed in item 1 of this list, at least the following details must be provided:

- Over what period has the museum/collection/archive been in existence?
- What is the theme of the collection? Is it specific to a particular marque, period or style of motoring? or What is the outstanding contribution to the historic car movement of the institution?
- Is it still being actively developed?
- Does it have an educational element?
- Is it open to the public or by invitation?

5. Circuits/Venues

If the nomination is for a circuit/venue (cf. Art. 6, item 4 of the Guidelines), in addition to the questions applying to all categories listed in item 1 of this list, at least the following details must be provided:

- What is the history of circuit/venue: Is it new or old? Is it still in active use? If old, how has it adapted to modern safety requirements?
- What has been the impact of the circuit? What types of events are hosted, what categories race there? Does it seek to serve all branches of motor sport?
- How many visitors attend the circuit during the season? Are attendance figures rising?
- What other activities, if any, have been developed, including non-motoring?
- Is there evidence of new initiatives to develop interest in motoring/motor sport?

6. Restorations

If the nomination is for a restoration (cf. Art. 6, item 5 of the Guidelines), in addition to the questions applying to all categories listed in item 1 of this list, at least the following details must be provided:

- Details of the vehicle, building or entity restored and its history and significance to motoring.
- Was the restoration performed by amateur or professional, volunteer or paid staff?
- Were there any specific demands that the restoration made? Parts sourcing/manufacture, establishing provenance, researching vehicle history?
- To what degree, if at all, is it a restoration or recreation?
- Does it conform to and perform its original aims and objectives?
- Is the vehicle on public display?



