

Midlands Regional BMX 2021 Race Series



Technical Guide

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Welcome and Purpose

Welcome to the 2021 regional race series which will take place at 5 different venues in the Midlands region subject government restrictions. The Midlands are proud to be able to host such events and that can only be possible with the help of volunteer officials and host clubs, so please be respectful when attending an event.

The purpose of the regional race series is to give a platform for riders of varying experience to step up from club level racing to a more wide and competitive racing. There are beginners' classes called "Novice" which are to support riders new to the sport and "Expert" classes for the more experienced riders. More information on these classes is covered later in this guide.

So please enjoy the 2021 regional race season and we hope you have fun safely.

Midlands Race Team

Communication

The primary form of communication for the Midlands region is our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MidlandsRegionalBmx>

Please check our Facebook page regularly, especially prior to any event as events are subject to change sometimes at short notice in poor weather conditions.

Regional email address is **midlandsbmx@outlook.com**

Event Schedule

The following is a list of BC registered Regional Midlands events:

Event	Date	Location	Postcode	Registration Open	On-line Registration Closes
Round 1	27th June	Nottingham	NG6 8GN	31st May	26th June @ 12noon
Round 2	4th July	Leicester	LE9 3BN	31st May	3rd July @ 12noon
Round 3	11th July	Telford	TF4 3JS	31st May	10th July @ 12noon
Round 4	25th July	Redditch	B98 0EU	31st May	24th July @ 12noon
Round 5	1st August	Derby	DE24 8QQ	31st May	31st July @ 12noon

Midlands Regional Regulations

Scope of this Document

The following regulations relate to the 2021 Midlands Regional Summer Series and should be read in conjunction with the British Cycling Regulations of BMX Racing. Anything not covered in this document will be governed by the most recent version of the British Cycling BMX regulations. Link to the 2021 handbook:

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/media/other/BC-Handbook-Revision-February.pdf>

British Cycling Membership and Race Licence

BC Membership

A rider who wishes to ride in an **Expert** class must hold a valid British Cycling silver or gold membership for the duration of the race series. A full race licence is not required.

Novice riders must also hold a valid British Cycling membership at any level. This is usually free for the first year. This is to ensure we have all the appropriate contact details and the rider is covered under the event insurance.

Race Age

A rider's race age is calculated by subtracting the rider's year of birth by the current year.

Example: A rider born in 2006 will have a race age of 15 (2021 - 2006 = 15).

Race Classes for the 2021 series

Expert 24" (Cruiser)	BC Ranking	Eligible ages for this class
Cruiser 9-12	BMX Regional B	9-12
Cruiser 13-14	BMX Regional B	13-14
Cruiser 15-16	BMX Regional B	15-16
Cruiser 17-29	BMX Regional B	17-29
Cruiser 30-39	BMX Regional B	30-34, 35-39
Cruiser 40-44	BMX Regional B	40-44
Cruiser 45-49	BMX Regional B	45-49
Cruiser 50+	BMX Regional B	50+
Female Cruiser 13-16	BMX Regional B	13-14, 15-16
Female Cruiser 17-29	BMX Regional B	17-29
Female Cruiser 30+	BMX Regional B	30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45+, 45-49, 50+

Expert 20" (BMX) - Female Only	BC Ranking	Eligible ages for this class
Female 6 & Under	Non-Ranking	6 & Under
Female 7	Non-Ranking	Female 6, Female 7
Female 8	Non-Ranking	Female 7, Female 8
Female 9	BMX Regional B	Female 8, Female 9
Female 10	BMX Regional B	Female 10, Female 9
Female 11	BMX Regional B	Female 10, Female 11
Female 12	BMX Regional B	Female 11, Female 12
Female 13	BMX Regional B	Female 12, Female 13
Female 14	BMX Regional B	Female 13, Female 14
Female 15	BMX Regional B	Female 14, Female 15
Female 16	BMX Regional B	Female 15, Female 16
Female 17+ (Prize Money)	BMX Regional B	Championship Female, Elite Female, Female 16

Expert 20" (BMX) - Male & Female	BC Ranking	Eligible ages for this class
Male 6 & Under	Non-Ranking	6 & Under
Male 7	Non-Ranking	6 & Under, Male 7
Male 8	Non-Ranking	Female 7, Female 8, Male 7, Male 8
Male 9	BMX Regional B	Female 8, Female 9, Male 8, Male 9
Male 10	BMX Regional B	Female 10, Female 9, Male 10, Male 9
Male 11	BMX Regional B	Female 10, Female 11, Male 10, Male 11
Male 12	BMX Regional B	Female 11, Female 12, Male 11, Male 12
Male 13	BMX Regional B	Female 12, Female 13, Male 12, Male 13
Male 14	BMX Regional B	Female 13, Female 14, Male 13, Male 14
Male 15	BMX Regional B	Female 14, Female 15, Male 14, Male 15
Male 16	BMX Regional B	Female 15, Female 16, Male 15, Male 16
Male 17-29	BMX Regional B	Female 16, Junior Men, Male 16, Male 17-24, Male 25-29
Superclass 17+ (Prize Money)	BMX Regional A	Champ Female, Elite, Female 16, Junior Men, Male 16, Male 17-29, Master
Master (30+)	BMX Regional B	Master
Grand Veteran (50+)	BMX Regional B	Grand Veteran
Veteran (40+)	BMX Regional B	Veteran

Novice (Beginners) Male & Female	BC Ranking	Eligible ages for this class
Novice 7 & Under (Mixed)	Non-Ranking	Beginners Only 4, 5, 6, 7
Novice 8 - 10 (Mixed)	Non-Ranking	Beginners Only 8, 9, 10
Novice 11 - 13 (Mixed)	Non-Ranking	Beginners Only 11, 12, 13
Novice 14 - 16 (Mixed)	Non-Ranking	Beginners Only 14, 15, 16

Riding up an Age Class

An expert rider can race up 1 race class without permission. Any rider wishing to ride up 2 or more classes will need written permission from a British Cycling coach **prior** to the event.

Novice CANNOT ride up.

Merging of Classes

A minimum of 4 registered riders shall constitute a competitive class.

If less than the required numbers of riders are registered, they will be merged with the class above. If that does not meet the minimum of 4 riders then the classes will continue to be merged with the one above until the combined class meets the minimum of 4 riders.

The following will always be merged in the following way:

- Female 15 + Female 16 to Female 17+
- Cruisers will register in their age classes, but racing will only have 4 classes:
 - Junior Cruiser (Mixed 9-16)
 - Female Cruiser (Female 17+)
 - Male Cruiser (Male 17-39)
 - Vets Cruiser (Male 40+)

Registration and Race Fees

All entrants MUST register on the British Cycling website: <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/bmx>

ON-LINE REGISTRATION ONLY – NO ON THE DAY ENTRY

Expert classes are all £15.00 + £1.00 BC booking fee.

Double Expert bike (same rider) discounted price of £25.00 + £1.00 BC booking fee.

Novice classes are all £10.00 + £1.00 BC booking fee.

On-line registration is open for several weeks before the event, so we cannot except any responsibility for people missing the deadline which is 12:00noon the day before the event.

Regional Race Series Points

The following points system will be used for each Midlands round

Finishing Position	Moto Points (per moto)	C Final	B Final	A Final
1	8	24	47	76
2	7	22	44	68
3	6	18	41	65
4	5	16	38	62
5	4	15	35	59
6	3	12	32	56
7	2	10	29	53
8	1	8	26	50

Example: A rider winning each of their Moto's and the A Final will score $8+8+8+76 = 100$ Series Points

Race Series

Novice Classes

A rider can only race 1 season in the Novice beginner's class. They must then progress to Expert. A Novice rider can move up to Expert at any point during the season. Once in Expert the rider must stay in Expert.

Novice classes are not part of the regional race series so **WILL NOT**:

- Score any regional ranking series points
- Qualify towards the minimum rounds to race the British Championships
- Qualify towards the minimum rounds to race Nationals

However, there will be a separate participation series results on Sqorz so you can see how riders are progressing.

Expert Classes

Best of points will also be 4 from any 5 rounds in that specific class.

Regional Prize money is £200 per regional race and will be given to the following 2 classes:

- Female 17+ 1st = £50 2nd = £30 3rd = £20
- Superclass 17+ 1st = £50 2nd = £30 3rd = £20

Prize money will only pay out when there are 4 or more riders in that class.

If classes are merged into these prize money classes, then all riders compete for the prize money as a single merged class.

British Championships Regional Qualification

The British Championships are a club and region-based event and all competitors must be members of BC affiliated clubs in the BMX region they have qualified through.

The British Championships are only open to **Expert** riders. All expert category riders must **complete a full race including final/4th moto** in a minimum of 2 different Midlands regional events in their primary class (20" or Cruiser) within the same BMX region and a minimum of 2 Midlands regional events in their secondary class.

IMPORTANT: With the year cut short due to Covid-19, a rider can ride with either their club or Midlands race shirt. The Midlands will not be providing a free shirt due to lack of rounds to fund this year.

Number Plates

All riders must use a plate displaying the number with which they have registered. Riders displaying a different number to what they have registered on maybe relegated to last place +2 points.



Side plates are mandatory in expert classes and must display the same numbers on both sides and match the number they have registered on. Same relegation rule applies for incorrectly numbered side plates.

Transponders

The Regional Series will be using a transponder scoring system featuring Sqorz online race software and MyLaps transponders. Link: <https://our.sqorz.com/org/midbmx>



ALL riders competing in our series MUST have an active **MyLaps Pro Chip Flex** transponder registered to each bike they compete on – Transponders cannot be shared in any circumstances at an event. Any other type of transponder is not allowed. This is the BC standard. Novice can hire for free.

It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that the transponder is fitted correctly to their bike. Transponders should be fitted to the left-hand side of the forks, as far down the fork leg as possible.

Transponders can only be fitted to the outside or inside of the forks. Any other position will be deemed as cheating and this may result in disqualification.



At each event the rider must scan-in at the Admin area with their transponder fixed to their bike/bikes. Transponders will be scanned, and rider details confirmed. **No scan, no race.**

By having your transponder scanned and agreeing that rider details are correct the rider/parent accepts all responsibility for their rider at our event.

A rider racing without a working active transponder will not be scored.

Hire Transponders for Novice ONLY

The Region have a stock of 60 transponders that are available for hire at our races for beginners to the sport.

These blue units can be hired for free up to the 60 limit with a minimum deposit of £10 which will be returned once the transponder is returned at the end of racing.

Hire transponders remain the property of Midlands Regional BMX and any rider not returning a transponder immediately after racing faces sanctions in regard to future hire at races, non-entry to future events and recovery costs.

Code of Conduct

Midlands Regional BMX is a volunteer non-profit organisation that is dedicated to promoting the sport of BMX racing. We encourage good behaviour and sporting respect from all riders, parents and supporters at all times. The race team reserve the right to withdraw a rider from the event if the rider, parent or associate is found to have behaved in contravention of the code of conduct guidelines. This will also include notification to British Cycling of any incidents.

Final Words

We genuinely hope you enjoy racing in the Midlands and it is only possible with volunteers taking time out of their day to deliver the great events we all enjoy. Please consider joining the team and helping out or becoming a qualified Commissaire/Official. It's great for personal development!

Have a fantastic 2021 season, stay safe and have fun!

Midlands Race Team