

Midlands Regional BMX 2023 Race Series



Technical Guide

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Welcome and Purpose

Welcome to the 2023 regional race series which will take place at 9 different venues in the Midlands region. 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 more competitive racing and qualification to Nationals & the British Championships. 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 2023 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

Please refer to the British Cycling website for the latest information on the scheduling of the 9 events.

Midlands Regional Regulations

Scope of this Document

The following regulations relate to the 2023 Midlands Regional Race 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 which can be found on the BC website.

British Cycling Membership and Race Licence

BC Membership

All riders who wish to ride in an **Expert or Novice** 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.

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 17 (2023 - 2006 = 17).

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 or ride in clips.

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 into Superclass Female
- 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 riders 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 £17.00 + £1.00 BC booking fee.

Double Expert bike (same rider) discounted price of £29.00 + £1.00 BC booking fee.

Novice classes are all £12.00 + £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 overall series standings will be based on a riders best SEVEN rounds from the NINE events.

Riders will receive points based on overall finishing position of each round. Points available for each round can be found below:

POSITION	POINTS	POSITION	POINTS	POSITION	POINTS	POSITION	POINTS	POSITION	POINTS
1st	200	17th	60	33rd	29	49th	13	65th	4
2nd	180	18th	58	34th	28	50th	12	66th	4
3rd	160	19th	56	35th	27	51st	11	67th	4
4th	150	20th	54	36th	26	52nd	10	68th	4
5th	140	21st	52	37th	25	53rd	9	69th	4
6th	130	22nd	50	38th	24	54th	8	70th	4
7th	120	23rd	48	39th	23	55th	7	71st	4
8th	110	24th	46	40th	22	56th	6	72nd	4
9th	100	25th	44	41st	21	57th	5	73rd	3
10th	95	26th	42	42nd	20	58th	5	74th	3
11th	90	27th	40	43rd	19	59th	5	75th	3
12th	85	28th	38	44th	18	60th	5	76th	3
13th	80	29th	36	45th	17	61st	5	77th	3
14th	75	30th	34	46th	16	62nd	5	78th	3
15th	70	31st	32	47th	15	63rd	5	79th	3
16th	65	32nd	30	48th	14	64th	5	80th	3

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
- Be able to wear clip shoes

However, there will be a separate participation series results on Sqorz so you can see how riders are progressing. There will be no end of season trophies for Novice riders.

Expert Classes

Regional Prize money is given to the following 2 classes:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Superclass Female	£80	£70	£60	£40	£35	£30	£25	£20
Superclass Male	£80	£70	£60	£40	£35	£30	£25	£20

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

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 is a region-based event, and all competitors must be members of BC affiliated clubs in the BMX region they have qualified through.

The British Championships is only open to **Expert** riders. All expert category riders must **complete a full race including final/4th moto** in a minimum of 5 different Midlands regional events in their primary class (20" or Cruiser) within the same BMX region and a minimum of 3 Midlands regional events in their secondary class.

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 with £10 deposit.

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.

New transponders should be purchased from the UK reseller: <https://hssports.co.uk/sales/mylaps-prochip-flex-personal-transponder/>



At each event the rider must scan-in by either doing a practice lap or manually at admin only during the registration times in the schedule.

It is the responsibility of the rider / parent to ensure details are correct on Sqorz and they have checked-in correctly. No scan, no race.

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

Hire Transponders for Novice ONLY

The Region have a stock of 80 transponders that are available for hire at our races for beginners to the sport on the day of racing – no need to reserve.

These blue units can be hired for free up to the 80 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 of £80.

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 compliance 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 2023 season, stay safe and have fun!

Midlands Race Team