

# Rules - BM Sprint Series

## 1. Basic provisions

- a. BM sprint series (hereafter also just as BMss) is an amateur car competition on closed circuits.
- b. BMss consists of multiple scored races, points from races are counted into overall series standings.
- c. The organizer is BM racing s.r.o.
- d. Dates, results and other information about the competition are available on the website [race.bmracing.cz](http://race.bmracing.cz).

## 2. Technical requirements

- a. All cars can participate in the competition - passenger and race cars with no modification restrictions.
- b. The vehicle must be in a condition suitable for use on roads or on a race track.
- c. There must be no operating fluids leak on the vehicle.
- d. The vehicle must meet the conditions of given circuit, especially the noise level limits. The car will be excluded from the race day in case of infringement of these rules.
- e. The vehicle must be equipped with brake lights and a rear direction indicator.
  - i. There is an exception for monoposts and race cars that are not equipped with those lights. The exception is approved by the organizer.
- f. The vehicle must have functional seat belts and properly attached seats.
- g. In the case of seat belts without road E homologation, the belts must have FIA homologation - valid or expired.
- h. The organizer recommends a fire extinguishing system or placing a fire extinguisher in the car.
- i. Before the start of the competition - qualification practice and technical inspection of the vehicles will take place and the organizer will evaluate the condition of the car and its admission to the track, vehicle modifications and its placement into class.

## 3. Entry fee and registration

- a. A person over 18 years of age with a valid driver's license can participate in the BMss competition. Possible exceptions can be approved by the organizer on the basis of an individual agreement.
- b. Registration for the competition and payment for participation takes place online at [race.bmracing.cz](http://race.bmracing.cz).
- c. Upon arrival at the competition venue, competitors must hand in a completed and signed drivers declaration, pass the technical inspection of the vehicle and receive a starting number.
- d. The BMss includes:
  - i. qualification practice ~3h
  - ii. competition ride 15-20 min
  - iii. winners podium
  - iv. optional afternoon free rides ~4h
- e. Competition day schedule, announcement of the number of measured laps in competitive ride, determination of overtaking zones and other information are always published on the website and Facebook page at least 7 days before the competition.

## 4. Course of the race

- a. BMss is a non-contact car competition, which is based on achieved lap times, not track position.
- b. The result is calculated as the sum of the times for a given number of consecutive laps with a flying start. The number of laps is always determined individually for each track so that the entire measured competitive ride lasts 15-20 minutes.
- c. The number of cars on the track during the competitive ride is limited by the organizer in order to minimize the interactions between cars on the track.
- d. The cars are lined up for the start of the competition according to the fastest lap time from qualifying practice.

- e. Qualifying practice:
  - i. free rides before the competition itself are considered as qualifying practice according to time schedule
  - ii. after the end of qualifying practice it will be evaluated by the organizer and the starting list will be compiled
  - iii. the competitors are required to familiarize themselves with the starting list after the end of qualification practice
- f. Course of the race session:
  - i. competitors from the specified class (or more classes according to the instructions of the organizer) line up at the beginning of the pit lane behind the safety car in order according to the starting list with sufficient advance before the start of the given race session
  - ii. with the organizers signal the competitors set off for 1 unmeasured warm-up lap behind the safety car
  - iii. the measured competitive laps begins after the safety car has entered the pitlane
  - iv. after all competitive laps have been completed, the competitive ride of each car is finished by the checkered flag
  - v. the last competitive lap is followed by 1 unmeasured cool-down lap and the entry into the pit lane
- g. BMSS takes place on closed race tracks. Competitors must comply with the conditions of the given track as well as the regulations of the country in which the competition takes place.
- h. Competitors are required to participate in a debate before the start of the competition.
- i. After the end of all measured competitive rides, the winners of all classes are announced.

## **5. Division into classes**

- a. Competitors are divided into classes according to the power to weight ratio of their car (kw/kg).
- a. Classes and its parameters are described in rules attachment.
- b. The organizer reserves the right to reassign a competitor to any class.

## **6. Traffic rules during competitive ride**

- a. During the entire warm-up lap, overtaking is prohibited - yellow flag rules do apply.
- b. The distance between the cars in the warm-up lap and at the start of the first measured lap is determined by the competitors themselves. However, the distance to the previous vehicle must never be more than 4s.
- c. Overtaking is prohibited throughout the first measured lap. The exception is an obvious mistake by the competitor in front (driving off the track, loss of control over the car, significant slowing down from the racing pace, etc.).
- d. In the event of a mistake and returning to the track, the competitor must not limit other competitors.
- e. Using a defensive line and defending the position on the track is prohibited during the entire competitive ride.
- f. Overtaking is allowed. The overtaking competitor is responsible for the overtaking maneuver. The organizer calls for using definite maneuvers and increased caution.
- g. An overtaken competitor must not unexpectedly change the race line or brake unexpectedly.
- h. Forced overtaking system:
  - i. To ease possible overtaking and minimize situations with the risk of contact, the principle of forced overtaking is established with the following rules.
  - ii. Overtaking zones are determined on each circuit, always in a clear section of the track (straight).
  - iii. In the overtaking zone, the competitor checks the distance from the car driving behind him.
  - iv. If the car behind the competitor is less than 2 car lengths behind, the competitor is obliged to allow forced overtaking.

- v. The place for enabling forced overtaking is chosen by the competitor himself, but it must be done no later than until the end of the next overtaking zone.
- vi. The overtaken competitor informs about enabling forced overtaking by using the direction indicator. The indicated direction determines to which side is the competitor dodging to.
- vii. After a forced pass, the faster racer may ignore these rules for 1 lap.
- i. Fair play and an honest approach to racing and other competitors apply throughout the whole competition.
- j. Traffic on race circuit is controlled by flags and/or traffic lights along the track. The meanings of this signals are:
  - i. white flag - very slow moving vehicle ahead
  - ii. yellow flag - danger on track. It is mandatory to slow down, take extra care and be ready to change direction suddenly. Overtaking is forbidden!
  - iii. red flag - race/ride is interrupted. It is mandatory to slow down and be ready to stop the car and get into pitlane. Overtaking is forbidden!
  - iv. blue flag - signal to let faster car to overtake (this signal is not used in BMss). Also signals cars on track at the pitlane exit
  - v. green flag - track is free with no danger, overtaking is allowed
  - vi. yellow flag with red stripes - track adhesion has changed, for example due to operating fluids leak
  - vii. black flag with orange stripe - vehicle has a technical problem and has to pit-in for repairs
  - viii. black flag - disqualification from event
  - ix. checkered flag - finish of the race
  - x. yellow traffic light = yellow flag
  - xi. red traffic light = red flag
  - xii. green traffic light = green flag
  - xiii. blue traffic light = blue flag, mostly used at the pitlane exit

## 7. Penalties

- a. Penalties are set for disobeying the rules:
  - i. the car does not have a starting number - start is not allowed
  - ii. the distance in the warm-up lap was not respected - 5s up to disqualification;  
the distance check takes place when passing the finish straight on the approach to the first measured lap
  - iii. the competitor did not start his measured ride - disqualification
  - iv. the competitor does not have a valid lap time from the qualification - start is not allowed
  - v. overtaking in the first timed lap - 20s
  - vi. violation of the rules of forced overtaking - 5s
  - vii. use of the defensive line - 10s
  - viii. disrespecting the yellow flag - disqualification
- b. The organizer can award penalties for other unwritten events according to his judgement.

## 8. Other race conditions

- a. Compliance with the rules is checked based on a record from on-board camera located in the car.
- b. Each competitor provides the on-board camera himself - the device itself, its placing, turning it on for the measured ride...
- c. In case the competitor does not submit a record of a disputed event, the event will not be resolved as a protest by the organizer.
- d. Protests regarding the measured ride can be submitted to the organizer no later than 10 minutes after the end of the measured ride. Along with the protest, the competitor must also provide a record of the event to which the protest relates.
- e. Alcohol and narcotic substances are prohibited all day - the organizer can check this at any time during the day.

- f. Competitors are required to use a protective helmet (FIA or E homologation for road traffic) and have proper fastened seat belt during all rides. Same rule applies for co-driver if present.

**9. Scoring and ranking**

- a. Points are scored in each BMss race in accordance to drivers position in each class.
- b. Points from individual races are added to overall season ranking.
- c. Overall season rankings will be announced after the last race of the season.
- d. Table of points scored in each race:

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
points	25	18	15	12	10	8	6	4	2	1

**10. Responsibility and final provisions**

- a. By signing the legibly completed application/declaration of participation in the BMss, the participant undertakes to comply with the provisions of these rules, as well as the recommendations and notices issued by the organizer and given circuit rules as well as circuit employees instructions.
- b. Breaking the provisions of these rules and the recommendations and communications of the organizer can result in exclusion from the event by decision of the organizer.
- c. The organizer is not responsible for any damages and events caused by the participants of the BMss competition in relation to third parties and their property and in relation to the participants of the event.
- d. Any damages caused by BMss participants are their own responsibility.
- e. Each competitor participates in the competition at his own risk.
- f. Cases not covered by these rules are decided by the organizer.
- g. The organizer reserves the right to change the rules and course of the competition during its duration, with the participants being informed of the changes.
- h. BMss participants and other persons who move around the event area acknowledge and agree that they may be photographed or videotaped. These materials can be used by the organizer at its own discretion, primarily for promotional purposes.
- i. The organizer obtains a free non-exclusive license in all areas of use of all photographic and video material created during the BMss. The organizer may use these materials in particular to promote and advertise the organizer and the organizer's supporting entities.

**11. List of attachments**

- a. drivers declaration
- b. Division into classes