

BMX East Region 2021 Race Series



Technical Guide

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Welcome and Purpose

Welcome to the long awaited 2021 regional race series which will take place at 5 different venues in the region. The region is proud to be able to host such events and that can only be possible with the help of unpaid volunteers 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 wider and more competitive racing. Under normal circumstances there are beginners' classes called "Novice" which are to support riders new to the sport and "Challenge (often known as Expert)" classes for the more experienced riders but unfortunately for this year we are unable to offer the Novice categories. 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!

BMX East Race Team

Communication

The primary form of communication for the region is the Region's Facebook page and website

<https://www.facebook.com/BMX-East-346588148684865/>

<http://bmxeast.com/>

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 Series Events

The following is a list of BC registered Regional events:

Round 1 Peterborough May 30th

Round 2 Norwich June 27th

Round 3 Braintree July 11th

Round 4 Milton Keynes July 25th

Round 5 Royston August 1st

Other Regional Events this summer

EA Champs Ipswich September 26th (This does not form part of the Regional Series)

COVID19 Situation

Each host club is required to complete and apply a comprehensive Covid Risk assessment for their venue and date based around the British Cycling Guidelines available on the BC website.

This means that where you are based around the track may not be a free option – please ensure you follow the clubs information for this.

For the early rounds this might also extend to a ban on gazebos or similar and spectating will be limited to the national guidance in force at the time.

BMX East Regional Regulations

The following regulations relate to the 2021 Regional Summer Series and should be read in conjunction with the British Cycling Regulations of BMX Racing applicable from March 1st 2021. Anything not covered in this document will be governed by the most recent version of the British Cycling BMX regulations available on the BC website at https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/bmx/article/bcst_rulebook_and_constitution

British Cycling Membership and Race Licence

BC Membership

All regional expert racing linked to British Championships qualification is only available to riders who hold a valid British Cycling silver or gold membership for the duration of the race series.

Race Licence

A race licence is not required for this level of event.

Race Age

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

Example: A rider born in 2011 will have a race age of 10 (2021 - 2011 = 10)

Race Classes for the 2021 series

Novice

Unfortunately due to the Covid situation we are unable to offer Novice racing in 2021

Male

6 under, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 -29, Superclass (17+), Masters (30+), Veteran (40+)

At most rounds the following classes will be merged (11-12, 13-14, 15-16) after registration to provide bigger classes and more competitive racing.

Superclass is a payback class for any rider 17 yrs and over or 15 / 16yrs by application to the Regional Committee.

Female

6 and Under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17+

Girls may elect to ride their own class or the equivalent age Male Class – No riding down a class. Classes may be merged on the day.

Cruiser

9-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-29, 30-39, 40-44, 45+, Female 13-16, 17-29 and 30+

The following Cruiser classes may be merged after registration to provide bigger classes and more competitive racing.

9-12 and 13-14 – designated as 14 and Under

15-16 and 17-29 – designated as 15-29

30-39, 40-44 and 45+ - designated as 30+

Girls may elect to ride their own class or the equivalent age Male Class – No riding down a class. Classes may be merged on the day.

Riding up an Age Class

A 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. **Please be aware** that once you have moved up an age you will **not be able** to return to your natural age until the following year.

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 combined with another suitable class.

Registration and Race Fees

All entrants must register on the British Cycling website – there is no On Day entry except for 2nd bike entries – see below

On Line Entry please go to: <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/home>

Expert classes are all £16.40 that includes the BC booking fee

Second bike (same rider) can be entered on the day for a discounted price of £10.00. This needs to be done directly with the Admin team on the day.

On-line registration is open for several weeks before the event, so we cannot accept any responsibility for people missing the deadline which is 23:55 on the Friday night before the event.

Regional Race Series Points

The following points system will be used for each 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 Motos and the A Final will score $8+8+8+76 = 100$ Series Points

Race Series Awards

Expert Classes

A rider must compete in 4 of the 5 Regional rounds to qualify for an end of season trophy.

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

Superclass Payback will only be possible where there are more than 4 riders in the 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.

Only open to expert riders. All expert category riders must **compete** in a minimum of 2 East Region Series events in their primary class (20" or Cruiser) and a minimum of 2 East Region Series events in their secondary class.

IMPORTANT: Once a rider has qualified at the end of the series the region will provide a number plate sticker and side plate stickers for the Brits - **please remember to bring the rider's front plate as this year the region will only be providing a front plate sticker & side plate stickers.**

For the 2021 British Championships only, riders can use a current club shirt, a current East Region shirt or a current national shirt – due to the financial constraints caused by the Covid Situation the region will not be providing new shirts for 2021.

Number Plates

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

BMX East allow Regional Series riders to choose which plate they use but they must use the plate and number colour combinations specified for the class in which they are racing as given in the BC regulations.

CHAMPIONSHIP Elite - White plate, black numbers Junior - Black plate, white numbers

CHALLENGE Male/Boys - Yellow plate, black numbers Female/Girls - Blue plate, white numbers

CRUISER All - Red plate, white numbers

Riders may use a race number which can be generated from one of the following:

- Regional Yellow plates with black regional standings numbers and the ".3" regional postscript
- Their National standing from the previous year. A rider who is riding out of the class in which the standing was achieved must be identified with an "X".
- A current World Championship finalist may use their W1 - 8 Plate until the next World Championships.
- A current European Championship finalist may use their E1 - 8 Plate until the next European Championships. In the event of a clash of numbers, the A rider who is riding out of the class in which it was won will must be identified with an "X"
- A current British Champion may use their "01" plate until the next British Championships
- In the event of a clash of numbers, the rider who is riding out of the class in which it was won will must be identified with an "X" or as requested by Race Administration

If none of the above applies, the last three digits of the riders British Cycling membership number must be used.



Side plates are not mandatory in expert classes at regionals but where fitted 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 2021 Regional Series will be using a transponder scoring system featuring MY SQORZ online race software and MyLaps transponders. Link: <https://our.sqorz.com/org/eastbmx>



All expert 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.

The South Region have made a great video of how to fit a transponder so please watch it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hZTwEpWrkA>

Riders must sign-in at the Admin area with their transponder fixed to their bike/bikes. Transponders will be scanned, and rider details confirmed. 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 transponder will not be scored.

Hire Transponders

The Region has a limited number of transponders that are for hire per event. These units can be hired at the cost of £5 per race and must be returned immediately after racing finishes. A £20 deposit must be left with race administration which will be returned to the rider when the transponder is returned.

Hire transponders remain the property of East BMX Region and any rider not returning a transponder immediately after racing faces sanctions regarding future hire at races and non-entry to future events.

As the number of units is limited these will be distributed on a first come - first served basis with priority being given to riders who have registered on-line prior to the event. Should there be insufficient numbers to rent then any race fees will be refunded.

Race Clothing

– Extract from the full regulations which apply to practice and racing

Jersey

A rider's jersey must be a loose-fitting long-sleeved jersey. Jerseys used in BMX Events must be of a type specifically sold for use in BMX, motocross or Mountain Bike Downhill. Custom produced jerseys of this type and matching these requirements are permitted.

Please Note Skinsuits or one-piece suits comprising of the jersey and the pants are not permitted for use in BMX Events. Jerseys with zips are not permitted, aside from a zip at the collar less than 10cm long. The jersey must be either close fitting around the waist or tucked into the pants before the start to not cause interference.

Pants

The rider must wear either long pants, or shorts combined with suitable knee and shin protection. Such long pants or shorts must be of a type that are specifically designed and sold for use in BMX, motocross or Mountain Bike Downhill. Custom produced pants or shorts of this type and matching these requirements are permitted. Long pants must be loose fitting, of one-piece construction and made of tear resistant material. They must cover the entire length of both legs until just above the shoe or ankle.

Shorts must be loose fitting, of one-piece construction and made of tear resistant material. They must be worn together with leg protection that covers the entire knee and the entire shin until just above the shoe or ankle. Such protection must be of a type that is specifically designed, constructed and sold to protect the knee and entire shin for BMX, motocross or Mountain Bike Downhill.

Please Note. Pants or shorts composed of tight fitting stretch material are only permitted to be worn if under acceptable long pants or shorts, or to cover acceptable knee and shin protection, or under or as part of the construction of that protection.

Gloves

Full Finger gloves must be worn.

Helmets

When participating in an Event, a rider must wear a properly fitting helmet of a hard-shell construction which must comply with the Discipline Specific Regulations. The helmet strap must be securely fastened whilst participating in the Event. Helmets must be of full-face construction equipped with a visor peak measuring at least 10cm.. Any added aerodynamic accessories on helmets are not permitted.

Code of Conduct

BMX East Region is a volunteer 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. We genuinely hope you enjoy racing in the East and its only possible with unpaid volunteers taking time out of their day to deliver the great events we all enjoy. Please consider joining the team and helping out or even becoming a qualified Commissaire or official.