

## **BMW Race Driver Series**

### 2024-2025 Teams Championship Regulations

#### **1. Objective:**

The objective of this championship is to encourage Team establishment and involvement, to encourage participation at all rounds, to grow the series by appealing to new Teams to become involved and to further the Series profile through increased awareness generated by Teams.

To provide recognition of Team input in addition to individual driver recognition, create a colourful pit area and encourage a high standard of vehicle presentation.

To further series awareness by incentivising Teams to promote the series, compete in all races and series events, and to further the series culture of community and camaraderie.

#### **2. Eligibility:**

In order to be eligible to compete for the Teams Championship, the following criteria must be met:

In all cases the acceptance of a Teams Entry is subject to the approval of the BMW RDS and subsequent registration of the Teams Entry into the Teams Championship. Please refer to Appendix D for eligible Season Events.

- 2.1 The Team itself (in addition to individual drivers) must be accepted into the series and be a financial member of the BMW Race Driver Series and will be bound by the same rules and regulations as any series member.
- 2.2 All Team Drivers must be current financial members of the BMW Race Driver Series competing in the sprint series at a minimum.
- 2.3 All Team vehicles must remain at all times eligible to compete in their respective classes in all aspects.
- 2.4 All Team vehicles must be presented to a standard meeting the criteria of a Teams Vehicle (see Appendix A)
- 2.5 All Team vehicles must pit in the same area or adjacent to each other so to present a Team.
- 2.6 Team branding must adorn the Pit Area in such a manner as to clearly identify the vehicles contained in that Pit area as belonging to a specific Team.
- 2.7 Team members, comprising of at least the Drivers of each vehicle must present at events wearing Team branding in such a manner as to clearly identify the individuals as belonging to a specific Team.

Should a Team fail to remain compliant with the Eligibility Criteria as set out above, then that Teams registration will be placed on hold and no further points will be gained, from the time formal notification by the BMW RDS is provided, until such time as the criteria is met and formal notification of the Teams registration reinstatement from the BMW RDS is provided.

Continued failure to meet the Eligibility criteria for more than 2 rounds, will result in the Teams registration being revoked for the remainder of the season.

#### **3 Team Composition:**

- 3.1 A Team shall comprise of a minimum of **TWO** vehicles, and a maximum of **FOUR** vehicles.
- 3.2 Each Team vehicle and Driver must comply with clauses 2.1, 2.2.

- 3.3 Vehicles may be entered in any class within the BMWRDS sprint series, Teams may include vehicles from any combination of classes.
- 3.4 Each Team shall present a designated Team Representative for each round, only that representative shall be the liaison between the Team and the BMWRDS in relation to Teams Championship issues.
- 3.5 Requests to change, add or remove vehicles from the Team shall be made in writing no less than 3 Days prior to any event. The change will only be valid once written approval from the BMWRDS is provided prior to the event. Under no circumstances may a substitution be made during an event. In all cases, all Team Vehicles must meet the Eligibility Criteria in Appendix A
- 3.6 Any Teams Vehicle shall only score points for the Team in one nominated Class in any given event.
- 3.7 Teams shall declare to the BMWRDS in writing, the quantity of vehicles that shall be considered to belong to that Team, along with the respective Class and Race Number of each vehicle at least 3 days prior to any event.
- 3.8 Each Team shall stipulate an email address to which all correspondence relating to the Teams Championship will be sent.

#### 4 Championship Points:

Registered Teams will compete for the **Teams Championship** held in conjunction with the regular BMWRDS Sprint Series and other events as determined by the BMWRDS Committee and listed in Appendix D.

The Winner of the Teams Championship will be the Team that finishes the season with the most points. They will receive the Teams Championship Trophy for that season.

Trophies will be presented for the season results as per the table below:

Number of Teams Entrants	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Overall Trophy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Overall Trophy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Overall Trophy
< 4	✓	✗	✗
>4, <5	✓	✓	✗
>5	✓	✓	✓

**Teams gain points** throughout the season based on the following categories.

##### 4.1 Race Points

Race Points allocated to a Team for each meeting will be the sum of all points accrued by declared Team vehicles in each event, divided by the quantity of vehicles registered to that Team for that event. (See item 3.7 )

Drops for individual competitors do not affect Team Points, i.e., Team Points are not subject to drops.

##### 4.2 Social Media / Series Awareness Points

Points may be rewarded for a Teams social media / Series Awareness work based on the criteria and limited to the points table detailed in Appendix B.

In order to be eligible for these points, a Team must submit an application outlining the social media and other series awareness work they have achieved to the BMWRDS in accordance with Appendix B. This application must be made using the BMWRDS website form only.

Points will be awarded up to the maximum permitted under Appendix B based only on the information provided as above.

Submission of Point Requests under this item are not mandatory, it is at the discretion of each Team. Should a Team choose not to participate in this point scoring option, no penalty will be incurred, and no such additional points will be awarded.

#### **4.3 Culture / Community Points**

Points will be awarded for a Teams community spirit in relation to the BMWRDS limited to the points table detailed in Appendix C.

Some examples of activities that would qualify for these points may include:

- Providing vital assistance to other series competitors or Teams.
- Volunteering within the series or for the Motorsport Club
- Providing Hot Lap rides for volunteers and or Scholarship applicants at the annual Scholarship track day.

In order to be eligible for these points, a Team must submit an application outlining the community spirit activities they have been involved in, to the BMWRDS not less than 20 days following the completion of the last sprint round of the season. This application must be made using the BMWRDS website form only.

Points will be awarded up to the maximum permitted under Appendix C based only on the information provided as above at the discretion of the BMWRDS Committee.

It is vital that Teams contribute to the community spirit of the BMWRDS, promote the series in a good light, and generally add value to our amazing series. The Points allocation incentivise these activities.

**4.4 Team Point Deductions** also apply when any Team Member and or Driver receives a penalty or point deduction.

Any point deduction or penalty received by a Team Member and or Driver either for a driving incident, or a series related endorsement, will automatically result in the same number of points being deducted from the Teams total point score in addition to any individual penalty imposed.

In addition, penalties may be imposed on a Team and subsequent point deductions made, or a Teams entry in the Teams Championship may be revoked at the discretion of the BMWRDS Committee as per the same general rules and provisions of any series entrant which each Team agrees to when entering the series.

#### **4.5 Communications**

Each Team shall use a nominated email address that shall be provided to the BMWRDS.

All communications regarding the Teams Championship shall be to and from that email address.

All correspondence to the BMWRDS shall be via email to [bmwrksteams@gmail.com](mailto:bmwrksteams@gmail.com)

**All point applications must be made using the web form on the BMWRDS website only.**

#### **4.6 General**

By entering the Series, all Teams agree with and shall adhere to the BMW Race Driver Series "Culture Document".

Acceptance of any entry into the Teams Championship is at the sole discretion of the BMWRDS Committee.

## **Appendix A: Team Vehicle Criteria**

In order to be eligible for the Teams Championship, vehicles must adhere to the following standards as a minimum in addition to the respective class regulations in all aspects.

Vehicle livery is free in terms of uniformity between Team Vehicles, i.e., vehicles do not need to be uniform in livery design.

Team Branding is not required to be displayed on Team Vehicles however is permissible.

## Appendix B: Social Media / Series Awareness Points

*Submission of Point Requests under this item are not mandatory, it is at the discretion of each Team. Should a Team choose not to participate in this point scoring option, no penalty will be incurred, and no such additional points will be awarded.*

Points will be awarded for social media / Series Awareness activities performed by each Team on the following basis.

Teams are responsible for providing evidence of such promotion to the BMW RDS for each eligible event as listed in Appendix D. Applications must be made using the BMW RDS website form only.

Teams shall submit point request documentation not later than 2 weeks following each specific event.

Activities that qualify for these points include posting on social media, Website promotion and news events either social media, website, print or main stream media channels

In order to allow the application to be considered, Team point request application documentation should include as a minimum:

- Name and Date of Event
- Link to content ( social media link )

To be eligible for points under this section, all claimed activity must reference content that contains:

- Positive mention of and links to the BMW RDS website or social media account
- Back Story of the Event
- Photos
- Narrative relating to the event / Team news etc.

Points will be awarded using the following calculation.

- Quantity of core / original qualifying claimed activities / posts. x1

( Only core activity will be measured, i.e., subsequent re-posts, will not count for evaluation nor will multi-platform posts for same content be considered as separate point scoring actions)

Points will be awarded for all claimed eligible awareness activities with the same factor of 1, e.g. social media post receives the same factor as a print article.

### **Point allocation.**

Points will be awarded to Teams following evaluation of all submitted applications no later than 3 weeks following each event.

The score from each Teams applications will be compared to establish the ranking from highest point score to lowest and points will be awarded according to the table below for each event.

In the event of a tie, the tie will be decided in favour of the first application received.

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Points	50	45	40	30	25	20	15	10	5

## Appendix C Culture / Community Points

*Submission of Point Requests under this item are not mandatory, it is at the discretion of each Team. Should a Team choose not to participate in this point scoring option, no penalty will be incurred, and no such additional points will be awarded.*

Points will be awarded for Culture and Series related Community spirited actions performed by each Team on the following basis.

Teams are responsible for providing evidence of such actions to the BMWRDS for each eligible event as listed in Appendix D.

Teams shall submit point request documentation not later than 2 weeks following each specific event.

Activities that may qualify for these points include volunteering at BMRDS events, volunteering for the Motorsport Club, sharing resources with other competitors, and displaying good sporting behaviour towards other competitors, volunteers and the series community in general.

In order to allow the application to be considered, Team point request application documentation should include as a minimum:

- Name and Date of Event
- Nature of the action
- Supporting information (if applicable)

The intention of this point scoring opportunity is to encourage participation and camaraderie within our sport. As competitors we all have a general obligation to achieve this in any case, therefore applications for points under this category shall only be considered for significant actions over and above the normal expectations of a series member.

Examples of the type of situation where point allocation may be considered include:

- Using Team Vehicles to take scholars for Hot Laps at the Scholarship Day
- Three or more Team Members volunteering for Motorsport Club duties on more than one occasion throughout the season, with supporting confirmation from TMC.
- Offering key assistance in replacing a fellow competitor's engine between races

**Applications for points under this category will be considered at the end of each season.**

Applications from each Team shall be provided to the BMWRDS committee no later than 3 weeks after the last event listed in Appendix E. Applications must be made using the BMWRDS website form only. Applications received from non-team-related people will also be considered. i.e., anonymous applications will also be considered if the content meets the criteria in all aspects.

### **Point allocation.**

Applications from Teams will be evaluated, and points issued at the sole discretion of the BMRDS Committee. A set amount of **50 Teams Championship points will be allotted per approved instance.**

The BMWRDS may elect to decline, accept, or combine any application for points under this category at their sole discretion and that decision will be final.

## Appendix D Teams Championship Dates / Events

The following lists contains events that are applicable to the Teams Championship for the 2024 – 2025 season.

- BMWRDS Scholarship Day – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024
  
- BMWRDS Sprint Series 2024 -2025 ( all rounds ) commencing September 2024
  
- BMWRDS Endurance Series 2024-2025 ( all rounds )