



Regulations 2017



Introduction

Future Classics is a motor racing series catering for pre 97 model Production Saloons, Hatchbacks, Coupes, Estates and GT cars that would not really fit into any other Irish Saloon Car Racing Series. The regulations are kept to a minimum and are fairly straight forward. However these regulations must be adhered to ensure fair competition to all drivers competing. The organisers have a dedicated website running for the Future Classics Racing Series and it is kept up-to-date with all information regarding the class, including race series standings, driver info, photo gallery and news. It can be accessed at www.futureclassics.eu. There is also a Facebook page that is also kept up-to-date live throughout race weekends. www.facebook.com/FutureClassicsRacing

Sporting Regulations 2017

1 Lap Time Barriers

1.1 A lap time of 1min 09.00 sec is the fastest any car is allowed travel on the Mondello Park National Circuit.

A lap time of 2min 09.50 sec is the fastest any car is allowed to travel on the Mondello Park International Circuit.

These times will be referred to as the **Lap Time Barriers**. Breaching the lap time barriers will incur the penalties as described in section 1.2 & section 1.3 below. It is advisable to do some testing to avoid breaking the Lap Time Barriers. If the series races at other circuits, Lap Time Barriers for those circuits will be declared before the start of qualifying.

1.2 Qualifying:

Any driver which breaks the lap time barrier time in qualifying will have that lap time deleted and their grid position will be determined by their fastest time that did not break the lap time barrier. Drivers who break the barrier time will however carry a 20sec penalty into the race which will be added to their overall time at the finish of the race. Any driver who breaks the lap time barrier on all qualifying laps will start the race from the pit lane.

1.3 The Race:

Breaking the lap time barrier in the race will give the driver/car a 10 second penalty for each lap that they break the Lap Time Barrier.

2 Timing & Data Logging

2.1 No form of data logging, lap timing or 3rd party timing facilities/ equipment is permitted in or on the car for qualifying or racing except for the official timing transponder as required by the track.

2.2 In car timers are permitted for testing only.

2.3 No Pitlane signaling of any kind other than safety allowed by team members/pit crews/etc.

3 Administration Fee

3.1 All drivers wishing to take part in any or all of the rounds of Future Classics events are required to pay an Administration Fee of €50 each year. This fee also includes your entry/registration (if accepted) into the Future Classics Championship for that year

4 Deleted

5 Registration & Entry to the Championship

5.1 Entry to the Championship is open to any drivers once they hold the required Motorsport Ireland License and their car(s) meet the requirements of the Future Classics Technical & Sporting Regulations.

5.2 A Championship Registration Application form (available at www.futureclassics.eu) must be completed by all drivers wishing to compete in any round of the Championship and returned to the class organisers.

5.3 Registration for the Championship opens immediately after the conclusion of the previous year's championship and closes on 1st August of the current year.

5.4 Competitors will not be allowed to compete in any championship round(s) without being fully paid up and having completed the championship registration application form.

6 Sponsorship

- 6.1 Competitor's cars will be required to carry any Future Classics and sponsors branding as required by the class organisers. This required branding will be supplied to all registered drivers by the class organisers prior to the race events.
- 6.2 Minor sponsors for the class will not be referred to as Title Sponsors.
- 6.3 Advertising Strips on the front windscreen can be no more than 200mm in height, measured from a point at the top centre of the windscreen. These advertising strips are reserved for the use of the championships title sponsor where such a sponsor exists.

7 Race Numbers

- 7.1 Race numbers are the free choice of the drivers, subject to article 7.2 below. In the event of 2 or more drivers wishing to use the same number, the number will be awarded on a first come/first served basis. Your preferred championship number should be filled in on the championship registration application form
- 7.2 Race numbers 1, 2 & 3 will be reserved for the winner, runner up & 3rd place finisher of the previous year's championship, shall they wish to use them.
- 7.3 Race numbers cannot be changed at any stage in the year once you have competed in any official qualifying or race event.

8 Qualifying & Races

- 8.1 All qualifying sessions will run as per the rules of the individual event Organising Club.
- 8.2 All race sessions will be run as per the rules of the individual event Organising Club.
- 8.3 Grid order for each race shall be in accordance with the fastest timings from the official qualifying sessions, subject to any lap time barrier penalties.
- 8.4 For double header (two round) events, grid positions for race 2 will be awarded from the 2nd fastest time in official qualifying.

9 Championship Rounds

- 9.1 Deleted
- 9.2 The Championship will be run over 11 rounds, (9 rounds to count to overall final standings and 2 dropped rounds). The dates of these rounds will be announced in a Motorsport Ireland Bulletin or on the MI website on or before the last day of February of the championship year.
- 9.3 Other races and special events may be held during the year but these events will not count as Championship rounds

10 Championship Points

- 10.1 Championship Points will be awarded as per MI current yearbook, Appendix 15, section 6.1.3.1.
- 10.2 In the event of a dead heat for any points scoring position, the positions in question will have their points added together, and split equally between the drivers involved in the dead heat. (example a dead heat for 3rd & 4th position $(14+12)/2 = 13$ points to each driver)
- 10.3 1 bonus Championship point will be awarded for pole position, subject to any lap time barrier penalties. In the event of equal fastest qualifying time, the driver that sets the time first will be awarded the point.
- 10.4 1 bonus Championship point will be awarded for the fastest lap time in each race, subject to any lap time barrier penalties. In the event of equal lap time, the driver that sets the time first will be awarded the point.

11 Final Championship Standings

- 11.1 The final Championship standings will be based on the combined point's scores from your best 9 championship rounds.
- 11.2 When dropping a round, the points from the entire round are dropped, meaning any bonus points are also dropped.
- 11.3 In the event of two or more drivers tied for any position in the final standings, the procedure for ties in MI Yearbook appendix 15, section 6.10 shall apply.

12 Penalties from Race Event Official

- 12.1 Any driver disqualified from any event by the Event Officials shall forfeit any Championship points awarded, or any Championship points due to be awarded at the event.
- 12.2 Any points forfeited following a penalty cannot be used as a dropped round when calculating the overall final Championship standings.

13 Awards

- 13.1 Final Championship Standings Awards:
Trophy awards will be presented to the overall top 3 in the final Championship standings. The champion will also receive a perpetual cup which will remain in his/her possession for the next 12 months and then return to the class organisers to be awarded to the following year's champion. The champion will also win the right to use Number 1 as his/her race number for next season.
- 13.2 Individual Round Awards:
Trophy Awards will be presented to the top 3 drivers in each race, subject to any lap time barrier penalties.

14 Cameras (also see Technical Regulation 10)

- 14.1 A camera, required under technical regulation 10, is required to be recording during all official qualifying and race sessions, and footage must be made available to event officials at the request of the Clerk of the Course or his/her representatives. Footage may be requested from any competitor's camera even if they were not involved in an incident under investigation. Footage must be retained by all competitors for a minimum of 24hrs from the race end.
- 14.2 Failure to provide footage may lead to disciplinary measures by the Clerk of the Course and may prejudice your defense in the case of an incident. This request is not restricted to the single forward facing camera mandated, but to any additional camera recording equipment utilized on the car.

15 Class Officials

Class Principals: Ken Byrne (087 210 5328) & Aidan Byrne (087 256 6362)
Class Rep: Brian Griffin (085 732 8388)
Championship Register: Brian Griffin (085 732 8388)
Class Technical Liaison: Gerry Kehoe (086 403 9098)

Technical Regulations 2017

1 Car Eligibility

- 1.1 All cars must be as original, subject to the modifications allowed in the following sections.
- 1.2 All car models must have been on general sale on or before 31st December 1996. For example, If an individual car was manufactured in 1997 but that particular model and mark was on sale on or before 31st December 1996, then your car is deemed eligible.
- 1.3 Kit cars and Space Framed cars are not eligible for entry to this series.
- 1.4 The onus is on the driver to prove that their car complies with the spirit and the letter of the rules– if in doubt, don't.

2 Safety

- 2.1 All cars and drivers must meet current racing Motorsport Ireland Safety and Scrutiny requirements as per Motorsport Ireland Yearbook Appendix 2 and current License Requirements.
- 2.2 All cars must be presented for scrutiny in a clean and respectable condition, and, if not, they may not be allowed to compete

3 External Modifications

- 3.1 The general profile of the car must remain as original.
- 3.2 Body panels may be replaced but the original steel chassis and bulkheads must remain unmodified.
- 3.3 Wheel arch lips may be rolled or extended to allow for wider tyres.
- 3.4 Headlamps, rear lamps and lenses may be removed provided they are replaced with a suitable material (aluminium, plastic, fibreglass, etc) and retain the shape of the unit removed and must be fixed securely in position.
- 3.5 If rear lamps are removed two rearward facing brake lights must be fitted in a visible location and fixed securely in position and have a strength of minimum 21Watts
- 3.6 A rearward facing fog/rain light must also be fitted strength of minimum 21Watts
- 3.7 Windscreen must be laminated glass.
- 3.8 Side and rear window glass may be replaced with suitable Polycarbonate/Lexan material
- 3.9 Bumpers and over-riders may be removed
- 3.10 Under bonnet fuel tanks are not permitted.

4 Interior Modifications

- 4.1 Instrument layout and extra instruments are at the driver's discretion
- 4.2 Interior panels and trim may be removed
- 4.3 If door cards are removed, replacements must be as per Appendix 2 of the Current MI Yearbook

5 Engine, Induction & Exhaust System

- 5.1 Turbo charged, Super charged & Motorcycle Engines are not permitted. Otherwise engines are free.
- 5.2 Electronic Ignition is permitted to replace points.
- 5.3 Induction is free.
- 5.4 Substituting Carbs for Fuel Injection or vice versa is permitted.
- 5.5 The exhaust system must have an adequate silencer fitted to a maximum of 105 dB and must exit the car behind the driver on either side or at the rear of the car

6 Gearbox & Rear Axle

- 6.1 Sequential gear-change is not permitted.
- 6.2 Deleted
- 6.3 Two wheel drive cars only are permitted.
- 6.4 Limited Slip, locked or otherwise differentials are permitted.

7 Suspension

- 7.1 Anti roll bars may be added/removed /modified front and rear
- 7.2 Bushing materials are free
- 7.3 Strut braces may be fitted.

8 Brakes

- 8.1 Brake Discs/Drums/Callipers may be standard or upgraded to a higher specification.
- 8.2 All Brake Disc Types & Drums must be as manufactured. No self-modifications are allowed
- 8.3 Cooling Ducts to brakes are allowed.
- 8.4 Servos may be removed or added.
- 8.5 In car bias adjustment is allowed.

9 Wheels & Tyres

- 9.1 Wheels types are free.
- 9.2 Tyres must be manufactured with an E mark and this E mark must be visible on the tyre wall, with the exception of Yokohama A048's/ A048R's which are allowed without an E mark..
- 9.3 A minimum thread depth of 1.6mm must be maintained at all times. Slick tyres are not allowed.

10 Cameras

- 10.1 All cars are required to carry minimum of one onboard camera which must be forward facing, and provide a reasonable view of the circuit ahead, and also a view of the steering wheel of the car.
- 10.2 The brand/type of camera is at the competitors discretion, provided it can record in good quality, and the footage can be easily played back via a laptop at the track by the officials. It is recommended that a camera with a SD/MicroSD removable memory card be used.
- 10.3 The driver's name and race number must be displayed on the dashboard and visible from the camera footage.
- 10.4 The camera must be secured using approved brackets (no cable ties/tape etc.) and must satisfy safety requirements of the scrutineers.