



2020 HAWKS BMX - RETURN TO CLUB RACING INFORMATION

Please take the time to read this sheet as it contains a lot of information about our Club race series, the first round being held on Saturday 26th September 2020 – this information will help all riders and parents to understand what is place due to government and British Cycling Covid-19 guidelines.

Hawks are working closely with South BMX region to start racing at a club level, for all abilities, gender and age of our club riders, NOVICE, INTERMEIDATE and EXPERT riders, with further qualifying rounds (for EXPERT riders only), to take place in October and November 2020 (weather and Covid-19 depending).

To enable these races to be successful we need your co-operation and support and we ask that EVERYONE adheres to instructions from club volunteers on the day and follow signage where posted.

1. To be able to race you will have to pre-register (pre-reg), via this link

https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/232768/HAWKS-BMX---2020-CLUB-SERIES?fbclid=IwAR2hmZm472ZY3TJrufIqTHEbKjMHxsrS8UuHPoEVYaOxi_5A0g4aik0g8o8

2. If you don't pre-reg, you will not be able to race – simple as that.

You will have **till Midnight Thursday 24th Sept**

This means that you will NOT be able to turn up on the day and register to race – if you try it will result in you and/or your rider being turned away

3. You HAVE to be a current valid HAWKS member to be able to race

- if are registering in the EXPERT classes – your primary club on your BC race licence MUST be HAWKS BMX
- if you are registering in the NOVICE classes – you do not need to have a BC race licence to race at the club race

4. It's £7.50 to race – there is also a £1 admin fee that you pay to register – this is a fee that BC charge you to use their booking system. Sorry but there is nothing that we as a club can do to remove that charge.

5. There are 4 rounds in our club race series, you will have to race in 3 rounds to be eligible for an end of series trophy

- The dates are as follows;

Saturday 26th September 2020

Sunday 11th October 2020

Sunday 15th November 2020

Saturday 12th December 2020

- NOVICE RACERS – a rider who has had training on the gate and has attended training sessions since June 2020 but has no or little race day experience (riders have to be able to race off the gate unaided) as no parents will be allowed in the start gate area to help their child & race officials will not be able to help – they are there to run a race

The club would expect NOVICE riders to register in this class

- EXPERT RACERS – regional/national level racing experience (riders have to be able to race off the gate unaided) as no parents will be allowed in the start gate area to help their child & race officials will not be able to help – they are there to run a race

The club would expect INTERMEDIATES who raced in 2019 and EXPERT riders to register in this class

6. EXPERT RIDERS – only the first 2 rounds (highlighted in red above), of our club series will be qualifying rounds for further racing within the South BMX race series. The 3rd and 4th round, if raced, will qualify you for a club end of series trophy

It has been proposed that the 2 top riders from each age category, after 2 rounds would qualify to race in an inter-club race, and then a South BMX Club championship (venues and dates TBC).

It was agreed that the age groups be aligned that are normally run at a South BMX regional race- e.g. single age groups.

Also agreed was that there would be NO racing up an age group and that 2020 age groups would be used for this series.

However to ensure that we don't have just 2/3 riders in a race – age groups will be merged and then split back out to ensure that the qualification process is fair.

7. Equipment hire – helmet, gloves and bikes are available to hire for £5.00
8. Number plates are required to race;
EXPERT riders – please register with your 2020 plate number (national or regional ranking or BC licence plate)
NOVICE riders – you will need a plate to race – to register you will need to put any number on the pre-reg link but on the day the club can help you with a plate.
But if you want to, you can make your own at home if you don't have a number plate, just make sure the numbers are large and clearly visible. Black ink, 2cm thick numbering and 7-8cm height.
On paper plate/bit of card securely attached to handle bars.
If you are a BC member, use the last 3 digits of your membership number.
If not a BC member, use any 3 random numbers but try not to sequence them.
Examples - use numbers like 583, 174, 903 etc and not 345, 876, 111.
9. Practice for riders will be staggered depending on age to keep riders in age related "bubbles" as much as possible.
Practice - FULL LAPS ONLY!
That's no stopping for a chat at end of first straight to line up a jump on 2nd straight or on any of the berms.
10. ON THE DAY SCHEDULE – these timings are approx. and subject to change
10am carpark and sign in opens for novice riders to arrive
10.15am to 10.45am - novice rider practice
From 10.30am entry to car park for 13's & over
10.45am - rider sign in closes - not signed in by 10:45am - no ride!!
10.45am to 11.15am - expert rider practice
11.45am approx. - racing starts
11. There will be no paper pre or moto sheets – we will be using e-board, an web link to an app that can be accessed on a smart phone - <http://hawks.eboardbmx.co.uk>
12. Family/guardian groups Covid-19 social distance guidance
Only one non riding family/guardian member to attend as spectator per rider or family group.
This may be monitored on arrival, subject to available volunteers, and you risk being refused entry to the site if you turn up with more than one non rider per group.
Leave non riding siblings, grandparents etc. at home.
If a parent/guardian and children are both riding then another parent/guardian can attend.
If one parent/guardian is volunteering then a second parent/guardian can attend
13. Food and drinks - refreshments will be available via the container and payable via card reader
14. The composting toilet will be open – please continue to respect this facility
15. Spectators will be asked to restrict viewing racing from certain parts of the track, to stand back from/avoid touching fencing to avoid risk of infection and follow government guidelines for 2m social distancing whilst on site.
16. RACE DAY
 - Please be patient with us – this is a new way of racing with restrictions that are new to all of
 - All riders must be ready to race – helmets on and done up and gloves on – before entering the pens
 - Listen to the commentator – race classes will be called to the pens area by the commentator – so no riders in the pens 10 races beforehand
 - All other announcements will be made via the commentator too – so please listen
 - After an end of race fist bump to show good sportsmanship – all riders must return to their family after each moto – no hanging around to watch the next race come over the line – the gate will be held until the area is clear
17. After racing please leave promptly to allow volunteers to pack away and lock up the site.
18. PLEASE do not register to turn up if anyone in your household or people you've been in contact with has, or recently had any Covid-19 symptoms. We'll use sign in data for track and trace data if required.



19. Any question, please ask – it's how we learn.

See you trackside 😊