

FIM EUROPE TRACK RACING COMMISSION

2020 Speedway European Championship Track Racing Rules

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12. INDIVIDUAL SPEEDWAY EURO CHAMPIONSHIP (SEC)

12.1 General

The competition will be run according to the **2020** FIM Track Racing Appendices including any amendments included within this section.

The Individual Speedway Euro Championship (SEC) consists of the series of **five** 'Final' meetings.

The Final series will be organised in partnership with a contractual FIM Europe Promoter.

The Individual Speedway Euro Championship Bureau (ECB) is a special commission which will be responsible for controlling the organisation of the Individual Speedway Euro Championship Final series. The ECB will consist of five members – two members from the contractual FIM Europe Promoter, the SEC Race Director (as per item 12.8) when appointed and two members from FIM Europe Track Racing Commission. The ECB Chairman will be the Chairman of FIM Europe Track Racing Commission.

The Sanitary Regulations – which are published separately – must be respected and adhered to by all participants.

12.2 Participants

The line-up of riders for the Final series meetings will be completed by nominated and Wild Card riders as stipulated in **12.8.3**

Note: FIM Speedway Grand Prix 'permanent' riders are not entitled to participate in the SEC Qualifying Rounds or the ECC.

12.3 Meeting Format

All SEC meetings consist of 'Qualifying Heats' as listed in the table over the page.

Note: the 'Last Chance' Heat and the 'Final' Heat will only be run in SEC Final events.

All heats will consist of four laps.

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Qualifying Heats Table

Helmet Colour	Red (inside)	Blue	White	Yellow (outside)
Heat No	Riders' Starting Numbers			
1	1	2	3	4
2	5	7	6	8
3	10	11	9	12
4	15	14	16	13
5	13	1	5	9
6	14	10	2	6
7	11	15	7	3
8	4	8	12	16
9	6	16	1	11
10	12	5	15	2
11	8	9	3	14
12	13	4	10	7
INTERVAL				
13	7	12	14	1
14	2	13	8	11
15	16	3	10	5
16	9	6	4	15
17	1	8	15	10
18	9	2	7	16
19	3	12	13	6
20	5	14	11	4

After Heat 20 there will be an Intermediate Classification according to the total race points each rider has scored during the Qualifying Heats.

In case of any tie in the Intermediate Classification after Heat 20, FIME Track Racing Rule 24.1 applies (for SEC Finals refer to 12.8.11).

In the SEC Finals, the two best placed riders will qualify for the Heat 22 (Final Heat). The riders placed 3rd to 6th will participate in Heat 21 (Last Chance Heat). If a rider is not able to participate in the Last Chance Heat or in the Final Heat, he CAN NOT be replaced by another rider. He will be deemed as the last place finisher of that heat.

Heat 21 Last Chance Heat

The riders placed 3rd – 6th will participate in this heat. The winner and the runner up of this heat will qualify for the Heat 22 (Final Heat).

Riders' gate positions will be chosen by the riders in the order determined by their position in the intermediate classification. No points will be awarded in Heat 21.

Heat 22 'Final Heat'.

Following the Intermediate Classification (after Heat 20), the two best placed riders, plus the winner and runner up of Heat 21 (the Last Chance Heat) will participate in the 'Final Heat'.

Riders' gate positions will be chosen by the riders in the following order: 1st placed rider of the Intermediate Classification (1st choice), then the 2nd placed rider of Intermediate Classification (2nd choice), followed by the winner of the Last Chance Heat (3rd choice), and finally the runner up of Last Chance Heat.

12.4 Results

The final meeting classification will be according to the points scored during the meeting.

For SEC Finals: Positions 1st – 4th in the final meeting classification will be according to the result of the Final Heat (Heat 22) – irrespective of the total race points scored.

After Heat 21, the remaining riders will be classified for positions 5th to 18th according to the points they have scored after Heat 20

In the case of any ties, refer to section entitled 'Ties' further within these rules (for the Finals please also refer to item 12.9.11)

Finals: If the meeting has to be cancelled for whatever reason before the full schedule of heats has been completed, the 'Intermediate Classification' – after either Heat 12, 16 or 20 (depending on the number of heats concluded) – will be confirmed as the final meeting result.

12.5 Existing Rule deleted for 2020

12.6 Practice

If the practice is planned on the same day as the meeting, then it must be scheduled a minimum of four hours prior to the first heat.

In line with the current 'FIME Official Practice Schedule', practice will consist of two sessions per rider. Each session will be two minutes long, as determined by the Referee.

During all practice sessions there will be a maximum of four riders on the track.

12.7 SEC Race Director

In line with FIME Sporting Code 40.7, a Race Director can be nominated for the SEC Finals.

The Race Director is responsible for the conduct and efficient running of the SEC. He is not a voting member of the International Jury but shall be present at all FIME Jury meetings.

The Race Director must ensure that the FIME's contractual commitments with the FIME SEC Promoter are fulfilled and complied with.

The Race Director is a voting member of the ECB Commission

Within the ECB Commission, the Race Director will be invited to contribute with regard to any updates or improvements to either the SEC Regulations as well as the SEC Work Manual

12.8 Final Series

12.8.1 Qualified Riders

Riders placed 1st to 5th from the previous year's **SEC** will automatically qualify for the Final Series.

If one or more of these five riders has also qualified for the FIM Speedway Grand Prix as permanent riders, then he/they will also be allowed to participate in the **SEC**.

12.8.2 Nominated Riders

Ten additional riders will be nominated by the **ECB** for the Final series – at the latest – **30 days before the first Final date**.

For 2020, five of those nominated riders must be chosen from the list of riders which will be proposed by the FMNs. Each FMN has the right to propose two riders not later than an announced by the TRC date before the first Final date by submitting an e-mail with the names to the ECB email: ecb.trc@gmail.com.

If any rider placed 1st to 5th in the previous year's **SEC** refuses, or is unable to participate in the Final series, a subsequent 'Nominated' rider (or riders) will participate in his/their place (or places) in the Final series. The 'Nominated' rider (or riders) cannot be the permanent riders of the FIM Speedway Grand Prix. The 'Nominated' rider or riders will be nominated by the **ECB**.

12.8.3 Wild Card Riders

'Wild Card' riders (**SEC** Final series) will be nominated for each 'Final' meeting. All FMNs may propose suitable Wild Card riders. These proposals must be made in writing to the **ECB** email: ecb.trc@gmail.com no later than one month prior to the meeting.

The ECB will make the final approval and nomination.

After nomination, the official **SEC** Final series entry form for Wild Card Riders must be completed and signed by both the rider and his FMN.

The FMN is responsible for completing and submitting the entry form to the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission at least **ten days** before the meeting to which the rider is nominated.

Furthermore, the rider commits himself – by his signature – to be fully aware of all the FIM Europe rules; to accept them, and to compete in the **SEC** Final Series meeting for which he has been nominated.

12.8.4 Track Reserve Riders

The FMNR will propose two ‘Track Reserve Riders’ to compete in each final meeting. Proposals must be made in writing to the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission no later than one month prior to the meeting. The ECB will make the final approval and nominations.

After nomination, the official **SEC** Final Series entry form for Track Reserve riders must be completed and signed by both the rider and his FMN. The FMN is responsible for completing and submitting the entry form to the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission at least **ten days** prior to the meeting for which the rider has been nominated.

Furthermore, the rider commits himself – by his signature – to be fully aware of all the FIM Europe rules; to accept them, and to compete in the **SEC** Final series meeting for which he has been nominated.

12.8.5 Qualified Substitute Riders

The ECB will nominate **five** riders to the ‘Qualified Substitute List’.

In case of the absence of one or more riders in the Final meetings, the first available Qualified Substitute rider (or riders) – according to their placing on the **SEC** ‘Qualified Substitutes list’ – will be elevated to that meeting, and will take the place(s) of the relevant missing rider(s).

The list of Qualified Substitute riders will be published by the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission **30 days before the first Final date**.

All Qualified Substitute riders must submit the official **SEC** Final series entry form for Qualified Substitute riders to the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission prior to the deadline required by the Commission. This entry form must be completed and signed by both the rider and his FMN.

This entry form enters the rider into all the **SEC** Individual Final series meetings he/she may be called up to compete in, unless prevented from doing so by injury or other “force majeure”. If a rider is unable to compete due to injury, then a suitably qualified Medical Practitioner must certify the injury or illness in writing to that effect.

The FMN is responsible for the completion of this entry form and submitting it to the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission.

Furthermore, the rider commits himself – by his signature – to be fully aware of all the FIM Europe rules; to accept them, and to compete in

the **SEC** Final series meeting for which he has been nominated.

If a rider from the 'Qualified Substitutes List' (SEC Finals) receives a nomination (usually by email or telephone), to take part in a meeting LATER than 48 hours prior to the signing on time for the event, he has the right to reject the nomination.

A Qualified Substitute rider, who (without a reason accepted by the Chairman of the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission) refuses to take part in a meeting, may be removed from the Qualified Substitute riders list for the rest of the season.

In the event that no 'Qualified Substitutes' are available, the ECB or the International Jury may nominate one or more substitute riders.

12.8.6 Entries

No entry fee may be charged.

Only Qualified and Nominated riders will be allowed to enter the **SEC** Final series.

All riders must submit the official **SEC** Final series entry form to the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission prior to the deadline required by the Commission. This entry form must be completed and signed by both the rider and his FMN.

This entry form confirms that the rider will compete in all the **SEC** Final series meetings of the year.

The FMN is responsible for the completion of this entry form as well as submitting it to the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission (for Wild Cards refer to item. 12.9.3, for Track Reserve riders, refer to item. 12.9.4 and for Qualified Substitute riders refer to item. 12.9.5).

Furthermore, the rider commits himself – by his signature – to be fully aware of all the FIM Europe rules; to accept them, and to compete in all the meetings of the **SEC** Final series.

A rider, who has entered the **SEC** Final series and refuses to take part, shall be deemed to be suspended from competing internationally for a period of one day before and up to three days after the **SEC** series meeting concerned. Furthermore, he will be considered as ineligible for the **SEC** series for the remainder of the season.

A competitor who has started in the **SEC** series must participate therein unless prevented from doing so by injury or other "force majeure". If a rider is unable to compete due to injury, then a suitably qualified Medical Practitioner must certify the injury or illness in writing to that effect.

The competitor shall be deemed suspended internationally for a minimum period of one day before (where applicable) and up to three days after the event concerned.

In the case of a "force majeure", the International Jury of the meeting

will decide on the situation/circumstances surrounding the rider's non-appearance.

If the absence of the rider is fully justified and accepted by the International Jury, he/she will be reinstated in the **SEC** series.

No FMN or other body or person may withdraw a rider from the competition once he has entered without prior authorisation in writing from the FIM Europe Track Racing Commission.

12.8.7 Riding Numbers (Starting Position Draw)

Before the first SEC Final of the season, the ECB will publish a 'Ranking List' of all participants of the Final Series.

Riders who finished in positions 1st to 5th in the previous year SEC Final classification will be allocated ranking numbers 1 to 5 according to their placing. If any of these riders do not accept the invitation to take part in the SEC Finals, the remaining riders will be progressed on the 'Ranking List' accordingly.

In each SEC Final event, riding number 16 will be allocated to the 'Wild Card' rider, and riding numbers 17 and 18 will be allocated to the Track Reserve riders.

The ranking SEC number will be used to resolve any eventual ties where the lowest ranked number is deemed to be the better placed rider. Additionally, the fifteen permanent and up to four substitute SEC riders may apply to use their own 'personal racing number' on their race jacket and motorcycle.

They may choose any riding number with a maximum of three digits, provided that it has not previously been allocated to another rider – and the number does not start with a 0 (zero). Riding numbers 1 to 22 are reserved for the use of FIME only. Riders can only use them if it complies with their ranking numbers.

To request a specific 'personal racing number', the rider must send an application to the FIME TRC within a set deadline – which is **two days after the publication of the SEC Final series line-up**.

Should more than one rider request the same 'personal racing number', preference will be given to the rider who has a clear history of using this number, or if this is not the case, this number will be allocated to the rider with the higher ranking position (lowest ranking number). Other riders will then need to select an alternative number.

Riders who have not requested a specific personal riding number within the deadline will be required to use their ranking SEC number.

The FIME SEC promoter will supply the riding number jackets, and it is compulsory for each rider to wear their riding number jacket at all times e.g. during any TV interviews, ballots, practice sessions, Riders Parade, press conferences, racing, during the Prize Giving Ceremony and in the pits area.

The covering of any part of the riding number jacket in any way is not

permitted.

All riding number jackets (issued by the FIME SEC promoter), will need to be signed out when received and signed back in again when returned by the rider's mechanic or representative, to a collection point to be confirmed by the Race Director at each event.

The rider is responsible for his/her riding number jackets, and the cost of any riding number jacket not returned will be charged to the rider and deducted from any prize money due to them.

A starting position draw for each Final event will be balloted by the FIME.

12.8.8 Additional Requirements for the SEC Finals

- **A large faced 'count-down' clock must be positioned on the infield – in front of the start line tapes – to indicate the remaining time of the 'Two Minute' time allowance.**
- **A second white lining machine must be provided near the pit gate (entrance to the track) together with a dedicated operator.**
- **For SEC Finals, the SEC Bureau can permit the installation of additional equipment on the central infield (e.g. special TV camera lifting arm, additional advertising hoardings or a promotional car). This permission can be given only upon written request from the Promoter – which must be submitted to the SEC Bureau no later than 3 weeks prior to the event. Despite permission being granted, in the interest of safety, the Jury of the meeting has the right, to change or amend the location of any item of equipment or object, ask for additional protection or even order the removal of the item from the infield.**
- **Timekeeping is not compulsory. The appointment of an announcer/speaker is not compulsory.**

12.8.9 Fuel

Fuel will be supplied free of charge to the riders by the event organisers. It is compulsory for the riders to use the fuel supplied by the organiser during both practice and racing.

12.8.10 Restaging of the Meeting

If due to adverse weather conditions, the event cannot be run on the scheduled date, and the Jury – in agreement with the organiser/promoter – having studied the regional and national weather forecasts – assume that it will not be possible to rerun the meeting on the official restaging date, then the meeting will be postponed and the organiser/promoter may propose a new date to run the event.

This new ‘staging’ date must be accepted by the TRC Chairman or Vice Chairman, and a new set of SR’s for the event must be issued with 24 hours of the cancellation, and sent to the FIME TRC for approval

12.8.11 Results

Each SEC Final meeting results will be according to the item 12.4

In the situation of any ties in the classification after Heat 20, then refer to Track Racing Rule 24.1 points a, b, c. If the tie cannot be solved by this criteria, than the rider with the ‘lower ranking’ number on the SEC ‘Ranking List’ will be deemed the better placed rider.

The total points scored by each rider in the Qualifying Heats and the ‘Final Heat’ of each Final meeting will also be credited as European Championship points.

After each SEC ‘Final’ meeting, an Intermediate Classification list will be made. In case of any ties on the Intermediate Classification list, the rider with the ‘lower ranking’ number on the SEC ‘Ranking List’ will be deemed the better placed rider.

The Individual Speedway Euro Champion will be the rider having collected the most European championship points at the end of the series.

The Speedway Euro Champion will have the right to become a permanent FIM Speedway Grand Prix (SGP) rider for the following year. If for whatever reason the SEC Champion cannot compete in the following years SGP, then no other SEC rider will be offered this position

In case of a tie between one or more riders in the final overall classification, a run-off will take place to decide the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. If in the ‘Final Classification’, there is a tie for 5th place, then this will require a run-off to decide the final place for the following year’s qualified riders. For all other places, the rider with the ‘lower ranking’ number on the SEC ‘Ranking List’ will be deemed the better placed rider.

29.4.1.1 Riders Renumeration – SEC Final Series

In each of the Final events, the travel/prize money will be paid according to the rider's position in the overall classification of each meeting as listed in the table below:

Finishing Position	Amount in EUR
1st	2,500
2nd	2,250
3rd	2,100
4th	1,800
5th	1,350
6th	1,300
7th	1,250
8th	1,200
9th	1,150
10th	1,100
11th	1,050
12th	1,000
13th	950
14th	900
15th	800
16th	700
17th	300
18th	300
Total:	22,000

Final details regarding the payment of rider's travel expenses and prize money will be confirmed and included in the SEC Entry Form document which must be acknowledged by each participant.

Payment terms: all fifteen 'Permanent' SEC riders will receive an advanced payment of 2000 Euro's from One Sport by 15th July 2020.

Following the last round event of the SEC series, all riders will issue an invoice – which is to be sent to One Sport – for total amount earned during the Final Series.

All invoices which will be settled within 14 days after the issue date of the invoice – with the 2000 Euro 'Advance' being deducted from the invoice total.