



## Club Racing Technical Guide

This technical guide provides all the necessary details for riders participating in Merseyside BMX Club Racing, including our Spring and Summer Series. Whether you're a novice just starting out or an experienced expert, this guide will help you understand the race day process, rules, and expectations.

### 1. Race Entry & Eligibility

#### Who Can Enter?

Open to all riders, from complete beginners (novices) to experienced racers.

No previous race experience required.

Riders are placed in categories based on age and ability.

#### How to Enter?

Online entry ONLY – No sign-on available on the day!

Riders must pre-enter via our Race Entry page:

[🔗 Merseyside BMX Club Race Entry](#)

Check social media or the club website to ensure entries are open.

#### Entry Fees

£10 per rider per round

### 2. Race Format

#### Motos & Finals

Riders will race 3 qualifying motos (heats).

If 9+ riders are in a category, the top finishers will progress to finals.

If 8 or fewer riders, the results are based on points from all 4 motos (Grand Prix format).

## Novice vs. Expert Categories

Novices and Experts race together, allowing novices to learn from experienced riders.

We track Novice results separately in our Novice Leaderboard, with trophies awarded at the end of the series.

## 3. Race Day Schedule

**Sign-On & Registration:** 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Warm-Up & Gate Practice:** 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

**Racing Starts:** 12:00 PM

**Trophy Presentation:** After the final races

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before sign-on closes!

## 4. Equipment & Bike Requirements

- ✓ Bike Must be BMX-specific and race-ready (no stunt pegs).
- ✓ Helmet Full-face helmets are mandatory.
- ✓ Clothing Long sleeves, long trousers, and gloves are required.  
Body armour and knee/elbow pads recommended but not required.
- ✓ Race Plates Riders must display a number plate on the front of their bike.
- ✓ Transponders (Optional for club racing, but required for regional racing)

## 5. Prizes & Awards

**Cash Holeshot Prize** – Sponsored by Crank BMX Coaching

**Random Final Race Prizes** – Gift prizes for selected finals

**Novice Leaderboard Trophies** – Must race 3 out of 4 rounds to qualify

## 6. Facilities, Track & Safety Information

**Track Location:** Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park, Huyton

**Parking:** Free, but shared with the leisure centre (may be busier during events).

**First Aid:** Fully qualified first aiders on-site.

**Gazebos:** Allowed, but must use weights (no pegs) due to tarmac surface.

**Dogs:** Allowed but must remain outside the velodrome area.

### Tuck Shop & Food

**Hot food & drinks available**, including: Tea, coffee, cappuccino, latte, hot chocolate, Vimto Rubicon drinks, cold cans, water

**Sweets**, chocolate (from 20p), pot noodles, soup, hot dogs

## 7. Race Day Rules & Guideline

### Check Your Race Category

Ensure you're entered in the correct age group and ability level.

### Be Ready for Your Races

Listen for announcements and check the race order in advance.

Be in the rider pens 2 races before yours.

Respect Officials & Other Riders

Listen to race officials and follow their instructions.

Display good sportsmanship on and off the track.

Check the Weather  
Races continue in most weather conditions.  
Any cancellations will be announced on our social media.

## **8. Moving from Novice to Expert Racing**

If you're looking to move to Regional racing, you will need:  
British Cycling Membership (Free for first-time Youth riders)  
A Transponder for live timing and official results  
Correct race plate number – Last 3 digits of your BC membership

For more details on moving to regional racing, visit:  
[Merseyside BMX Club Racing Guide](#)

## **9. Upcoming Race Dates**

### **Spring Series (2025)**

**Round 3:** Saturday, 29th March

**Round 4:** Saturday, 12th April (Perfect practice for our regional race!)

### **Summer Series (2025)**

**Round 1:** 17th May

**Round 2:** 21st June

**Round 3:** 12th July

**Round 4:** 2nd August

**Round 5:** 16th August

**Round 6:** 30th August

## **10. Further Racing Opportunities**

If you enjoy club racing, you might want to step up to Regional or National racing. Here's what you need to know:

### **North BMX Regional Series – 2025**

**Round 1:** 23rd March – Hartlepool

**Round 2:** 13th April – Merseyside

**Round 3:** 27th April – Crewe

**Round 4:** 11th May – Platt Fields, Manchester

**Round 5:** 1st June – Blackpool

**Round 6:** 8th June – Mid Lancs

**Round 7:** 29th June – Preston Pirates

**Round 8:** 20th July – Bradford

**Club Championships:** 7th September – Bruntwood Park

### **National BMX Series – 2025**

**Rounds 1 & 2:** 5/6th April – National Cycling Centre, Manchester

**Rounds 3 & 4:** 3/4th May – Cumbernauld, Scotland

**Rounds 5 & 6:** 24/25th May – Platt Fields, Manchester

**Rounds 7 & 8:** 14/15th June – Gosport

**Rounds 9 & 10:** 5/6th July – Birmingham

## **Final Notes & Contact Details**

Check Social Media & Website for Updates!  
For questions, contact us at:  
[Merseyside BMX Club Website](#)  
Visit us at: Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park, Huyton

See you at the start gate!