

# BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium Sporting Regulations 2016

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# **Art 1. Introduction**

The series BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium is organised in accordance with the provisions of the International Sporting Code and its appendices (the Code), the FIA's general prescriptions on circuit racing and the National Sporting Regulations of the RACB. It will be run in accordance with the Series' Sporting and Technical Regulations, the latter being in accordance with the safety prescriptions of FIA Appendix J (Article 253 and 277).

The events will be organised according to the RACB General Event and Circuit Regulations unless stated otherwise in the following or in the Supplementary Event Regulations of the corresponding event.

# **Art 2. Organisation**

#### 2.1 Details on Titles and Awards of the Series

BMW 235i Racing Cup Belgium – JJ Motorsport asbl is entitled by BMW Motorsport as the promotor of the serie "BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium", in accordance with the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA and its appendices (the Code), the Sporting regulations of RACB Sport, the present Sporting Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations.

The BMW 235i Racing Cup Belgium is only available for BMW 235i Racing Cup cars conform to the technical regulations of the series, the latter being in line with the safety requirements of Appendix J of the FIA (Article 277).

#### 2.2 Name of the Parent ASN

Royale Automobile Club of Belgium RACB Sport Rue d'Arlon 53 B-1040 BRUXELLES – Belgium Telephone: 32(0)2/287.09.11

Fax: 32(0)2/230.75.84 E-mail: sport@racb.com

#### 2.3 ASN Visa/Registration Number

The series based on these Sporting and Technical Regulations has been approved by the RACB on 29/03/2016 with visa number S01-BRCB/B16.

# 2.4 Name of the Organiser/Promoter, Address and Contacts (Permanent Office)

BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium p/o JJ Motorsport Pieter Schroonsstraat 82 B-1830 MACHELEN – Belgium Telephone: 32(0)2/253.49.51

Fax: 32(0)2/253.49.70

E-mail: info@bmwm325iracingcup.be

#### 2.5 List of Officials

See relevant Supplementary Event Regulations.

# Art 3. Regulations and Legal Basis of the Series

This series is governed by the following regulations:

- FIA International Sporting Code (ISC) and its appendices
- RACB National Sporting Code and its appendices
- FIA Legal System and Code of Procedure

- RACB Decisions and Provisions
- Anti-Doping Regulations of the national and international Anti-Doping Agency (WADA/NADA Code) as well as the Anti-Doping Regulations of the FIA
- Sporting and Technical Regulations of this Series and the RACB approved modifications and supplements (Bulletins)
- Supplementary Event Regulations including modifications and supplements

Changes to the regulations are, in accordance with the RACB, also possible during the season. Each change to the regulation must be approved by the RACB and the participants will be informed in writing via a bulletin.

Anything not explicitly permitted in these regulations is prohibited with regard to the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium. Furthermore, the series organiser refers to the supplementary regulations of the relevant organiser.

These regulations take precedence over the supplementary regulations of the relevant organiser if the supplementary regulations of the organiser are contrary to these regulations.

These regulations, combined with the relevant supplementary regulations of the organiser, are valid for all races without exception, meaning everything that is permitted for this cup class in the relevant supplementary regulations of the organiser and that is not contrary to these regulations is permitted.

# 3.1 Official Language

Only the English text of the regulations will be binding.

If one of the provisions above is to become void, this does not affect the effectiveness of the remaining provisions and agreements. For questions that arise as a result of this announcement and/or these regulations, contact the series organiser.

# 3.2 Responsibility, Modification of the Regulations, Cancellation of the Event

The participants (=entrants, drivers, passengers, vehicle proprietors and registered keepers) take part in the event at their own risks. They carry the exclusive responsibility under civil and criminal law for all the damages caused by them or the car used by them as far as no exclusion of liability has been concluded.

Modifications to these regulations may in principle be carried out only by the relevant authorities. After the beginning of the event, modifications should be carried out only by the Stewards of the event by means of bulletins, but only in case of necessity for safety reasons and/or reasons of force majeure, or by order of the authorities, or concerning the details given in the regulations about the length of the track, the duration of the races, the number of laps and the officials and marshals, or in case of an obvious mistake in the regulations.

The organiser reserves the right to cancel or postpone the entire event or a particular race for the aforementioned reasons, subject to the agreement of the RACB, and as far as the calendar is concerned, claim for damages or compensation or claim to performance are in this case excluded.

#### Art 4. Entries

# 4.1 Registrations/Entries, Entry Closing Date and Obligation to Participate

The entrant and/or driver must submit their application to be admitted to the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium by 20/03/2016, using the "Application for registration" form provided by the series organiser.

The series organiser reserves the right to accept late application.

The completely filled in and signed application must be sent to the following address:

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Fax: 32(0)2/253.49.70

E-mail: info@bmwm325iracingcup.be

The approved participants will receive written confirmation of their registration.

The series organiser reserves the right to reject the "Application for registration" without having to give reasons (art. 3.14 of the FIA International Sporting Code).

Furthermore, the entrant and/or the driver must enter the individual events of the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium independently and by the deadline. Only the relevant organiser's guidelines apply for the entry procedure.

Only entrants and/or drivers who have registered properly for the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium in accordance with the registration requirements may participate in the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium.

#### 4.2 Entry Fees for the Season and per Event

The amount of the entry fee is stated in the relevant supplementary regulations for the event.

The registration fee for the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium is based on the calendar mentioned in article 7 and the total amount is 12.550 EUR excluding VAT or 13.303 EUR with VAT.

(The right of withdrawal from the entry contract - entry fee refund - is regulated in the RACB National Sporting Regulations, Article 3).

# 4.3 Competition Numbers

The participants will get permanent competition numbers from the series organiser for the whole season.

#### Art 5. Licences

# 5.1 Required Grade of Licence

#### a) Drivers

The minimum level for drivers participating in the series is a National C/International D2-licence valid for the year 2016

# b) Age Regulations

- ☑ In accordance with the valid RACB Licence Regulations
- ☑ In addition, the supplementary regulations of the relevant organiser are to be referred to

# 5.2 Conditions for Entrants Outside Their National Territory

Foreign competitors/drivers have to present the approval of their own ASN according Art. 3.9.4 of the FIA International Sporting Code.

# Art 6. Insurance; Liability Exclusion and Disclaimer

# 6.1 Organiser's Insurance

In accordance with RACB National Sporting Regulations

# 6.2 Declaration by the competitor, driver and passenger (= participant) on the exclusion of liability

Participants take part in the event at their own risk (= untimed and timed practice, qualifying, warm-up, test and reconnaissance/inspection laps, races, heats, special stages to achieve maximum speeds or shortest driving times). They bear the sole responsibility under civil and criminal law for any damage caused by them.

By submitting their entries, they waive any claims or rights to pursue action for damages in connection with the event against:

- the own participants (barring any other special agreements between the participants),
- the other participants respectively, the owners and proprietors of all the cars participating in the event (as far as the event takes place on a permanent or temporary closed track) and their assistants.
- the FIA, the RACB, the RACB affiliated and member organisations, their presidents, executive bodies, managing directors, secretaries general,
- Bayerischen Motoren Werke AG and their executive bodies, employees and representatives
- the promoter/series organiser,
- the Organiser, the officials and marshals, the circuit owners, the authorities' entities, racing services and all other persons involved with the organisation of the event,
- the organisation responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads, and
- the agents and other persons employed to perform an obligation, the legal representatives, the full-time employees and volunteers of all the above persons and entities as well as their members.

#### 6.3 Disclaimer of the vehicle owner

(Only required, if competitor, driver and passenger are not the owner of the entered car, see specifications above)

I agree with the participation of the vehicle specified on the entry form in the event (= untimed and timed practice, qualifying, warm-up, test and reconnaissance/inspection laps, races, heats, special stages to achieve maximum speeds or shortest driving times) and confirm to waive any claims or rights to pursue action for damages in connection with the event against

- the own participants and assistants,
- the other participants respectively, the owners and proprietors of all the cars participating in the event (as far as the event takes place on a permanent or temporary closed track) and their assistants.
- the FIA, the RACB, the RACB affiliated and member organisations, their presidents, executive bodies, managing directors, secretaries general,
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- the organisation responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads, and
- the agents and other persons employed to perform an obligation, the legal representatives, the full-time employees and volunteers of all the above persons and entities as well as their members.

#### Art 7. Events

#### 7.1 Calendar of Series Events

•	Race 1 02-03/04/2016	Trophé des Fagnes	Spa-Francorchamps	125min
•	Race 2 09-10/04/2016	Masters Historic	Zolder	125min
•	Race 3 29/05/2016	Benelux Open Trophy	Zandvoort	180min
•	Race 4 11-12/06/2016	Spa Euro Race	Spa-Francorchamps	125min
•	Race 5 02-03/07/2016	Syntix Superprix	Zolder	125min
•	Race 6 21-22/08/2016	24 Hours of Zolder	Zolder	1440min
•	Race 7 08-09/10/2016	American Festival	Zolder	125min

#### 7.2 Eligible Cars and Maximum Number of Cars Authorised

Only vehicles of the type/model BMW M235i Racing that comply with the technical specifications of these regulations are eligible to participate in the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium.

The maximum number of permitted cars is defined by Appendix O of the FIA International Sporting Code.

# 7.3 Running of the Events

The events will be held in accordance with the latest versions of the RACB National Sporting Regulations provided that nothing different is determined in the following or in the Supplementary Regulations of the Event.

Practice, Qualification, Starting and Race Procedures will be explained in the Supplementary Regulations of the events.

# Art 8. Classification

#### 8.1 Scale of points

The 2016 BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium comprises a total of 7 classification events. To be classified in the overall standings for the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium, a driver must have started in at least 4 classification events.

RACB licence holders and licence holders of a different ASN affiliated with the FIA are eligible to participate and score points in the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium.

## 8.2 Equality of points

If more than one driver or team has the same number of points as their final score, the larger number of first places then second places and other positions of all races held will decide the ranking.

#### 8.3 Official Classification Table

The official classification table can be found at www.bmw235iracingcup.be.

# 8.4 Points System for "Drivers' and Team Standings".

The points obtained for each event (Races 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7) for the different titles in 2016 will be based on the following scales:

1er:	25 points	6e:	10 points	11e:	5 points
2e:	20 points	7e:	9 points	12e:	4 points
3e:	16 points	8e:	8 points	13e:	3 points
4e:	13 points	9e:	7 points	14e:	2 points
5e:	11 points	10e:	6 points	15e:	1 points

To be classified, each car must move 70% of the distance covered by the winner of the race.

At the event "24H of Zolder" (Race 6) the following points will be awarded after 6, 12, 18 and 24 hours. Points for every 6, 12 and 18h will be awarded when the car crosses the finish line at the end of the slice. After 24 hours the final ranking will be taken into account in the allocation of points.

<u>Place</u>	after 6h	after 12h	after 18h	after 24h
1e	25	12,5	12,5	25
2e	20	10	10	20
3e	16	8	8	16
4e	13	6,5	6,5	13
5e	11	5,5	5,5	11
6e	10	5	5	10
7e	9	4,5	4,5	9
8e	8	4	4	8
9e	7	3,5	3,5	7
10e	6	3	3	6
11e	5	2,5	2,5	5
12e	4	2	2	4
13e	3	1,5	1,5	3
14e	2	1	1	2
15e	1	0,5	0,5	1

If a race is suspended and can not be resumed, no points will be awarded if the lead vehicle has completed less than two laps; half points will be awarded if the vehicle has performed more than two laps but less than 75% of the distance (or time) provided the original race and full points will be awarded if the lead vehicle has completed more than 75% of the distance (or time) provided the origin of the race.

# 8.5 Discards/Overall Result BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium

After the final race of the 2016 season, there will be 25 points scrape results. The driver can nominate any one of the 7 races with a maximum of 25 points. The series organiser must receive this in writing by 30/11/2016. If this notification is not received, after the deadline has passed, the driver's worst race will be discarded.

There are no discards in the team classification.

# Art 9. Administrative Checks

The relevant organiser is responsible for performing the administrative checks. In addition to the administrative check specifications of the relevant organiser, at each event entrants and/or drivers must present their confirmation of registration from the series organiser.

The following documents must be presented by the driver/entrant:

- Entry confirmation
- Entrant's licence
- Driver's licence
- ASN confirmation, if applicable

#### 9.1 Administrative Checks Schedule

See corresponding Supplementary Regulations of the Event or official notice board.

# 9.2 Drivers' Meeting/Briefing

The location of the drivers' meeting/briefing will be published in the Supplementary Regulations of the Event

# Art 10. Scrutineering/Technical Checks

The relevant organiser is responsible for performing scrutineering. The drivers or their representatives must present their race car and the compulsory driver's safety equipment at scrutineering. The car must be presented in the configuration as it will be used in the competition and it must comply with the applicable technical regulations of the relevant organiser.

Presenting a vehicle for scrutineering is deemed to be the participants implicit confirmation that the vehicle in question conforms with all points of these regulations and the relevant organiser's supplementary event regulations.

The drivers or their representatives must present their race car and the compulsory driver's safety equipment at scrutineering. The car must be presented in the configuration as it will be used in the competition (including starting number) and it must comply with the applicable technical regulations.

The following vehicle documents must be submitted:

- Technical passport
- Homologation form for catalytic converter R9010-10
- Certificate for rollover structure
- Certificate for fuel tank
- Parts catalogue and user manual

Technical checks can be ordered at any time in agreement with the stewards. See part 2 of these regulations.

The scrutineer may check the complete vehicle during the inspection. During the event, the scrutineer, in agreement with the stewards, may check any vehicle or vehicle parts, irrespective of its position. Each entrant is obliged to dismantle their vehicle for a technical inspection at their own cost if asked to do so by the scrutineer, and then to reassemble it.

The scrutineer can compare individual parts with those in the sample kit to decide whether a part of a participant's vehicle that was dismantled for inspection is permitted or not.

If necessary, in agreement with the scrutineer, vehicle parts or the whole vehicle can be seized by the series organiser to facilitate detailed inspections.

#### 10.1 Repair, Sealing and Marking of Vehicle Parts

Sealed parts (see below for a binding list) must not be opened by the participants themselves. If the seals have been manipulated, the affected component may no longer be used in official events. In any case this will result in the stewards and series' organiser being notified and may result in exclusion from the classification for the event.

If seals are damaged or missing, this is to be reported to the responsible scrutineer immediately and in writing. The scrutineer is responsible for deciding whether the component in question can be resealed after inspection and therefore be used during events.

List of sealed components:

- Engine (turbocharger, throttle valve, 2x cylinder head)
- Performance-relevant sensors (2x boost pressure sensor)
- Control units (engine/ABS)

Control units are usually labelled (e.g. hologram) and identified by a sequential number.

#### 10.2 Scrutineering Before the Start and Final Scrutineering: Location and Schedule

See corresponding Supplementary Regulations of the Event or official notice board.

# Art 11. Fuel

# 11.1 Type of Fuel and Single Fuel

See Technical Regulations Art. 1.12

#### 11.2 Fuel Checks

Fuel samples may be taken by the scrutineers at any time during an event. The RACB guidelines are applicable for taking fuel samples.

# Art 12. Refuelling

#### 12.1 Refuelling Installations and Check

See corresponding Supplementary Regulations of the Event

# Art 13. Practice Sessions – Free Practice – Qualifying Practice

See corresponding Supplementary Regulations of the Event

# Art 14. Race

# 14.1 Use of Wet-Weather Tyres

During the events, the participants must adhere to the tyre regulations stipulated in the Technical Regulations, Article 2.7.

#### 14.2 Maximum Number of Persons Working on a Car and Safety Equipment

See corresponding Supplementary Regulations of the Event

# 14.3 Pit Stop Safety and Competitor's Responsibility When Starting from the Pit Area

See corresponding Supplementary Regulations of the Event

# **Art 15. Title and Trophies**

# 15.1 Title Overall Winner

The title: **Driver Champion BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium 2016** will be awarded to the driver who has scored the highest number of points after all of the qualifying events in the BMW M235i Racing Cup.

The "Champion BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium 2016" and potential vehicle owner promise to provide the winning vehicle to BMW Motorsport free of charge at the request of BMW AG to be exhibited at the "Essen Motorshow 2016".

The title: **Team Champion BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium 2016** will be awarded to the team which has scored the highest number of points after all of the qualifying events in the BMW M235i Racing Cup.

The "Team Champion BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium 2016" and potential vehicle owner promise to provide the winning vehicle to BMW Motorsport free of charge at the request of BMW AG to be exhibited at the "Essen Motorshow 2016".

The title: **Junior Champion BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium 2016** will be awarded to the Rookie driver (license since max. 2 years). The BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium Rookie is for drivers born after 31 December 1991

Gentlemen classification. Drivers aged 45 or above in the year in question that have an AM-status can apply to be classed as Gentleman. The acceptance of a driver for the Gentleman classification is subject of approval by the series promoter. As such, drivers born in 1971 may be classed as Gentlemen for the first time in the 2016 season. The best placed Gentleman receives the title **Gentlemen Champion BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium 2016.** 

#### 15.2 Prize and Trophies

# (1) Drivers' Classification

As a minimum, the top three driver pairings will receive a trophy at the awards ceremony after each race. Each driver of the driver pairing will receive a trophy. The awards ceremony will take place in accordance with event regulations.

# **Trophies**

Furthermore, the top three driver positions will each receive a trophy at the awards ceremony for the season.

# (2) Team Classification

The top three team positions will each receive a trophy at the awards ceremony for the season.

# 15.3 Disqualification from the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium, Exclusion from Classification.

If these Supplementary Regulations, Sporting Regulations, Technical Regulations, Supplementary Event Regulations and special provisions are violated, depending on the severity of the offence, the series' organiser can exclude the offender from the classification.

If these Supplementary Regulations, Sporting Regulations, Technical Regulations are violated, or in the event of unsporting behaviour, particularly unsporting driving, depending on the severity of the offence, the stewards may exclude the offender from classification in the event in question, or the sports court may exclude the offender from the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium altogether.

An appeal against the exclusion is to be introduced to the RACB Sport Court in compliance with the RACB Juridical Procedures.

#### 15.4 Awards Ceremony

An awards ceremony will take place after each race after the event. At least the top three driver pairings will be honoured by the organiser. Participation is mandatory. Absence will be penalized. Special dispensation may be granted upon a written request to the series' organiser in consultation with the relevant organiser.

At the awards ceremony for the season in the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium, the top three drivers and a team representative from the top three teams will be honoured. Participation is mandatory. Absence will be penalised through withholding the trophy. Special dispensation may be granted upon a written request to the series organiser.

# Art 16. Advertising

# 16.1 Advertising on the Driver's Equipment

The series organiser is entitled to design the appearance of any areas of the racing overall and place advertisements on it. To what extent the series' organiser will make use of this right is defined in the attachment to these regulations. The sketches illustrated there are part of these regulations. Areas that the series' organiser does not lay claim to and that the relevant organiser does not make use are free for the participants to choose their own sponsors, provided that the sponsors in question are not in competition with the series' organiser in the area of the production and sales of vehicles (including parts and accessories) or vehicle financing, leasing and mobility services, or in competition with the series' sponsors, sponsors of the organiser, and do not conflict with the ISC. The series' organiser must receive any requests for exemptions in writing.

The participants are committed to attach the patches of the series' and organiser's sponsors to their overalls for all events and to leave them there for the entire duration of the event. The size, type,

number and mounting of the patches is defined (area for patches, see attachment 1). There must be a minimum of 10mm between the patches of the sponsors' of the series and organisers and the patches of the team-specific sponsors.

See attachment 1 and 2 of these regulations and the relevant supplementary regulations of the organiser for further details regarding this matter.

#### 16.2 Advertising and Start Number on the Race Car (see Technical Regulations Art. 1.10)

ATTENTION: Any variations of the FIA/RACB Regulations are subject to a special waiver issued by the RACB.

# Art 17. Protests and Appeals

The FIA International Sporting Code as well as the RACB Sporting Code are applicable.

# Art 18. Exclusion of Jurisdiction of a Court and Limitation of Liability

The jurisdiction of a court is excluded for decisions made by the FIA, the RACB, their jurisdictions, the stewards, the series' organiser or the organiser as judge in terms of the Belgian Civil Code.

No claim for compensation of any kind whatsoever may be derived from actions and decisions made by the RACB or its jurisdiction, or by RACB representatives or the series' organiser, except in the case of a damage caused on purpose or by gross negligence.

# Art 19. Acceptance of the Regulations

With the signature on the "Application for registration", each entrant and driver in the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium confirms the acceptance of these regulations as a whole, including the RACB Sporting Code and the FIA International Sporting Code and appendices.

# Art 20. TV Rights/Advertising and Television Rights

If the organiser has not included any regulations, or no complete regulations regarding this matter in the supplementary regulations, the following applies:

The series' organiser or third-party acting with their consent have the right to use images, texts, reports and race results regarding the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium, or to reproduce these in changed or unchanged form without restriction on space, time, or content and without additional payment, for the purpose of internal and external corporate communications, including advertising purposes. The entrant grants the series organiser this right of use and guarantees that the driver, codriver and (if different) the owner of the vehicle used, as well as all other persons involved grant the same rights.

The series' organiser holds all image rights, including the images used in television broadcasts of the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium.

All television rights for the BMW M235i Racing Cup Belgium, including terrestrial broadcast as well as cable and satellite television broadcast, all video rights and all rights regarding the use of all electronic media, including the internet, are held by the series' organiser.

Any kind of recording, broadcast, repetition or reproduction for commercial purposes without the written consent of the series' organiser is prohibited.