

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MODEL AUTO RACING



GENERAL RULES FOR IFMAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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For the purpose of these rules, the R/C Car World Championship for all classes of radio controlled model cars will be referred to as the "World Championship".

The Organiser(s) and Promotor(s) of the World Championship will be referred to as the "Organiser".

1. GENERAL

1.1 IFMAR

The World Championship is sanctioned by the International Federation of Model Auto Racing (IFMAR).

IFMAR is the only body entitled to announce the official World Championship results.

IFMAR may act at any time during the preparation of the World Championship, during the World Championship and after the World Championship and change anything that IFMAR believes is against the interest of the sport, including the interpretation of existing rules of the World Championship if it is discovered that a rule can be used or interpreted against the sporting spirit of the World Championship.

Depending on the character and/or the urgency of the matter, IFMAR will consider the sporting interest before anybody's financial interest, including the Organiser's interest.

1.2 ORGANISER

The World Championship is materially organised by the Organiser. The Organiser is represented by the World Championship Organising Committee.

1.3 ALLOCATED PERIODS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1.3.1 1/8th I.C. (gas) World Championships will be held during the first half of July alternately every two years, i.e. 1/8th off-road in the even years and 1/8th on-road in the odd years. The 1/10th I.C. (gas) on-road 200mm Nitro Touring Car World Championship will provisionally be held in the second half of July in the even years. The 1/5th I.C. (gas) on-road World Championship will be held in the odd years every two (2) years at a time to be agreed.

1.3.2 On-road electric and 1/10th off-road electric World Championships will be held during the first half of August alternately every two years, i.e. 1/12th and International Scale Touring Car on-road electric in the even years and 1/10th off-road electric in the odd years. The on-road electric events will be run consecutively at the same venue in the following provisional order: 1/12th and International Scale Touring Car.

1.4 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CONTRACTS

1.4.1 The Contract between a World Championship Organiser(s) and IFMAR must be agreed to and signed at least twelve (12) months before the event. After signing of the Contract no rule changes that may have influence over the organising aspects are allowed, except for blatant errors, unforeseen circumstances or urgent matters.

1.4.2 At the time of signing, or twelve (12) months beforehand, the Race Sanction Fee of \$500.00 U.S. (up to 150 drivers) or \$750.00 U.S. (over 150) must be paid to IFMAR.

1.4.3 The \$2,000.00 U.S. (up to 150 drivers) or \$3,000 U.S. (over 150 drivers). Performance Bond must be presented to IFMAR not less than twelve (12) months before the event and is refundable, in full or in part, on the satisfactory completion of the event as adjudged by the relative Executive Committee of IFMAR.

1.4.4 An IFMAR Sanction Fee of \$US500 is required to be paid for each on-road electric event, i.e. 1/12th and International Scale Touring Car classes, plus a Performance Bond to the total amount of \$US2,000 covering both events. The \$US2,000 Performance Bond, or a portion thereof, will be retained by IFMAR if either of the two (2) on-road electric events is adjudged, by the relative Executive Committee of IFMAR, to have been completed unsuccessfully.

1.5 ORGANISATION

1.5.1 To allocate events among the different IFMAR member Blocs, IFMAR will use a rotation list for each different kind of event, either in the Electric or in the I.C. Section. The rotation lists are established for the forthcoming period of eight (8) years and will be revised yearly at the IFMAR Annual General Meeting.

The rotation lists must not allocate to the same Bloc more than two (2) events per year (a single event may comprise a double Championship), unless absolutely unavoidable and the Bloc in the rotation order wishes to hold the events. Set out below are the rotation lists for future IFMAR World Championship events to 2022, using the year 2007 as the starting point.

ROTATION ORDER OF IFMAR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

YEAR	EL. TRACK	EL. BUGGY	1:10 200mm	1:8 TRACK	1:8 BUGGY	1:5 TRACK
2005	–	EFRA	–	EFRA	–	EFRA
2006	EFRA	–	FEMCA	–	FEMCA	–
2007	–	FEMCA	–	FAMAR	–	FEMCA
2008	FEMCA	–	EFRA	–	ROAR	–
2009	–	FAMAR	–	EFRA	–	FAMAR
2010	FAMAR	–	ROAR	–	FEMCA	–
2011	–	EFRA	–	ROAR	–	EFRA
2012	EFRA	–	FEMCA	–	FAMAR	–
2013	–	ROAR	–	FEMCA	–	ROAR
2014	ROAR	–	FAMAR	–	EFRA	–
2015	–	FEMCA	–	FAMAR	–	FEMCA
2016	FEMCA	–	EFRA	–	ROAR	–
2017	–	FAMAR	–	EFRA	–	FAMAR
2018	FAMAR	–	ROAR	–	FEMCA	–
2019	–	EFRA	–	ROAR	–	EFRA
2020	EFRA	–	FEMCA	–	FAMAR	–
2021	–	ROAR	–	FEMCA	–	ROAR
2022	ROAR	–	FAMAR	–	EFRA	–

1.5.2 Twenty five (25) months prior to an IFMAR World Championship, the Bloc next on the rotation list will be invited by IFMAR to apply to host the World Championship. The invited Bloc will have a maximum of one (1) month to accept or decline this invitation. On acceptance, the Bloc has to make IFMAR a Funds Provision of \$US1,000.

At eighteen (18) months, the Bloc must provide information on the venue and the organisational capabilities of the prospective organiser being considered. If the proposed venue is not acceptable to IFMAR, the Bloc will be advised within one (1) month and will then be invited to select another venue more suited to IFMAR's requirements.

The Bloc must then submit details of an alternate venue within one (1) month of such notice by IFMAR. If an acceptable venue is not proposed within that one (1) month, the World Championship event will automatically be offered to the next Bloc on the corresponding rotation list without losing its natural rotation order.

If for any reason, the accepting Bloc refuses to keep on with its assumed duty before the World Championship Contract is signed, (12 months prior to the event), the Fund Provision will be forfeited and transferred to the substitute organising Bloc.

The forfeited Funds Provision will be payable by IFMAR to the organising Bloc (whichever it may be) at the moment of the signing of the World Championship Contract.

The host Bloc will be responsible to ensure that an IFMAR race organised within its region complies to all IFMAR rules and requirements and will oversee the organisation of the event. On the approval by IFMAR of the Bloc's selected venue, a guarantee security deposit of \$US1,000 will be payable by the Bloc to IFMAR and will be refundable, in full or in part, on the successful completion of the event as adjudged by the relative Executive Committee of IFMAR.

- 1.5.3 A representative of the host Bloc will give a Status Report on any forthcoming IFMAR World Championship to the Executives of IFMAR at a Committee Meeting held in the previous year.

Aspects of the Status Report to be covered are as follows:

- a. Programme – Details of the timetable for the overall event with specific details on practice/qualifying/finals. (This timetable will be considered by the appropriate IFMAR Section Executive and, if any request for deviation to the established timetable is received, it will be considered at this time). Outline specification of the portfolio to be sent to all countries, etc.
- b. Facilities – Details on the amenities provided at the venue for drivers/public/race officials and a separate private area for International Jury and IFMAR Meetings.
- c. Administration – Details on all aspects of race administration. This should cover such aspects as: Invites./advertising, sponsorship, registration, insurance, first-aid, road maps showing venue, airports, ports, local hotels and camping sites, P.A. system, badges. List of approved frequencies and list of specific frequencies that cannot be used.
- d. Hospitality – Details of the hospitality to be offered to: IFMAR/EFRA/FEMCA/ROAR/FAMAR officials, drivers, mechanics, others. Opening/closing ceremony and any official functions planned
- e. Time Keeping – Details of the time keeping equipment to be used. This should cover such aspects as: Auto/manual back-up/results/reports, etc.
- f. Race Officials – Details of officials to be used. This should cover such aspects as: Referees (to be appointed by IFMAR, the host Bloc and host country's Association). Race Director/Assistant Race Director/Time Keeper/ Technical Inspector. It is mandatory that a separate official should be appointed for each of the above positions. The relevant IFMAR Section Chairman, under the authority of the IFMAR President, will appoint the following officials for each event: the Race Director and Time Keeping Supervisor, together with the time-keeping system to be used, after consultation with the organiser. Lap Counters/Track Marshal/Transmitter compound/ Transponder compound.
- g. Venue – Photos or photocopies of the venue showing facilities available. Drawings of the track layout showing direction of racing/pit area/time keeping, etc.
- h. On-road electric World Championships - Advice on whether rule 5.1.22b of the 1/12th on-road electric or rule 6.3 of the International Scale Touring Car on-road electric World Championship Rules is to apply.

1.6 SCHEDULES FOR ORGANISATION

- 1.6.1 STAGE ONE: Not less than six (6) months before the designated race, this Report containing the following details will be distributed by IFMAR to the respective contact addresses of each IFMAR Bloc and placed on the IFMAR website and the organiser's designated website, if such is available:

- a. The organiser's name, address, fax and telephone number and email address.
- b. A single contact point for all correspondence/enquiries
- c. Details/location of the venue
- d. Map of the area showing proximity of airports, port, roads, etc.

- e. Basic details of race timetable and dates
- f. List of race officials
- g. List of approved frequencies and list of specific frequencies that cannot be used.
- h. Advice on whether and what type of Concourse d' Elegance competition will be held at the Opening Ceremony.
- i. Practice facility
- j. Details of accommodation (at least three (3) local hotels/motels of different grade which must include daily rate including all taxes, if applicable, and alternative accommodation, e.g. camping).
- k. Any special accommodation deals, including all taxes, if applicable.
- l. All information on Pre-World Championship event.
- m. Information on transport available between hotel/s and track.
- n. If event is for I.C. (gas) cars, advice on availability of fuel supplies at the venue. If so, whether supplies will be available pre-mixed and/or separately
- o. Voltage used in host country. Drawings of plug types. The Organiser should have a supply of plugs/adaptors available for sale at the event.
- p. Advice on the order in which the classes for the 1/10th Off-road World Championships will be run.
- q. Advice on whether rule 5.1.22b of the 1/12th on-road electric or rule 6.3 of the International Scale Touring Car on-road electric World Championship Rules applies.

1.6.2 STAGE TWO: Not less than two (2) months before the designated race, the organiser will send this Report directly to the IFMAR Secretary, the respective contact addresses of each IFMAR Bloc and to all competitors. This is to be carried out in the following form: (i) by airmail, either in the form of a hard copy, a CD Rom or a floppy disk or (ii) as an email attachment. The Report will contain the following details:

- a. Detailed schedule and dates
- b. Diagram of track indicating length, width and direction of racing
- c. Drawing of the venue (preferably photograph) showing track, rostrum, pit area, timekeeping and general facilities
- d. The appropriate IFMAR Section rules
- e. Alternative accommodation, camping, etc.
- f. Any further special accommodation deals
- g. Any other information as required by IFMAR Section rules (e.g. IFMAR Muffler List, IFMAR 1/12th and International Scale Touring Car electric Body shell List, IFMAR Approved Motor and Battery List, IFMAR 1/10th I.C. 200mm Body shell List, IFMAR 1/5th I.C. Body shell List).
- h. Advice on whether each competitor is required to bring or mail one passport-sized photograph of him/herself and any mechanics or Team Manager for attachment to identity badges.
- i. Map of area giving clear directions on how to reach the World Championship venue and the top three listed hotels from the nearest airport/port.

1.7 COMPETITORS

1.7.1 Only National Bodies affiliated with FEMCA, ROAR, EFRA and FAMAR and affiliated member countries can enter competitors into the World Championships.

1.7.2 The maximum number of competitors will be:

- 100 for 1/12th on-road electric

- 150 for 1/5 IC Tr, 1/8 IC Tr, 1/10 IC Tr, 1/10 EI Tr, 1/10 EL Off Road
- 180 for 1/8th IC Off Road).

Places must be initially allocated as follows:			
Entries	100	150	180
EFRA	20	32	39
FAMAR	20	32	39
FEMCA	20	32	39
ROAR	20	32	39
Host Block	10	10	10
IFMAR	10	12	14

After distribution of the IFMAR places, the remaining places are to be distributed by the relevant IFMAR Section Chairman on a fair and equitable basis according to any extra requirements of the Blocs.

All unused allocations will be returned to IFMAR for distribution on an equal basis between the Blocs. If there are any unused places still available prior to the commencement of free practice at a World Championship event and a driver who has not entered previously wishes to compete, he may request one (1) of the unused places only through his Bloc representative. The allocation request will be confirmed or denied to the Bloc representative by IFMAR. The member Blocs has the power to veto allocation of such unused places

- 1.7.3 The number of competitors by country is defined by FEMCA, ROAR, EFRA and FAMAR.

1.8 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORMS AND ENTRY FEES

- 1.8.1 Entry forms will be supplied by IFMAR to each Bloc no later than six (6) months prior to the event according to the Blocs' requests up to the initial maximum in Rule 1.7.2.
- 1.8.2 Entry forms and fees to be sent to and processed by IFMAR.
- 1.8.3 Entry forms must be completed and paid by each Bloc and received by IFMAR four (4) months prior to the World Championship event. No exceptions will normally be allowed. The remaining (not taken) and discretionary places will be distributed by the relevant IFMAR Section Chairman on an equitable basis between the Blocs willing to have allocations over the initial figures. These entries must be completed and paid three (3) months prior to the event.
- 1.8.4 Name changes may be made up to ten (10) days prior to the event. If a special request for a change of competitor's/entrant's name is received within the ten (10) day period exclusively by the designated Bloc officials and from within a Bloc, this request must be passed to the relevant Section Chairman for a decision on a decline/approval.
- 1.8.5 Any allocations not taken up and notified to IFMAR by the three (3) month limit will automatically go to the host Bloc for redistribution.
- 1.8.6 Within fifteen (15) days of the cut-off dates, IFMAR will forward to the race Organiser the entry forms and fees and notify them of any allocations not taken up.

NOTE: \$40.00 U.S. of each entry fee will be retained by IFMAR.

- 1.8.7 Entry fees will be: -
- (i) \$175.00 U.S. maximum (which includes one (1) banquet ticket) for the following World Championship events: 1/8th on-road, 1/8th off-road, 1/5th on-road, 1/10th on-road.
 - (ii) \$200.00 U.S. maximum (which includes one (1) banquet ticket) for the following World Championship events:
 - (a) 1/10th off-road electric World Championship events covering 2WD and 4WD classes,

- (b) 1/12th on-road electric and International Scale Touring Car on-road electric classes.

The entry fee will comprise \$150.00 U.S. for the first class entered with one (1) banquet ticket and \$50.00 U.S. for the second class entered with no additional banquet ticket.

No refunds will be given for any unused banquet tickets.

- 1.8.8 Invoices for entry fees in U.S. Dollars will be issued to each bloc and shall be payable to the IFMAR Bank Account. No refunds.
- 1.8.9 Entry forms and invoices will be issued by the IFMAR Secretary and Treasurer. Each entry must include the entrant's name, postal address or email address, three (3) frequencies allowed to be used at that particular event and the entrant's personal transponder number, if available. Entries and payments can only be accepted from FEMCA, ROAR, EFRA, FAMAR and affiliate member countries which must be current financial members of IFMAR. No individual entries allowed.

1.9 TROPHIES

- 1.9.1 Details of trophies to be awarded at the Awards' Banquet to ALL competitors must be submitted to IFMAR for approval including a Top Qualifier's trophy for each class and Concourse d' Elegance trophy/ies, if such competition is to be held. Details, in the form of a catalogue or photographs showing dimensions such as height and giving approximate cost must be sent to the Section Chairman of the appropriate IFMAR Section six (6) months before the event. It will be the Section Chairman's responsibility for approval and to advise the Organiser of his decision.
- 1.9.2 The organisers of I.C. World Championships shall award trophies to the top thirty eight (38) finishers for the 1/8th I.C., 1/5th I.C. and 1/10th I.C. on-road and the top thirty four (34) finishers for 1/8th I.C. off-road.
- 1.9.3 The organisers of Electric World Championships shall award trophies to the top thirty (30) finishers for the 1/12th on-road electric and to the top forty (40) finishers for the International Scale Touring Car on-road electric and 1/10th off-road electric.
- 1.9.4 IFMAR will provide sufficient engraved boxed presentation IFMAR medallions to the organiser at no cost to be individually awarded to all competitors at the Awards' Banquet.

1.10 RULES

- 1.10.1 World Championship rules must be distributed at least twelve (12) months prior to the event. Any proposed amendments must be received by IFMAR at least eight (8) months prior to the event.
- 1.10.2 No change to the rules or homologations will be permitted within four (4) months of a World Championship event, irrespective of the Section. Any rule changes (due to blatant errors, unforeseen circumstances or urgent matters) during the period of four (4) months prior to the event may be made with a unanimous vote of the voting member Blocs.
- 1.10.3 IFMAR will supply the organiser with an IFMAR rule book **either in paper or electronic**. The Organiser will send a copy of the rule book, together with the appropriate up-to-date Section homologation lists, in the Stage II Report to each competitor. The Stage II Report is to be distributed **to the drivers through their blocks** in the following form: (i) by airmail, either in the form of a hard copy, a CD Rom or a floppy disk or (ii) as an email attachment (see Rule 1.6.2).
- A copy of all this information must be published as well on the Organizers web site.**
- Printed rules set must be available at the event.**
- 1.10.4 When published on the internet, all rules and Stage Reports must be placed as a downloadable file, e.g. PDF.

1.11 SAFETY

The safety of the spectators is of prime importance and must be considered when laying out track and spectator areas. The safety of officials, helpers, competitors and accompanying people is of equal importance but it is assumed that they are more aware of the potential danger. Spectators, competitors and officials must be efficiently protected against the cars by adequate barriers.

All non authorized people will have to leave the track area when the call "1 minute to the start" is given. Press and media will be informed of that rule by the organizer when obtaining their press pass.

Track markers must be shaped and placed in a way that prevents cars from being projected into the public when hit at full speed. Technical inspection must always include the safety aspects of the cars. No sharp edges or other protruding parts of the cars that may cause serious injuries in case of an accident are permitted. First-aid supplies must be available throughout the event (including practice), in case of necessity. A First-aid Officer must be present throughout. Police and ambulance services must have access to all areas, both public and restricted. A copy of the Insurance Certificate must be enclosed with the Contract for the event.

1.12 REFEREES

1.12.1 One (1) IFMAR Referee will be appointed by IFMAR to an IFMAR World Championship event. The organiser does not appoint the IFMAR Referee. The IFMAR Referee will be required to be in attendance at the event one (1) day prior to the commencement of heats and to depart on the day following conclusion of the event. Travel and accommodation expenses for the IFMAR Referee will be paid for by IFMAR, EFRA, ROAR, FEMCA and FAMAR equally. Ninety (90) days prior to the event a budget proposal in U.S. dollars must be submitted by the appointed Referee to the IFMAR Treasurer for approval by EFRA, ROAR, FEMCA and FAMAR. Only the following expenses will be considered:

- (a) One (1) Apex return economy airfare or equivalent; and Hotel/motel accommodation for one (1) person at the official W.C. hotel/motel or cheaper; plus A maximum payment of \$US30.00 per day for out-of-pocket expenses
- (b) One (1) suitable package deal (airfare and accommodation) for one (1) person; plus A maximum payment of \$US30.00 per day for out-of-pocket expenses.

Expense allowance may be drawn in advance. Final settlement will be made on receipt of travel and accommodation accounts. The IFMAR Referee will be supported by two (2) appointed Deputy Referees, one nominated and paid for by the host Bloc and one nominated and paid for by the host country's Association.

1.12.2 The IFMAR Referee has the right to use his discretion to issue a penalty instead of a warning for any serious infringement of the rules.

1.12.3 The IFMAR Referee has the right to issue penalties for pit lane infringements. The penalties will range from time in seconds to a one (1) lap penalty.

1.12.4 The IFMAR Referee has the authority to withdraw a World Championship badge (pass) from any person contravening the World Championship Rules or spirit of the World Championship Rules.

1.12.5 The IFMAR Referee has the authority to instruct other race Officials to take remedial action in any situation which might compromise the well running of the race meeting. Any serious situation will be referred to the most senior IFMAR Official present before taking any action.

1.12.6 The IFMAR Referee is officially on duty from the commencement of controlled practice until the official conclusion of the event and, if requested by the Chairman of the International Jury, he will attend International Jury Meetings.

1.12.7 For each IFMAR World Championship in any one year, it is preferable that different persons are selected and appointed to act as the IFMAR Referee.

- 1.12.8 Immediately following the selection of a World Championship organiser, the relevant IFMAR Section Chairman will request EFRA, ROAR, FEMCA and FAMAR to each nominate a suitable person to be appointed by IFMAR as the IFMAR Referee for that event.
- 1.12.9 The relevant IFMAR Chairman is required to contact the nominees to enquire if they are willing to carry out the IFMAR Referee's duties for the event, explaining that the appointment will have to be approved by the relevant Section Committee.
- 1.12.10 The relevant IFMAR Chairman will distribute a questionnaire to his IFMAR Committee to obtain a majority decision on the selection of the IFMAR Referee from the nominations received.

1.13 VOTING

For the purpose of voting on matters concerning each Section, each Bloc shall have equal vote of one per Bloc. Majority is required to carry a vote.

1.14 INTERNATIONAL JURY MEETINGS

The relevant IFMAR Section Chairman shall always act as Chairman during International Jury Meetings and exercise a casting vote, if necessary. In the absence of the relevant IFMAR Section Chairman, the highest ranking IFMAR official shall take the chair at any International Jury Meetings. (See Section Rules for further details).

FINIS - GENERAL RULES

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| AMENDED AUGUST 1996 | AMENDED OCTOBER, 2003 |
| AMENDED DECEMBER 1996 | AMENDED JANUARY, 2004 |
| AMENDED MAY 1997 | AMENDED MARCH, 2004 |
| AMENDED AUGUST, 1998 | AMENDED OCTOBER, 2004 |
| AMENDED JULY, 1999 | AMENDED NOVEMBER, 2004 |
| AMENDED OCTOBER, 2000 | AMENDED SEPTEMBER, 2005 |
| AMENDED APRIL, 2001 | AMENDED OCTOBER 2007 |
| AMENDED OCTOBER, 2001 | |
| AMENDED SEPTEMBER, 2002 | |
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