



53rd Formula Ford Festival – Brands Hatch – 19/20 October 2024

Contest Progression Format

Pursuant to Art. 12 of the Event Final Instructions, this bulletin outlines the progression format of the 2024 Formula Ford Festival contest.

A) Heats

There will be three Heats drawn in advance of the event and published via bulletin. Grids for each Heat will be formed by the qualifying session times specific to that Heat. The first 14 classified finishers in each heat will directly qualify for the Semi-Finals.

B) Progression Race

The grid for the progression race will be formed as follows:

- Pole position in Progression Race will be taken by the 15th placed competitor in the fastest* heat
- 2nd position on the grid for Progression Race will be taken by the 15th placed competitor in second fastest heat
- 3rd position on the grid for Progression Race will be taken by the 15th placed competitor in the slowest heat
- 4th position on the grid for Progression Race will be taken by the 16th placed competitor in the fastest* heat
- 5th position on the grid for Progression Race will be taken by the 16th placed competitor in the second fastest heat
- 6th position on the grid for Progression Race will be taken by the 16th placed competitor in the slowest heat
- And so on until both progression races have grids up to a maximum of 30 cars.

C) Semi Finals

There will be 2 Semi Finals, with the first 12 classified finishers in each Semi-Final progressing directly to the Final. Grids for the Semi Finals will be formed using the Race Classification from the three Heats and the Progression Race as below:

	Semi Final 1		Semi Final 2
Pole	Fastest Heat – 1 st	Pole	Second Fastest Heat – 1 st
2	Slowest Heat – 1 st	2	Fastest Heat – 2 nd
3	Second Fastest Heat – 2 nd	3	Slowest Heat – 2 nd
4	Fastest Heat – 3 rd	4	Second Fastest Heat – 3 rd
5	Slowest Heat – 3 rd	5	Fastest Heat – 4 th
6	Second Fastest Heat – 4 th	6	Slowest Heat – 4 th
7	Fastest Heat – 5 th	7	Second Fastest Heat – 5 th
8	Slowest Heat – 5 th	8	Fastest Heat – 6 th
9	Second Fastest Heat – 6 th	9	Slowest Heat – 6 th
10	Fastest Heat – 7 th	10	Second Fastest Heat – 7 th
11	Slowest Heat – 7 th	11	Fastest Heat – 8 th
12	Second Fastest Heat – 8 th	12	Slowest Heat – 8 th
13	Fastest Heat – 9 th	13	Second Fastest Heat – 9 th
14	Slowest Heat – 9 th	14	Fastest Heat – 10 th
15	Second Fastest Heat – 10 th	15	Slowest Heat – 10 th
16	Fastest Heat – 11 th	16	Second Fastest Heat – 11 th
17	Slowest Heat – 11 th	17	Fastest Heat – 12 th
18	Second Fastest Heat – 12 th	18	Slowest Heat – 12 th
19	Fastest Heat – 13 th	19	Second Fastest Heat – 13 th
20	Slowest Heat – 13 th	20	Fastest Heat – 14 th
21	Second Fastest Heat – 14 th	21	Slowest Heat – 14 th
22	Progression Race – 1 st	22	Progression Race – 2 nd
23	Progression Race – 3 rd	23	Progression Race – 4 th
24	Progression Race – 5 th	24	Progression Race – 6 th
25	Progression Race – 7 th	25	Progression Race – 8 th
26	Progression Race – 9 th	26	Progression Race – 10 th
27	Progression Race – 11 th	27	Progression Race – 12 th
28	Progression Race – 13 th	28	Progression Race – 14 th
29	Progression Race – 15 th	29	Progression Race – 16 th
30	Progression Race – 17 th	30	Progression Race – 18 th





Should any car not finish the progression race, they will be placed on the grid in reverse order of retirement subject to grid places being available. Once the grid reaches 30 for each Semi-Final, all remaining cars will be nominated as reserves. Reserves should go to the assembly area - don't un-belt or vacate your car if you are a Reserve. You may still get a race if there is a red flag in the first couple of laps resulting in a re-start.

D) Last Chance Race

After the Semi-Finals a Last Chance Race will be run to determine grid positions 25 to 30 in the Final with the first 6 classified finishers qualifying. The grid for the Last Chance Race will be formed from positions 13 to 30 in each of the Semi-Finals:

- Pole position for the Last Chance Race will be taken by the 13th placed competitor in the faster* Semi-Final
- 2nd position on the grid will be taken by the 13th placed competitor in the slower Semi Final
- 3rd position on the grid will be taken by the 14th placed competitor in the faster Semi-Final
- 4th position on the grid will be taken by the 14th placed competitor in the slower Semi-Final and so on.
- Once the grid reaches 30, all remaining cars will be nominated as reserves. Should any car not finish their Semi Final, they will be placed on the grid in reverse order of retirement subject to grid places being available.

Reserves should go to the assembly area - Don't un-belt or vacate your car if you are a Reserve. You may still get a race if there is a red flag in the first couple of laps resulting in a re-start.

E) Final

The grid for the Final will be formed using the Race Classification from the Semi Finals & Last Chance race.

- The first 12 classified finishers in each Semi-Final will progress to the Final.
- The first 6 classified finishers in the Last Chance Race will progress to the Final.
- Pole position for the Final will be taken by the fastest Semi Final* winner
- 2nd position on the grid will be taken by the winner of the slower Semi Final
- 3rd position on the grid will be taken by the 2nd placed competitor in the faster Semi-Final
- 4th position on the grid will be taken by the 2nd placed competitor in the slower Semi-Final and so on down to P24
- Positions 25 -30 will be filled by the first six from the Last Chance race

Reserves for the Final will be the drivers finishing in 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th places in the Last Chance Race. Don't un-belt or vacate your car if you are a Reserve. You may still get a race if there is a red flag in the first couple of laps resulting in a re-start

F) Historic Festival Final

Grids for the Historic Festival Final will be formed using the Race Classification from the Semi Finals for eligible competitors, i.e. Super Classic classes A, B C & D.

- Pole position will be taken by the highest placed eligible competitor in the fastest Semi Final*
- 2nd position on the grid will be taken by the highest placed eligible competitor in the slower Semi Final
- 3rd position on the grid will be taken by the 2nd highest placed eligible competitor in the fastest Semi Final
- 4th position on the grid will be taken by the 2nd highest placed eligible competitor in the slower Semi Final.
- And so on. Should one Semi-Final have no further historic competitors, then the remainder of the grid will be formed by the finishing order of the remaining eligible competitors in the other Semi Final.
- If places are still available, any eligible car which did not qualify for the Semi Finals will be placed on the grid in finishing order of the Progression Race. Should any car not finish the progression race, they will be placed on the grid in reverse order of retirement subject to grid places being available.

Once the grid reaches 30 for the Historic Final, all remaining cars will be nominated as reserves. Don't un-belt or vacate your car if you are a Reserve. You may still get a race if there is a red flag in the first couple of laps resulting in a re-start.

* The faster Heat, Progression Race or Semi Final is defined by the 1st placed drivers total race time taken to complete the designated number of laps. Should a Heat or Semi Final be red flagged this will automatically be the slower Heat or Semi Final. Should all or two heats and both Semi Finals be red flagged, then the Heat or Semi Final with the longest distance achieved by the 1st placed driver according to the classified results will be deemed to be the faster Heat or Semi Final. Should this result in a tie the Clerk of the Course will make a decision based on fastest laps achieved by each leading driver.

The Clerk of the Course in conjunction with the Stewards of the Meeting reserve the right to amend this progression format at any time before the start of the Heats.

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