

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

General:

The International Best Young Driver Contest is an initiative to raise awareness of road safety among young drivers and to put forward the message that young drivers can drive responsibly, safely, **and environment-friendly** setting a good example to both their peers and adults.

The contest tests drivers' skills not only behind the wheel but also in real life circumstances when faced with road accidents or injuries. The contest was first introduced nationally by AMZS (Slovenia) in 2017.

Every year, Clubs are invited to express their interest in running a national contest and participating in the international final.

Clubs that participate in the Contest will sign an agreement with FIA Region I to define their commitment and responsibility.

Eligibility:

Team members must have attained the age of 18. The maximum permitted age of any team member at the time of the international final is 26.

Team members must be an official resident of the country they are representing both in the National and International Final.

Team members must hold a current (not suspended) driving licence for category B vehicles. This licence must be free of convictions for serious motoring offences, I.E. those involving the death or serious injury of another road user. A minor traffic offence recorded on a team members licence should not prevent them from participating in the competition in order to set a good example to other young road users.

Participants who win their national contest and have participated in the international final in the **previous years**, cannot participate in the national contest again.

FIA Region I promotes inclusion and diversity, and actively encourages young women drivers to participate in this competition.

The International Best Young Driver Contest consists of two parts:

1. National contest:

Each Club organises its national contest which can include:

- an online or in-person prequalification with theoretical questions
- a practical national final

2. International final:

Each Club sends one team, consisting of a maximum of 2 finalists to take part in the international final that will be organised and hosted by one participating Club in collaboration with FIA Region I.

National Contest

- Clubs will organise their national “Best young driver contests”. All national competitions should be concluded by 15 September at the latest.
- For the Clubs whose travel to the country that hosts the final event may require an entry visa, the date of the national event should be planned in such a way that gives largely a sufficient time for visa application and approval.
- Each Club should design the content and plan its national prequalification and final contest.
- Participants who win the national contest and participated in the international final in the previous year cannot again take part in the national contest.
- The national prequalification can be an online or an in-person format. The Clubs can create multiple-choice questions aiming to test participants’ theoretical and driving knowledge. See the annex for details
- The final of a national best young driver contest must be a physical event where contestants compete in several practical stations, safe driving manoeuvres, etc, and if possible first aid.
- Clubs should use both manual and automatic cars for practical tasks. If and when possible, Clubs are encouraged to use BEVs and PHEVs.

Tasks for the national final:

Here are some examples of what other Clubs have used in the past:

- Dynamic slalom course on asphalt
- Snow-covered slide surface in the infield of the racetrack
- Providing First Aid
- Driving through bends
- Attaching and driving with a trailer
- Driving on a slippery surface

- Spare wheel change
- Luggage loading

Clubs can work with NGOs, state authorities, and/or partner up with local and international corporate sponsors – as such helping the Clubs in their institutional relations and building local partnerships for road safety.

International Final

The “International Final” event usually will take place on the first weekend of October.

An example of the agenda for this event:

Day 0:

- The arrival of the FIA Region I team and Technical Committee. Setup with Technical Committee and preparation.

Day 1:

- Arrival of participants
- Participant briefing

Day 2:

- International final event
- Social/cultural activity for participants (if any)
- Final ceremony

Day 3:

- The departure of FIA Region I, teams, and Technical Committee.

The Host Club will oversee the International final event's implementation, in co-operation and with inputs from FIA Region I, the Technical Committee, and other participating Clubs.

A Technical Committee helps FIA Region I establish the rules and create the content of the international contest.

The finalists will go through a sequence of practical tasks.

Tasks for International Final

In a handbook, the Technical Committee will define and adjust the content and exercises of the stations. The handbook will be sent to Clubs at the beginning of September.

At each task, the Host Club and Technical Committee arrange to have at least one instructor and one person to assist.

Depending on the number of competitors, each task should last at least 1 minute long. The task can be executed with different types of cars i.e. one run with automatic transmission and one run with manual.

Tasks can be adapted to the available facility offered by host Club.

Finance

FIA Region I may allocate a fixed amount to contribute to the organisation of the national contest and to send finalists to the international event. Each Club participating will receive the same amount of money for the organisation of their national contests, the travel, and accommodations of their finalists to the international final.

Media

FIA Region I will regularly update and promote national and international events using posts, articles, photos, and video clips, on its member and public website and social media tools.

Each Club participating, including the host, should report on national and international events preparation and progress to be featured on FIA Region I media tools.

If possible, Clubs are encouraged to:

- have a project website/FB/Instagram
- cooperate with national radio/television/newspapers (media sponsor)
- cooperate with influencers (if possible)
- communicate press releases to all media
- organise a press conference before the start of the contest
- respect the branding of the International Best Young Driver and Road Safety Grand Programme.

Annex

NATIONAL COMPETITION ONLINE TEST

A theoretical question database should be built (for example: between 100-1000 questions). The following 6 topics are suggested but you are free to add or take out some.

- Traffic law & regulations
- Safe driving
- First Aid
- Automotive
- Basic understanding of automotive engineering
- Knowledge about our club

Theoretical questions can also be prepared based on driving exam documents.

The online test can be done on Google form with questions being input manually and, for example, can consist of:

- 4 general automotive questions
- 7 traffic rule questions
- 3 safe driving questions
- 2 First Aid questions
- 1 Club question
- 3 basic automotive engineering questions

Google Forms can generate questions randomly so participants who wish to do the test more than one time have a small chance to receive the same question.

Typically, 15-30 seconds are given to participants to answer a question. The total number of questions asked per participant can be between 20-30.

You can choose if participants can have 1, 2, or 3 attempts each time they do the test.

You can decide whether or not each participant can do a test once every 7 days.

You can decide the duration of the prequalification/theoretical test: 4 weeks, 6 weeks...

Classification can be updated after each test, and you can choose to publish the classification and give time for possible protests.

You can decide the total number of participants depending on your capacity.