

SOUTH EAST MOTOR SPORT ENTHUSIASTS CLUB

SEMSEC FORMULA FORD 1600 CHALLENGE

1. SPORTING REGULATIONS - GENERAL

1.1 Title & Jurisdiction:

The SEMSEC Formula Ford 1600 Challenge is a series of trophy races organised and administered by the SOUTH EAST MOTOR SPORT ENTHUSIASTS CLUB [SEMSEC] in accordance with the General Prescriptions of the Motor Sports Association [MSA] (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA and these Regulations).

1.2. Officials:

1.2.1. Co-ordinator & Series Secretary

Jon Low, 12 Crescent Way, Davis Estate, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9SY; Telephone: 01634 301122, email jonlow1@aol.com

1.2.2. Licensed Eligibility Scrutineer:

John Winder, 4 Henderson Close, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 2DU;
Tel: 01424 440364

1.2.3. Series Stewards:

Norman Redhead - Duncan Welch – Alan Povey

1.3. Competitor Eligibility:

1.3.1. Entrants must be fully paid up valid membership card holding members of the SEMSEC or TWMC and in possession of valid 2008 MSA **Entrants** Licences.

1.3.2. Drivers and Entrant/Drivers must be fully paid up valid membership card holding members of the SEMSEC, BRDC, BRSCC, BARC or 750MC be registered for the Series and be in possession of valid MSA Competition (Racing) NATIONAL B or higher Grade Licence or be a professional driver in possession of a valid Licence (featuring an E.U. Flag) and medical, issued by the ASN of a member country of the European Union.

1.3.3. All necessary documentation must be presented for checking at all rounds when signing-on.

1.3.4. Competitors must ensure that their cars comply with the conditions of eligibility and safety throughout qualifying and racing.

1.4. Registration:

1.4.1. All DRIVERS must register as competitors for the series by returning the Registration to the Co-ordinator prior to the Final Closing date for the first round being entered.

1.4.2. The registration fee is £10 or £45 to include SEMSEC Club membership (racing).

1.4.3. Registrations will be accepted from 1st January 2008 until the closing date for entries to the last event in the series.

1.4.4. Registration numbers will be the permanent Competition numbers for the Series.

1.5. Dates of races in the SEMSEC Formula Ford 1600 Challenge Series:

There will be 8 races held for the SEMSEC Formula Ford 1600 Challenge as detailed as follows: -

Date	Circuit	Organising Club
Saturday 29 th March 2008	Lydden	SEMSEC
Saturday 26 th April 2008	Brands Hatch	CSCC
Sunday 27 th April 2008	Brands Hatch	CSCC
Saturday 31 st May 2008	Lydden	SEMSEC
Saturday 12 th July 2008	Lydden	SEMSEC
Saturday 6 th September 2008	Brands Hatch	SEMSEC
Saturday 27 th September 2008	Lydden	SEMSEC
Saturday 25 th October 2008	Lydden	SEMSEC

1.6. Scoring:

1.6.1. The SEMSEC Formula Ford 1600 Challenge is a non-championship race series. However points will be awarded to competitors listed as classified finishers in the final results of each race as follows:-

Finishing position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th and below
Points awarded	24	20	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

The driver scoring the most points at each meeting will be deemed the overall winner of the meeting.

1.6.2. Ties shall be resolved using the formula in G11 of the 2008 MSA Yearbook.

1.7. Awards:

1.7.1. All awards are to be provided by the organising clubs.

1.7.2. Per Round: Subject to numbers of finishers in each class, trophies to:-

- Class winners if 3 or more starters in class,
 - 2nd in class if 5 or more starters in class,
 - 3rd in class if 8 or more starters in the class.
- Classes where there are less than 3 starters will be amalgamated.

1.7.3. Bonuses:

The organising clubs will endeavour to obtain sponsored awards or bonuses during the series and reserves the right to introduce same at any time without any obligation to distribute such awards retrospectively.

1.7.4. Presentations:

Trophies are to be provided for presentation at the end of each race or at an end of the meeting presentation ceremony. Prize money and bonuses, if any, shall be posted to the Entrants within 10 days of the results of each round being declared final.

1.7.5. Entertainment Tax liability:

In accordance with current Government legislation, the Organisers of each round are legally obliged to withhold tax at the basic rate on all payments to non-UK resident sportsmen/sportswomen.

That is, those persons who do not have a normal permanent residence in the U.K. The U.K. does not include the Isle of Man, Channel Islands or Eire. This means that the Organisers of each round are required to deduct tax at the current from such payments they may make to non-U.K. residents.

Under certain circumstances, it may be possible for competitors to enter into an agreement with the Inland Revenue to limit the tax withheld. Any application for such an arrangement must be made in writing and not later than 30 days before the payment is due.

For further information contact:- The Inland Revenue, Foreign Entertainers Unit, Centre for Non-Residence, St Johns House, Merton Road, Merseyside, L69 9BB Tel: 0151 472 6488; Fax: 0151 472 6483.

1.7.6. Title to all Trophies:

In the event of any Provisional Results being revised after any provisional presentations and such revisions affect the distribution of any awards the Competitors concerned must return such awards to the SEMSEC in good condition within 7 days.

2. SPORTING REGULATIONS - JUDICIAL PROCEDURES

2.1. Rounds: In accordance with Section C(d) of the 2008 MSA Yearbook.

2.2 Challenge: In accordance with Section C(d) of the 2008 MSA Yearbook.

3. SPORTING REGULATIONS -RACE MEETINGS & RACE PROCEDURES

3.1. Entries:

- 3.1.1. Competitors are responsible for sending in correct and complete entries with the correct entry fees prior to the entry selection dates, which shall be three days before each round.
- 3.1.2. Incorrect or incomplete entries (Including Driver to be Nominated Entries) are to be held in abeyance until they are complete and correct and the date of receipt for acceptance of entry purposes shall be the date on which the Secretary of the Meeting receives the missing or corrected information or fee.
- 3.1.3. Any withdrawal of Entry or driver/Car changes made after acceptance of any entry must be notified to the Secretary of the Meeting in writing. If Driver/Vehicle changes are made after publication of Entry Lists with Final Instructions the Competitor concerned must apply for approval of acceptance by the Stewards of the Meeting BEFORE Signing-On
- 3.1.4. The Maximum Entry Fee for each round shall be £260.00 however it is intended that the entry fee for most rounds will be between £150.00. and £250.00. depending on the venue. **Plus a £15 Late Entry Surcharge imposed by the Race Meeting Organisers for any entry received after 10 days prior to the date of a meeting.**
- 3.1.5. In the event of any rounds being oversubscribed the Organising Club, in liaison with the Co-ordinator may at their discretion run Qualification Races. For qualification race procedures see Appendix 3.13 of these Regulations.
- 3.1.6. Reserves are to be nominated on the Final List of Entries published with Final Instructions or Amendment Sheet Bulletins. All Reserves will practice and replace withdrawn or retired entries in Reserve Number order irrespective of class. If Reserves are given Grid Places prior to issue of the first Grid Sheets for any round, the times set in Practice shall determine their grid positions. If Reserves are given places after publication of the grid sheet and prior to cars being collected in the Official "Assembly Areas" they will be placed at the rear of the Grid and be started without any time delay. Otherwise, they will be held in the "Assembly Area" and be released to start the race after the last car to start the GREEN FLAG LAP or last car to take the start has passed the start line or pit lane exit, whichever is the later. Such approval to start MUST be obtained from the Clerk of the Course.

3.2. Briefings:

Organisers should notify competitors of the times and locations for all briefings in the Final Instructions for all

meetings. Competitors must attend all briefings.

3.3. Practice:

The minimum period of practice to be provided is as specified in the MSA .

Should any Practice Session be disrupted the Clerk of the Course shall not be obliged to resume the session or re-run sessions and the decision of the Clerk of the Course shall be final.

3.4. Qualification:

Each driver should complete a minimum of 3 laps practice in the car to be raced and in the correct session in order to qualify for selection and order of precedence as set out in the MSA Regulations G15. The Clerk of the Course and/or Stewards of the Meeting shall have the right to exclude any driver whose practice times or driving are considered to be unsatisfactory - as per MSA Regulation G15.

3.5. Races/Grids:

Qualifying/Race: Standard Qualifying (10 Minutes) in accordance with GR J.13.6. based on practice times for the race which will be over a scheduled distance of 12/15 miles.

In the event of any dispute the Clerk of the Courses decision will be final. The standard minimum scheduled race distances are detailed above however but should any race distance be reduced at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course or Stewards of the Meeting it shall still count as a full points scoring round.

3.6. Starts:

3.6.1. All race start countdowns are to have a minimum elapsed period of 3 minutes from the time all cars are released from the Paddock Assembly Area to the start of the Green flag Lap(s) in the formation as specified on the Track Licence for the circuit.

3.6.2. The minimum Standing Start Countdown procedures shall be:-

1 minute to start of Green Flag laps - Start Engines/Clear Grid.

30 Seconds to start of Green Flag Lap(s) - Visible/audible warnings of the start of Green Flag lap(s).

3.6.3. The use of tyre heating/heat retention devices, tyre treatments and compounds is prohibited.

3.6.4. Any cars removed from the grid after the 1 minute stage or driven into the Paddock on Green Flag lap shall be held in the Assembly Area, and may start the race after the last car to take the start from the grid has passed the start line.

3.6.5. Any drivers unable to start the Green Flag lap or start are required to indicate their situation as per MSA Regulation G53 and any drivers unable to maintain grid positions on the Green Flag Lap to the extent that ALL other cars are ahead of them, may complete the Green Flag lap but MUST remain at the rear of the last row of the grid but ahead of any cars to be started with a time delay.

3.6.6. Excessive weaving to warm-up tyres - using more than 50% of the track width, and falling back in order to accelerate and practice starts, is prohibited.

3.6.7. A five second board will be used to indicate the grid is complete. The Red Lights will be switched on after the 5 second board has been withdrawn.

In the event of any starting lights failure the Starter will revert to use of the National Flag.

3.7. Race Stops.

Should the need arise to stop any race or practice, RED LIGHTS will be switched on at the Start line and RED FLAGS will be displayed at the Start line and at all Marshals Signalling Points around the Circuit. This is the signal for all drivers to cease circulating at racing speeds, to slow to a safe and reasonable pace and to return to the starting grid area which will automatically become a Parc Ferme area.

Cars may not enter the pits unless directed to do so. Work on cars already in the pits must cease when a race is stopped.

3.7.2. Case A – Less than two laps completed by Race Leader.

The race will be null and void. The race will restart from the original grid positions. Competitors unable to make the restart may be replaced by reserves who will start from the back of the grid in reserve order. Gaps on the grid should not be closed up. The length of the restarted race will be determined by the Clerk of the Course.

3.7.3. Case B – More than two laps completed by Race Leader but less than 50%.

The Race will restart from a grid set out by the finishing order of part one (as per G23). The result of the race will be the order of finishing at the end of part 2. The length of the restarted race will be determined by the Clerk of the Course.

3.7.4. If the leader has completed more than 50% of the race distance or duration it shall not be re-started and the results will be declared in accordance with MSA regulation G23.

3.8. Re-Scrutiny:

All vehicles reported involved in contact incidents during races or practice must be re-presented to the Scrutineers before continuing in the races or practice.

3.9. Assembly Area Safety:

3.9.1. Entrants must at all times ensure that the MSA, Circuit Management and Organising Club Safety Regulations are complied with.

3.9.2. Assembly Area: The diagonal crossed yellow box lane is to be kept unobstructed to allow safe passage of cars at all times. The onus shall be on all Drivers to take all due care and drive at minimum speeds when exiting from the Assembly Area.

3.9.3. Refuelling: May only be carried out in accordance with the MSA G67, 68, 69 & 70 Regulations, Circuit Management Regulations and the SRs or Final Instructions issued for each Circuit/Meeting.

3.9.4. Speed Limit Assembly Area Speed Limit will be 5mph.

3.10. Race finishes:

After taking the Chequered Flag drivers are required to: Progressively and safely slow down, remain behind any competitors ahead of them, return to the Paddock as instructed, comply with any directions given by Marshals or Officials and **to keep their helmets on and harnesses done up while on the circuit or in the paddock return road.**

3.11. Results:

All Practice Time sheets, Grids, Race Results are to be deemed PROVISIONAL until all vehicles are released by Scrutineers after Post Practice/Race Scrutineering and/or after completion of any Judicial or Technical Procedures.

3.12. Timing Modules

All competitors will be required to fit Electronic Self Identification Modules (Transponders) to their cars for the purposes of accurate timing. Holders for these and detailed fitting instructions are supplied with the transponders and it will be the responsibility of the competitor to fit these in the car in the position and manner specified. The Modules must be in place and functioning correctly for all Championship qualifying practice sessions and races. Failure to fit a transponder may result in times not being recorded.

3.13. Qualification Races:

The decision to run Qualification races is entirely at the discretion of the club(s) organising each round according to the number of entries received for such rounds. All affected Competitors must be notified in writing, with their Final Instructions, that this provision will be applied.

4. RACE PENALTIES:

4.1. Infringements of Technical Regulations:

4.1.1. Arising from post practice Scrutineering or Judicial Action:

Minimum Penalty: The provisions of MSA regulation C(d)36.

4.1.2. Arising from post race Scrutineering or Judicial Action:

Minimum Penalty: The provisions of MSA Regulations: C(d)39. (a) and (b).

For infringements deemed to be of a more serious nature the Clerk of the Course and/or Stewards of the Meeting are to invoke the provisions of Regulation C(d)39(c).

4.2. Infringements of non-technical MSA Regulations and the Sporting Regulations issued for the races run to these regulations:

As per 2008 MSA Judicial Procedure Regulations

5. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

5.1. INTRODUCTION:

The SEMSEC Formula Ford 1600 Challenge is for competitors participating in cars Formula Ford 1600 cars. All cars must comply with the Technical Regulations approved by the MSA for Formula Ford 1600 in force for the year in which the car was produced and any subsequently issued up-graded or revised MSA Safety Regulations that are applicable and compulsory. And the onus shall at all times rest with the Entrant to ensure that his/her car complies with such regulations at all times, and it should be clearly understood that if the texts do not specify that you can do it you should work on the principle that you cannot.

5.2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

The following articles of MSA General Regulations C(c) Safety Criteria Regulations will apply; C(c)28, C(c)37 & 38, C(c)39 & 41, C(c)43, C(c)45 Six Point, C(c) Appendix 1 Table 56(b), C(c)67 & 68, C(c)69 to 71, C(c)72 and 73, C(c)74, C(c)75 and 76, C(c)77 to 86, C(c)103 and 104.

Competitors attention is drawn to regulation G125 requiring harnesses to be currently FIA homologated and G130 requiring fire extinguishers

5.3. CLASSES:

This will be a single class challenge.

Classes may be introduced at individual events based on the number of cars entered and the year of manufacture of the car. If classes are introduced these will be notified in individual event SR's or ASRs and will not effect the point scoring for the event which will be based on the overall result.

5.4. GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

5.4.1. Cars must comply with all relevant requirements of the 2008 MSA Yearbook Sections; C(b) 7 to 26. Cars must also comply to the formula regulation to which the car was built.

5.5. TYRES:

Tyres must conform to MSA Regulations. Cars must also conform to Formula Regulations for the age and type of car.

5.6. INDUCTION SYSTEMS:

No form of forced induction is permitted

5.7 FUEL TANK/FUEL: Only pump fuel as defined in the Terminology Section of the 2008 MSA Yearbook may be used.

6. APPENDICES:

The following Commercial Undertakings are not subject to the Judicial procedure of either the Series Stewards and/or the MSA/MSA.

6.1. Race Organising Club and other useful Contacts:

Race Organising Secretaries:

SEMSEC: Ken Greenfield, Greenfields, 16 Saxonbury Close, Crowborough,
East Sussex TN6 1EA
Tel - Evenings between 01892 652509 - between 7.30 and 9 pm only

6.2. Commercial Undertakings:

6.2.1. Trade Support.

6.2.2. Vehicle Decals and Overall patches.

Club and/or Sponsors vehicle stickers will be issued to vehicles competing in the Single Seater Challenge races and these must be affixed to all vehicles in accordance with MSA GR C(a)54 and C(a)55.

6.2.3. Promotional activities.

Competitors competing in the SEMSEC Formula Ford 1600 Challenge races are requested to make their vehicles available for promotional activities for both the promotion of SEMSEC and any race sponsors if required.

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Registration Form

TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH THE £10 (Standard) or £45 (to include 2008 SEMSEC Racing Club Membership) REGISTRATION FEE (cheques payable to 'SEMSEC') TO:
Jon Low, 12 Crescent Way, Davies Estate, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9SY

Full Name of registering DRIVER	
Full Address (Driver)	
Post Code:	
Telephone (Home):	(Work):
Email Address	
MSA Competition Licence details:	
ENTRANT - Name/Title	
Full Address:	
Telephone:	ENTRANT's LICENCE DETAILS/No.:
Transponder Number:	
Details of car: Manufacturer:	
Model:	Year of Manufacture:
Engine Tuner:	Engine capacity
Current Number on Car/Regular competition number	If you also wish to apply for club South East Motor Sport Enthusiasts Club Racing membership using this form please tick this box and enclose a cheques for £10 (registration fee) plus £35 (membership fee) = £45.00 payable to 'SEMSEC'
<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please provide (ON REVERSE OF THIS FORM) some personal profile details of the driver: Age, marital status, occupation, business or profession, previous motor sport experience and successes if any:-

Declaration:

I have read and agree to be bound by the MSA Regulations and Regulations for the series for which I am registering, and enclosing my registration fee of £10/£45 (cheques payable to SEMSEC).

Signed Date: