

FAQ - DÜF

Frequently Asked Questions – Die Üblichen Fragen

Especially for the Sportbike ClassiX old iron riders

Rules and regulations – what do I have to know?

The BEARS series has been brought up by Art Motor ten years ago and in the meantime has developed cult status. At the origins, the series was made up for British, European and American bikes made before 1988 - i.e. Ducati bevel and Pantah models, BMW, Laverda, Triumph, BSA, Moto Guzzi, Harley and others. From here, more and more categories were developed to have appropriate categories for the entire diversity of motorcycles racing in the BEARS. In the meantime, the BEARS series has split into four categories, two of which always race together but are classified separately. The categories are:

- vintageBEARS: until 1979, up to 500 ccm, contemporary
- classicBEARS: until 1979, over 500 ccm, contemporary
- ThunderBEARS: until 1992, technisch freizügig, only aircooled carburettor machinery
- SuperBEARS: until 1992, fuel injection, liquid cooling and EU-four and three cylinder bikes

For the 2007 racing season, rules and regulations for the BEARS categories have been significantly developed. Basically all modifications are based on the fact that from now on six speed Ducati 900 SS carburettor models can compete in the ThunderBEARS. This allows the SuperBEARS to host Ducati 851/888 strada models and European multicylinder bikes up to 1992. Under certain restrictions, also Japanese bikes are welcome - with no more than two cylinders and with two valves each however. SuperBEARS also is the right category for the new classic replicas from Ducati, Triumph, Kawasaki ... and whatever else will be coming thanks to the current retro boom.

Back in 2005 the classic Superbikes joined the party. Together with the BEARS categories they form the Sportbike ClassiX. In the classic Superbikes category any pre-1986 bikes are permitted, AMA Superbikes four race against the fours of the pre-GSX-R period. Of course, bikes with less than four cylinders can compete within the rules - and beat the fours like BMW and McLaughlin did in Daytona....

Any rules and regulations are featured on www.artmotor.de. However, since we talk about homemade bikes with sometimes homemade solutions, these rules may not entirely cover special aspects and solutions. In this case it is always worth while to contact the organizers either on 02246 169 169 or via e-mail.

Race dates – Which race at which occasion?

At three of the events, BEARS and classic Superbikes hold their races together. Only on one occasion, the Festival ITALIA, the classic Superbikes don't have a race, but they have their fourth race along with the Classic Team Endurance on October 20/21st at Oschersleben.

Entries - how to enter for the Sportbike ClassiX races

It's easy to enter for the Sportbike ClassiX races. You'll find the entry form on www.artmotor.de. They are PDFs and can be downloaded easily. Fill in your form and fax, mail or post it to us. Upon request we can also send you the entry forms to your home address. Once we have received your entry you will receive from us the entry confirmation plus all further details and informations you need to know.

Series entry – How to enter for the series, which are the advantages

Any rider registering for the Club Sportbike (proper form with all conditions and advantages on www.artmotor.de) and for the series start is a series starter. The fee is 100 € per year. In return, series starters can claim all of the Club Sportbike advantages and benefits: entry fee inferior by 10 € for all track days and race entries entries, the possibility to claim further 10 € early booking discount, collecting bonus laps for every completed 100 € per entry, finishes and new friends brought to us (riders who have not ridden with us in the past 3 years), 10 % discount when shopping at the Rehm Race Service (only parts, not tyres), action packages in parts or wear from our partners and free choice of either a Club Sportbike fleece jacket or a free "PS" suscription for one year. At the first event of the year, all series starters can have issued a technical ID card for their motorcycle which makes scrutineering a lot easier and quicker.

Permanent start numbers – Which number for which category?

Permanent start numbers are a privilege for permanent competitors, i.e. series starters. The categories have start number windows of their own which are as follows:

ClassicBEARS and Vintage BEARS: 500 - 599	ThunderBEARS and SuperBEARS: 300 - 399
Classic Superbikes: 1 - 99	

Within these windows wishes for permanent start numbers will be considered if possible. Any start number wishes based on a top 10 overall placing from last year will be considered first. In case of collisions the organizers will decide, always trying to satisfy both parties involved.

Any other start numbers will be given in the order of the entries arrived.

Racing Services – Who's there in case of---

Three racing service will be there for you at our events. Bridgestone as explained above, the Rehm Race Service (www.rehm-race-service.de) for any kind of parts and accessories, and the Kabro Racing Service (new for 07) for any kind of tuning and repairs, mechanical or electronic. Any of these cup partners is looking forward to help you enjoy racing.

Licences – Which licences are required?

To participate in the Sportbike ClassIX categories, at three of the four events (Moto Cup des Nations, Festival ITALIA, BIKEtoberfest) a DMSB licence is required for German racers and, partly, residents. Foreign riders: please see further down. For any category, a C-licence is sufficient. For DMV and DMV members, the price of a C-licence is 60 €, whereas a B-licence is 140 € (110/190 € for non members).

Those riders who do not have any kind of licence can buy an event licence at all of the events. The price is 26 € but that will be refunded if you apply for an annual licence within one month after the date marked on the event licence. The best thing is to see the doctor at the event, fill in the licence application form and send it to the DMSB.

Licences – How to apply?

You can apply for your licence either at the DMSB (www.dmsb.de) or at the sporting department of your own club, either DMV (www.dmv-motorsport.de, Tel. 069 69 50 02 - 11) or ADAC (www.adac-motorsport.de) Note for the ADAC: The national ADAC is divided into areas, „Gau“, which means that there is one in your nearest bigger city.

Members of ADAC or DMV not only get their licence at a cheaper price but also benefit from further support. E.g., the DMV pays his members, racing under its banner, 10 € per entry, up to max. 100 €, at the end of the year. The regional ADAC authorities have different systems of support. Asking is certainly worth the while. Annual DMV membership is 45 €. In return you get loads of special services, e.g. in case of accident, breakdown or lawsuit. Both clubs have on offer special additional insurances that also cover the risks of motorsport.

Foreign riders – Who can start?

Riders with a licence of their national authority need a starting permission by their authority. In most cases, the starting permission is imprinted on the back of the licence but it can also be issued separately. Foreign riders, who are not in possession of a national licence issued by their federation can buy a DMSB event licence if either they provide a release by their federation or if they sign a document according to which they have no licence and in which they confirm that there is no sport penalty due against them.

At events not registered with the DMSB every rider has to subscribe to a third party liability which also is his starting permission without respect to his nationality.

Points – Who can score in which categories?

Any rider competing in either the BEAERS or classic Superbike races can score points for the annual championship of his category. After the last race of the year the rider with the most points is champion of his respective category.

Things are a little bit different though for the classic Superbikes. Here the riders score in three divisions: EU, US and Open – only half of the points are however giving in the last one. Classic Superbike Master is the rider with most points of all three divisions.

Entry fee – How much is it?

The entry fee is equal for all categories: For 205 € you'll have a free practice, two timed practices and a warm up, any of these over 20 minutes, and a race over 15 minutes + 2 laps.

Series starters/Club Sportbike members pay 10 € less per entry and collect bonus laps for entry fee, finishes and friends brought.

These entry fees are valid for a single race entry before entry closing date, i.e. 15 days before the event. Only paid entries are confirmed entries. Entries arriving and/or paid after entry closing date will be charged additional 25 €. Transponder rent is not included.

Cancelling – [What and how if I have to cancel entry?](#)

If you have to cancel your entry before entry closing date (i.e. 15 days before the event) you will be refunded the entire entry fee. After entry closing date you only can cancel your race participation with a confirmation from your doctor. In this case 50 % of the entry fee will be refunded. Any cancellation has to be done in written form and reach Art Motor V & A and Sportbike e.V. within the delays indicated.

A step back insurance allows you to cancel your entry up to 3 days before the event without any proof or reason - however in written form only. In this case the entire entry fee will be refunded, and only a fee of 25 € will be retained for administration. The step back insurance is 10 € per day, there is a separate contract form for it on www.artmotor.de.

Juniors – [are welcome!](#)

Riders under 18 years of age pay only half of the entry fee - in every category, in every race. However, the proof has to be led by the applicant, e.g. by faxing his ID with the entry. Note: The minimum ages depends on the category: In the 125 Zweitaktpokal you can take part with 12 years of age, in Sound of Thunder and Superbike/Supersport Open however you need to be at least 18 years of age.

Golden Age Cup – [for the more mature racers](#)

Any rider who has entered at least into his 50th year of age can register for the „Golden Age Cup“. For the Golden Age Cup only those riders are eligible for points who comply with the regulations of the Golden Age Cup and have registered for it. There will be no classification or cup for resp at the races, however the Golden Age Cup winner (for both DMSB Sportbike Pokal and Sportbike ClassiX) will receive an impressive chronograph.

Highlight at the end of the season – [Classic Team Endurance](#)

At the end of the season a special race is held which however does not count towards the Sportbike ClassiX championships. Anyway, most of the bikes eligible for any of the Sportbike ClassiX categories (with a few exceptions) are eligible to compete in the Classic Team Endurance. The race will be held on October 20th/21st at the Motorsport Arena Oschersleben for teams consisting of two riders with one or two bikes and goes over a distance of 155 minutes. In the past years it has been held during summer, but the golden October months of the past years let us be optimistic as to the weather: The climate change also has its advantages...
More informations for the Classic Team Endurance on www.artmotor.de

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