



[23 Oct 2025] Version 2:
Amended to correct clerical error in:
B) Progression Races (grid format)



54th Formula Ford Festival – Brands Hatch – 25/26 October 2025

Contest Progression Format

Pursuant to Art. 12 of the Event Final Instructions, this bulletin outlines the progression format of the 2025 Formula Ford Festival contest.

A) Heats

There will be four 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 12 classified finishers in each heat will directly qualify for the Semi-Finals.

B) Progression Races

There will be 2 progression races. The top 6 classified finishers in each progression race will go through to the semi-finals.

The grids for the progression races will be formed as follows:

- Pole position in Progression Race 1 will be taken by the 13th placed competitor in the fastest heat
- Pole position in Progression Race 2 will be taken by the 13th placed competitor in the 2nd fastest heat
- 2nd position on the grid for Progression Race 1 will be taken by the 13th placed competitor in third fastest heat
- 2nd position on the grid for Progression Race 2 will be taken by the 13th placed competitor in slowest heat
- 3rd position on the grid for Progression Race 1 will be taken by the 14th placed competitor in the fastest heat
- 3rd position on the grid for Progression Race 2 will be taken by the 14th placed competitor in the in the second fastest heat
- 4th position on the grid for Progression Race 1 will be taken by the 14th placed competitor in the third fastest heat
- 4th position on the grid for Progression Race 2 will be taken by the 14th placed competitor in the slowest heat
- And so on until both progression races have grids of 30 cars.

C) Semi Finals

There will be 2 Semi-Finals, with the first 15 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 four Heats and the Progression Races as below:

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

Should any car not finish the progression race(s), 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) Grand Final

The grid for the Grand Final will be formed using the Race Classification from the Semi Finals.

- The first 15 classified finishers in each Semi-Final will progress to the Final.
- Pole position for the Grand 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
- And so on until the grid reaches 30.

Reserves for the Final will be the drivers finishing:

- 1st Reserve – 16th Placed competitor in the fastest Semi-Final
- 2nd Reserve – 16th Placed competitor in the slower Semi-Final.
- 3rd Reserve – 17th Placed competitor in the fastest Semi-Final
- 4th Reserve – 17th Placed competitor in the slower Semi-Final.
- 5th Reserve – 18th Placed competitor in the fastest Semi-Final
- 6th Reserve – 18th Placed competitor in the slower Semi-Final.

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) Historic Festival Final

Grids for the Historic Festival Final will be formed using the Race Classification from the Heats 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 Heat
- 2nd position on the grid will be taken by the highest placed eligible competitor in the second fastest Heat
- 3rd position on the grid will be taken by the highest placed eligible competitor in the third fastest Heat
- 4th position on the grid will be taken by the highest placed eligible competitor in the slowest Heat
- 5th position on the grid will be taken by the second highest placed eligible competitor in the fastest Heat
- 6th position on the grid will be taken by the second highest placed eligible competitor in the second fastest Heat
- 7th position on the grid will be taken by the second highest placed eligible competitor in the third fastest Heat
- 8th position on the grid will be taken by the second highest placed eligible competitor in the slowest Heat
- And so on. Should one Heat 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 Heats.

Once the grid reaches 30 for the Historic Final, all remaining eligible competitors 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 **fastest** Heat, Progression Race or Semi Final is defined by the 1st placed (overall) drivers total race time taken to complete the designated number of laps. Should a Heat, Progression Race or Semi Final be red flagged this will automatically be the slower Heat, Progression Race or Semi Final. Should more than one Heat/Progression/Semi Final be red flagged, then the Heat/Progression/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/Progression/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 Organisers reserve the right to amend this progression format at any time before the start of the Heats.

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