

2024 BMX Racing Suomi Cup – Technical Guide

1. General

In 2024, the BMX Finland Cup consists of 10 races (8 in Finland and 2 in Estonia). When calculating the overall results of the Cup, the best 8 races are taken into account. Riders can choose any (and as many as they want) BMX Estonian Cup races they wish to participate in, and the two best results will be considered in the BMX Finland Cup points. There may be changes to the competitions, which will be announced on the Finnish Cycling BMX discipline page and calendar, as well as on the BMX Racing Finland Facebook page.

All riders interested in BMX Racing are welcome to compete in the Finnish Cup races. Riders under 10 years old and over 30 years old are not required to have a license, but each competitor is obligated to ensure their own insurance coverage.

The BMX Racing Finland Cup competitions adhere to the rules of the UCI and SP, as well as the instructions and regulations provided by the organizers of the races listed in section #2. The **2024 BMX Racing Finland Cup is open to riders from all countries, although the national series and its races are national competitions. Participation in the BMX Finland Cup requires competitors born between 1995 and 2013 to have a competition license issued by the national federation under the UCI. Each participant must have insurance covering competition in Finland.** Club officials will verify that members of their own club have a valid competition license. Instructions for obtaining a competition license are available on the SP website at <https://pyoraily.fi/materiaalipankki/lisenssimateriaalit/>. All competitors participate in the races at their own risk and are responsible for any consequences they cause. Competitors must be aware of the dangers and risks of the competition themselves. By registering for the competition, you give the competition organizer permission to publish your name, gender, competition class, and club in registration or result lists. You also give permission to have pictures taken of yourself during the events.

2. The races

The competition invitations to be published under the 2024 BMX Racing Finland Cup, which serve as attachments to this technical guide, will include detailed information such as organizer contact details, event locations, schedules, registration instructions, and other arrangements.

| Date | Competition | Location | Organizer |
|---------------|----------------------|----------|---|
| 18.-19.5.2024 | BMX Suomi Cup 1 ja 2 | Tuusula | http://www.bmxhelsinki.net |
| 7.7.2024 | BMX Suomi Cup 3 | Tuusula | http://www.bmxhelsinki.net |
| 3.-4.8.2024 | BMX Suomi Cup 4 ja 5 | Tampere | https://www.tabc.fi |
| 1.9.2024 | BMX Suomi Cup 6 | Laukaa | https://www.ccpicaro.fi/ |
| 14.-15.9.2024 | BMX Suomi Cup 7 ja 8 | Helsinki | http://www.bmxhelsinki.net |

Estonian BMX Cup calendar 2024

| Date | Competition | Location | Organizer |
|---------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| 29.-30.6.2024 | Estonian Cup 1 ja 2 | Tarto | |
| 27.-28.7.2024 | Estonian Cup 3 ja 4 | Tarto | |
| 10.-11.8.2024 | Estonian Cup 5 ja 6 | Tallinna | |
| 21.-22.9.2024 | Estonian Cup 7 ja 8 | Tallinna | |

2.1. 2024 BMX Estonia Cup collaboration

In 2024, the BMX Estonian Cup consists of 10 races (8 in Estonia and 2 in Finland). When calculating the overall results of the Cup, the best 8 races are taken into account. Riders can choose any (and as many as they want) BMX Finland Cup races they wish to participate in, and the two best results will be considered in the BMX Estonian Cup points.

Competitors must participate in at least one local cup race in order to earn points in the local overall cup.

3. Competition classes

In the 2024 BMX Racing Finland Cup competitions, the following combined classes and national Pro open class are run in accordance with UCI regulations.

Classes raced on standard 20" BMX bikes, separately for both men and women:

- 6 yrs (born in 2018 or later), smaller wheel size allowed
- 7 – 8 yrs (born in 2016-17), smaller wheel size allowed
- 9 – 10 yrs (born in 2014-15), smaller wheel size allowed
- 11 – 12 yrs (born in 2012-13)
- 13 – 14 yrs (born in 2010-11)
- 15+ yrs (born in 2009 or earlier), 24" cruiser bike allowed
- 30+ yrs (born in 1994 or earlier), 24" cruiser bike allowed.

Additionally, there is one pro-open class:

- **Pro open** (the purpose of this class is to offer development opportunities to both current and future championship-class competitors, regardless of age and gender. There is no age limit or gender segregation for this class. The pro line is ridden on tracks where available. On tracks without a pro line, the class is combined with the 15+ category, even in cases where the combined group exceeds the gate size of the track. Results are separate. Competitors can change classes during the season, but they can only race in one class per event, for example, 15+ or Pro Open).

A total of 15 classes.

Women may choose to compete in the men's classes. Classification into age-appropriate classes is determined according to SP rules, but competitors may alternatively compete in the next more challenging class. All classes with confirmed participants will be raced regardless of the number of participants in each class. Competitors from all competition levels (Championship/Challenge/Masters) are allowed to participate in the race classes.

4. Combining starts

Competitors must register for one of the classes mentioned above. Classes may be combined as needed to start with others. Even if race classes are combined into the same starts, separate results are produced for each race class. When combining classes, it must be ensured that all competitors in the same class have equal opportunities throughout the entire competition, from heats to finals. Classes should not be combined if there is a risk of any competitor or class being placed in an unequal position compared to others at any stage of the competition.

5. Motos and scoring of results

The 2024 BMX Racing Finland Cup uses a scrambled moto start order. In combined classes where there are a gate full or fewer riders, 4 motos are run, with the last moto being run in the final round. The results of all motos are counted towards the final standings. In other classes, riders are eliminated for the next rounds based on three motos. In motos where the gate is chosen by sequence, the selection order is based on the combined results of the motos run up to that point, with the best-performing driver in the combined results being allowed to choose first. If points are tied, the scoring program Sqorz calculates the drivers' rankings according to rule 6.1.041ter.

In all Cup competitions, the scoring program Sqorz is used to take into account class combinations, the progress of the competition, scoring, and results automatically, as well as to calculate the Cup points. All results are automatically published during the competition through the Sqorz website. It should be noted separately that the track in Laukaa has a 6-rider gate.

Any deviations from this guideline will be resolved by the Referees' Council in accordance with the UCI BMX regulations.

6. Registration and entry fees

For the BMX Racing Finland Cup competition, participants must register in advance according to the instructions provided by the competition organizer. The competition organizer is not obligated to accept registrations received after the last registration date. The entry fee is **€25 per participant per competition**, and late registration is €50, payable according to the instructions provided by the competition organizer. In Estonian competitions, it is customary for Estonians to pay for only one child in families with multiple children. This also applies to Finns participating in Estonian races.

7. Competition numbers

Competitors must have the same competition number throughout the entire competition season.

The competition number must be affixed to the front of the bike's handlebars and on both sides of the frame immediately behind the head tube. The competition number must also be displayed during official practice sessions. For further information on registration, please contact the competition organizer.

Instructions on how to book a race number (in Finnish):

<https://pyoraily.fi/materiaalipankki/kilpailumateriaalit/bmx-racing-kilpailijarekisteri/>

8. Competition Organisations' Licenses

8.1. Participating Teams

During each individual race, the team leader is responsible for the club's competitors, and is required to have a team leader's license or a Finnish national II-class commissaire card, or an equivalent foreign license/qualification.

An exception is made for teams with only 1 or 2 riders, all of whom are of legal age. In such cases, their competition licenses are considered sufficient.

8.2. Organizing Entities

The organizing entity is responsible for ensuring that all officials are familiar with the rules and that there are an adequate number of them. One person can only handle one of the tasks listed below. For the competitions held in 2024, at least an II-class commissaire card is required for each of the following roles:

- Race Director
- Secretary of the Commissaires' Panel / Results Clerk
- Finish Line Commissaires
- Start Commissaire
- Start Marshal(s)
- Technical Delegate / Track Manager

Additionally, the organizing entity is responsible for the following tasks, for which a separate license is not required:

- Start Preparation Staff
- Track Marshals
- Finish Line Assistant(s)
- Secretary's Assistant(s)
- Announcer
- Security Personnel
- First Aid

8.3. Race Commissaires – they are not part of the organizing entity but oversee compliance with the rules for the entire event.

The President of Commissaires' Panel as well as rest of the race commissaires for the competitions are appointed by the Finnish Cycling Rules and Commissaires Committee, which has verified the eligibility of commissaires' licenses in advance.

9. Combined Competition and Points

For the BMX Racing Finland Cup, the class-specific results list for individual races will consider the best points from eight out of ten races. Cup points are awarded to all Finnish competitors as well as foreign competitors who participate in Finnish races. In case of tied points, ranking is determined based on better or best placements (most wins, etc.). If placements are still tied, the better placement in the last race determines the outcome. Points are determined based on race results (final heat).

| Place | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. etc. place |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Points | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

For each race, the winner of the class receives 20 points, the second-place competitor receives 18 points, etc., according to the table above. Every competitor who participates in the heats receives at least one point. Results are categorized by class, regardless of the number of participants in the class.

In contrast to UCI regulations, the BMX Racing Finland Cup also includes a B-final if there are more competitors than can fit on one starting gate. When there are 17-19 competitors, according to UCI rules, 2 semifinal heats are run, each with 6 competitors, and the top 4 from each heat advance to the final (at Laukaa track, top 3). Competitors eliminated from the final form the B-final for places 9-12 (at Laukaa track, places 7-12).

Competitors must participate in at least one BMX Racing cup race held in Finland to earn points in the overall 2024 BMX Racing Finland Cup standings.

10. Prizes

The prizes for individual races are provided by the competition organizer. In all classes, at least the top three competitors are awarded. Additionally, participation prizes are given to all competitors aged 12 and younger.

The top three competitors in all classes in the overall BMX Racing Finland Cup standings are awarded prizes.

11. Balance bike class

In conjunction with BMX races, there is a balance bike competition open to all interested participants. There is no registration fee for the balance bike class, and the guidelines provided for balance bike races are followed during the competition.

12. Results, Overall Standings, and Contact Information

The results and overall competition points are updated on the website <https://our.sqorz.com/org/bmxfinland>

For more information, visit the BMX discipline page on the Finnish Cycling website: <https://pyoraily.fi/lajit/bmx/>

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