



GENERAL RULES

Conduct | Participation | Driver & Crew Safety

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BMW heritage. Endurance. Community.

Read these rules together with the BEB General Vehicle Rules, Roll Cage Rules, applicable Class Rules, Pit Safety Rules, and event-specific instructions.

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Companion rules

All vehicles must comply with the General Vehicle Rules, Roll Cage Rules, and applicable Class Rules. All refueling and hot pit operations must also comply with the Pit Safety Rules. No exception is created by an omission from this general rulebook.

Facility restrictions remain mandatory. An event credential or BEB permission does not override a venue restriction. Event-specific instructions may add requirements or address local conditions. If instructions appear inconsistent, seek clarification from BEB Officials before proceeding; do not assume permission to use a less protective procedure.

Official communication

BEB may issue written updates, official briefing instructions, and Race Control directions. Teams are responsible for communicating applicable instructions to their drivers, crew, and guests.

Questions, recommendations, comments, or concerns may be directed to info@bavarianendurancebattle.com.

Our Mission

Bavarian Endurance Battle (BEB) is a BMW-focused endurance racing association built around a shared passion for the cars, their heritage, and the people who keep that legacy alive.

Our mission is to bring BMW enthusiasts, drivers, builders, and teams together through endurance racing that celebrates every generation of BMW. We create opportunities to test craftsmanship, reliability, teamwork, and driver skill while building friendships and traditions that extend beyond the racetrack.

We do this because we believe these cars have more stories to tell, and the people who build and race them deserve a place to contribute their own chapter to that history.

We strive to make every BEB event fun, welcoming, and driven by passion, with safety guiding our decisions. Through clear rules, responsible conduct, careful preparation, and respect for everyone involved, we work to reduce the inherent risks of motorsport and promote a community where fierce competition and care for one another belong together.

Important Safety Notice

Motorsport is inherently dangerous. Serious injury, permanent disability, and death can occur during any BEB event, even when safety rules are followed and precautions are in place. Vehicles and other property may also be damaged or destroyed.

This notice applies to everyone attending a BEB event, including drivers, team managers, mechanics, crew members, volunteers, officials, staff, vendors, media personnel, spectators, family members, and guests.

BEB is committed to promoting safety through vehicle requirements, inspections, driver and crew conduct rules, event procedures, and enforcement. These measures are intended to reduce risk. No rulebook, inspection, protective equipment, barrier, or action by an official can eliminate every hazard or guarantee anyone's safety.

Risks may include collisions, loss of vehicle control, mechanical failures, fire, hot surfaces, fuel and fluid spills, flying debris, moving vehicles, and incidents involving tools or equipment. Hazards may arise on the racing surface, in the pits and paddock, in spectator areas, or elsewhere on the event grounds. A person does not have to be driving or working on a race car to be exposed to risk.

Everyone attending must follow BEB Officials' instructions, posted signs, access restrictions, and applicable venue rules. Remain within authorized areas, stay alert, keep emergency routes clear, and promptly report unsafe conditions. Parents and guardians must supervise minors in their care.

Participants and teams are responsible for maintaining vehicles and equipment, using required protective gear, and ensuring that their personnel follow safe practices. Passing an inspection or receiving permission to participate does not guarantee that a vehicle, its equipment, or its operation is free from hazards.

BEB Officials may stop an activity, restrict access, or remove individuals or teams when an unsafe condition or conduct is identified. These actions cannot guarantee that every danger will be identified or prevented.

Attendance and participation are voluntary. Before choosing to attend or participate, carefully consider the risks inherent in motorsport. If you do not understand or are unwilling to accept exposure to these risks, do not attend or participate in BEB events.

This notice forms part of the BEB rules. It does not replace any separate event waiver, release, registration agreement, or required safety briefing.

GR-1. Governance & Event Authority

GR-1.1. Organization

Bavarian Endurance Battle is a motorsport association operated by Bavarian Endurance Battle, LLC. BEB organizes and regulates its sanctioned events and maintains authority over competition and event operations.

GR-1.2. Rule Governance

BEB establishes and enforces rules to promote safety, fair competition, cost control, and the long-term integrity of the association. BEB may modify, clarify, or supplement rules, including during an event when necessary. Updates may be communicated in writing, at official briefings, or by Race Control.

The interpretation and application of BEB rules by BEB Officials are final for event operations. Participants must comply with directions immediately. Concerns must be raised calmly through BEB Officials without interrupting operations or delaying compliance.

GR-1.3. Safety Enforcement

BEB may stop any activity or remove any vehicle that is unsafe, improperly prepared, or noncompliant.

This authority extends to all drivers, team managers, crew members, support personnel, guests, and anyone else associated with a team. BEB may remove anyone who acts unsafely, is physically or mentally unfit to perform their duties safely, or presents a risk to themselves or others.

Violence, threats, intimidation, aggressive behavior, deliberate escalation of disagreements, or unnecessary disruption will not be tolerated. BEB Officials may immediately remove those involved from participation or the premises and may suspend or permanently ban them from the association.

Depending on the circumstances and severity, penalties may also extend to the associated team, including disqualification. Removal or disqualification for misconduct is subject to the no-refund provision in GR-6.3.

GR-1.4. Violations and Penalties

Technical violations, concealed prohibited modifications, disregard for the intent of the rules, repeated safety violations, dishonesty, or misconduct may result in penalties. Depending on the circumstances, penalties may include loss of points, removal from an activity, disqualification, suspension, or exclusion from future BEB events.

GR-1.5. Event Changes

BEB may modify, delay, or cancel an event because of weather, safety concerns, facility limitations, insufficient participation, or circumstances beyond its control. Decisions will prioritize safety and event operations. Any applicable cancellation or refund terms are governed by the event's registration agreement; the misconduct no-refund rule is stated in GR-6.3.

GR-2. Registration & Team Responsibilities

GR-2.1. Required Documents

Participants must complete and sign all required BEB and venue documentation before participating. This includes applicable waivers, safety acknowledgments, and event-specific agreements. Spectators, guests, and staff must complete any documentation required for their admission or duties.

GR-2.2. Credentials

Everyone entering a restricted or controlled area must be properly registered or authorized and must wear the required event credentials. This includes pit lane and any controlled portion of the paddock. Credentials do not authorize access beyond their stated limits. Facility restrictions take precedence over BEB access permissions.

GR-2.3. Team Responsibility

Teams are responsible for communicating the rules to their drivers, managers, crew members, and guests. Everyone associated with a team must contribute to a safe, respectful, and fair environment.

GR-2.4. Team Names

Team names must be appropriate for a public, family-accessible event. Obscene, offensive, profane, or otherwise inappropriate names are not permitted. BEB may reject a name or require it to be changed.

GR-2.5. Medical Insurance and Event Coverage

All drivers, crew members, and participants are strongly encouraged to carry personal medical insurance. Event participation does not establish personal medical coverage. Individuals are responsible for understanding their insurance and their financial obligations for medical treatment.

Event-level insurance, if applicable, is governed by the actual policy and event documents. This rulebook is not a statement or guarantee of insurance benefits.

GR-2.6. Facility Damage

Teams are financially responsible for damage caused by their vehicles or personnel to the track, facilities, safety equipment, or surrounding infrastructure. BEB may recover associated costs, including applicable administrative fees, from the responsible team.

GR-2.7. Team Appearance and Identity

BEB encourages coordinated T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, or other apparel displaying the team name. Matching clothing builds team pride and helps spectators, competitors, and officials recognize the crew. Teams making an extra effort toward a cohesive, professional appearance may be considered for a special team appearance award.

Team apparel worn in work areas must satisfy the applicable clothing and protective-equipment rules.

GR-3. Vehicle Eligibility

GR-3.1. Eligible Vehicles

Competition vehicles must be BMW-manufactured production vehicles originally designed for street use in North America. Vehicles must be mass-produced, four-wheeled, based on a production platform, and retain a recognizable BMW chassis structure. Kit cars and non-production vehicles are not permitted.

GR-3.2. Vehicle Weight Limit

Eligible vehicles must not exceed a manufacturer-rated curb weight of 4,200 pounds. This is a production-vehicle curb-weight eligibility limit, not a requirement for the prepared race car to weigh 4,200 pounds or less at inspection. BEB may verify eligibility using manufacturer specifications.

GR-3.3. Class Assignment

BEB retains authority to assign or reassign a vehicle to a class to maintain fair competition, address a unique build, or ensure safety. In exceptional circumstances, BEB may approve placement in a special or exception class. Teams must obtain an explicit BEB determination rather than assume an exception applies.

GR-3.4. Technical Compliance

Every vehicle must comply with the BEB General Vehicle Rules, Roll Cage Rules, and applicable Class Rules. These are separate requirements and must be read together. A class assignment does not waive a safety requirement.

GR-3.5. Windshields

All race cars must have a windshield complying with the General Vehicle Rules and applicable Class Rules. Cars without a windshield are not permitted.

GR-3.6. Continued Compliance

Vehicles must remain safe and compliant throughout the event. An initial inspection does not authorize continued use after a defect, damage, leak, or other unsafe condition develops. BEB may require correction or remove the vehicle from competition.

GR-4. Driver Eligibility & Licensing

GR-4.1. BEB Competition License

Every driver must hold a valid BEB Competition License before participating in a BEB-sanctioned driving event.

GR-4.2. Driver Qualifications

Drivers must possess a valid government-issued driver's license. BEB may consider an exception for an individual with demonstrated racing experience. An exception requires prior BEB approval and does not override facility or event restrictions.

GR-4.3. Novice Drivers

First-time road racing drivers may participate only after completing the mandatory BEB novice briefing and any training required by BEB. They must demonstrate an understanding of race procedures and safety expectations before being permitted on track.

GR-4.4. Definition of a Novice

A novice is a driver who has not previously participated in wheel-to-wheel racing competition or does not hold a recognized competition license. Track days, HPDE, autocross, drifting, and similar activities do not, by themselves, establish wheel-to-wheel racing experience.

GR-4.5. Fitness to Drive

Drivers must be capable of safely controlling the vehicle and complying with instructions throughout their participation. A driver who is impaired, unfit to continue, or otherwise unsafe may be removed by BEB Officials. Alcohol, drugs, and medication restrictions are addressed in GR-7.

GR-4.6. Protective Equipment

All drivers must satisfy DS-1 through DS-10 as applicable. A license, prior experience, or inspection does not waive personal protective-equipment requirements.

GR-5. Minor Participation

GR-5.1. Drivers Under 18

Drivers under 18 may compete only with prior BEB approval, documented racing experience, a parent or legal guardian present at the event, and completion of all required waivers and permissions. BEB may deny participation on safety grounds. Facility and event restrictions also apply.

GR-5.2. Limits and Incident Review

The Event Director may limit the number of minor drivers based on safety, event conditions, and participant composition. Any on-track incident involving a minor may receive additional BEB review. Based on the circumstances and severity, BEB may suspend or revoke the minor's driving privileges, including until age 18.

GR-5.3. Minor Crew Members

Individuals at least 16 years old may be approved as crew members in designated active areas, including pit lane, only when all BEB, facility, and event requirements are met. This is a controlled exception, not automatic access permission.

A parent or legal guardian must remain at the event whenever the minor participates. Guardians must provide documentation of their status if requested and must complete all applicable minor waivers and permissions.

Approved minor crew members must remain under direct supervision of their parent or legal guardian while in restricted or active areas, including pit lane and designated hot zones. BEB may restrict or revoke access if supervision is absent or a safety concern arises.

GR-5.4. Facility Restrictions

The Event Director may limit the number of minor crew members for operational or safety reasons. Facility rules may impose higher minimum ages or prohibit minor access to pit lane or hot pits. Those restrictions take precedence and will be communicated through event-specific instructions.

Approval as a minor crew member does not automatically authorize refueling duties. Any approved assignment must satisfy all applicable access, supervision, equipment, and Pit Safety Rules.

GR-6. Conduct & On-Course Behavior

GR-6.1. Respectful Competition

Drivers must compete with respect for fellow competitors and demonstrate safe, controlled, responsible driving at all times. Rough, careless, or irresponsible driving and unsportsmanlike conduct may result in penalties at the discretion of BEB Officials.

GR-6.2. Passing and Defending on Straights

A driver attempting to pass or defend a position must allow another competitor sufficient racing room. Forcing another car off the racing surface to avoid contact is prohibited, whether or not contact occurs.

The Race Director will review violations and determine penalties according to the circumstances and severity. Penalties may include disqualification and suspension from future BEB events.

GR-6.3. Team Behavior and Removal

Drivers, team managers, crew members, and all other individuals associated with a team or race car must address concerns, disagreements, and incidents calmly, respectfully, and civilly.

Threats, intimidation, abusive behavior, physical aggression, and refusal to comply with BEB Officials' instructions will not be tolerated. Dangerous, dishonest, or disruptive conduct may result in disciplinary action.

BEB Officials may take immediate action according to the circumstances and severity. This may include removing one or more individuals from participation, disqualifying the entire team, requiring those involved to leave the premises, or banning them from future BEB events.

No refunds will be issued to any individual or team removed or disqualified for misconduct under this section. No exceptions.

GR-6.4. Compliance with Officials

Follow Race Control and officials' directions immediately. A disagreement must not interfere with emergency response, safety enforcement, or event operations. Raise concerns through BEB Officials in the calm manner required above.

GR-7. Alcohol, Drugs & Impairment

GR-7.1. Race Operations

Consumption of alcoholic beverages or recreational drugs is strictly prohibited for anyone participating in race operations. This includes drivers, team managers, mechanics, crew members, support personnel, family members, and anyone else authorized to access or assist with the race car.

GR-7.2. Impairment and Medication

Anyone impaired by alcohol, drugs, or medication, including prescribed medication, is prohibited from driving, entering the team's pit work area or hot pit, working on a vehicle, or handling tools, machinery, or equipment.

A prescription does not exempt anyone from this requirement. A person whose medication makes driving or these duties unsafe must not undertake them or enter the associated active work areas.

GR-7.3. Festival and Guest Areas

The Bavarian Festival provides a separate area for spectators and guests to gather and enjoy the event. Where alcohol is permitted by the venue and event, anyone consuming it must remain outside race operations areas and must not return to participate in or assist with race activities.

GR-7.4. Reports and Immediate Action

If BEB Officials observe signs of impairment or receive a report of suspected impairment, they will investigate promptly. The individual may be removed from race operations while the matter is assessed and will be prohibited from returning if impairment is established.

GR-7.5. Team Responsibility

Teams are responsible for ensuring their personnel comply. Violations may result in removal of the individual, penalties against the team, or disqualification, depending on the circumstances.

Every person at a BEB event deserves the same care and consideration you expect for yourself and your team. Just as you would not accept someone else's impairment or disregard for safety putting your teammates at risk, you must not expose others to those same dangers.

Protect your team. Respect the people around you. Safety is a shared responsibility.

GR-8. Paddock, Pre-Grid & Hot Pits

GR-8.1. Paddock

The paddock is the designated area where participants may park race cars, support vehicles, trucks, trailers, and motorhomes. It also serves as the area for preparing, inspecting, and repairing race cars between on-track sessions.

GR-8.2. Pre-Grid

Pre-grid is the designated staging area where race cars assemble before entering the track for a scheduled session or race. It may be within or adjacent to the paddock. Drivers must follow BEB Officials' instructions on positioning, readiness, and release onto the track.

GR-8.3. Hot Pits

The hot pits are the designated pit lane and service areas used during an active session or race for driver changes, permitted refueling, adjustments, and repairs. This area leads to the pit exit, where vehicles re-enter the track.

The hot pits are an active part of the racetrack, regardless of whether a speed limit is posted. Access is restricted to authorized personnel, who must remain alert to moving vehicles and follow all BEB pit procedures and officials' instructions.

GR-8.4. Access Routes

Teams must keep access lanes, emergency routes, and designated pre-grid areas clear of parked vehicles, equipment, and other obstructions. Access credentials do not permit standing or working in a location that obstructs vehicle movement or emergency response.

GR-8.5. Fueling and Crew Protection

Fueling procedures, fire protection, and the duties of the fueler, fire extinguisher operator, and spotter are governed by the separate Pit Safety Rules. Their personal protective equipment is governed by DS-9. Both sets of requirements apply.

GR-9. Crew Clothing & Work Practices

GR-9.1. General Work Clothing

Crew members and anyone authorized to work on or near a race car must wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, and durable clothing suitable for automotive work. Open-toe shoes, sandals, shorts, and thin or easily torn clothing are prohibited in vehicle work areas.

Clothing must be suitable for exposure to sharp edges, tools, hot components, and other hazards during fast-paced race operations. These general clothing rules do not replace the certified protective equipment required for fueling or other specialized duties.

GR-9.2. Gloves

Mechanic gloves appropriate to the task are strongly recommended. When handling automotive fluids, use chemical-resistant gloves suitable for the substance involved. Ordinary mechanic or disposable gloves do not substitute for certified racing gloves where those are required.

GR-9.3. Clean Work Areas and Emergency Access

Teams must maintain clean, safe working conditions and promptly remove spilled fluids or slippery residue.

Door handles, interior release straps, and other emergency access points must remain clean, unobstructed, and free of oil or grease. A slippery door handle can delay access during a fire or other emergency, when every second matters.

GR-9.4. Correcting Unsafe Conditions

Team personnel must follow these practices throughout the event. BEB Officials may require anyone wearing unsuitable clothing or creating an unsafe condition to stop work until the issue is corrected.

Driver Safety | DS-1 & DS-2

DS-1. General Requirements

Every driver must wear the required safety equipment during practice, qualifying, racing, and all other on-track driving sessions. Equipment must fit correctly, be securely fastened, be compatible with the vehicle's restraint systems, and be maintained according to manufacturer instructions. Certification labels must remain attached and legible.

Drivers must present equipment for inspection when requested. BEB may reject damaged, expired, improperly fitted, modified, or unsuitable equipment. A driver may not enter or return to the track until identified deficiencies are corrected.

DS-2.1. Accepted Helmets

Drivers must wear a full-face automobile racing helmet meeting one of these standards:

Snell SA2020 or Snell SA2025.

FIA 8860-2010, accepted through December 31, 2028, unless an earlier manufacturer limit applies.

FIA 8860-2018 or FIA 8860-2018-ABP.

Open-face helmets are prohibited for drivers and the three mandatory hot pit crew members, regardless of certification.

Snell SA2015 and earlier helmets are not accepted for driving. Motorcycle helmets bearing only Snell M certification, karting helmets bearing only Snell K certification, and FIA 8860-2004 helmets are not accepted for driving. An additional FIA label does not establish eligibility unless the helmet independently meets a standard listed above. See DS-9.3 for the limited crew helmet-age exception.

DS-2.2. Condition and Hardware

Helmets must have no damage affecting the shell, liner, chin strap, visor, or retention hardware. A helmet subjected to significant impact must be removed from use until evaluated according to manufacturer instructions. Helmet anchors must be approved for the head and neck restraint system. Unauthorized drilling or modification is prohibited.

DS-2.3. Visors and Windshields

Each helmet must have an intact, functioning visor that closes correctly. Drivers may drive with the visor open; keeping it closed is strongly recommended. A driver serving as a refueling spotter must meet all crew equipment requirements and keep the visor fully closed at all times on the hot pit side of the pit wall.

All race cars must have a compliant windshield. Cars without a windshield are not permitted.

DS-2.4. Tinted Visors

Tinted visors are permitted and may reduce daylight glare, including low sun near dawn or dusk. Drivers in 12- or 25-hour races must prepare for changing light. Visors must be helmet-compatible and used as instructed by the manufacturer. Use a clear visor at night or whenever tint reduces visibility. Teams should have a clear visor available and plan changes before tint becomes unsuitable. **Clear, unobstructed vision must be maintained at all times.**

DS-3. Head & Neck Restraints

DS-3.1. Mandatory Device

An approved head and neck restraint is mandatory for every driver. It must be certified to SFI 38.1 or FIA 8858-2010 and used according to manufacturer instructions. Foam neck collars or "donuts" do not satisfy this requirement.

The device, helmet anchors, tethers, and harness arrangement must be compatible. Tethers must be correctly attached before the car enters the track.

DS-3.2. Servicing and Recertification

SFI 38.1 devices must be recertified every five years. All devices must satisfy manufacturer inspection, servicing, and replacement instructions, including separate requirements for tethers or other components. Dual certification does not override a manufacturer replacement limit or allow damaged or expired components.

DS-3.3. Shared Devices

Drivers may share a device; each driver is not required to own one. A single current, compliant, unexpired device may serve multiple drivers only if it fits each driver correctly and is compatible with each driver's helmet, anchors, tethers, and harness arrangement.

Before entering the track, each driver must ensure the shared device is correctly adjusted, worn, and securely connected according to manufacturer instructions. Sharing does not waive inspection, servicing, recertification, or replacement requirements.

DS-3.4. Shared-Device Helmet Compatibility

Every helmet used with a shared device must have the correct manufacturer-approved anchors and latching hardware for that specific device and tether system.

All helmet attachment points must be fully compatible. Improvised connections, homemade anchors, unauthorized adaptations, and mismatched components are prohibited.

Hardware must be purpose-built, approved by the applicable manufacturer, and installed as instructed. A driver whose helmet cannot connect correctly and securely may not enter the track.

DS-4. Racing Suits & Underwear

DS-4.1. Coverage and Condition

Drivers must wear a properly fitted, flame-resistant racing suit with accepted SFI or FIA certification. It must cover the torso, arms, and legs. One-piece and two-piece suits are permitted; a two-piece suit must maintain protective overlap while the driver is seated and moving.

Suits must have no holes, open seams, significant wear, or fuel, oil, or other contamination that compromises protection. Repairs and alterations must comply with manufacturer instructions.

DS-4.2. Accepted Suit Standards

SFI 3.2A/1 or SFI 3.2A/3, worn with certified flame-resistant long underwear covering the torso, arms, and legs.

SFI 3.2A/5 or higher.

FIA 8856-2000, accepted by BEB through December 31, 2028, subject to an earlier applicable retirement limit.

FIA 8856-2018, within its labeled validity.

DS-4.3. Underwear

Certified flame-resistant long underwear covering the torso, arms, and legs is mandatory with a single-layer suit.

A two-layer or multilayer suit may be worn without flame-resistant underwear only if its certification meets the requirements above for use without underwear. **Layer count alone does not establish a protection rating.** SFI 3.2A/1 and SFI 3.2A/3 suits require certified underwear regardless of advertised layer count.

Required underwear must meet applicable SFI 3.3, FIA 8856-2000, or FIA 8856-2018 requirements and remain within applicable validity limits. Certified flame-resistant underwear is strongly recommended with every suit.

Drivers using body-worn cooling equipment must also satisfy the two protective layers required in DS-10.2.

DS-5 to DS-8. Additional Equipment

DS-5. Socks, Racing Shoes, and Gloves

Every driver must wear flame-resistant racing socks, racing shoes, and gloves certified to applicable SFI 3.3, FIA 8856-2000, or FIA 8856-2018 requirements.

Street shoes, work boots, mechanic gloves, and everyday socks do not satisfy these requirements. Ordinary cotton or synthetic socks cannot substitute for certified racing socks. Equipment must fit correctly and maintain protective coverage at the wrists and ankles.

DS-6. Balaclavas and Hair Coverage

A certified flame-resistant balaclava is strongly recommended for every driver. It is mandatory whenever facial hair or other hair extends beyond helmet protection. It must fully contain exposed hair and provide protective coverage around the head and neck. **No exceptions.**

Balaclavas must meet applicable SFI 3.3, FIA 8856-2000, or FIA 8856-2018 requirements. An ordinary head covering or helmet skirt cannot replace a required balaclava. Secure long hair so it cannot interfere with restraints, controls, or emergency exit.

DS-7. Arm Restraints

Arm restraints are mandatory in open-top vehicles, convertibles, and vehicles with open T-top roof sections. They must be designed for motorsport and installed, adjusted, and worn according to manufacturer instructions.

Restraints must limit arm movement outside the protective structure while allowing operation of controls and harness release for emergency exit. This requirement does not establish vehicle eligibility or waive windshield, vehicle, cage, or class rules.

DS-8. Validity and Continued Condition

Equipment must remain compliant throughout the event. Passing an inspection does not authorize use after damage, contamination, expiration, or another unsafe condition develops.

As BEB policy, FIA 8856-2000 suits and protective clothing are not accepted after December 31, 2028. Any earlier applicable retirement or validity limit still applies. FIA 8856-2018 clothing must remain within the expiration year marked on its label. Follow any earlier manufacturer service or replacement limit.

No driver may participate without all required equipment correctly worn and secured.

DS-9. Hot Pit Crew Protection

DS-9.1. Mandatory Positions and Vehicle Occupancy

Every team must provide at least three dedicated people for refueling: a **Fueler**, a **Fire Extinguisher Operator**, and a **Spotter**. Three separate individuals must occupy these positions and remain focused on their assigned duties throughout refueling. A driver may serve as spotter if all position requirements are met.

No driver or other person may remain inside or enter the race car while it is being fueled. Everyone must exit the vehicle before refueling begins.

The driver may re-enter only after refueling is complete and **all fuel jugs have been removed from the hot pit side of the pit wall**. This restriction applies even if fuel transfer has stopped.

DS-9.2. Required Equipment

All three must meet the same protective-equipment requirements as drivers: full-face helmets, racing suits, gloves, flame-resistant socks, racing shoes, and required underwear or balaclavas. Head and neck devices and driver arm restraints are not required for these crew duties.

Firefighter turnout gear, ordinary workwear, and other equipment not meeting the specified driver standards cannot substitute for the required equipment.

DS-9.3. Helmets and the FUEL Marking

Crew helmets must meet DS-2 helmet-type and certification requirements, subject to this age exception: a full-face automobile racing helmet no longer eligible for driving solely because its certification acceptance period or expiration date has passed may be used for these crew duties if in good condition and not beyond a manufacturer-mandated retirement limit.

This exception does not permit damaged, open-face, motorcycle, karting, or other non-automobile-racing helmets.

An age-ineligible crew helmet must display **FUEL** in large, clearly visible, contrasting letters. The marking must immediately distinguish it from a driving-eligible helmet without obscuring certification labels or damaging the helmet.

A helmet marked FUEL under this exception must never be used to drive a race car. An age-ineligible crew helmet without the required marking may result in sanctions against the individual or team.

Helmet use summary

Expired or age-ineligible helmet: Must display FUEL in large, clearly visible, contrasting letters. It may be used only for fueling crew duties, subject to all conditions of this exception. It must never be used for driving.

Current, driving-eligible helmet: No FUEL marking is required. It may be used for both driving and fueling crew duties if it meets all applicable requirements.

The FUEL marking does not make a damaged, prohibited, or otherwise unsuitable helmet acceptable.

DS-9. Hot Pit Crew Protection | Continued

DS-9.4. Suits and Underwear

All garments must meet the driver certification, condition, and validity requirements. The helmet-age exception does not apply to clothing or other equipment. Certified long underwear is mandatory with single-layer suits and any suit requiring it under DS-4. A two-layer or multilayer suit does not automatically qualify for use without underwear; its certification must qualify. Underwear is strongly recommended with every suit.

DS-9.5. Balaclavas

A balaclava meeting driver flame-resistant requirements is mandatory whenever facial or other hair extends beyond helmet protection. Fully contain exposed hair and provide head and neck coverage. **No exceptions.**

DS-9.6. Visors

All three crew members, including a driver serving as spotter, must keep helmets secured and visors fully closed at all times on the hot pit side of the wall. Before raising a visor or removing a helmet, leave that area and reach a safe location.

DS-9.7. Pit Safety Rules

These equipment requirements apply in addition to the Pit Safety Rules. BEB may stop refueling or remove personnel from hot pit duties until an equipment deficiency is corrected.

DS-10. Driver Cooling Systems

DS-10.1. Permitted Equipment

Driver cooling systems designed and approved by their manufacturer for motorsport use are permitted. Install and use cooling shirts, garments, and associated devices according to manufacturer instructions.

DS-10.2. Protective Layers

Cooling shirts and body-worn cooling components must remain beneath both protective layers: certified flame-resistant underwear and the racing suit.

Drivers using body-worn cooling equipment must therefore wear both layers, even when their suit would otherwise qualify for use without underwear under DS-4.

Cooling garments must not replace required flame-resistant underwear or compromise protective coverage, fit, or function. The complete arrangement must comply with cooling-equipment manufacturer instructions.

DS-10.3. Mounting and Routing

Secure all vehicle-mounted components, including cooling units, reservoirs, pumps, and boxes, according to the BEB General Vehicle Rules. Loose equipment is prohibited.

Secure and route hoses, wiring, and connections away from controls, restraints, door releases, and emergency exit paths.

DS-10.4. Emergency Exit

No component may obstruct, entangle, or delay the driver during an emergency exit. Driver-to-vehicle connections must allow prompt disconnection according to manufacturer instructions.

The complete installation must preserve a clear, unobstructed path for rapid driver egress.

Questions and Safety Concerns

For recommendations, comments, questions, or concerns, contact info@bavarianendurancebattle.com. During an event, bring an immediate safety concern directly to BEB Officials.