

SPORTING CODE

Version 17.3



BRITISH ONLINE SIM
RACING ASSOCIATION



Introduction

On behalf of BOSRA I am pleased to introduce the latest version of the BOSRA Sporting Code.

This Sporting Code remains at the core of BOSRA, enabling the league to function and provides a regulatory framework for fair competition during all our events. Although this Sporting Code is updated and published by the Admin Team, it's important to note that almost all of these rules and regulations were created through previous experience, member suggestions and is refreshed with dynamically introduced updates.

If it were not for the dedication and enthusiasm of all BOSRA members, the league would not in the position it is today, growing from our roots and expanding our community. While these regulations help to minimise incidents on track, it is important to remember that each individual is ultimately responsible for his or her own performance and we urge you to bear this in mind at all times.

You can also help to safeguard the standing and future of BOSRA by fostering a climate of respect among all members, stewards and administrators, as well as respecting and upholding the regulations within this Sporting Code.

All the basic rules governing participation in BOSRA hosted events are contained within this document. To enjoy our events to the full, organisers, competitors and officials should ensure they are familiar with the regulations and periodically refresh themselves with its content.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for contributing to the continued growth and success of the league and to wish you all the very best for events ahead.

Kris Butterill

Lead Administrator, BOSRA

Section 1 - League Administration

1. The name of the league shall be “British Online Sim Racing Association”, hereafter referred to as “BOSRA”.
2. BOSRA is organised and administered by the BOSRA Officials, known as the “Admin Team”.
3. The Lead Admin has the right to amend or vary these regulations at any time. The Lead Admin decision on all matters is final.
4. The Lead Admin is responsible for the selection of Admin Team members. The Admin Team will consist of not less than three and no more than six member’s total.
5. An external, impartial Steward shall be appointed by the Admin Team. The Stewards decision on related matters is final.
6. BOSRA will hold all official race meetings solely on the iRacing simulator platform and may use additional iRacing downloadable content available for an extra charge.
7. BOSRA are in no way affiliated with iRacing and use the service to purely host race sessions.
8. The Lead Admin has the right at his absolute discretion to accept or reject any application without explanation or reasoning.
9. Entrants must be registered members of the BOSRA website and BOSRA iRacing league before requesting to join any event.
10. An appropriate penalty may/will be given to members who contravene a rule from any section of the rules.
11. Members who do not adhere to any applicable Sporting Code will be ineligible to compete and any prizes that may be offered by BOSRA or associated partner.
12. Members may be removed if they do not adhere to any part of an applicable Sporting Code.

Section 2 Eligibility, Registration & General Rules

1. Ladies and Gentlemen of not less than eighteen years of age shall be eligible to join BOSRA.
2. Members must register for the BOSRA website using their real name as displayed on their iRacing account for identification.
3. By registering with BOSRA you agree to be bound by the BOSRA Sporting Code.
4. By registering with BOSRA you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the BOSRA website, statements or policies.
5. By registering with BOSRA you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the iRacing service, statements or policies.
6. By registering with BOSRA you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of any externally linked or associated website, statements or policies.
7. By registering with BOSRA you agree to represent our partners if required by allocation to a partner team in an event and to display any livery requirements superseding any contractual obligations arising from personal sponsorship or team allocation external to BOSRA.

Section 3 - The Motor Sports Association (MSA)

1. The MSA is recognised as the governing body of motor sport in Britain by the world governing body, the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA). As such, the MSA is responsible for administrating and controlling the rules governing the sport.
2. As per the MSA Yearbook 2017, National Sporting Code, Club Recognition;
 - 4.0. In order to become recognised a club must have at least 25 members and its rules must have been approved by the MSA. The names and addresses of the members must be supplied with the application. The Club must undertake to comply with all regulations and requirements of the MSA and to pay an annual registration fee and all insurance and other charges and fees due under these Regulations (and the Appendices thereto).
 - 4.5. In addition to these Recognised Clubs, the MSA registers certain other clubs and associations of clubs or bodies as responsible organisations in the sphere of motor sport.
3. BOSRA are registered members: MSA 298134.
4. All the basic rules governing participation in motor sport events in Britain are contained in the MSA Yearbook. Due to the nature of BOSRA as an MSA Approved Organisation, certain elements of the MSA Yearbook may be referenced or applied and be used as guidance by the Admin Team and Stewards.
5. Members of BOSRA should use the BOSRA Sporting Code as a reference to understand or review any aspect regarding administration, behaviour or track based standards and regulations.
6. Just as the MSA updates the MSA Yearbook, the BOSRA Admin Team are responsible for ensuring that the BOSRA Sporting Code is updated and reviewed annually with interim updates as required. On renewal of our MSA membership, the current version of our Sporting Code is submitted to the MSA to ensure that it continues to meet or exceed the required standard.

Section 4 - The International Sim Racing Federation (ISRF)

1. The International Sim Racing Federation (ISRF) is a federation created by sim racers worldwide, to organise all sim racers across all simulators, to professionalise and develop the sport of sim racing. The ISRF is a non-profit organisation with the intention of upholding the interests of its members in all international matters concerning sim racing.
2. BOSRA are registered members of the ISRF and we shall assist the development of the federation as deemed appropriate.

Section 5 - Event Registration

1. Once an event is announced, an event thread will be launched in the relevant forum section. Members may register for an event by posting in the relevant forum thread with all or any information required.
2. On approval, the event applicant will be added to the entry list found in the OP of the forum thread.
3. Where applicable, members will be subject to a minimum participation level (MPL) of 80% to be eligible for prizes.
4. Drivers are allocated on a first served basis with a reserve list being established where applicable. Reserve drivers will be granted entry as places become available.
5. Reserve drivers shall be contacted in order of registering interest in the reserve list. If no confirmation is received the next reserve shall be contacted and non-committed reserves removed.
8. The website calendar will be populated with the dates and times of events and round with times and dates subject to change at the discretion of the Admin Team.

Section 6 - Livery Use

1. Where applicable, entries are requested to submit an appropriate paint scheme for events. Privateers may run a paint of their choice providing it meets our livery regulations and may not use partner team paints in the event.
2. Supplied liveries or decal layers must be applied in all applicable events.
3. Supplied liveries or decal layers must not be altered in any way, shape or form to suit underlying livery design layers or patterns.
4. Offensive and sexual content are prohibited.
5. All supplied partner liveries may be used in external events with prior permission from the Lead Administrator.
6. Advertising companies, manufacturers, retail outlets or any entity that could be construed as a BOSRA partner rival, or may have detrimental effect to those partnerships is prohibited. Guidance must be sought should any uncertainty remain regarding advertising.
7. Where events are broadcast or advertised it is the responsibility of the Admin Team to ensure that the most up to date livery pack is supplied to the broadcaster and updated via the BOSRA website for download.
8. Wheel colour only may be adjusted as required on all liveries.
9. Pit and helmet liveries may also apply and must be enabled for partner teams.

Section 7 - Session Regulations

1. False start penalties are initiated as per the iRacing system.
2. Starting procedures should be treated with care to prevent incidents occurring within the first lap. Starts are controlled by the iRacing system.
3. Any session with noticeable network or connection issues shall be abandoned and rescheduled. Incidents caused due to network issues will be reviewed.
4. Causing other competitors to lose control due to your actions should be avoided at all times. Blocking of drivers or forcing off track is prohibited.
5. Reasonable care should be taken to avoid avoidable incidents at all times including but not limited to returning to track.
6. Overtaking using questionable tactics such as push passing or corner cutting is forbidden.
7. Where an advantage is gained unfairly, any advantage must be relinquished at the earliest opportunity.
8. Track limits are defined by the iRacing simulator where incident points are initiated, the use of the apron on oval circuits is not permitted unless entering or leaving the pit area, or taking evasive action due to an incident on track.
9. Reasonable caution should be observed under yellow flag conditions during all sessions. Overtaking should be avoided until the green flag is displayed.
10. Reasonable passing opportunity should be provided under blue flag conditions where it is safe to do so. Lapped drivers are considered under blue flag conditions when the following vehicle is within 1.5 seconds.
11. Black flags are initiated by the iRacing system.
12. All care should be taken to demonstrate safe, controlled racing with participants expected to incur less than 25 incident points per standard 1 hour round.
13. Persistent poor driving standards will incur a warning or penalty as deemed appropriate.
14. Quitting due to incidents and rage quitting have detrimental effects to other participants, partners or teams. Persistent quitters may incur further penalties.
15. Cheating or circumventing any anti cheat system is prohibited.
16. Changeable settings may be used and adjusted unless outlined as a fixed setup event. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the session.
17. Drivers on track have right of way over those entering/leaving the pits. Drivers must attempt to avoid entering pit bays occupied by another team at all times.
18. Sessions may be extended for rounds where track limitations deem extension necessary.
19. Qualifying (where applicable) will start after the practice session time limit is reached.
20. Times achieved in official qualifying sessions shall set the grid for the race session where applicable. Incomplete laps will be forfeited at the end of session.
21. Drafting during qualifying is permitted providing a driver does not interfere with the car it is drafting.
22. During an official qualifying session, all members must remain in the pit lane whilst not on track.
23. Drivers who are late attending may start the race from the rear of the grid or pit lane providing eligibility is met.
24. The lead driver is free to choose the racing line on a straight. Once a line is chosen it must be adhered to.
25. The lead driver may choose their racing line into a corner, they but must take other drivers into account.

Section 8 – Event Scoring

1. Points are awarded for eligible events and where available, per class using the danlisa.com scoring system.
2. The event and Driver of the Year standings shall be updated accordingly.
3. Bonus points are awarded for the Fastest Lap – 1 Point
4. Bonus points are awarded for meeting Race Completion – 1 Point
5. A status of “Running” is required to receive bonus points for Race Completion.
6. Race Completion Threshold is set to 80% race distance.
7. Bonus points are awarded for Race Completion with 0 iRacing Incident Points – 2 Points
8. Points are calculated after any penalties have been imposed.
9. Race points are awarded in the following order;

1st	50	16th	30	31st	15
2nd	48	17th	29	32nd	14
3rd	46	18th	28	33rd	13
4th	44	19th	27	34th	12
5th	42	20th	26	35th	11
6th	40	21st	25	36th	10
7th	39	22nd	24	37th	9
8th	38	23rd	23	38th	8
9th	37	24th	22	39th	7
10th	36	25th	21	40th	6
11th	35	26th	20	41st	5
12th	34	27th	19	42nd	4
13th	33	28th	18	43rd	3
14th	32	29th	17	44th	2
15th	31	30th	16	45th	1

Section 9 – Driver OF The Year (DOTY)

1. Drivers are awarded points for the GT3 Championship and Special Events only.
2. DOTY points are calculated after any penalties have been enforced.
3. DOTY competitors on equal points will count as individual entries.
4. The DOTY will be active from 00:01 1st January to 23:59 31st December.
5. The DOTY shall be reset for each new calendar year.
6. The DOTY will be the highest placed member at the end of each year.
7. Candidates on equal points will be ranked by overall wins, 2nd / 3rd, 4th / 5th until a winner is found.
8. If no clear winner can be found, a race off will determine the overall winner.
9. The race off will be in the form of a Special Event with only tied candidates participating.
10. The Lead Admin may change the format of the DOTY prior to a new calendar year.
11. Competitors removed from an event are still awarded DOTY points from rounds attended.

Section 10 – BOSRA Partners And Prizes

1. Our partners support the league via prize donations or financial assistance.
2. Partnerships are regarded as a long term relationship between BOSRA and the partner.
3. Partners may provide promotion, advice or other services for which we cannot facilitate.
4. Members are reminded to conduct themselves in an appropriate fashion whilst representing partners.
5. Prizes will be awarded as presented by our partners.
6. Prize packages may vary from those advertised.
7. Issues arising from prizes must be resolved with the partner and are not the responsibility of BOSRA.
8. Competitors removed from an event will be ineligible for any prizes that may be offered.
9. Prizes are only awarded after any penalties are served or points deducted / awarded.
10. A minimum participation of 80% of an event is required for prize eligibility.
11. Admin Team decisions are final for prize delivery.

Section 11 – Penalties Overview

1. A suitable penalty may/will be given to drivers who cause incidents that could be avoided.
2. A suitable penalty may/will be given to drivers who cause race incidents intentionally.
3. A suitable penalty will be imposed in events when a time or point penalty does not apply.
4. Cheating will result in disqualification and removal from the league.
5. The penalty imposed will vary depending on the type and severity of the incident.
6. Penalties initiated by the iRacing system apply as required.
7. Other suitable penalties have no upper or lower limit and include single / multiple race bans.

Section 12 – Incident Reporting

1. Members must create a thread in the relevant forum section to report an incident.
2. The thread must include the required details as per the BOSRA website.
3. A driver may submit multiple reports for a single race or incident as required.
4. A cooling off period of 24 hours applies from race start; no reports are permitted within this time frame.
5. Reports must then be filed within 48 hours. Reports filed after this will not be reviewed and discarded
6. All parties involved should provide an explanation as they so wish.
7. The Incident Report Representative will then make a decision on each report.
8. Any subsequent point deduction / award will then be put in place by the Admin Team.
9. Any resulting decision is final and should be respected by all parties involved.
10. Members must not post any content that directs abuse to others due to an incident or decision.
11. No appeals can be made on incident rulings.

Section 13 – Incident Guidelines

The following table contains guidance on examples of conduct or performance breaches and the resulting guideline actions to be taken by the relevant responsible party. The table is in reference to the BOSRA Sporting Code content.

The table is not intended to cover any and all eventualities on situations that may arise and in some cases discussion will take place to decide on an appropriate penalty to be enforced. The Admin Team also reserve the right to issue, edit or retract any penalty imposed

Code	Offence	Considerations	Guideline Penalty	Enforced By
S2.1	Failure to declare correct age at time of registration	Establish reasons for false declaration	Suspension until eligible	Admin Team
S2.2	Failure to register using real name			
S2.3	Failure to adhere to the BOSRA Sporting Code	Establish reason for breach	Removal from event Report To iRacing Suitable penalty	
S2.4	Breach of terms and conditions of the BOSRA website, statements or policies			
S2.5	Breach of terms and conditions of the iRacing service, statements or policies			
S2.6	Breach of terms and conditions of external websites, statements or policies			
S2.7	Failure of agreement to participate for a partner team	Establish reason for non-representation	Removal from event	
S3.4	Failure to adhere to MSA applicable regulations	Establish reason for breach	Removal from event	
S6.1	Failure to submit an appropriate livery	Was the livery provided to Admin Team	15 point deduction Removal from event 15 point deduction Removal from event	
S6.2	Failure to display the correct livery	Establish reason for breach		
S6.3	Alteration of supplied livery or decal layer			
S6.4	Displaying livery content of an offensive or sexual nature			
S6.5	Displaying a partner team livery without consent			
S6.6	Displaying a livery detrimental to league partners or associates			
S7.1	Making a false start	Technical or network error	Time penalty	iRacing
S7.2	Causing an incident under rolling or standing start conditions	Consider external factors Issue an award to affected parties	Up to 20 point deduction Drive through penalty Exclusion from round	Steward
S7.3	Incident caused due to network or connection issue	Obtain proof of issue or witnesses Issue an award to affected parties		
S7.4	Loss of control or causing another competitor to lose control	Error of judgement or malicious act Issue an award to affected parties		
S7.5	Causing an avoidable incident	External factors, experience Issue an award to affected parties		
S7.6	Aggressive or over ambitious driving whilst attempting an overtake	Was the position gained Issue an award to affected parties		

S7.7	Gaining an unfair advantage	Intentions Issue an award to affected parties	Up to 20 point deduction Drive through penalty Exclusion from round	Steward
S7.8	Running beyond the track limits	Limit enforced by iRacing	Lap time forfeit	iRacing
S7.9	Failure to display caution under yellow flag conditions	Was due care taken to avoid incident	Up to 20 point deduction	Steward
S7.10	Failure to provide reasonable passing opportunity under blue flag conditions	Previous performance standards Issue an award to affected parties	Drive through penalty Exclusion from round	
S7.11	Ignoring the Black Flag	Limit enforced by iRacing	Exclusion from round	iRacing
S7.12	Exceeding 25 incident points per round	Factors affecting breach Previous performance standards	Up to 20 point deduction	Steward
S7.13	Poor or persistently poor driving standards	Previous performance standards	Drive through penalty Exclusion from round	
S7.14	Persistent Rage Quitting	Previous performance standards	Exclusion from round	Admin Team
S7.15	Cheating or using software to gain an unfair advantage	Evidence, consider network issue	Lifetime ban	
C1	Failure to treat others with respect at all times	Evidence Previous conduct standards Factors affecting breach	Removal from round Removal from event Race ban Event ban	
C2	Failure to report matters requiring the attention of the Admin Team			
C3	Bringing the league, members or partners into disrepute via individual action			
C4	Bringing the league, members or partners into disrepute via group action			
C5	Bringing the league, members or partners into disrepute via 3rd party action			
C6	Public conduct below the expectations of the league, members or partners			
C7	Private conduct below the expectations of the league, members or partners			
C8	Deliberate bad behaviour, instigates negative discussion			
C9	Disrespectful communication including foul or threatening language and insults			
C10	Posts that attempt to publicly confront, accuse or attack another member			

