



## FORMULA OPEN FINLAND CUP

### SPORTING REGULATIONS 2023

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## GENERAL

These are the Sporting Regulations of an open Formula car racing class, *Formula Open Finland (or FOF)*, in Finland, running in cooperation with Finnish National Racing Championship, *Rata SM*. The regulations respect the general Finnish motorsport regulations as well as the regulations of the 2023 Finnish Racing Championship. In the 2023 Finnish Racing Championship the Formula Open Finland has a CUP title.

The AKK Motorsport Circuit Racing Commission reserves the right to modify the regulations if necessary, for reasons of force majeure or for safety reasons.

### 1 ELIGIBLE DRIVERS & CARS

All drivers competing in Formula 4 and Formula Ford must turn at least 15 years in that specific year of competing. Drivers competing in Formula 3 or Formula Renault class must be at least 16 years in that specific year of competing. All of the drivers also need to hold an appropriate national or international racing license issued by their parent ASN

Eligible cars (formula categories):

- Formula 3 cars from 2002 until 2015
- Formula 4 (F4 Tatuus 014, Formula Academy Finland)
- Formula Ford
- Formula Renault 2.0 (2000)

Other formula cars may also be approved. However, before placing an entry, approval from the coordinator as well as from a representative of Finnish ASN will be required.

**The participants (entrants, drivers, passengers, vehicle proprietors and registered keepers) take part in the event at their own risk. They carry the exclusive responsibility under civil and criminal law for all the damages caused by them or the car used by them as far as no exclusion of liability has been concluded.**

#### 1.1. RACING NUMBERS

Racing numbers will be booked from race series contact person: [heikki.hirsimaki@viafin.fi](mailto:heikki.hirsimaki@viafin.fi)

### 2 SERIES EVENTS

The race events of the 2023 season will take place in Finland together with the Finnish National Circuit Racing Championship, Rata SM, including four to five (4-5) race rounds. In case one/some of the Rata SM event circuits won't be suitable for Formula cars, a replacing event will be arranged.

The Event shall include:

- Free Practices  
(practice minutes as per set by the circuit/event organiser; minimum of 2 x 30 min / 4 x 15 min / 6 x 10 min)
- 1x Qualifying of 15 min
- 2-3x Race of 17 min +1 lap

Amounts and lengths of sessions may be adjusted if required by the event organiser.

The grid for the Race 1 will be drawn up in the order of the fastest lap time achieved by each driver in the Qualifying 1 session.

The grid for the Race 2 will be drawn up in the order of the fastest lap in the first Race. Should two or more drivers have identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

The grid for the Race 3 will be drawn up in the order of the fastest lap in the second Race.



Should two or more drivers have identical times, priority will be given to the one who set it first.

### 3 TITLE AND POINTS

All the Formula Open Finland drivers will score points, that will be given according to the final results of each race regardless of the formula category (Formula 3, Formula Renault, Formula 4, Formula Ford).

Points will be awarded at the races according to the following scale:

1st	:	25 points
2nd	:	20 points
3rd	:	16 points
4th	:	14 points
5th	:	12 points
6th	:	10 points
7th	:	8 points
8th	:	6 points
9th	:	4 points
10th	:	3 point
11th	:	2 point
12th	:	1 point

After the season the driver who has gained points the most, will be titled as the Champion of the Formula Open Finland 2023.

### 4 INSURANCE

Every competitor will be responsible of insurance for his race car in case of accident. All crash expenses will be on driver's responsibility.

### 5 ENTRY AND FEES

Each driver willing to attend the class for the season 2023 should sign through AKK's KITI-system <https://akk.autourheilu.fi/>. The entry needs to be done according to the Finnish Racing Championship (Rata SM) regulations.

Note! As per Rata SM regulations, each event has also their own entry that needs to be made before the event, accompanied with a single-entry fee (KITI-system <https://akk.autourheilu.fi/>).

In case of competitors outside of Finland, the coordinator can assist with the entry and payment procedure.

### 6 CAR AND DRIVER'S EQUIPMENT LIVERY

Each car must carry the race number of its driver. The number must be placed on the nose of the car and on each rear wing end plate which must be left clear of other identification.

Every competitor must display the name of the driver and his licence flag on the bodywork, on the outside of the cockpit or on the driver's helmet. These must be clearly legible.

Each car should have series logo placed on the car.

The coordinator reserves right to place also other stickers of sponsors of FOF on the cars.

In addition, on each formula car there should be reserved places for Rata SM Championship advertising (stickers) on both sides of the car as follows:

- Approximately area of 35 x 20 cm, on the top part of the air intake behind driver's head.
- Approximately area of 35 x 20 cm, on the top part in between the front wheel and side air intake.



Rata SM will provide the Championship stickers for each driver.

## **7 SPORTING CHECKS AND SCRUTINEERING**

The racing license must be submitted to the event organiser/secretary by each team/driver when it's time of administrative checks. Also annual/temporary traffic insurance will be required (liikennevakuutus/"siirtolupa")

Initial scrutineering of the car will take place in the garage or paddock area of the race cars. Checks and scrutineering shall be carried out by the officials.

After each session some of the three classified cars may be selected to extra scrutineering.

Driver must have driving gears that are accepted in Appendix J XXIV of Finnish motorsport regulations. Please check the validity with coordinator in case of any hesitations.

## **8 TIRES**

All the other formula categories except Formula Fords, will use MRF tires, distributed by the Promoter of Formula Academy Finland.

## **9 STARTING PROCEDURE**

Ten minutes before the start of the formation lap the pit exit will be opened and cars will be permitted to leave the pit lane to cover one reconnaissance lap. At the end of this lap, they will stop on the grid in starting order with their engines stopped.

Five minutes before the start of the formation lap the pit lane exit will be closed. Any car which is still in the pit lane can start from the end of the pit lane. All such cars may then join the race once the whole field has passed the end of the pit lane for the first time after the start.

The approach of the start will be announced by signals shown minute board/lights. When the three-minute signal is shown, everybody except drivers, officials and team technical staff must leave the grid.

When the one-minute signal is shown, engines should be started, and all team personnel must leave the grid by the time the 15 second signal is given taking all equipment with them. If any driver needs assistance after the 15 second signal, he must raise his arm.

When the green lights are illuminated, the cars will begin the formation lap with the pole position driver leading. When leaving the grid all drivers must respect the pit lane speed limit until they pass pole position.

During the formation lap practice starts are forbidden and the formation must be kept as tight as possible.

Overtaking during the formation lap is only permitted if a car is delayed and cars behind cannot avoid passing it without unduly delaying the remainder of the field. In this case, drivers may only overtake to re-establish the original starting order.

When the cars come back to the grid at the end of the formation lap, they will stop on their respective grid positions, keeping their engines running. There will be a standing start.

Once all the cars have come to the grid, the five second sign will appear. After, there will be red lights appearing one by one until there are five red lights showing. The race will be started by extinguishing all red lights. In case of exceptional start light system, drivers will be informed at the drivers' briefing.

Unless specifically authorised by the race director, during the start of a race the pit wall must be kept free of all persons with the exception of officials and fire marshals.

## **10 FINISH**

The end-of-race signal (chequered flag) will be given at the Line as soon as the leading car has covered the full race distance. After receiving the end-of-race signal all cars must proceed on the circuit directly to the parc fermé without any unnecessary delay without overtaking (unless clearly necessary).



Only those officials charged with supervision may enter the parc fermé. No intervention of any kind is allowed there unless authorised by such officials.

The parc fermé shall be held in the own tents/boxes of the race cars unless otherwise announced.

The drivers finishing the races in 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions must attend the prize-giving ceremony on the podium after each race, or after each race day, depending on the event procedure.