

INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

General:

The African Best Young Driver Contest is being held for the first time in Africa, building on the concept and framework of the European Best Young Driver Contest, which was first introduced nationally by AMZS (Slovenia) in 2017. The initiative aims to raise awareness of road safety among young drivers and to show that they can drive responsibly, safely, and set a positive example for their peers and the wider community.

The contest tests drivers' skills not only behind the wheel but also in real-life situations, such as responding to road incidents or providing first aid.

Clubs across Africa are invited to express their interest in running a national contest and in participating in the African final. Clubs that participate will sign an agreement with FIA Region I to define their commitment and responsibilities.

Eligibility:

Team members must be between 18 and 26 years old at the time of the final and must be official residents of the country they are representing in both the national and African final.

Team members must hold a current (not suspended) driving licence for category B vehicles, free of serious motoring convictions (e.g., causing death or serious injury). Minor traffic offences will not prevent participation.

FIA Region I promotes inclusion and diversity and actively encourages young women to take part in the competition.

Structure of the Contest:

The African Best Young Driver Contest consists of two parts:

1. National Contest

Each Club organises its national contest, which can include:

- An online or in-person prequalification with theoretical questions
- A practical national final

All national competitions should be concluded with sufficient time before the African final to allow for logistics and, if needed, visa applications.

Clubs design the content and structure of the national prequalification and final contest.

The final must be a physical event with practical stations, safe driving manoeuvres, and, if possible, first aid exercises.

Clubs should use both manual and automatic cars for practical tasks; use of BEVs and PHEVs is encouraged when possible.

Clubs can collaborate with NGOs, state authorities, and corporate partners to strengthen local road safety initiatives.

2. African Final

Each Club sends up to two finalists to the African final, to the African final hosted by a participating Club in cooperation with FIA Region I.

The Host Club oversees the implementation of the African final with inputs from FIA Region I, the Technical Committee, and participating Clubs.

A Technical Committee supports FIA Region I in establishing rules and designing the contest content.

Example Agenda:

- Day 0: Arrival of FIA Region I and Technical Committee; setup and preparation
- Day 1: Arrival of participants; participant briefing
- Day 2: African final; optional social/cultural activities; final ceremony
- Day 3: Departure of FIA Region I, teams, and Technical Committee

Tasks and Handbook:

The Technical Committee will define and adjust the content of each station in a handbook provided to Clubs in advance.

At each task, the Host Club and Technical Committee will arrange for at least one instructor and one assistant.

Task duration and vehicle type (manual, automatic) may be adapted according to the facility provided by the Host Club.

Finance:

FIA Region I may allocate a fixed contribution for national contest organization and to support finalists' travel and accommodation for the African final.

Media:

FIA Region I will promote national and African events through posts, articles, photos, and videos on websites and social media.

Participating Clubs should report on their event preparation and progress for coverage on FIA Region I media platforms.

Clubs are encouraged to:

- Maintain a project website or social media presence
- Collaborate with national media
- Issue press releases
- Respect the branding of the African Best Young Driver and Road Safety Programme

Annex – National Competition online test:

Clubs should build a theoretical question database (e.g., 100–1000 questions) covering:

- Traffic law & regulations
- Safe driving
- First aid
- Automotive basics
- Basic automotive engineering
- Club knowledge

Online tests can be conducted via platforms like Google Forms, with questions randomized.

Each question should allow 15–30 seconds for response; total questions per participant: 20–30. Clubs may decide on the number of attempts, interval between attempts, and duration of the prequalification period.