



# BEST YOUNG DRIVER GUIDELINES







## ABOUT BYD

- International initiative to raise road safety awareness among young drivers
- Promotes safe, responsible, and eco-friendly driving
- Encourages young drivers to set a positive example to peers and adults
- First introduced nationally by AMZS (Slovenia) in 2017



# BENEFITS FOR CLUBS



**Youth engagement to  
revitalise the member base**



**Positioning as a leader  
in road safety advocacy**



**Increased national  
visibility**



**Stronger relationships  
with public authorities**



**Member and community  
engagement**



**Sponsorship and  
partnership opportunities**



# BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS



**Driving skill  
improvement**



**Fun & challenging  
practical tasks**



**First aid  
skills**



**National &  
International  
recognition**



**Represent  
country**



**Peer  
engagement**





# FIA REGION I SUPPORT

- Operational guidelines
- Technical Committee support
- Branding & communication materials
- Financial support for the organisation of international final
- Event promotion through FIA Region I channels
- All competition tasks and scoring system
- Branding templates and communication support
- Event supervision and guidance



# A COLLABORATIVE EVENT

- FIA Region I and the Technical Committee design the tasks and provides the full competition framework
- FIA Region I staff is on-site throughout the event to land an extra hand (at least one)
- The hosting club provides a dedicated event coordinator as the main contact point for FIA Region I and a technical representative to sit on the BYD Technical Committee & sufficient staff



# OPERATIONAL & LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Driving venue (track or safe manoeuvring area)
- Briefing/classroom space for introductions and explanations
- Equipment for tasks (cones, barriers, timing devices such as stopwatches, measurement tools, etc.)
- Vehicles (typically 4-5 cars)
- First aid/ambulance
- Signage, roll-ups, beach flags, accreditation desk
- Photo and video coverage





# EVENT & PARTICIPANT MANAGEMENT

- Accommodation options for participants, coaches and FIA Region I staff
- Transport from hotel to venue
- Catering (meals during the event; possibility of a gala dinner)
- Volunteer or staff team to support during competition day
- Independent referees
- Safety personnel (qualified instructors, track staff, first aid)
- Compliance with FIA rules and safety standards



# CONTEST STRUCTURE

**The BYD competition consists of:**

National Contest (mandatory)

International Final (hosted by a participating Club, October/November)

## Eligibility

Age: 18–26 years old at time of international final

Must be official resident of represented country

Must hold a valid category B licence (no serious driving convictions)

Previous international finalists may not re-enter

Strong encouragement for young women drivers to participate



# PREQUALIFICATION TEST

## Suggestion:

Test applicants using randomised questions (Google Forms) with 15–30 seconds per question for a number of 20–30 total questions. Clubs can set number of attempts, frequency and test duration (4–6 weeks)

Build a question database (100–1000 questions) across six recommended topics:

- Traffic regulations
- Safe driving
- First aid
- Automotive
- Basic automotive engineering
- Knowledge about the Club

Test example structure:

- 4 general automotive
- 7 traffic rules
- 3 safe driving
- 2 First aid
- 1 Club question
- 3 automotive engineering





# NATIONAL FINAL

- National competitions must be completed by the beginning of September
- Clubs design their own prequalification (online or in-person theoretical test) and practical National Final (multiple driving & safety tasks)
- Use both manual & automatic cars with BEVs/PHEVs encouraged
- 2 national winners form the team to attend the International Final





# INTERNATIONAL FINAL

- Usually held in October or November, over a weekend, typically from Friday to Sunday.
- Hosted by one participating Club with FIA Region I support
- Clubs send a maximum of 2 finalists
- Event includes briefings, practical stations, ceremony, and (optional) social activity



# INTERNATIONAL FINAL TASKS

- Technical Committee defines tasks and rules; these will be explained during the briefing session.
- Tasks performed on multiple types of cars (manual and automatic).
- There is an instructor and assistant at each station.
- Tasks tailored to host facilities but can include ball slalom, tyre change, off road terrain, etc .







# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- Formally selected and appointed by FIA Region I, with extensive European expertise in road safety and motorsport events.
- Collaborates with host club representatives to design the competition format and tasks.
- During events, supervises task execution, delivers official briefings, provides on-site technical support, and ensures all activities meet FIA Region I safety and quality standards.



# MEDIA

**FIA Region I promotes the contest via:**

Website articles  
Social media posts  
Photos & videos

**Clubs are encouraged to:**

Create website / Facebook / Instagram posts  
Work with radio, TV, newspapers  
Cooperate with influencers  
Issue press releases & hold press conferences  
Respect official BYD branding





# PARTICIPATION STEPS

1. Confirm participation with FIA Region I & sign the Terms of Reference
2. Plan prequalification test (online recommended)
3. Organise national final (practical tasks)
4. Begin local promotion & media outreach
5. Select finalists by the beginning of September at the latest.
6. Prepare logistics for the International Final



# COMPETITION TASKS

Tasks that have been part of the competition before include the following ones...





## PARKING PARCOURS

- Giant slalom followed by parallel, reverse and forward parking. Precision measured through time, cone hits and parking distances. Safety belt mandatory (+120 sec penalty).

## WATERWALLS ON ICE

- Vehicle control exercise on snow and ice, focusing on managing oversteer and understeer at a controlled entry speed, while avoiding unpredictable waterwalls. Performance is evaluated based on speed accuracy, cone hits and spins, with separate scoring for oversteer and understeer.

## WET BRAKING

- Emergency braking exercise on a wet surface using a car with ABS. Drivers approach at around 60 km/h and must react to a signal, brake hard and avoid obstacles. Performance is evaluated based on reaction time, approach speed and cone hits.





## DYNAMIC SLALOM

- High-precision slalom exercise driving through narrow cone gates, with a U-turn in the middle of the course. Performance is evaluated based on total time and cone hits, with penalties added for mistakes and for not wearing the safety belt.

## CAR CONTROL

- Vehicle control exercise without ESP, focusing on managing oversteer across mixed-grip surfaces. Drivers complete timed laps with flying start and finish, aiming for smooth, controlled driving. Scoring is based on lap time, cone hits and penalties for loss of control.

## PRECISION DRIVE

- Driving skills exercise focused on smoothness, accuracy and vehicle control while following a marked route. The task combines slalom elements and directional changes, rewarding clean driving and maintaining flow rather than precise parking positions.





## BOWL SLALOM

- Precision slalom exercise with a ball placed in a bowl on the car bonnet. Drivers must complete the slalom smoothly, forwards and in reverse, keeping the ball in place. If the ball falls, the run is interrupted and resumed after repositioning. Scoring is based on total time, cone hits and safety belt compliance.

## CAMERA CAR

- Precision slalom exercise combining forward and reverse driving with limited visibility. Mirrors and rear window are covered, requiring drivers to rely on the vehicle's camera system while manoeuvring through narrow cone gates. Scoring is based on total time, cone and gate penalties, and safety belt compliance.

## VEHICLE SAFETY CHECK

- Static vehicle inspection task where competitors must identify safety-related elements and potential issues on a stationary car, following a predefined checklist.





## ECO DRIVING

- Simulator-based or real life eco-driving exercise on a fixed route, focusing on efficient driving. Performance is evaluated based on fuel consumption.

## EASY DRIFT

- Slalom driving exercise with reduced rear grip, requiring drivers to manage controlled oversteer while passing through cone gates. Performance is evaluated based on total time, gate accuracy, cone hits and safety belt compliance.

## ROLL CAR

- Vehicle control exercise where the car has no grip on the rear wheels, demanding quick and precise counter-steering combined with strong anticipation. Drivers must maintain control throughout a challenging course designed to test balance and reaction.





## OFF-ROAD 4X4

- Off-road driving exercise on a marked course, focusing on vehicle control and accuracy within a time limit. Drivers must complete the course without errors while respecting gates and obstacles. Scoring is based on penalties for stops, missed gates, reversing, cone hits and exceeding the maximum time.

## WHEEL CHANGE

- Practical exercise to safely change a wheel in a garage setup, following the correct procedure and using the required tools. Competitors are evaluated on efficiency and accuracy, with penalties for incorrect steps or improper use of equipment.

## FIRST AID – ROAD ACCIDENT RESPONSE

- Practical first aid scenario following a simulated road accident. Competitors must secure the scene, assess the victim, call emergency services and provide correct first aid using only the vehicle's first aid kit, following official safety procedures.

