

2026 FIA CENTRAL EUROPEAN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP

Art.1 General Conditions

1.1 General Provisions

According to FIA Appendix Z the World Council (for Karting the CIK/FIA) accepted a Central European Zone. The Zone will be made up of the following countries: Albania, Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia and Slovakia (to be mentioned as Zone Countries).

In 2026 there will be announced Zone-Championships in Autocross, Circuit Racing (also for historic cars), Endurance, Cross-Country, Hill-Climb (also for historic cars), Karting, Rally (also for historic cars), Rallycross, Slalom, Drifting and Regularity reserved for drivers holding a valid national or international licence issued by one of the ASNs belonging to the zone. The starting permission for abroad is not obligatory.

The Zone Championship events are published on website of CEZ. For every discipline a maximum of 16 events will be listed in the calendar (one per member ASN). The final decision about the number of events counting to the Championship will be taken by the board of the FIA CEZ countries, but no additional event must be added after January 15, 2026.

If not all ASNs enter events for a Championship, the Zone-board will decide upon the events to fill up to the max. number of 16, respecting the following:

- If ASNs enter only events for a max. of 2 disciplines, the board may accept one additional event from these ASNs in these discipline Championships.
- If there are less than 10 events entered then all ASNs may forward a 2nd event for that Championship – following the CEZ board will finally decide which of these events will be accepted.
- The max. number of 16 events per discipline will never be increased by such decisions.

If necessary for exceptional reasons, a movement of events (dates and/or locations) may be applied by the home ASN during the season, but to free dates only and this must be announced at least 60 days before the start of such an event. Otherwise, the event will be deleted from the Championship Calendar. The official calendar will be available at the CEZ ASN offices and at www.cez-motorsport.com.

1.2 Regulations/Officials

All Zone Championships must be organised in conformity with the specifications listed in the International Sporting Code and its Appendices, the national Sporting Codes of the ASN's where the events will be organised, the present regulations for the FIA Central European Zone Championships and the supplementary regulations of the event concerned.

The Officials are appointed by the ASN of the organiser; at least one of the Stewards should be nominated from one of the other CEZ ASNs (with exception of Slalom and Drifting events, where only one Steward is obligatory). In order to support foreign competitors a Crews' Relations Officer speaking English language should be appointed in the Supplementary Regulations.

1.3 Supplementary Regulations

The regulations should be published in English, plus the national language where appropriate. Copies of the definitive regulations must be sent by email (automobily@autoklub.cz) to the secretariat of the Zone at least 45 days before the event is due to start to be published at www.cez-motorsport.com.

If an organiser is not able to run all classes, groups, categories published in the Zone Championship regulations at his event, he must clearly state such restriction in the S.R. Also, the minimum number of entries for the classes, groups, categories - if there is one - for the events must be stated in the S.R.

1.4 List of seeded Drivers

The entries of drivers listed on 1st, 2nd or 3rd place on a national priority list, must not be rejected.

1.5 Entries

Only drivers or first drivers of crew who are holders of national or international licences of one of the ASNs of the countries of the Zone may enter. For the Championship - results only drivers with a minimum age of 16 years will be respected (different age limits for the participants in the Autocross JuniorBuggy Championship and the Karting Championship are defined in the Championship rules for these disciplines). If drivers younger than 16 years are allowed to participate in events according national rules, this will be stated in the S.R. of such events – but these drivers will not be respected for the Championship-results.

Entries should be submitted to the organiser of the event concerned according to the prescriptions of the FIA International Sporting Regulations. The Zone Countries are free to make mutual agreements concerning entry fees.

For all entries to CEZ Championship events the following applies:

The classification of participants in CEZ Zone events for the Zone Championships must neither depend on any additional entries nor additional entry fees. An entrant/driver sending the entry form to an organiser or ASN agrees to take part in this event even if he has not paid the entry fee in time. An entrant/ driver not presenting him at the verification of the event and not excusing this in written form in advance will have to pay the entry fee.

1.6 Attribution of Points and Classification

In each discipline, group, division or category of the Zone Championships, points are awarded in accordance to the scale published in the regulations, chapters "Classifications" for every Championship. All results will be counted; no results will be retained from the final list (for Karting see Art. 8.4).

Only those drivers, who have taken part in at least one event in the respective discipline under the sovereignty of another ASN than their parent one, will be classified for the final results of the CEZ Championship. „Taking part“ means to be at the start of at least one race (heat) of the event in question (for Autocross and Rallycross this means to participate in the official practice).

Further regulations see rules for each Zone Championship.

Should there be less than 3 drivers classified in the final result of a group or a category of CEZ Championship, this Championship will be declared null and void.

1.7 Dead heat (ex aequo)

For the drivers whose total of points is identical, the rule deciding will give consideration to:

- 1) the value of the places (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, etc.) obtained in the main classification of the qualifying events taken into account for the granting of their points.
- 2) the value of the places obtained in the classifications of the qualifying events in which every one of them has participated.

In cases of a further tie, the drivers will be listed in the Championship-result on the same position.

1.8 Results

The ASNs have to take responsibility, that the organisers will send the official results and corrected entry lists of the events, according the classes and classifications of the resp. CEZ Championship, a.s.a.p. to the sporting secretary of the zone (email: kopecky@autoklub.cz), where the Championship-results will be set up according these official documents. The unofficial results of the Zone Championships will then be published during the year on the website www.cez-motorsport.com. If there are no objections against brought forward by email/letter from the ASN of the competitor/drivers concerned, the Championship-results will be declared as "final and official" from 1st December 2026.

1.9 Prizes

- a) CEZ Championships: In every discipline of the Zone Championship the first placed drivers and co-drivers in the groups or categories or divisions determined in the regulations of this discipline are awarded.
- b) Nations Trophy: At the end of the season the numbers of 1st placed drivers of the Championship results of the various disciplines will be added for a Nations Trophy (as for Olympic rankings). For every country the places of its licence holders will be respected.
The country with the highest number of 1st placed drivers will be declared winner of the Nations Trophy of the respectively year. In case of ties the higher number of 2nd placed drivers and following the higher number of 3rd placed drivers will decide. The representatives of the ASNs placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be presented at the yearly prize-giving ceremony of the Central European Zone.
- c) Ladies Cup: The women scoring the most points in their specific disciplines (respecting all classes, groups, categories together) are presented at the CEZ Prize Giving that year.
- d) Prize-giving: The annual ceremony will be held in a country designated by the board of the CEZ countries and will be organized with the financial participation of all members of the zone. The fee will be specified by the board of the CEZ countries.

1.10 Administration

The CEZ Championship is administered by the Czech ASN (A.C.C.R., www.cez-motorsport.com)). Communications by the entrants/drivers should be done via their parent ASN's.

1.11 Award for "Talent of the year"

The Board of the CEZ countries may decide every year to award extraordinary performance of young drivers from the CEZ countries by the title "Talent of the year". The awarded drivers (max. 2 drivers per year) shall show the outcome of talents from the Central European Zone into the international FIA sporting scene.

The following conditions must be respected:

- Maximum age of the driver(s): 25th birthday reached during the year in question.
- The driver(s) will be awarded for the results gained at the following events: FIA-Championships, FIA Cups, FIA series, international series approved by the FIA.

The ASNs must send the applications for their candidates until 30th October of the calendar year in which these drivers reached their successes to the office of CEZ President and following the proposal for the awards, these will be circulated to all ASNs for approval.

The Talent(s) of the year will be presented at the prize-giving ceremony of the Central European Zone.

Art. 2. SAFETY PRESCRIPTIONS

See valid FIA respectively CIK/FIA regulations.

The use of a FHR (HANS®) System is obligatory for all discipline except Historic cars (not valid for FIA classes only, where FHR is obligatory), Rallycross (STC), Autocross (national cars), slalom, karting, Cross Country (SSV) and drifting where is strongly recommended to all participants in CEZ events.