

## MASTERS SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP – 2026 COMPETITOR INFORMATION

### 1. THE 2026 MASTERS SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Masters Superbike Championship is the most professionally promoted and organised Irish Motorcycle Racing Championship offering the highest profile Short Circuit events on the Island of Ireland. Since its inception it has provided the first steps for a number of riders who have gone on to compete successfully on the British Superbike package.

The championship is co-ordinated and promoted by Mondello Park and is organised in conjunction with Motorcycling Ireland's Short Circuit Racing committee. With pre-event publicity and advertising, in-event social media coverage, live timing and post event coverage, the championship is the best platform for riders looking to maintain or develop a career in Motorcycle Racing.

For 2026 the Championship will be made up of five race events. The season will begin with a two single day pre-season tests, all in Mondello Park, using two different circuit layouts. All race events will be run over two days, preceded by a test day on the circuit layout to be used for that event.

### 2. CHAMPIONSHIP FEATURES

Five championship events evenly spread over the season.

Cost savings available through Mondello Park's entry and testing discount packages.

Cost control measures in Superbike and Supersport.

Standard timetable and race duration.

Consistent race organising team.

Event promotion.

Social media and web presence.

End of season prize giving.

### 3. 2026 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES & CLASSES

The list of dates is shown below. The schedule of races for each class at each event will be announced closer to the start of the championship.

**Pre-season testing - Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> International Track (all classes)**

**Rounds 1 - 3 – Saturday & Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Track**

**Rounds 4 - 6 – Saturday & Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Mondello Park International Track**

**Rounds 7 - 9 – Saturday & Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Track**

**Rounds 10 - 12 – Saturday & Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Track**

**Rounds 13 - 15 – Saturday & Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Track**

### 4. POINTS SCORING

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
25	20	16	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

In the Superbike and Supersport classes all riders will be eligible to score points in the overall championship while only Cup designated riders will be eligible to score Cup points. Cup points can be scored in the main race or, if there are less than fifteen Cup finishers in the main race, in the 'B' Race.

### 5. SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT TYRE RULES

At Masters events, rules regarding the quantity of tyres used by riders in Superbike and Supersport will apply. There will be no restrictions on tyre sizes or compounds used as long as the tyres comply with the class regulations. In the Superbike class either Dry or Wet tyres may be used. Any Intermediate tyres or cut slicks used will count as dry weather tyres and must come from each riders allocation of three dry weather tyres, as set out below. In the Supersport class dry weather tyres may be either slick or older spec Supersport treaded dry weather tyres. There are no restrictions on the number of wet tyres used once a race is declared wet.

Each rider is allowed to use three dry weather tyres over the course of their three races at an event. In order to police this rule each rider will be supplied with three tyre stickers at sign-on for each event. Tyre stickers are required to be used for all race sessions. The correct tyre stickers must be in place for each race. Tyre stickers from previous events may be present on any tyre used so long as the correct sticker for the current event is also in place. Tyres may be checked in the pit lane before riders go on track for their races, so please allow extra time for delays at the pit lane exit when

heading to the grid. Tyres may also be checked on the grid or in Parc-Ferme at the end of a race and any rider found without the correct stickers may be penalised in accordance with Section 1 Point 9 of the Championship Sporting Regulations. The top six riders from the overall results and the top three from the Cup class will be checked in Parc Ferme or in the podium holding area after each Superbike or Supersport race.

## **6. CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION**

All competitors taking part in Masters Superbike Championship events must be registered for the championship. If you were registered in previous years you are still required to re-register in order to ensure your information is up to date. Registration is free of charge and entries will not be accepted unless the entrant is registered for the championship at the time of entering. The championship registration form can be found under the Competitor Info heading on the Masters Superbike Championship web site [www.masterssuperbike.ie](http://www.masterssuperbike.ie).

## **7. ENTERING**

All Mondello Park Motorcycle event entries are made through our on-line entry system. The on-line entry system requires each riders race entry information to be pre-entered into an individual rider profile. Competitors will access their profile using a login and password and once they are logged in they will be able to enter any or all of the Masters events at the push of a button. If you previously had a login and password those details will still apply. If you have not previously had login details, you can set up your login by visiting [www.mondellopark.ie/motorbike-racing-login](http://www.mondellopark.ie/motorbike-racing-login). Your login details are known only to you and are not your registration to the championship, this must be completed separately.

## **8. TESTING**

For 2026 Masters Pre-Season Testing will run over two separate days, on March 13th and 27th.

Friday March 13th will run on the National Circuit and will be for all Senior Solo classes and Juniors. Numbers will be limited and bookings will be reserved for registered riders only until the initial closing date of March 6th. After this date the remaining spaces will be opened up to all riders and the prices will increase.

Friday March 27th will run on the International Circuit and will be for all Senior Solo classes and Sidecars. Numbers will be limited and bookings will be reserved for registered riders only until the initial closing date of March 20th. After this date the remaining spaces will be opened up to all riders and the prices will increase.

We are planning on having some experienced riders on hand during both days of testing to assist newcomers.

## **9. ENTRY FEES & PAYMENT**

All single race entries and test day bookings must be completed through the Mondello Park on-line booking system. Entries must be completed and paid for by the initial closing date for each event to avail of the reduced entry fee. Any entries received after the initial closing date will be charged at a higher price and where a class is oversubscribed these entries will be placed on a reserve list.

Any riders wishing to avail of the reduced additional class entry, or wishing to pay for a race entry and testing package, must contact the Mondello Park office to complete their booking.

Bookings for the pre-season test days can only be booked online as single days. Only riders booking both test days together will be able to avail of the discount for booking two days and this can only be done by contacting the Mondello Park office prior to the first test day. A rider who books one day and then subsequently returns to book the second day will not receive the two day discount.

Garages will be available for rent by contacting the Mondello Park office. Any rider or group of riders who previously booked their garage space for an entire season will be offered the garages first. Once all riders who were previous bookers have been contacted any remaining available garage space will be offered for rent, with customers wishing to book for the entire season receiving preference. Once the season has commenced any additional garage space will be made available to competitors on a weekend by weekend basis and on a first come first served basis.

Competitors booking garage for the entire season, including the test days will receive one weekends' rental free of charge. Competitors booking garage space for the race events only will receive a pro-rata discount.

Discounts are available for customers wishing to pay for their entire season's entries up front. These discounts can be tailored to a competitors needs and the package prices can be found along with all other entry, testing and garage fees in the 2026 competitor information pack.

### **Late Entries**

Due to issues created by entries being received later and later in recent years, all event closing dates will be strictly

adhered to. This will mean that a late entry fee will be applied to all entries paid after the closing date, which will be the Friday of the week before the event (eight days before the event).

When entering, competitors will have two payment options;

1. Pay when entering.
2. Complete your entry and return at a later date, prior to the closing date, to pay.

Option 1: if a rider enters with payment prior to or on the event closing date they will be charged the normal entry fee. If a rider enters with payment after the event closing date they will be charged an additional late entry fee of €25.

Option 2: if a rider enters prior to the event closing date without payment and then returns and pays prior to or on the event closing date, they will be charged the normal entry fee. If a rider enters prior to the event closing date without payment and then returns and pays after the event closing date they will be charged an additional late entry fee of €25.

### Prices (prior to initial closing date)

Entry fee for all classes except Juniors: €290

Entry fee for junior riders competing in Junior Cup or Junior Supersport: €190

Rider entering more than one class, additional entry fee per class €220

All classes, except juniors, race entry and full day test, paid in one payment by event closing date – €460 (normally €490)

Juniors, race entry and full day test, paid in one payment by event closing date – €360 (normally €390)

All classes, except juniors, race entry and ½ day test, paid in one payment by event closing date – €410 (normally €430)

Juniors, race entry and ½ day test, paid in one payment by event closing date – €300 (normally €320)

### Entry & Testing package prices

	Full Price	Reduced Price	Saving
<b>ALL CLASSES EXCEPT JUNIORS ENTRY AND TESTING PACKAGE PRICES</b>			
5 entries	€1,450	€1,305	€145
5 Entries plus pre-season test weekend	€1,650	€1,478	€172
5 Entries plus 5 ½ day test	€2,150	€1,918	€232
5 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 5 ½ day tests	€2,350	€2,087	€263
5 Entries plus 5 full day tests	€2,450	€2,166	€284
5 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 5 full day tests	€2,650	€2,332	€318
<b>JUNIOR RIDER ENTRY AND TESTING PACKAGE PRICES</b>			
5 entries	€950	€855	€95
5 Entries plus pre-season test weekend	€1,150	€1,030	€120
5 Entries plus 5 ½ day test	€1,650	€1,472	€178
5 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 5 ½ day tests	€1,850	€1,643	€207
5 Entries plus 5 full day tests	€1,950	€1,724	€226
5 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 5 full day tests	€2,150	€1,892	€258

### 10. TESTING AND RACE ENTRY CREDIT POLICY

**Test days:** In order to cancel an entry to a test day a competitor must give 24 hours' notice. The cancellation notice must be communicated to the Mondello Park office, by either phone or email, by 17:00 of the day preceding the test day. It is not sufficient to say that a you tried to call the office and got no response, the best method of communication is by email to [info@mondellopark.ie](mailto:info@mondellopark.ie). Full credit will be allowed for the test event once a competitor cancels within the required period. If a competitor books for a full day and has a mechanical issue or otherwise in the morning session and is unable to take part in the afternoon session a credit of 40% of the value of the full day can be brought forward to another test or race event. A competitor must contact the event manager in the control tower on the day of the event, prior to the completion of the morning session, and inform him/her that they are unable to complete the day. If a competitor books a morning or afternoon session and is unable to complete the session due to a mechanical issue or otherwise, no credit will be given. All credits must be used with the calendar year and will not be carried forward to subsequent seasons.

**Race events:** In order to cancel an entry to a race event a competitor must give notice of the cancellation to the Mondello Park office by 17:00 on the Friday of the race event. The cancellation notice must be communicated to the office, by either phone or email. It is not sufficient to say that a competitor tried to call the office and got no response, the best method of communication is by email to [info@mondellopark.ie](mailto:info@mondellopark.ie). Full credit will be allowed for the race event once a competitor cancels within the required period. Once a competitor takes part in any practice session, qualifying session or race, he/she is deemed to have started the event and no credit will be given if they are unable to take part in

the remainder of the event due to a mechanical issue or other circumstances. All credits must be used with the calendar year and will not be carried forward to subsequent seasons.

## **11. GARAGES**

A limited amount of garage space may be available at some events but in past seasons garages have been fully booked prior to the start of the season. Garages will be made available for booking for the full season closer to the beginning of the season and riders who have previously rented garages will be given priority. Once all riders who previously rented garages have made their decision any remaining garages will be made available. Any rider who books and pays in advance for garages for the full Mondello Park season will receive their garage space at a reduced price.

## **12. EVENT FORMAT**

The Masters will have a standardised timetable at all events and the following pre-race procedures will be used, with one procedure for Superbike and Supersport and another for all support classes. Please note that as in 2024, the open pit lane duration has been reduced to three minutes for all classes

### **Superbike and Supersport Championship race pre-race procedure (times shown are sample times)**

**13:00 pit lane opens:** There will be a countdown clock on the start finish straight which will count down from three minutes to zero. All riders have three minutes to exit the pit lane, complete a lap and take their place on the grid. During the three minute period, riders may complete more than one lap and if doing so they must enter the pit lane at the end of each lap, ride slowly down the pit lane and rejoin the circuit. A pit lane speed limit of 60kmph will be enforced. A rider can pass through the pit lane as many times as they wish as long as they are on track once the pit lane closes.

**13:05 pit lane closes:** Once the countdown clock reaches zero the pit lane will be closed. Any riders who arrive after the pit lane is closed will start the warm up laps from the pit lane and following the warm-up laps will take their position at the back of the grid in the order in which they arrived at the top of the pit lane.

**13:06 three minute board:** When the three minute open pit lane time has elapsed a three minute board will be displayed to all riders already on the grid.

**13:08 one minute board:** Once the one minute board is displayed all team personnel must leave the grid.

**13:09 green flag:** When the final minute has elapsed the green flag will be waved and riders will start their warm up laps. Any riders who had been held at the top of the pit lane will be allowed to complete the warm up laps but they must start from the back of the grid. Any rider who joins the warm up laps from the pit lane and then moves to their original grid position will be black flagged from the race and disqualified. Superbike and Supersport will receive two warm up laps on the Mondello Park National Track and one warm-up lap on the Mondello Park International Track. Any rider who arrives at the top of the pit lane after the warm up laps have commenced will not be allowed to start the race.

### **Support Class procedure, including 'B' races (times shown are sample times).**

**13:00 three minute warning:** Once the previous race and podium has been completed and the track is clear and ready for racing a three minute warning will be given, by verbal announcement over the PA and by use of a pit lane hooter or siren. Once the first announcement is given riders have three minutes to exit the pit lane and make their way to the grid. At this time a countdown clock on the main straight will start counting down from three minutes to zero. This will give riders three minutes to get from wherever they are in the paddock to the top of the pit lane and out to take their grid positions. Tyre warmers and personnel will not be allowed on the grid and riders must decide how early they wish to leave the pit lane. During the three minute period, riders may complete more than one lap and if doing so they must enter the pit lane at the end of their first lap, ride slowly down the pit lane and rejoin the circuit. A pit lane speed limit of 60kmph will be enforced. A rider can pass through the pit lane as many times as they wish as long as they are on track once the pit lane closes.

**13:03 approx. Green Flag:** When the three minute count down is complete a one minute board will be shown to the grid. Once the one minute board is displayed all team personnel must leave the grid. Once all riders who left the Pit Lane have reached their grid positions a 5 second warning will be given before the green flag waves to commence the warm up lap or laps. All classes will receive two warm-up laps on the National Track and one warm-up lap on the International Track. Any riders who arrive after the pit lane is closed but before commencement of the warm up laps will start the warm up laps from the pit lane and following the warm-up laps will take their position at the back of the grid in the order in which they arrived at the top of the pit lane. Any rider who arrives at the top of the pit lane after the warm up laps have commenced will not be allowed to start the race.

## **13. SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT QUALIFICATION & GRID POSITIONS**

Riders will be split for qualifying in the Superbike and Supersport classes into the following sessions. The Cup session will be for all 'Cup' designated riders apart from 'Cup' riders who are eligible to compete in the 'Pro' qualifying session based on the following rules, which are included in the Championship sporting regulations and event regulations.

In order to reduce the speed difference between the faster Cup riders and slower Cup riders in qualifying, the following

system will be introduced on safety grounds.

- All Pro riders will qualify in the Pro session
- Some Cup riders will qualify with the Pro riders in the Pro session.
- For a Cup designated rider to be eligible to qualify in the Pro session the following criteria must be met. A rider must have achieved at least one lap within 107% of the fastest lap time in their class, in at least one of the three races for their class at the two previous Masters race events in which they competed.
- Being eligible to qualify in the Pro session at one event does not make a rider eligible to continue to qualify in the Pro session at subsequent events, as eligibility will be reviewed after each event.
- Once a rider reaches the speed criteria for qualifying in the Pro qualifying session they do not have the option to choose to stay in the Cup session.
- All newcomers to the Masters 'Cup' along with all riders who do not fit the above criteria will qualify in the Cup session.
- Qualification for the championship race will still be dependent on a rider achieving a time within 110% of the fastest time in qualifying, irrespective of which session they have qualified in, with all those Cup riders who do not achieve the 110% standard, racing in the 'B' race for race one, even if they participated in the Pro session.

#### **The grids for Superbike & Supersport will be formed using the following system.**

**Race 1:** The grid positions for race 1 will be formed using combined qualifying times from the Pro and Cup qualifying sessions for each class. All Pro riders will automatically qualify for the championship race. Any Cup rider who is outside 110% of the fastest time in their class will race in the 'B' race, where grids will be formed based on lap times irrespective of class.

**Race 2:** The grid positions for championship race 2 will be formed using the combined fastest lap times from championship race 1 and 'B' race 1. Any rider who has lapped within 110% of the fastest lap time in their class will race in Championship race 2 along with any rider who qualified for championship race 1. Any rider who raced in 'B' race one and is outside 110% of the fastest time in their class will remain in the 'B' race for race 2, where grids will be formed based on lap times irrespective of class.

**Race 3:** The grid positions for championship race 3 will be formed using the fastest lap times from championship race 2. All riders who qualified for Championship race 2 will automatically qualify for championship race 3. Any rider who raced in 'B' race 2 will remain in the 'B' race for race 3.

#### **14: GRIDS**

Pole position is on the right hand side of the track and the grid is made up of three staggered spaces per line. It is a riders responsibility to ensure that they know their starting position for each race and where it is on the grid.

#### **15. RACE ORGANISATION**

In order to create consistency in the running of events, Masters events are run by personnel from all of the Short Circuit Racing clubs with the aim of having the same clerk of the course and assistant at all events. There will also be a championship co-ordinator on hand for all events. The timetable and running order for all events has also been standardised.

#### **16. RIDER GRADING IN SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT**

The Masters rider grading splits Superbike and Supersport competitors into Pro and Cup riders with Pro riders eligible for overall awards while Cup competitors are eligible for both overall and 'Cup' awards. This gives all riders a realistic chance of competing for wins, podiums, championship points and prize money, whatever their level of ability or experience. The list of riders being upgraded is posted on the Masters Superbike web site. Any rider whose name does not appear on the upgrade list will retain their previous grading. In a case where a rider due for upgrade in Supersport swaps to Superbike they may be given a one season exemption from upgrade. This exemption option remains a possibility until a rider has raced as a Pro rider in Supersport or until the championship organisers deem it no longer available. Riders upgraded from Cup to Pro in the Ulster Centre may not necessarily be upgraded for the Masters, if in doubt please contact the Championship co-ordinator.

#### **17. EVENT PROMOTION**

All Master Championship events will be heavily promoted through the following;

- ✓ Media coverage
- ✓ Print advertising.
- ✓ Social Media.
- ✓ Radio advertising.
- ✓ Championship web site.
- ✓ Mondello Park web site.
- ✓ Direct marketing through our email alerts service.

#### **18. SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEB**

The Masters Championship continues to be the only championship with a dedicated social media and web presence at all of its events. For 2026 our social media activities will continue, with photographic and video coverage of all events both in the build up, during and after events.

In the build up to the new season we are seeking information for our social media posts and web site. We are looking for news, pictures and videos of Masters competitors preparations for the new season. We would be happy to publicise information on riders changing classes, new machinery, new logo's or colour schemes, pre season testing plans, images and videos from testing, bike builds or preparations. All information can be emailed to [info@masterssuperbike.ie](mailto:info@masterssuperbike.ie).

#### **19. ON-BOARD CAMERAS**

Subject to confirmation by MCI's insurers, competitors authorised by the Clerk of the Course will be permitted to film from on-board cameras. Where such approval is granted by the COC, the installation of a camera & associated equipment shall be inspected during scrutiny. All such equipment shall be mechanically fastened to a suitable mounting point in a manner that the scrutineer deems acceptable. The use of tape, tie wraps or Velcro fastenings etc. is strictly prohibited. Approval is only valid for the duration of the event. Any rider using an onboard camera must provide footage recorded on the camera to the organisers or event promoters when requested. Riders using on-board cameras are precluded from making public any footage from an event, through social media, web sites or other outlets, until the official Masters Superbike Championship footage has been released. Competitors will be notified when they are free to publicise or release footage.

#### **20. END OF SEASON AWARDS NIGHT**

Our popular Masters Championship awards night will continue to be held at the end of the season. All class award winners will receive free admission to the event.

**For all Masters Superbike Championship queries**

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