

FIA EUROPEAN TRAFFIC EDUCATION CONTEST RULES FOR 2009



1. Aims

Traffic legislation and traffic regulations, along with care and foresight on the part of all road users, are among the most basic prerequisites for the safety of children using roads both as pedestrians and cyclists.

At the same time, children must know how to control their bicycles even in difficult situations, have a good understanding of traffic regulations, dangerous traffic situations and be willing to behave properly in traffic. Such safety-conscious behaviour can be instilled into children through a comprehensive and continuous traffic education at home and at school.

Comprehensive and continuous traffic education for children is of great importance in determining their behaviour as road users later in life. The FIA European Traffic Education Contest is intended as an incentive to improve traffic education for all children and to make the general public, schools as well as authorities aware of the importance of this task. Through this Contest, the FIA would also like to encourage its member clubs to extend their activities that are geared towards promoting children's safety on roads and make them better known.

2. Contestants and accompanying persons

2.1. Clubs

In principle, only European clubs belonging to the FIA Region I may take part in the Contest.

2.2. Contestants

Each participating club shall select a team of **four children (two girls and two boys)**. Only children born in **1997, 1998 or 1999** are eligible to enter in 2009.

In June 2009, the organising club shall send a form to all entered clubs on which they shall enter the names and the dates of birth of the selected children. The Technical Committee is entitled to verify children's birthdates from their passports.

Children who have taken part in a previous FIA European Traffic Education Contest are not eligible to participate.

2.3. Selection of the contestants by the clubs

Each club selects the contestants according to its own criteria. The clubs are expected to carry out nationwide, or at least regional, traffic education contests, e.g. in cooperation with the police,

schools, or other suitable bodies, in order to select the contestants. The FIA also expects the clubs to undertake efforts to prepare children for road traffic and develop suitable activities to accomplish this goal. Participation at the FIA European Traffic Education Contest is meant as a means to encourage and provide impetus for the traffic education of children.

2.4. Accompanying persons

The contestants must be accompanied by two adults (if possible a woman and a man). These two adults accompany the children before, during, and after the Contest, but they do not take an active part in it. **At least one of the accompanying persons must be able to speak German, English or French.**

3. The contest

The FIA European Traffic Education Contest is a team event.

The Contest shall be carried out according to a rotational system. The individual exercises shall be spread over several stations, which every team shall visit together with other teams.

3.1. Contents of the exercises

The contest includes a mixture of practical and theoretical exercises and tasks. Potential contents shall be retrievable on the FIA internet page (www.etec.fia.com). In principle, the Technical Committee selects the tasks that have to be accomplished from among these documents, but it may also include some surprise elements.

3.2. Scores

At every station, every child starts with a bonus of 20 points. Whenever a mistake is made, points shall be deducted from that bonus. The Technical Committee reserves the right to create stations where no points shall be deducted (e.g. in order to try out new exercises). At these posts a bonus of 20 points shall be awarded to every child provided that it does the required exercises.

3.3. Drawing exhibition as part of the contest

In the framework of the contest, the FIA organises a drawing exhibition in which each child may participate. The FIA shall communicate the subject and requirements (e.g. size and nature). Each child participating shall receive a bonus of 5 points (20 points for the team), provided that they use the subject established by the FIA and abide by the requirements. This bonus shall be added to the score.

3.4. Tied scores

In the event that two or more teams are tied for the three first places, the better team shall be determined in a tie-break. The Technical Committee shall decide what this tie-breaker entails.

3.5 Retirement of a contestant

In the event that a contestant sustains an injury or falls ill unexpectedly during the contest, the following rule shall apply: The scores obtained by the contestant in the exercises that he/she has completed shall count towards the team score. For the exercises that he/she has not completed, the lowest score of the remaining contestants on the team shall be added to the team score, minus a 5-point penalty per exercise.

4. Entering the contest

In February 2009, the FIA invites the Clubs of the FIA Region I to take part in the FIA European Traffic Education Contest. **The deadline for entering the contest is 31 March 2009.** The clubs make their reservation with the FIA secretariat, who forwards the information to the organising club. The organising club confirms the registration to each participating club.

5. Ranking, awards

Each child on the winning team shall be awarded a small FIA souvenir trophy. In addition, the winning club shall receive a FIA trophy to keep.

Each contestant shall receive from the organiser a diploma (confirmation of participation and rank of the team) and a medal. A list with the teams' rankings shall be presented by the organisers to each participating club after the award ceremony. There is no individual ranking.

6. Referees

Under the initiation and supervision of the Technical Committee, referees who are selected by the organisers shall be responsible for awarding points. No photos or video footage can change the points awarded. The referees' and the Technical Committees decisions are final.

7. Programme

Friday, 11.09.2009:	Afternoon:	Arrival of the teams
	Evening:	Briefing on the contest and video presentation
Saturday, 12.09.2009:	Morning and Afternoon:	Contest
	Evening:	Party
Sunday, 13.09.2009:	Morning and Afternoon:	Excursion
	Evening:	Team coach meeting
Monday, 14.09.2009:	Morning	Teams return home

8. Insurance

Every participating club shall be responsible for its own insurance (sickness, accident, third party insurance). The organising club must also have third party liability insurance for this event.

9. Costs

All expenses for the four contestants and the two accompanying persons of a team at the place of the contest (accommodation, meals, contest, entertainment programme and excursion) shall be covered by the organising club.

Additional persons (e.g. guests invited by the participating club, bus driver, and other club representatives) may attend the event as spectators. They shall pay a total sum per person that covers the organising club's expenses for accommodation, meals, entertainment programme and transfers during the contest. The organising club determines the amount and payment mode. Clubs will be informed accordingly. Every participating club shall cover the travel expenses for its team and any additional persons.

10. Responsibility

The Contest is held under the patronage of the FIA. The organising club shall be responsible for carrying out the contest.

The Technical Committee shall put together the list of potential contents for the contest, supervise the event and ensure that it is carried out correctly, verify whether the contestants meet the requirements, establish the rules, decide on the contents and modalities of the contest, offer information to the organisers concerning the staging of the event, and, in the evening before the contest, supply the teams with detailed information about the event. In addition, it is in charge of the exchange of ideas between the clubs and advises the FIA in the selection of location and host club. The Technical Committee's decisions cannot be challenged.

The FIA shall be responsible for the exhibition described under item 3.3.

11. Candidacies for the organisation of a contest

Clubs interested in organising the FIA European Traffic Education Contest may ask the FIA for information. The FIA shall send them a form containing the criteria that has to be fulfilled for hosting the event.

12. Interpretation of the rules

The German text shall be definitive. The FIA Secretariat translates the text into English and French.

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