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BMX CANADA / USA BMX Licence Fees

Class	Annual Cost	Please note - prices subject to change
1 - Day Membership	Free	1 Day Membership - For the new novice rider to have a chance to experience the sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid at any sanctioned bmx track. For practice and single-points races only.
7 Day Membership	Free with the 1 day waiver	7 Day Membership - For One Day Members who set up a profile on www.USABMX.com (must be acquired on USABMX.com). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid at any sanctioned bmx track. For practice and single-points races only
Class & Cruiser	\$65.00 CAD	\$5 discount for addtl family members, i.e. 1 st Family Member = \$65 2 nd Family Member = \$60 3 rd & Addtl Family Member = \$55 each (discount excludes subscription to PULL Magazine)
Strider	\$35.00 CAD	Official membership card. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For use with no pedal / balance bikes. No District points awarded. (only Local Points)
Pro License	\$75.00 CAD	No discounts

Race Fees

Race	Cost	Please note - prices subject to change
Local Single Point	\$7 CAD	1 Family Member
	\$13 CAD	2 Family Members or Bikes
	\$15 CAD	3 or More Family Members
½ Track	\$5	
Strider	\$3	
Race Fees Punch Card		Punch Cards only used for single point races

Special Races:

(No Family discounts on the following races)

Olympic Day – Free (single points)

Race for Life – \$20 (double points)

Provincial Qualifier – \$15 (double points)

Bob Warnicke Scholarship Race – \$10 (single points)

Earned Doubles – \$15 (double points)

Provincial Final – \$30 (triple points)

Schedule

(subject to change due to special events, weather dependent and track safety etc.)

MONDAY 5:30-7:30- Bi-weekly clinics coached by Mischa Partridge and Brandon Reid.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY (April, Sept & Oct) - 5:30 - 7:30 (till Dusk) - Practice Night

TUESDAY (May, June, July & August) Reg 5:30- 6:30pm Race Time : ASAP THURSDAY

6:00-8:00 - Practice Night

SUNDAY (Apr, May, June & Sept) - Reg 2:30 - 3:30pm Race Time : ASAP

Please subscribe to our mailing list for weekly updates or check Google calendar on our website.

Practices

Please check in your rider at motoshed before heading out on the track.

Race Days

We race on Tuesdays and Sundays - please check Google calendar on our website for any updates or changes.

Clinics

Saturdays - (Bi-Weekly). Mischa Partridge and Cid Martinez will be running clinics starting in April. Check our Facebook page for the latest info.

Advanced: Intermediate 12 yrs+ & Expert - \$8 per session

Beginner: Novice & Inter <12 yrs - \$8 per session

Special Races

Vancouver Island Challenge

The **Vancouver Island Challenge Series (VIC)** provides island riders the opportunity to compete in a series format. All riders can participate in all races. To keep race fees to a minimum, races are single point (\$7 entry fee).

- Title plates awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place Championship riders in each category
- Riders must race a minimum of 3 races plus the FINAL to be eligible for an ISLAND TITLE
- Top 3 in each class will be awarded by age & class
- Strider, Novice, Intermediate, Expert & Cruiser classes

Race #1	Registration TBC	Nanaimo	April 29th
Race #2	Registration TBC	Coal Hills (Cumberland)	May 26th
Race #3	Registration TBC	Oceanside (Qualicum)	June 23rd
Race #4	Registration TBC	Victoria	July 7th
Final	Registration TBC	Oceanside (Qualicum)	Aug 11th

Vancouver Island Nationals - July 27th-29th

This year they are being held at Nanaimo BMX. There are strict practice times according to age and the racing is fast and furious!

Friday Sign Ups: 2:00 - 5:00pm, Friday Race Begins: 6:00pm

Saturday Sign Ups: 8:30 - 10:00am, Saturday Race Begins: 11:30am, Balance Bike: 11:30am

Sunday Race Begins: 8:00am

Race for Life – Sunday July 8th

The RACE FOR LIFE is a special BMX event where riders and parents fund raise to gather donations for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation. You don't have to be a member to try BMX or to participate in the RACE FOR LIFE. \$10 from EVERY RIDER is donated.

The Race for Life is a double-point race. Members pay \$20, non-members who wish to race pay only \$10. Half the member race fees and all of the non-member fees go toward supporting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Olympic Day Race – Tuesday June 26th

Each year in June, Canada BMX joins forces with the Olympic Committee and USA Cycling to offer Free Day of Racing at participating BMX tracks around Canada and the United States all in celebration of Olympic Day. Olympic Day Race is for everyone bring a friend or two, race your parent or grandparent.

Bob Warnicke Scholarship Race – Tuesday September 4th

The Bob Warnicke Scholarship Race was created to help fund The Bob Warnicke Memorial Scholarship Fund which assists students and their families in meeting the costs of undergraduate college education, trade school, etc. For more information, read this page on the USA BMX website: <http://bit.ly/2o4P20i>

Provincial Championship Race (PCR)

This is a race series that entitles each rider in the province to earn a provincial plate. The riders must complete four races plus the final championship to earn a plate. Each district holds 4 provincial qualifiers in which a rider is allowed to race in. BMX will take the 4 highest qualifier races plus final championship (ie if you race 6 races they will take top 4).

Victoria	Reg TBA	Saturday June 2 nd
Nanaimo	Reg TBA	Saturday June 2 nd
Coal Hills (Cumberland)	Reg TBA	Sunday June 3 rd
Oceanside (Qualicum)	Reg TBA	Sunday June 3 rd
Kamloops	Reg TBA	Saturday June 9 th
Vernon	Reg TBA	Saturday June 9 th
Kelowna	Reg TBA	Sunday June 10 th
Penticton	Reg TBA	Sunday June 10 th
Langley	Reg TBA	Sunday June 17 th
Supertrax, Prince George	Reg TBA	Sunday July 8 th
Pemberton	Reg TBA	Saturday July 14 th
Whistler	Reg TBA	Saturday July 14 th

NorthShore (North Van)	Reg TBA	Sunday July 15 th
Squamish	Reg TBA	Sunday July 15 th
West Kootenay	Reg TBA	Saturday July 21 st
Grand Forks	Reg TBA	Sunday July 22 nd
Final - Langley	Reg TBA	September 1 st & 2 nd

Local Track Points

What are local points? When our riders ride our track, points are awarded and are tabulated on the spreadsheet posted on our website as LOCAL points. They are then used to determine our top riders for awards at the year-end banquet.

In the past, they were calculated the same as district points. As local points are solely recorded by the track, and only used by our local track, we have decided to change how they will be calculated this year, evening the distribution of points to all levels of our riders.

Here is how it is going to work. All levels of racing will receive the same value of points for the position they finish in. This change will reward our top ten riders for being more of an all-round member, plus the ability to earn additional bonus points for other activities. Race points will be distributed as follows:

- 1st 150 points plus rider points
- 2nd 100 points plus rider points
- 3rd 75 points plus rider points
- 4th 50 points plus rider points
- 5th 40 points plus rider points
- 6th 30 points plus rider points
- 7th 20 points plus rider points
- 8th 10 points plus rider points

In the event of transfer races due to multiple racks, for those that do not make the mains, 5 points plus rider points. Bonus points can be earned for participation in the following categories:

- Parades
- Fundraising events
- Volunteering
- Participation in the buddy system

Our buddy system will be a program to help our new riders feel welcomed at the track. A simple form will be made available for parents to sign which will state that they approve of their rider being part of it. Then when a new rider and family sign up, we can use the list and select a rider who is approximately the same age or older that will offer to help the new rider, introducing them to their friends, the track, and to help them with getting started.

Bonus points are totalled at the end of the year and will be used to determine one of our award categories and 50% of these points will be added to the local race points.

For any of you who are not familiar with Local Points please do not hesitate to ask any of the executive.

District points

Races you compete in at your home track in Victoria plus at any other USA BMX-sanctioned track in North America count toward your DISTRICT points. These points accumulate over the course of the season and determine your district standing. Victoria BMX is in the BC01 district, which covers the four tracks on Vancouver Island — Victoria BMX, Nanaimo BMX, Oceanside BMX in Qualicum Beach and Coal Hills BMX in Cumberland. See the BMX Canada website for a summary of your district points: <https://goo.gl/Qm09Jf>

Please note that it may take several weeks for your race results to be posted on the BMX Canada website.

Volunteer Deposits

As Greater Victoria BMX is completely a volunteered based organization, we are introducing what is commonly used throughout many of the sports organizations - the format of a volunteer deposit cheque in the amount of \$150.00 per family. For those of you who are not familiar with this practice, each family will issue a cheque for \$150.00 to Greater Victoria BMX at the start of the season which will be held by the club and as soon as a minimum of ten hours is logged for volunteering or contributing, your cheque will be returned to you. There will be many opportunities to accumulated those ten hours on and off the track.

If you have ever thought of helping on race days but have been unsure of what is involved? Please come and speak with someone in the moto shed and we will be happy to pair you up with another volunteer to teach you the ropes or explain what is involved.

F.A.Q

Are there any age restrictions?

No, any age rider can ride and race BMX. We have children on Striders (no pedal / balance bikes) as young as 2 riding each week and even offer Strider racing during our normal weekly races. At the other end of the spectrum, we have riders as old as 75 who come out and race with us. Children, parents, grandparents are all welcome to race BMX, there is a class for everyone!

Is the track open all the time?

Unfortunately no. We lease this land from Westshore Parks and Recreation, and per our agreement with them, the track must be operated during posted times only with approved board members on site to oversee the operation. Track dates/times are posted on the Schedule page on our website. There are several BMX tracks on the Island that are open year around, we strongly encourage you to visit some of our sister tracks and see all that BMX has to offer.

How do I know if my son or daughter is ready?

There's no one size fits all answer to this one, but in general, if your son/daughter is able to ride their bike over uneven ground, they're ready to race BMX. The very best way to find out if your child is ready is to come out to a practice and ask the GV BMX volunteers to have a rider escort your child around the track. We'll pair your child up with an older rider who can guide them around the track and help you assess their readiness.

Do they need special equipment to ride?

Long pants and a long sleeve shirt are required - gloves, knee and elbow pads are highly recommended. A helmet is always required and we highly recommend a full-face helmet (we have some full face helmets in the motoshed to borrow). You can ride your own bike but if it has reflectors, chain guards, and pegs, kick stands they need to be removed before riding on the track. Mountain bikes are okay to ride on the track as well. You will need to sign a one day waiver to ride the track, but it's completely free.

Can my child use their own bike or do they have to use a special bike?

At the end of the day, we want your rider to feel comfortable on the track. Riding a weird bike on a BMX track can be too much for some kids, play it safe and bring their bike. If they want to try one of our bikes, just let us know and we'll help you find the right size.

Track Safety

The track is ONE-WAY ONLY. Do not ride the track backwards or crosscut to other areas. It is difficult to see over obstacles and DANGEROUS COLLISIONS can occur.

In the event of a fall resulting in injury, there are certified first aid personnel present at all times. Race officials will caution all other riders on the track and assistance will be immediate. Parents of injured riders must stay off the track unless their assistance is requested by the attending first aid person.

Club Meetings

All members are welcome and encouraged to come along as all ideas are valuable. There is no expectation or pressure put on parents to attend but we do encourage you to come along to be a voice. Stay tuned to our website, Facebook and emails.

Can I help out?

Absolutely! **We are 100% volunteer run at GV BMX.** There are no paid staff whatsoever. If you'd like to help out and join the best team in BMX, just let us know: post a message on the Facebook group, email us, or see us at Registration during a practice or race day. We could always use some extra hands helping out and there are a wide variety of jobs available. Some of the Volunteer positions always needed:

Race Nights

- Track preparation (30-45 minutes before registration time starts)
- Registration
- Gate starter
- Race officials.
- Clean-up crew
- First Aid

Practice Nights

- Track preparation
- Track officials
- Gate starter
- Clean-up crew

There is other jobs that are always need to be done on and off the track, we are always looking for volunteers that have special talents, construction, plumbers, electricians, IT, fundraisers and community donations.

Please Fill out this Rider info and Volunteer Form and tell us a little about yourself: <https://goo.gl/eJbyO9>