



# PWR Class

## Introduction

The BMW CCA Club Racing PWR (**P**ower to **W**eight **R**atio) class is designed to be open to many different BMW race cars with minimal restrictions and ease of complying with the class rules. Cars will be classed primarily based on Horsepower to Weight Ratio. The PWR Class will earn BMW CCA Club Racing points and be eligible for annual awards.

## Rules

- A. Specific Rules for the PWR class are contained in this document and will take precedence over any other BMW Club Racing rules.
- B. **WARNING:** The PWR Class is intended to allow a wide range of existing BMW race cars to race competitively regardless of initial build target class for the car. The PWR class will be subject to on-going rules modifications, especially in the early phases, in order to facilitate a fair and level playing field.
- C. **Safety** – All requirements from the Safety sections of the current BMW CCA Club Racing Rule book (see Section III and Appendices A, B and C) must be followed. Roll Cage design is free as long as the safety requirements are fully met.
- D. **Competition/General** – All General Race and procedural rules from the current BMW CCA Club Racing Rule book will apply to the PWR class.
- E. **PWR Rules Process** – The PWR class will strive for a consistent and fair ruleset. A dedicated PWR Class rules committee consisting of at least 3 active PWR class racers will be responsible for the PWR class ruleset. The rules may be updated on a quarterly basis in order to quickly address oversights, errors and ensure fair competition.
- F. **Rules Convention** – many race classes operate under the guidance of “if the rules don’t specify that you can do it, then you can not”. The PWR class is different in that the primary competitive differentiator is HP to Weight.
- G. **Eligibility** – Any car originally built by BMW is allowed including Mini and Rolls Royce. A BMW engine, transmission or any other major drivetrain component is not required.
- H. **Classing** will be determined by a (**Wheel Horsepower to Weight Ratio + Modifier**) system

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Class	LBS/WHP Ratio + Modifier
PWR5	Less than 7.99
PWR4	Greater than 8 and less than 9.99
PWR3	Greater than 10 and less than 12.99
PWR2	Greater than 13 and less than 15.99
PWR1	Greater than 16

- 2. **Declared Weight** – a car’s declared weight is defined as raced with driver and all safety equipment and for compliance reasons, any remaining fuel in the car following a race or qualifying session.
  - i. Ballast may be added to align to a class but is limited to the peak HP of the car multiplied by 1 lbs.



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- ii. Ballast to meet weight must be placed entirely in the front and/or rear passenger side floor area and/or the spare tire well in the trunk and must be securely bolted to the chassis. Each segment of ballast must weigh not more than 50 pounds and must be fastened with a minimum of two 12 mm bolts and positive lock nuts of metric grade 8.8 or better, and must utilize large diameter, load-distributing washers. Ballast may not be added or removed during any officially timed session.
3. **Declared Wheel Horsepower** – As measured for the current engine configuration at the wheels by a dynamometer. Declared WHP must be at least 85% of the manufacturer’s published HP(crank).
4. **Modifiers - Performance** modifiers which will add or subtract from the WHP to Weight ratio to yield a final classing number.

i. **Tires**

Tire	Modifier
Non DOT Slick	-1.0
DOT R Compound	0.0
DOT Greater than 180 TW	+1.0

- ii. **Aerodynamic improvements** – any purposeful change to the entire profile of a car’s body/chassis that deviates from the factory delivered, street legal, base car configuration will be assessed a LBS:WHP modification of -0.5. Example: a 1995 M3 Lightweight comes delivered from the factory with Aero improvement devices but those devices deviate from a 1995 base M3 configuration so the Aero modifier of -0.5 would apply if the M3 Lightweight Aero devices are installed when raced.
  - iii. No other modifiers will be in place initially for the 2021 season.
  - iv. The PWR class reserves the right to add additional modifiers to enable fair competition.
5. **Vintage cars** – Certain race cars with an established history of competing in a vintage racing series may apply for pre-classing and will not require a dyno test. Pre-classing will be determined by the PWR class rules committee under the guidance of the BMW CR National Tech Steward, or a BMW CR designated representative.
6. **Calculating Class Example** – (Declared Weight/Declared Horse Power) + Modifier A car weighing **2650 lbs** with **200 WHP** is **13.25 LBS/WHP** and using 200 TW Tires gets a +1 modifier equals **14.25** therefore would be **PWR2**.

I. **Dynomometer Testing**

- 1. Required Dynamometer: Dynojet
- 2. Correction: SAE J1349 rev JUN90 (29.23 in/hg, 77F, zero humidity, dyno smoothing plot set to 5)
- 3. Testing must be performed at operating temperatures and with the same engine modifications, specifications, and configuration as used in competition.
- 4. The **Declared WHP** will be the highest power recorded of 3 pulls all performed within 10 minutes.
- 5. Replacement of any part that can have an effect on performance such as but not limited to fuel injectors, headers, intake manifold, camshaft(s), etc. will require a new dyno submission and recalculation of LBS:WHP rating for classing.

J. **Vintage/Historic Cars**



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1. Vintage cars may be classed like any other car based on Dyno measured HP and Declared minimum weight
2. Alternatively, Vintage Race cars with a documented history of competing in vintage race series recognized by BMW CCA Club Racing (HSR, VRG, VDCA, etc) will be eligible to apply for Pre-Classing
  - i. Pre classing will be determined by the PWR Rules Committee (under the direction of the National Tech Steward, or a designated BMW CR representative).
  - ii. An application for Vintage Pre-Classing will be required which includes:
    1. Indication of existing classing in a vintage/historic series.
    2. Documented race results within the last 12 month clearly showing lap times achieved from at least 2 venues where BMW Club Racing has held events.
    3. A processing fee of \$50 is required and 2 weeks lead time for processing.

### K. Appearance

1. Livery and Sponsor Decal Display must be in accordance to the currently published requirements in the BMW Club Racing rules. See section \_\_\_\_\_. Documented Vintage/Historic cars are exempt from sponsor decal requirements.
2. BMW CCA door panels are not required for PWR class cars.
3. PWR class cars must display the PWR X class designation and car number on both door panels, hood and rear of the car. These designations must of significant size and color differentiation from the background color so as to be clearly seen by event officials. Side and hood numbers shall be a minimum of 8 inches high with a 1.5- to 2-inch stroke. The rear number shall be a minimum of 3 inches high with a minimum 0.5-inch stroke. Class identification shall be near the numbers and be a minimum of 3 inches high.
4. PWR class cars must also display their declared min weight in 1 inch (min) white letters on the windshield along with the total Modifier value (2350 - 1.5 as an example). Alternatively the weight and Modifier values may be displayed on a rear side window.

### L. PWR Class Race Procedures

1. Each PWR class racer will require a PWR Disclosure sheet that will remain with the car along with the logbook and a copy of the official dyno graph.
2. Each PWR class car will be presented to Tech along with logbook, declaration sheet and dyno graph. The car will be subjected to a weigh in to verify the declared weight prior to any on track session. Any deviation in weight showing the car lighter than the declared weight will need to be corrected before any competitive track session.
3. PWR class cars will be subjected to impound following randomly selected competitive track sessions (qualification and/or race).

### M. Disclosure Sheet

1. The official BMW CR PWR class disclosure sheet must be completed and available at each race weekend. The disclosure sheet will include general information about the racer, race car, **Declared Weight**, WHP from the Dyno sheet, engine modifications and a log of previous PWR class confirmations by BMW Tech Stewards. **Failure to have the PWR disclosure sheet available for tech at a race event will result in disqualification.**
2. The Declared WHP must be equal to or greater than the included Dyno result which must be the most recent dyno test of the car's current engine and must have been performed in the last 18 months. A reminder, the Declared WHP must be at least 85% of the manufacturer's published crank HP. Example a 2004 BMW M3 has a factory Crank HP rating of 333. The declared WHP



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must be at least 0.85 times 333. Accordingly, the Declared WHP must be greater than or equal to 283 WHP.

3. Once a disclosure sheet has been submitted and a car class determined, it cannot be re-classed during that season without submitting a petition to the PWR Rules committee.

### N. Compliance

1. Official Weight and HP confirmations will occur at impound during BMW CCA Club Racing Events.
  - i. Impounded cars must go directly to the impound area as directed by the tech stewards. The driver may exit the car, but the car must remain untouched until movement is directed by the stewards. Any car that does not go directly to impound will be disqualified.
  - ii. Impounded cars will be weighed to validate the declared weight
  - iii. Impounded cars may have WHP verified by Dyno per Section I. Cars will be operated by an appointed CR official.
  - iv. The racer must be prepared to direct the dyno operator to connect a tachometer lead prior to the dyno runs. If work is required to do this, the racer will need to supply tools to accomplish the task.
  - v. Ballast will be checked and may be required to be removed for weight verification of the ballast itself.
  - vi. Any and all other PWR class rules compliance may be checked during impound.
2. BMW CCA Club Racing officials may move any car to another class OR mandate ballast if it has a demonstrated history of significantly under- or over- performing in its current class. Unless an oversight or omission occurred during the classing process, a car will be moved to another class only after review by the PWR rules committee.

### O. Prohibited Elements

1. Electric powered cars are not allowed.
2. Compressed fuel powered cars are not allowed.
3. Driver or automatically controlled Aerodynamic devices are not allowed.
4. Cockpit/Driver adjustable Fuel Management Systems are not allowed??
5. Cockpit/Driver adjustable Suspension Systems are not allowed?
6. Nitrous Fuel Assist systems are not allowed?
7. Methanol/Alcohol-water injection systems are not allowed?

### P. Definitions

1. Documented Historic/Vintage race car – Any car that has a valid Vintage Organization logbook, issued prior application to the PWR class and with actual race results in the last 5 years.



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## PWR Class Rules FAQ

	<u>Questions</u>	<u>Answers</u>
	Why are you using peak Horsepower rather than something like average Horsepower?	As the PWR class ramps up, we need to keep the class rules simple initially as we acclimate to the additional overhead required by this new class. We reserve the right to revise the rules as needed to maintain fair competition.
	Why do I have to submit a petition to change the classing of my car?	The PWR class brings additional complexity and overhead to running our events. Excessive and/or unnecessary changing of classes can easily overload our volunteers.
	Why is the PWR class weight specified with the driver and doesn't specify how much fuel like some endurance series do?	There are many ways to specify race weight. For efficiency reasons, the PWR class weight specifications match the post race weight requirements of other BMW Club Race classes. This will allow Tech Stewards to easily handle the PWR classes as well as the traditional CR classes at impound.
	What are you going to do about cars that have an artificially flat horsepower curve? Won't they have an unfair advantage?	We are requiring engines to be run in their "natural state" in order to comply with the 85% of Factory rated HP.
	Why are cars with non BMW motors allowed in BMW Club Racing?	We want to include all BMW chassis to race with BMW Club Racing.
	What if my car is underweight at the initial weigh-in for the weekend?	The initial weigh-in is intended to validate that the declared weight in in the ball park. Each competitor is responsible to insure their declared weight is fully met at the completion of each competitive on-track session. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
Vintage/Hi	Why are vintage cars not required to have a dyno test to be classed in PWR?	Club Racing is committed to mapping vintage classes to PWR to make their transition easier.



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	<p>How will the class for a vintage car be determined? What if it's not right?</p>	<p>Club Racing has engaged with Vintage Racing Organizations to understand the relative performance of the vintage classes that encompass most BMWs. Lap times from "known" tracks will be used as a sanity check as well.</p>
	<p>Why does classing a vintage car require \$50 but not other cars in PWR?</p>	<p>Club Racing will have to invest a significant amount of time to properly class the vintage cars. Vintage cars are always welcome to class their cars with Dyno and Weight data like other cars in the PWR class.</p>
	<p>I have a Historic/Vintage car with period correct livery. Do I have to put all the BMW Club Racing sponsor decals on my car?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not at this time.</p>

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