

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE (FIA)

MEDIA ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES FOR THE 2026 FIA KARTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

These Media Accreditation Guidelines are applicable to the 2026 FIA Karting Championships, Trophies and Cups. The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile ("FIA") recognises the value of the media for reporting on FIA Karting events to promote the championships and intends to provide as much access as possible to journalists, photographers and videographers.

Media Accreditation is granted at the sole discretion of the FIA and may be revoked at any time without notice.

Applicants for media accreditation must carefully read these Guidelines before submitting their application. All accredited media representatives are required to adhere to these Guidelines. Accreditation will be revoked by the FIA Media Delegate if safety instructions issued by officials are not followed.

Media Safety Briefing

It is the responsibility of accredited individuals who wish to go trackside to attend the mandatory Media Safety Briefing at each event and closely study the media safety map. This applies to **both** permanent and single-event accredited media. This briefing is optional but recommended for media who are not accredited for trackside access.

Single-event media must attend the Media Safety Briefing to receive their pass and media tabard. Permanently-accredited media must also attend the Media Safety Briefing of each event they attend. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of permanent accreditation.

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1. ACCREDITATION PROCESS

All requests from media outlets or agencies for single-event or permanent accreditation must be made via the FIA's Accreditation Management System: <https://karting.ams.fia.com/>

First-time applicants (media outlets / agencies) must register before any application for accreditation can be submitted. Registrants will be **required** to upload a number of documents on the system. Successful registration **does not** mean that any applications made from the registered account will automatically be successful – the FIA will periodically remove unused accounts, as well as those that are not updated with recent examples of suitable coverage of the championships (see point 2 below).



The validity of each registration request is checked by the FIA and, if successful, the registrant will receive an email which will give access to the Accreditation Management System. Only then can an accreditation application be submitted.

The process is most simply defined as follows:

Registration -> [Account must be Approved] -> Create Applicant Profile(s) -> Create Application(s)

The FIA reserves the right to refuse access to the Accreditation Management System.

The Accreditation Management System will allow users to apply for accreditation for any event of the 2026 FIA Karting season. Permanent pass applications for the 2026 FIA Karting Season will open in March 2026. The Accreditation Management System allows users to create and monitor their applications for media credentials.

2. ACCREDITATION PRINCIPLES

2.1 Media Outlets and Agencies

Editors of media outlets and agencies are asked to abide by the following principles to ensure that media accreditation is restricted to professional media representatives only:

The FIA considers the media pass to be a working tool to be used only by genuine members of the media. Publishers, marketing personnel, copy sub-editors, staff of the publication's secretariat, social media managers, influencers etc. cannot be accredited as media.

The FIA only accredits media outlets and agencies:

- a) with a minimum circulation whose size and quality fulfil the criteria of the FIA;
- b) with a format and quality which fulfil the criteria of the FIA;
- c) which are available to the public.

Internal magazines of companies, trade magazines and newsletters will not be accredited as media.

However, at the sole discretion of the FIA, and where the quality and circulation criteria justify their consideration, such media outlets may be eligible for accreditation on a case-by-case basis.

2.2 Websites

Website accreditation is intended for professional stand-alone internet editorial/news coverage only. It is not to be used for any other purposes, including but not limited to public relations, promotional, or commercial use. The output of website accreditation should primarily be news orientated, following journalistic standards and not a blog or gossip platform.

While the FIA understands the increasing prevalence of social media as a form of media outlet, it implements a strict policy on any individual or organisation whose main output is via third party platforms or which relies predominantly on the content of others. The FIA encourages such platforms to exist for the good of the sport, however it does not recognise the need for individuals to be accredited as media in order to fulfil this function. Other forms of accreditation may be available to influencers, who should contact the FIA Media Delegate for further guidance.

The number of websites that can be accredited is limited. An application may be refused even where all the Accreditation Criteria are met.

3. ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

3.1 Media Outlets and Agencies

Permanent media accreditation is available to media outlets intending to publish reports for every or nearly every race during the FIA Karting season (please see point 5 below).

For single-event accreditation, priority is given to media outlets intending to publish a report related to the event for which the accreditation is requested (as opposed to a general feature or any content not related to the event).

Media passes can also be allocated on a single-event basis to general news, specialist, business and lifestyle consumer media outlets that do not intend to publish conventional race reports, but whose coverage is considered to be of benefit to the sport.

Usually, a maximum of two representatives (journalists and/or photographers) per publication may be accredited for any one round of the championships.

All applicants must fulfil the following basic criteria:

Coverage

A minimum of one article or news report for each event is required.

Agencies or individuals applying for a single-event photographer accreditation must supply evidence of coverage where their pictures have been used for editorial purposes in at least **two** (2) media outlets (social media platforms are not considered to be media outlets).

The FIA will periodically request evidence of recent coverage for single-event applicants.

3.2 Websites

To be eligible for consideration for website accreditation an applicant must register online and fulfil the following Accreditation Criteria:

The applicant must be a professionally run website dedicated to reporting on the championships and their events or a professionally run general news or sports website that will publish news on the championship. Websites built on free platforms or run as a hobby with no commercial profitability are not considered to be professionally run.

In each case a substantial proportion of the coverage of the championships must be free of charge to the public.

Personal blogs will not qualify for accreditation as a standalone output format, however websites may contain a blog section related to karting.

The website must maintain a clear “contacts” section with a link from the website homepage and which must contain full contact details for the website including a full postal address (PO Boxes not accepted),



telephone numbers, email address; and (ii) all contributing journalists must be named either on their articles or elsewhere on the website, photographs must be accompanied by a photographer's credit and all sources must be credited in accordance with editorial best practice.

The website must have a suitable written Privacy Policy, a Right to Reply/Complaints Policy and otherwise comply with all laws, regulations, guidelines and good practice relating to the operation of a website.

The media must respect others' intellectual property rights of the FIA and third parties. This shall include the strict prohibition on livestreaming video content of the track.

The FIA will allocate website accreditation taking into account the above criteria in order to ensure that championship coverage online is generated responsibly and that said coverage is reliable and of a quality befitting the championships.

The FIA reserves the right to check all the information provided by websites to justify the allocation of a pass and to reject any application at its own discretion.

3.3 Factual accuracy

The highest standards of fairness and accuracy are expected as a minimum quality requirement for the media.

Media accreditation provides privileged physical access to restricted operational areas of FIA-regulated events. It does not confer any right to attend events, nor does it limit the ability of any media organisation or journalist to report on the championships, the FIA or any associated person or matter by other means.

Accredited media are required to take reasonable care to ensure that factual statements relating to the championships and FIA-related matters are materially accurate and not objectively misleading. Where the FIA identifies a material factual inaccuracy, the FIA Media Delegate may notify the accredited party and invite clarification or correction within a reasonable timeframe. Where material factual inaccuracies remain uncorrected following such notice, or where there is a repeated pattern of objectively misleading factual reporting, the FIA may apply appropriate measures to such party's accreditation, which may include suspension or withdrawal of physical access on a single-event or permanent basis.

When referring to the championship, the full official title of the championship must always be used by the media, including the title sponsor (if any) (e.g. "Mondokart.com FIA Karting World Championship" or "Mondokart.com FIA Karting European Championship" or "FIA Karting Arrive & Drive World Cup").

4. INSURANCE

As a condition of media accreditation, all photographers, videographers, and media personnel must maintain valid and adequate insurance coverage that explicitly covers the risks arising from the performance of their professional activity in the field of motor racing, including medical insurance, accident insurance, public liability insurance and equipment insurance, for the duration of each event.



Such insurance may be held either by the accredited individual personally or by the media organisation employing or commissioning the accredited individual provided the individual is expressly covered.

5. SINGLE-EVENT ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

Accreditation Procedure

The Accreditation Procedure is as follows:

1. All requests for single-event accreditation must be made online through the Accreditation Management System on the FIA website.
2. Applications must be received at least 10 days before the event concerned, unless a longer term applies as set out below. No application can be made via the system after the deadline. Applications which are late or incomplete may not be considered.
3. Applications must meet all relevant criteria, including the Accreditation Principles and the Accreditation Criteria set out above. All supporting material, including sample proofs of coverage, as listed in the online application, must be supplied online.
4. Requests must include a formal application letter written on the applicant's letterhead. This letter must be signed by the editor or a senior member of the editorial staff. Requests signed by clerical staff will not be accepted. This letter must include:
 - a. the name(s) of the representative(s) who will be covering the event(s);
 - b. the photocopy of the official national press card(s) (where applicable) of the representative(s) who will be covering the event(s);
 - c. the job title(s) of the representative(s) (journalist(s) and/or photographer(s);
 - d. copy of the insurance certificate or written confirmation of coverage from the employer or insurer, along with confirmation of validity dates;
 - e. information on the publication (including circulation, readership, frequency, etc., or traffic figures in the case of websites);
 - f. an original copy of the publication (only to be supplied on request or for first-time applicants);
 - g. a formal undertaking from the editor to publish a report related to the event concerned and an indication as to when this report will be published.

Note: 'd' and 'e' do not apply to press agencies.

Note: 'e' does not apply to websites (save for eMagazines).

In addition, publications from countries that are not using Roman letters (e.g. China, Japan, Russia, etc.) must supply a translation into English of the publications' credits' page and the proofs' bylines.

Once an application is submitted, the FIA will verify whether the application meets all relevant criteria, and will send an email to the publication informing it of the decision that has been made with regards to its application.

If successful, an Accreditation Agreement will be included for signature.

If the representative(s) is (are) unable to attend the event, the FIA Communications Department must be notified as soon as possible before the opening of the accreditation centre. Failure to inform FIA Communications of non-attendance may result in further accreditation requests being refused. If a change of representative(s) is to be made, the FIA Communications Department must be notified as soon as possible.



The representative(s) must produce the signed Accreditation Agreement which is emailed with the confirmation when collecting the credential at the event. The Media Delegate will provide a numbered media tabard in exchange for a deposit of €50. This tabard will be retrieved in the press room.

NO ACCREDITATION CAN BE COLLECTED WITHOUT THIS DOCUMENT.

6. PERMANENT ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE

A permanent media pass will provide access to every event of the championships that year.

The procedure for permanent accreditation is divided into an online registration phase (please refer to point 1 above) followed by the Accreditation Procedure.

Accreditation Procedure

The Accreditation Procedure is as follows.

1. All requests for permanent accreditation must be made online through the Accreditation Management System on the FIA website.
2. Applications for a permanent media pass must be received in a timely manner. Applications which are late may not be considered. Permanent pass applications for the 2026 FIA Karting season will open in March 2026 and will close on 27 March 2026.
3. Applications must meet all relevant criteria, including the Accreditation Principles and the Accreditation Criteria set out above. In addition, the following criteria apply:
 - a. To qualify for a permanent credential the applicant must have attended at least **6** events during the previous year's FIA Karting season.
 - b. Additionally, to qualify for a permanent photographer's pass, a significant number of photographs must have been published editorially in the media during the previous year's championships in the name of the applicant (generic photo galleries are not considered).
4. Requests must include a formal application letter written on the applicant's letterhead. This letter must be signed by the editor or a senior member of the editorial staff. Requests signed by clerical staff will not be accepted. This letter must include:
 - a. the name(s) of the representative(s) who will be covering the event(s);
 - b. the photocopy of the official national press card(s) (where applicable) of the representative(s) who will be covering the event(s);
 - c. the job title(s) of the representative(s) (journalist(s) and/or photographer(s));
 - d. copy of the insurance certificate or written confirmation of coverage from the employer or insurer, along with confirmation of validity dates;
 - e. information on the publication (such as circulation, readership, frequency, etc);
 - f. an original copy of the publication (only to be supplied on request or for first-time applicants);

Note: 'd' and 'e' do not apply to press agencies.

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5. PDF files of material published following previous events, particularly those the applicant was accredited for (original copies by post may be requested from time to time or from first-time applicants) must be uploaded to the FIA Accreditation Management System for each application. **If no coverage that matches the Accreditation Criteria is attached to an application it may not be considered.**
6. The FIA will verify whether the application meets all relevant criteria. The FIA will update the Accreditation Management System to inform of the decision that has been made with regards to its application. If successful, an Accreditation Agreement will be included for signature.

If a change of representative(s) is to be made, the FIA Communications Department must be notified as soon as possible.

The representative(s) must produce the signed Accreditation Agreement which is emailed with the confirmation when collecting the credential.