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## 2021 FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship Permanent starting numbers / “Career numbers”

Dear Sir or Madam,

As there has been no FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship in 2020 and no previous communication from the FIM on the 2021 permanent starting numbers, we herewith inform you that the upcoming season will see an important change in the FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship Regulations:

### 2.6. Starting numbers

*§1. Riders will have the possibility to choose a “career number” (e.g. the starting number they are using in their national or continental competitions). However, the number one (1) will always be reserved for the current FIM World Champion.*

*§2. Riders must make the request for a “career number” to the FIM Administration ([sandra.berthoud@fim.ch](mailto:sandra.berthoud@fim.ch)) but there is no guarantee whatsoever that they will receive this number. If the requested number is still available, it will be allocated to the rider.*

*§3. For practical reasons, this “career number” must always be indicated by the rider in the dedicated box of his entry form otherwise the FIM may decide upon his starting number.*

*§4. Once a number has been issued to a rider - whether it was upon his request or by a decision of the FIM - it cannot be changed during the same year of competition.*

This means that riders can now select a “career number” and use it as a marketing/branding tool just like it is the case in MXGP.

How to apply for a “career number”?

1. The rider makes an official request in writing to the FIM: [sandra.berthoud@fim.ch](mailto:sandra.berthoud@fim.ch)
2. If the requested “career number” is still available, the rider receives confirmation from the FIM that the requested number has been granted to him.
3. The rider can start using the granted “career number” as his brand.

In order for everybody to prepare the 2021 season, we suggest that riders send in their request as of 4 January until 31 March 2021.



Of course, riders may request for a “career number” during the season but we would like to repeat again that there is no guarantee whatsoever that the requested number will still be available at any time during the process.

Please pass on this information to:

- Your riders wishing to participate in the 2021 FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship;
- The Organisers of any 2021 Sidecar Motocross World Championship meeting in your country.

We thank you for your cooperation and wish you happy holidays and a successful 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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