

"Batelco 2000cc Challenge 2008/2009" Sporting Regulations

1. General Regulations

1.1. Title & Jurisdiction

- 1.1.1. The **Batelco 2000cc Challenge** "the Championship" is promoted and administered by the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) "the Promoter", and organized by the Circuit Racing Club of Bahrain (CRC) "the Organizer" in accordance with the National Sporting Code of the Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF) – incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and these Championship Rules & Regulations.
- 1.1.2. The Championship is a motor sport championship that will be carried out over a series of rounds during 2008/2009 for production based cars.
- 1.1.3. These regulations have been approved by the BMF and have been given a Championship Permit Number: **xxxxxxx**
- 1.1.4. The Organizer reserves the right to issue additional BMF approved Official Bulletins clarifying items in the regulations from time to time. All such bulletins will be issued to registered Competitors by post to the address detailed on the Official Challenge Registration Form; this information may also be supplied electronically via web or e-mail.
- 1.1.5. The Organizer reserves the right to carry out necessary or required changes to these regulations which are due to "force majeure", for safety reasons, or if requested by external authorities, by means of BMF Approved Official Bulletins. The Organizer, with permission of the BMF, further reserve the right to cancel or substitute events if necessary due to exceptional unforeseeable conditions, and are not liable for any damages so incurred as a result.
- 1.1.6. The Organizers are happy to advise Competitors on rules and regulations. Such advice may only be obtained from designated personnel within the CRC. With regards to technical or eligibility advice, Competitors should seek written rulings from such members in order to minimize disputes.

1.2. Competitor Eligibility

- 1.2.1. Competitors must be registered in the Championship, and acceptance of the registration is entirely at the discretion of the Championship Organizer.
- 1.2.2. Competitors competing in the Championship will be required to hold a minimum of BMF National "C" license.

1.3. Registration & Entries

- 1.3.1. All Competitors & Entrants must complete the official Championship Registration/Entry Form and return it to the Organizer in order to enter the

Championship. It should be clearly understood that by signature of the form, all Competitors acknowledge their agreement and are bound by the championship's regulations, in addition to national sporting regulations stipulated by the BMF.

- 1.3.2. Series Registration fees are BD 200 for 2008/2009 season.
- 1.3.3. There will be no refund of registration fees.
- 1.3.4. All fees to be payable to the Organizer.
- 1.3.5. Competition numbers will be allocated as per Driver's finishing position in the previous season. Drivers also have the option of choosing any random number below 99.
- 1.3.6. Where a car entered in the Championship by someone other than the Competitor, it will be necessary for that Entrant (registered owner of the vehicle) to acquire the necessary BMF Entrant Permit along with completing the Registration Form nominating their Competitor.
- 1.3.7. Only one Competitor may be nominated on each Registration Form. If any competitor wishes to change to a different car from the one originally registered for the championship, a completed registration form must duly be sent to the Championship Organizer. Points already scored may be transferred for such a case.
- 1.3.8. Acceptance or rejection of registrations is entirely at the discretion of the Championship Organizer.
- 1.3.9. Incorrect or incomplete entries (including driver to be nominated entries) are to be held in abeyance until they are complete and correct and the date of receipt for acceptance of entry purposes shall be the date on which the Organizer receives the missing or corrected information or fee.
- 1.3.10. Any withdrawal of entry or driver/car changes made after acceptance of any entry must be notified to the Organizer in writing.
- 1.3.11. Entry into the championship includes an undertaking of participating in at least three rounds of the championship. Any competitor failing to take part in the minimum number of rounds in the championship will forfeit all points.
- 1.3.12. In the event of any rounds being oversubscribed, the Organizer will run Qualification races where only the fastest 30 cars will participate in races.

1.4. Championship Rounds:

- 1.4.1. The Championship will consist of 8 rounds held throughout 2008 and 2009.
- 1.4.2. Championship dates are:

Round 1: November 6th-8th, 2008 (Desert 400)
Round 2: December 19th, 2008
Round 3: January 9th, 2009
Round 4: February 6th, 2009

Round 5: February 27th, 2009

Round 6: March 27th, 2009

Round 7: April 24th, 2009

Round 8: May 1st -2nd, 2009

1.5. Scoring:

- 1.5.1.** The "Batelco 2000cc Challenge" will be a driver's championship.
- 1.5.2.** In order to score points, collect trophies and prizes, all cars and Drivers competing in the Championship will be required to display and wear the "Batelco 2000cc Challenge" sponsors' decals and badges in the nominated position on clothing and vehicle.
- 1.5.3.** Points will be awarded to Competitors listed in the Final Results as follows:-

Position	Points
1 st	12
2 nd	10
3 rd	8
4 th	7
5 th	6
6 th	5
7 th	4
8 th	3
Finishers*	1

* At least 75% race distance/time

- 1.5.4.** All points acquired will count towards the final classification. The total points from all rounds less the 2 lowest scores will determine the final championship points. Lowest scores includes races not finished (DNF) or not started (DNS). Exclusions due to technical or sporting infringements cannot be dropped.
- 1.5.5.** Ties (when more than one competitor have equal totals), shall be resolved by adding the number of top finishes or subsequent highest finishes until a conclusive result is found. *Example; total number of 1st place, total number of 2nd place, etc.*

1.6. Awards & Prizes:

- 1.6.1.** Awards are to be provided by the championship's promoters, and/or their associated sponsors unless agreed otherwise.
- 1.6.2.** Other awards may be announced in Championship Bulletins.
- 1.6.3.** Per race and Round:

Trophies/plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded,

Prizes per race and round are to be allocated as follows:

Position	Prize	No. of Starters
1 st	BD 500	≤15
2 nd	BD 400	≤15
3 rd	BD 300	≤15
4 th	BD 200	≤15
5 th	BD 150	≤15
6 th	BD 100	≤15
7 th	BD 50	≤15
8 th	BD 50	≤15
9 th	BD 50	≤15
10 th	BD 50	≤15
11 th	BD 50	=16
12 th	BD 50	=17
13 th	BD 50	=18
14 th	BD 50	=19
15 th	BD 50	≥20

1.6.4. Championship:

Trophies to:-

Overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Driver scoring most pole positions.

Driver scoring season's fastest lap.

Prizes will also be awarded as follows:

Position	Prize
1st Place	BD 3,000
2nd Place	BD 2,500
3rd Place	BD 2,000
4th Place	BD 1,500
5th Place	BD 1,000
Fastest Lap	BD 500

- 1.6.5.** Presentations: Trophies/plaques are to be provided for presentation at the end of each race.
- 1.6.6.** Title to all Trophies: In the event of any Provisional Results or Championship Tables being revised after any provisional presentations and such revisions affecting the distribution of any awards, the concerned Competitors must return such awards to the Promoter in good condition within 7 days.
- 1.6.7.** "Fastest Lap" award accounts for fastest lap gained during a race session.
- 1.6.8.** "Most Pole positions" award accounts for driver with most pole positions derived from results of qualifying sessions.

2. Judicial Procedures

2.1. Sporting Disputes

- 2.1.1. Disputes on the these regulations and their application by the Race Director which arise during the season will be settled by the Championship Stewards in accordance with the BMF National Sporting Code, these Regulations and any Official Bulletins that have been issued.
- 2.1.2. The case for any dispute must initially be submitted to the Secretary of the Meeting in writing together with the appropriate BMF protest or appeal fees.
- 2.1.3. The Championship Stewards' judgment will be subject only to the Right of Appeal to the BMF.
- 2.1.4. If it appears from any official video recordings or from any other evidence that there may have been a breach of driving standards or behavior, in a manner considered to have brought the Championship into disrepute, the Race Director will be entitled to request that the Championship Stewards consider the inception of an enquiry into the matter, notwithstanding that the Clerk of the Course or the Stewards of the Event, may or may not, have already investigated the incident. Penalties may include one or more of the following: fines, time penalty, event bans, loss of awards, loss of points, and exclusion from the Championship. The Championship Stewards' judgment will be subject only to the Right of Appeal to the BMF.

2.2. Technical Disputes

- 2.2.1. The Event Scrutineer, in consultation where necessary with assigned Technical Officers, reserve(s) the right to check or advise the removal of any suspect part(s) that appear(s) to be inconsistent with the Technical Regulations of the Championship. Failure to comply with such action may lead to a denial of entry into the event.
- 2.2.2. The Eligibility Scrutineer/Event Chief Scrutineer, in consultation where necessary with the Technical Officers, also reserve(s) the right to ban individual parts or the whole car.
- 2.2.3. Parts or cars removed for checking elsewhere will be marked by the Official BMF approved seals and a certificate of sealing will be handed to the Competitor or his/her agent.

2.3. Technical & Sporting Queries:

- 2.3.1. Any technical or sporting query must be made to the Organizer for the attention of the Race Director in writing. All queries will be answered in writing and all such answers will be published in Official Bulletin.

3. Sporting Regulations - Championship Race Meetings & Race Procedures

3.1. Briefings:

- 3.1.1. Competitors will be notified of the times and locations for all briefings
- 3.1.2. Competitors must attend all briefings, and failure to attend such briefings may result in penalties or fines.

3.2. Practice

- 3.2.1. Practice session shall comprise of a minimum of one 30 minute timed practice session – unless specified differently by the event Organizer by means of an official bulletin
- 3.2.2. Should the number of entries in any single round exceed 20 cars; the practice session will be split randomly (by means of a draw) into two groups. Accordingly, the practice session duration will be a minimum of 20 minutes for each group.
- 3.2.3. Unless specifically permitted by the Stewards, all drivers shall complete a minimum number of two timed practice laps per round in order to be eligible to proceed to the next stage of the event.
- 3.2.4. In the case of drivers who fail to appear for practice or do not practice and have raced on the circuit previously, permission to race on race day may be given, but only at the discretion of the Event Stewards. If granted, such drivers will start either from the rear of the grid or as last vehicle in the appropriate racing class. The decision of the Stewards on this matter will be final.
- 3.2.5. Should any practice session be disrupted, the race director shall not be obliged to resume or rerun the session. His/her decision is final.
- 3.2.6. Should the need arise to stop a practice session, RED LIGHTS will be switched at the start line (tower) and red flags will be shown at all marshals signaling points. Drivers must cease racing and reduce speed to a slow safe pace and return to the pits.

3.3. Qualification:

- 3.3.1. Qualification shall comprise of a minimum of one 30 minute timed qualification session – unless specified differently by the Organizer by means of an official bulletin.
- 3.3.2. Should the number of entries in any single round exceed 20 cars; the qualifying session will be split (based on fastest lap time of the practice session) into two groups. Accordingly, the qualifying session duration will be a minimum of 20 minutes for each group.
- 3.3.3. Each driver should complete a minimum of one timed lap in the car to be raced in order to proceed to the next stage of the event. If verification of the timed lap is not provided, authorization to start the race may be denied.

- 3.3.4.** The Stewards of the Meeting shall have the right to exclude any driver whose qualification times or driving are/is considered to be unsatisfactory.
- 3.3.5.** The Qualifying minimum for the starting admission is the fastest classified lap in the official qualifying plus 30%. In principle, drivers not achieving this Qualifying are not admitted to start. The final decision is made by the Race Director and/or Clerk of the Course in agreement with the Stewards of the Meeting.
- 3.3.6.** The best time for each driver from the qualifying session will determine the grid position for the "Race 1".
- 3.3.7.** Where, through force majeure, it is not possible for the Organizer to hold a qualifying session, the grid will be formed according to the current Challenge points positions. Where there is a tie on points, the driver with the best result in the previous round will take priority. If it is not possible to hold a qualifying session at the first event, the grid will be determined by ballot.
- 3.3.8.** In the case of oversubscribed entries, only the fastest 30 competitors will be allowed to race.
- 3.3.9.** A minimum of 3 non-qualifiers will be named as reserves, and are to be nominated on the qualification result sheet. Reserves will replace withdrawn, retired, and/or disqualified entries as per their qualification order. If reserves are to be given Grid Places prior to issue of the first Grid Sheets for any round, the times set in practice shall determine their grid positions. If Reserves are given places after publication of the grid sheet and prior to "assembly/warmup", they will be placed at the rear of the grid and be started without any time delay. Otherwise they will be held in the Pitlane and be released to start the race after the last car to start the Green Flag Lap or last car to take the start has passed the start-line or pitlane exit whichever is the later. Such approval to start MUST be obtained from the Race Director and/or Clerk of Course.
- 3.4. Assembly/Warm-up:**
- 3.4.1.** Vehicles will form up on the Dummy Grid under the directions of the Grid Marshals, preferably in starting order.
- 3.4.2.** Drivers shall be seated in their vehicles by the end of the last lap of the preceding race. The Grid Official will give notice of this.
- 3.4.3.** When the last vehicle in the preceding race has crossed the Finish Line, the Grid Official will give the signal to start engines.
- 3.4.4.** Unless the Supplementary Regulations advise otherwise, vehicles will be released from the Dummy Grid straight into a one lap warm up. Should weather conditions change between practice and race, the Race Director and/or Clerk of the Course may, if in their opinion it is deemed necessary, allow an additional warm up lap for the driver to fully determine circuit conditions.
- 3.4.5.** Thirty seconds after the vehicles have been released into warm up, pit exit will be closed. Any vehicles that are late (fail to leave the pits before the first vehicle approaches the starting grid line), shall start from the pit without doing a warm up lap, under the procedures established in these regulations. The Race Director and/or Clerk of the Course shall act as judge of fact in determining "lateness".
- 3.4.6.** It is not permitted to change tires between leaving the Dummy Grid and the start of the race, except in the case of force majeure (puncture, obvious damage) or if the Race Director and/or Clerk of the Course determines otherwise.
- 3.4.7.** There shall be no practice starts during the warm up lap(s). Vehicles are not permitted to weave across more than 50% of the circuit width during warm up and all weaving shall cease at the point of passing the last Flag post before the rear of the marked grid positions. Any vehicle weaving to the extent that in the opinion of the Race Director and/or Clerk of the Course creates a danger to other competitors may be penalized.
- 3.4.8.** At the conclusion of the warm up, vehicles will assemble under Starter's orders in their allocated positions on the starting grid so that the leading edge of the vehicle remains behind the line denoting the front of the grid box.
- 3.5. Starts:** Unless modified by the Organizer, the following regulations shall apply:
- 3.5.1.** There will be a minimum elapsed period of 3 minutes from cars being released from the Assembly Area to the start of the race.
- 3.5.2.** The use of tire heating/heat retention devices, tire treatments and compounds is prohibited.
- 3.5.3.** Drivers unable to start the race are required to indicate their situation to race Organizer.
- 3.5.4.** A 'two minute' board will be shown on the start-line; engines should be running at this stage and the grid cleared of any crew. A 'one minute' board will be shown, followed by a '30 second' board; a '5 second' board will be displayed; approximately 5 seconds after this board is withdrawn the start sequence using over head lights will be switched on; the start sequence is that of the F1 sequence where five red lights are lit one at a time until all are lit; after 2 to 5 seconds they will be switched off indicating the start of the race. In the event of the failure of these lights a National Flag will be used to start the race. The flag will be raised indicating to the drivers to be on their mark and ready; once the flag is dropped, it indicates the start of the race

3.5.5. Starts from Pits: Any vehicle missing the release from the dummy grid shall be deemed to be late and may only start from the pit exit with the approval of the Clerk of the Course or assistant. It may be moved to the pit exit only with the driver in position; the signal to join the race will be given by the illumination of the green light (or waving of a green flag).

3.5.5.1. Where the pit exit is after the start line: The signal to join the race shall be given when the whole field has passed the pit exit on the first racing lap.

3.5.5.2. Where the pit exit is before the start line: The signal to join the race shall be given at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course soon after the field has been started.

3.6. Race

3.6.1. Each round will comprise two point scoring races named: "Race 1" & "Race 2"

3.6.2. "Race 1" will be a 12 lap session - unless specified differently by the event organizer by means of an official bulletin - and is based on the results of the qualification session.

3.6.3. Should any race distance be reduced at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course or Stewards of the Meeting, it shall still count as a full points-scoring round.

3.6.4. The finishing position of drivers during "Race 1" will determine the grid position for "Race 2".

3.6.5. The top finishers occupying the top 50% (rounded down in case of an odd numbered grid) of total numbers of cars eligible to start in "Race 1" will start "Race 2" in reverse order, the remaining 50% will start "Race 2" in their finishing positions. Non classified finishers from "Race 1" will take their place at the back of the grid in the order they retired from "Pre-Race"; drivers with most number of laps covered will have precedence.

Example:

For a grid of 17 cars: the top 8 finishers in "Race 1" will swap grid positions as follows: 1st occupy grid 8, 2nd occupy grid 7, 3rd occupy grid 6, 4th occupy grid 5, 5th occupy grid 4, 6th occupy grid 3, 7th occupy grid 2, 8th to occupy grid position 1. Finishers 9th and below, will assume the same grid positions.

3.6.6. Non-finishers in "Race 1" will take their place at the back of the grid in the order in which they retired from "Race 1" - most number of laps covered having precedence.

3.6.7. Any driver excluded from "Race 1" by reason of judicial action will be placed after those who had retired from "Race 1" on the "Race 2" Grid.

3.6.8. The "Race 2" will be a 12 lap session - unless specified differently by the event organizer by means of an official bulletin.

3.7. Race stops:

3.7.1. Case A - less than 2 laps completed by the race leader. The race will be declared null and void. The race will restart from the original grid positions. Competitors unable to take the restart may be replaced by reserves who will start from the back of the grid in reserve order. Gaps on the grid should not be closed up. The length of the restarted race will be determined by the Race Director and/or Clerk of Course.

3.7.2. Case B - more than 2 laps completed by the race leader, but less than 50% of its duration. The (two part) race will restart from a grid set out by the finishing order of part one. The result of the race will be the finishing order at the end of part two. Non-runners at the time of the showing of the red flag may, solely with the permission of the Race Director and/or Clerk of Course, be permitted to take the restart from the back of the grid in reverse order of their retirement. The Race Director and/or Clerk of Course may order that the duration of the second part shall be of a shorter distance than originally scheduled or that it may be abandoned altogether.

3.7.3. Case C - if at the time of showing the red flag and the leader has completed more than 50% of the scheduled race distance / duration, the race will be declared finished, with the order of finishing in which the vehicles crossed the line at one lap less than at the time of showing the red flag. Full points are counted

3.8. Re-scrutiny: All vehicles reported involved in contact incidents during races or practice must be re-presented to the Scrutineers before continuing in the races or practice.

3.9. Pits And Pitlane Safety:

3.9.1. Pits: Entrants must ensure that the all Safety Regulations are complied with at all times.

3.9.2. Pitlane: The outer lane or lanes are to be kept unobstructed to allow safe passage of cars at all times. The onus shall be on all drivers to take all due care and drive at minimum speeds in pit lanes.

3.9.3. Refueling: may only be carried out during breaks between sessions (i.e. practice, qualifying, and races) in the paddock area.

3.9.3.1. Unless specified otherwise in the Event Supplementary Regulations, no fuel will be allowed in trackside pits.

3.9.3.2. The Organizer reserves the right to inspect and if necessary approve refueling equipment prior to it being used.

3.10. Race finishes: After taking the chequered flag, drivers are required to: - Progressively and safely slow down, remain behind any competitors ahead of them, return to the pitlane entrance as instructed, comply with any directions given by Marshals or Officials and to keep their helmets on and harnesses done up while on the circuit.

3.11. Results: All Practice timesheets, grid sheets and Race Results are to be deemed PROVISIONAL until all vehicles are released by Scrutineers after post-practice/race scrutineering and/or after completion of any judicial or technical procedures.

4. Championship Race Penalties:

4.1. Infringement of Technical Regulations: Scrutineers will report directly to the Stewards any technical infringements or violation and as such will lead to an official Stewards inquiry. Penalties may be inflicted as follows in order of increasing severity :

- reprimand (blame);
- fines;
- time penalty;
- exclusion;
- suspension;
- disqualification.

4.2. Infringement Of Non-Technical Regulations and The Sporting Regulations Issued For The Championship: Race officials will report directly to the Race Director any infringements or violations of sporting rules and regulations, and as such will lead to an official Stewards inquiry. Penalties may be inflicted as follows in order of increasing severity :

- reprimand (blame);
- fines;
- time penalty;
- exclusion;
- suspension;
- disqualification.

4.3. In order to maintain standards of conduct, the Race Director will monitor all Officials/Observers reports of adverse behavior at race meetings. If any individual is included on two such reports during one racing season he will receive written warning from the Race Director that his driving/behavior is to be specifically observed at future race meetings. Any adverse reports during this period of observation could result in official BMF action and will result in a Championship Stewards' enquiry, with possible refusal of further race entries.

5. Championship Branding

5.1. Both car and Driver must meet the following requirements of livery during all practice, qualifying and events in *Batelco 2000cc Challenge*.

5.2. Note the particular requirements of section 6.

5.3. Championship Sponsors' decals must also be carried on each car. Specific locations on the vehicle are reserved for Challenge sponsors - as per figure 1.

5.4. To ensure conformity only Competition Numbers allocated and approved by the Promoter will be acceptable.

5.5. Drivers' Names: Competitors will be provided with one set of Drivers' Name decals.

5.6. Drivers' race overalls must display championship and sponsor badges in positions defined as per figure 2. Badges will be provided by the Promoter.

6. Commercial Undertakings

6.1. Enquiries concerning the commercial aspects of the championship should be addressed to the Promoter.

6.2. The championship title and associated logo styles may only be used with the prior written approval of the Promoter.

6.3. Entry into the championship is conditional upon each competitor:

6.3.1. Providing free of charge to the Championship Promoter, Organizer, and their sponsors advertising places on their cars and clothing as specified.

6.3.2. Accepting without reservation or recourse the surrender of his/her rights (if any) for TV filming and broadcast of footage collated during the series which may be used at the Organizers', Sponsors' and Promoters' discretion.

6.3.3. Complying with the Championship Promoter, Organizer and Sponsors requirements on podium procedures, including a requirement to wear sponsors publicity material in preference to the competitors own sponsor.

6.3.4. Co-operating with requests for publicity sessions throughout the season.

6.4. All cars must carry the Challenge Sponsors' decals and panels in the correct locations, without alteration and without interference.

6.5. At the start of each event & qualifying, the cars must be clean and in good order. The Championship Organizer reserves the right to either apply a penalty or forbid cars not meeting this requirement from taking part.

6.6. No on-board cameras will be permitted except under the control and with the approval of the Championship Organizer and/or Promoter.

6.7. The Promoter has exclusive broadcast, cable, satellite, video, internet, mobile phone rights, and rights to all

other mediums to film and record the participation of the Driver, Entrant, Sponsor, and any other team members in the events and activities throughout the championship and to license, assign or otherwise deal with such rights and/or film and recording and distribution.

- 6.8. No other publicity material visible to an on-board camera, on the car will be allowed.
- 6.9. Competitors are reminded that no alcohol (or associated product) advertising, either on the cars or Drivers is permitted. Additionally any products that are not permitted to be advertised on Bahraini terrestrial television are also prohibited.
- 6.10. No advertising or statement on the car or on Drivers' race clothing is allowed which may be considered offensive to the Championship Organizer, the Promoters or their Sponsors and individual Event Organizer.
- 6.11. All Drivers required for Podium Presentations at each meeting must attend, wearing zipped race overalls and the official championship cap, without delay. Failure to do so will mean forfeiture of any championship awards/points at that round.



Figure 1 - Batelco 2000cc Challenge Car Branding

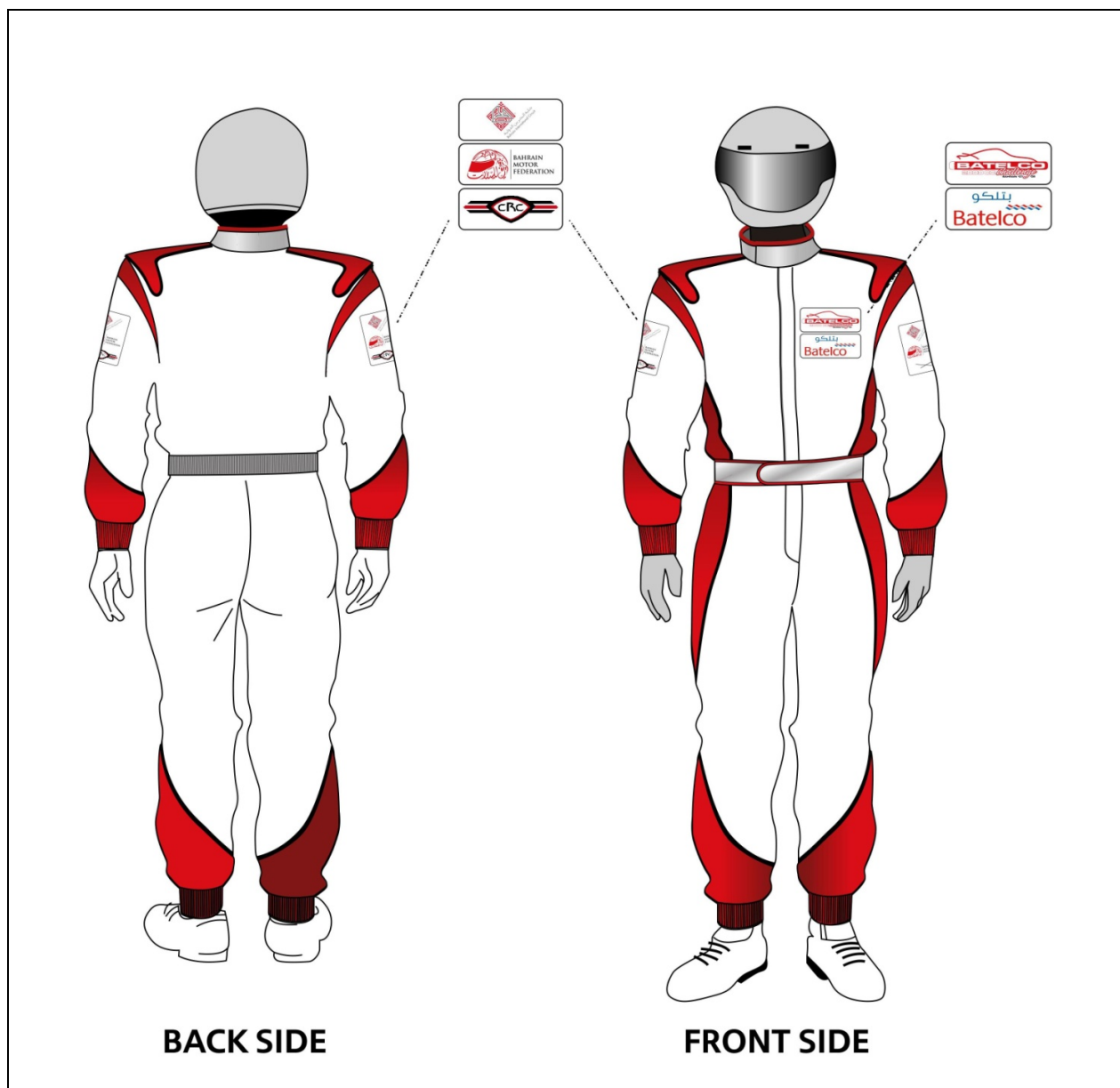


Figure 2 - Batelco 2000cc Challenge Race Suite Branding