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JOINT STATEMENT FROM YOUTHSTREAM & FIM-EUROPE

MONACO (Principality of Monaco) 16 October 2018 - [Youthstream](#) and [FIM-Europe](#) explain the changes to the Regulations for the 2019 FIM-E Motocross European Championships.

Youthstream and **FIM-E** work for the overall interest of the sport, therefore some slight adjustments will be made to the some of the **2019 European Championship Regulations** as explained below:

'The European Championships were mainly created to help youth grow and help them prepare for MX2 and then MXGP and be competitive in these classes. This pyramid system is working well because together with this fact and by having the youth race on the same tracks and same weekends as MXGP and on tracks which are very technically demanding it has permitted all these riders to grow and implement their skills. Our pyramid system shows its success because it is without any doubt that today the MXGP and MX2 riders are the fastest in the world, and they all have come from the European Championships. We are seeing more and more riders competing in the European Championships who come from other continents to prepare themselves to become professional. We want this to continue and we strive to improve this. With the development of MX2 and MXGP and also of the European Championships, over the last few years we have seen some riders aged more than 23 remain or return to the EMX250 and this creates a problem for the young riders in this class to find a good team and to shine in this Championship. Therefore, for all these reasons, and in agreement with FIM-E a decision has been taken to create an age limit of 23 in EMX250 as of 2019. The goal of this Championship is to prepare young for the World Championship classes.'

On top of that, and for the same reason, the 2-stroke Championship is to be re-booted and in 2019 it will have a new name (**EMX 2t**), with a new capacity of bike (250cc instead of 300cc) and without age limit in the way to welcome all the riders who are above the age limit for **EMX250** and who are not at a level to compete in MXGP. This new class will be strongly promoted in order to give the riders and teams who will take part in it a great visibility.

In order to avoid confusion, from 2019 there will be an increase of the maximum age of the 250cc class in the **Motocross of European Nations** from 21 years old to 23 years old in order to make it the same maximum age as EMX250.

In the **EMX85** class there will also be a slight modification to the age limit in the aim to keep things in line; from 2019 the maximum age will be reduced in the EMX85 championship to 14 years old, making it the same as the maximum age of the 85cc riders in the FIM Junior World Championship.

The Chairman of FIM-Europe MX Commission, Eddie Herd, said: "I firmly believe that this is the right way to go forward and improve the European Championships. FIM-Europe must continue to focus on the development of the youth and young riders, as it has in previous years, which will help secure the future of MX2 and MXGP."

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ZAJEDNIČKO PRIOPĆENJE YOUTHSTREAM-a & FIM EUROPA

MONACO 16. listopada 2018. - Youthstream i FIM-Europe objašnjavaju promjene u Pravilniku za Motocross Europsko prvenstvo 2019.

Youthstream i FIM-E rade na ukupnom interesu sporta, stoga će biti učinjena neka usklađivanja u pojedinim odredbama Pravilnika Motocross Europskog prvenstva 2019., a kako je objašnjeno u nastavku:

"Europska prvenstva su uglavnom oformljena kako bi pomogla mladima da napreduju i da se pripreme za MX2 i MXGP te da budu konkurentni u tim klasama. Ovaj piramidalni sustav dobro funkcionira, jer zajedno s tom činjenicom i utrkama mladih na istim stazama i vikendima kao i MXGP koje su vrlo tehnički zahtjevne, omogućilo je svim tim vozačima da napreduju i implementiraju njihove vještine. Naš piramidalni sustav pokazuje svoj uspjeh jer je bez sumnje da su MXGP i MX2 vozači najbrži na svijetu, a svi su došli iz Europskog prvenstva. Svjedoci smo da je sve više i više jačih natjecatelja na europskim prvenstvima koji dolaze s drugih kontinenata kako bi se pripremili da postanu profesionalci. Želimo da se to nastavi te nastojimo isto poboljšati. Uz razvoj MX2 i MXGP te Europskog prvenstva, tijekom posljednjih nekoliko godina vidjeli smo da neki vozači stariji od 23 ostaju ili se vraćaju u EMX250 i to stvara problem za mlade vozače ove klase poglavito u pronalasku dobrog tima i svog isticanja u tom prvenstvu. Stoga je iz svih ovih razloga, u suradnji s FIM-E, donesena odluka da se od 2019. godine odredi dobna granica od 23 godine u EMX250. Cilj ovog prvenstva je pripremiti mlade za klase Svjetskog prvenstva.

Povrh toga, i iz istog razloga, 2-taktno prvenstvo će biti ponovno potaknuto i u 2019. godini i imat će novo ime (**EMX 2t**) s novim kubikažom motocikala (250cc umjesto 300cc) i bez dobne granice na način da tako uključimo sve vozače koji su iznad dobne granice za EMX250 i koji nisu na razini za natjecanje u MXGP. Ova će se nova klasa snažno promovirati kako bi se vozačima i timovima koji će sudjelovati u njoj dala velika pozornost.

Da bi se izbjegla zbrka, od 2019. godine će se povećati maksimalna dob 250cc klase na natjecanju prvenstva Europe nacionalnih timova (EMXON) sa 21 na 23 godine s ciljem izjednačenja dobi s klasom EMX250.

U klasi EMX85 bit će isto tako mala promjena dobne granice s ciljem zadržavanja stvari u skladu; od 2019. godine maksimalna dob će biti smanjena na EMX85 prvenstvu na 14 godina, što je jednako maksimalnoj dobi 85cc vozača na FIM Svjetskom prvenstvu.

Predsjednik FIM-Europe MX komisije Eddie Herd izjavio je: "Ja čvrsto vjerujem da je ovo pravi način za napredovanje i poboljšanje Europskog prvenstva. FIM-Europe se i dalje mora usredotočiti na razvoj mladih vozača, kao što je to bilo i u prethodnim godinama, a što će pomoći osigurati budućnost MX2 i MXGP. "