

Fellow HFF Competitors:

First, can I thank you all who contacted me to give me your feedback on my idea of implementing a Class-Based Series, running within the HFF Championship races.

I received a lot of suggestions and some very well-considered advice, which I have taken on board.

The majority of the feedback I received was overwhelmingly positive.

As a result, I'm going to put my money where my mouth is, and organise and run the **HFF Competitors Cup Series**, and sponsor the trophies for the 2019 season.

The title sponsor will be **Worthing Implant Centre**.

It will run alongside the existing Championship and the Over 50's Class.

It is **Un-Official**, and will run as a "Ghost-Series" this year.

HFF Class-Based Series Proposal:

So- after some feedback, I have decided to use the names of the first four F1-World Champions, who competed in Formula Ford at the start of their careers, to form the Class names.

So, we will have (chronologically) **Fittipaldi**, **Hunt**, **Scheckter** and (unbelievably) **Senna** was the fourth.

I AM NOT DECIDING which Class you race in- you can choose yourself. I would like you to email me, and let me know which Class you want to race in.

(rossdrybrough@yahoo.co.uk and just your name and the Class name you want to enter will suffice!)

If you **DO NOT** contact me, then you will be placed in the Class that is implied by the majority of the results from 2018, that I have available to me and based on the suggested class boundaries below.

I do not want to spend large periods of time at the first meeting at Donnington debating which Class you are in. So please decide **yourself** which Class you want to race in. Once you have decided- that's where you will be racing.....

If you don't contact me, because you are happy where you were on the previous suggested Class list that was sent out, then that is the Class that I will put you in and you will race in.

My suggestions for the Class you chose would be as follows:

1. **Fittipaldi Class** drivers- any driver who has won an HFF race outright in the past. (regardless of when it was.)
2. **Hunt Class** Drivers- any driver who finishes regularly inside the top ten.
3. **Scheckter Class** Drivers- any driver who finishes regularly 10th-17th, Occasionally inside the top 10.

4. **Senna Class Drivers**- Any driver who regularly finishes 18th or above, Occasionally as high as 14th.

We still may have to tweak the positions to get the classes roughly the same in size. We would need to need to have around 10 in each Class at each race for it to work, (apart from the Fittipaldi Class drivers).

Points are awarded for **each Class position**, just as they are in the Championship. You can **Drop 2 Races** only (to encourage entries) and this allows for mechanical failures, and keeps interest/entries high.

If you miss a round or race- then I'm afraid you don't score any points.

The Prizes:

There will be proper Trophies for each **Class-winner** at the end of the year, but an overall prize for the **HFF Competitors Cup**, which will be awarded to the highest points-scorer from **Hunt, Scheckter, or Senna Classes**

It could well be someone from **Senna Class** wins outright, even though they have never finished higher than 17th.

The **Fittipaldi Class** are ineligible for the HFF Class-Series overall honours, as they have the HFF Championship to keep them busy. We will however provide a **Fittipaldi Class Cup**, with **every round counting** which will be awarded to the most consistent of the front-running drivers.

New drivers will go into **Scheckter** or **Senna Class** at their **own choice** and have results assessed over two rounds/races. If they are moved to another Class, they will take their points with them.

1. Win your Class and you go up to the next Class the following season.
2. Win "**Hunt Series**" and you stay in "**Hunt**" until you have **won** an HFF race outright.
3. You can apply to go **down** a Class, but it has to be seconded by three other competitors who race in that Class.
4. If you win your Class 3 times consecutively you are moved (with points) up to the next Class, automatically. (But not **Hunt Class**- you stay there until you win outright).
5. We might have to move the Class boundaries (positional finishes) to keep the Classes roughly the same sizes. There's no point having 20 cars in "**Hunt**", or 25 in "**Senna**".

The Class boundaries will be reassessed after the third round (so five races will have taken place). We may have to tweak positions then, but you'll take your points with you if you move Class.

What we should end up with is hopefully four little mini-races, within each race. We can only run this because of the health of our grids, and I'm hoping this will encourage even stronger entries, and maybe strengthen HFF's hand with HSCC, when it comes to race lengths, race numbers and race times.

Finally, I would like to remind you that this idea is **supposed to be a bit of fun**, and not to be taken too seriously. You will know to within a couple of places, where you expect to finish on the grid, at most of our races.

The HFF Competitors Cup Series is supposed to generate a bit more competitive interest, over the course of a whole season, and promote a bit more friendly banter. It's an excuse to give out a few more trophies and cups by artificially dividing up the grid, based on our abilities. We all have our good days and our bad days!

There is no point "sand-bagging" and entering a class lower than your ability- you will only be disappointed, and vice-versa.

It is in your best interests to let me know which Class you want to race in, and once you have decided- that is where you will be racing.

Remember- you still may win your Class outright by coming 17th and score the same number points as the other Class winners who finish 10th and 3rd.

The Classes are also competing against one another, for the overall **HFF Competitors Cup**.

Donnington will be here before we know it, and I look forward to catching up with you all there. I look forward to your emails, but please- keep them brief!

I just need to know which Class you want to race in, before we get to the first race.....please.

Once I have all the drivers' names, I will try to get the Classes roughly the same size. This is imperative so that the Series is fair to all drivers involved.

Best wishes, and I look forward to seeing you all soon,

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