

FAB-Racing

Cool Milk



RACING TO THE TOP

Since 2004 when FAB-Racing was formed it has been organising race events to give the opportunity to young riders to have an insight into and to experience motorcycle circuit racing at grass roots level. This was initially in conjunction with the Minimoto Racing Association, the organiser of the Minimoto British Championships, but by 2009 the MMRA had handed the running of all the British Championship classes, Minimoto, MiniGP, etc over to FAB-Racing.

In 2004 there was no clear plan or motivation other than the fact Britain was severely lacking riders at high level in the International circuit racing arena, in particular GP. The arrival of the Metrakit MiniGP on the Junior racing scene in Spain in 2003 and a visit to view the official launch of that bike in Spain by Roger and Robert Keys, directors of BEK Wholesale and the UK importers of Metrakit scooter parts, provided the idea to form FAB-Racing with the aim of helping to change that situation.

It's worth noting that the Metrakit MiniGP demonstration rider at that Spanish TV launch was a very young Maverick Viñales, now a top MotoGP rider.

Since the beginning FAB has never been there to make money and most of the time lost money but that wasn't the point, it was there to find riders, and that it has certainly done, by the hundreds in fact. Not all have made it to the very top of course but there are now riders in Grand Prix, World Superbike, CEV, Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup, BSB, and Club level as they gain their National race licences, or to just race for fun.

Towards the end of 2015 a conversation with Jon Thornes MBE, the owner of "Cool Milk", led to an agreement being signed in October that year that should ensure the continuance of FAB-Racing well into the future. FAB takes care of what happens on the "black stuff" and Cool Milk will take care of the time consuming, and often money consuming, background. The "FAB-Racing British Minibike Championship" was to be renamed the "Cool FAB-Racing British Minibike Championship" from 2016.

With 5 stepping stone race classes starting with riders as young as 6 years of age, 3 Minimoto classes and 2 MiniGP, Cool FAB has more than 100 registered Junior class riders in 2019. There are also 4 adult classes, including a MiniF1 Sidecar class!

The problem in the UK back in 2004, and remains even now, is the step from the MiniGP70 premier class in the Cool FAB Racing Championship to a racing licence that will allow these talented riders to compete at National level. The current situation leaves riders having to move to riding road based bikes before being able to compete on proper race bikes. In effect a wasted year for those wishing to progress to the higher levels of racing. A backward step to be able to move forward!

With very little adjustment to the ACU Licence rules and ages all this would be achievable.

The DORNA backed "British Talent Cup" started in 2018 opened up great possibilities for the future of young British riders who at that moment found themselves in a "nowhere to go" situation. The BTC continued on to 2019 as a DORNA backed project but for 2020 will be taken over by MSV, the organisers of BSB.

After over 60% of the selected riders for the 2018 BTC proved to be from FAB-Racing DORNA awarded the "Road to MotoGP" accolade, the only UK organisation to have that.

At FAB-Racing we now believe that UK racing is finally joining together the missing links to find and progress young motorcycle racing talent. The series uses NSF250R Honda pure RACE bikes.

If we can help you start racing and aim to the future, or you just want to race for fun (don't forget we also have adult race classes), please contact us. If you would just like to watch at our events you are always welcome and it's free.

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