



FS2020 Entry Fee FAQs

1. I wish to take Option 1, but what are the plans for the 2021 competition?

We plan to run the 2021 competition as close to its traditional format as possible. However, we think it's likely that we'll include some virtual elements, either as a direct replacement for some of the live event elements or as an option for international teams who may still be facing travel restrictions.

2. My university hasn't yet advised whether it will support Formula Student in 2021, can I let you know later than the end of July?

These are uncertain times for us all, we do understand. We've given the July deadline in order for us to plan accordingly for the 2021 competition. If there's a chance your university won't be supporting an entry into FS2021, do please ask your Faculty Advisors to get in touch with us as soon as possible to discuss this.

3. If I take Option 1, will I have anything more to pay the IMechE for 2021?

Your entry fee will be covered, so there will be nothing more to pay to the IMechE for enrolment into the 2021 competition. Furthermore, we're allowing teams to roll over their designs for 2021 so we hope that this will also help with finances in a post-COVID climate.

4. Why can't I have 100% of my 2020 entry fee back?

Formula Student is a year-round project, launched in October and culminating in July. We're still running this finale, albeit virtually, and it's been possible to complete and be judged on a significant proportion of the programme this year.

The project is supported throughout its annual lifecycle by a team of permanent and contract staff in a variety of roles, as well as a small army of expert volunteers, without whom Formula Student wouldn't be possible.

We do encourage you to take Option 1 instead, as this effectively gives you free entry into the 2021 competition. Think of it as a "deferred refund".

5. Can I change my mind after 31 July?

We've given the July deadline in order for us to plan accordingly for the 2021 competition, therefore whichever option you choose by 31 July will be final.

6. We entered Concept Class in 2020 but plan to enter FS class in 2021. Can you guarantee me a spot?

At this stage we can only guarantee you a place in the class you entered for 2020. That said, we will give you priority for a space in an alternative class if that is your intention. Additional fees may apply for moving from Concept to FS. There are no refunds for moving from FS to Concept.

7. If I take Option 2, how do I get the 50% refund?

Please email fs@imeche.org to confirm that you wish to go ahead with Option 2.

Please note – we can only credit the 50% refund to the original payment method and source i.e. the same credit card or bank account used to pay your entry fee.

If you paid via credit card, we will refund to directly to your card and you do not have to do anything further.

If you paid by bank transfer (either with or without an invoice) we need you to provide your bank account information as we do not store these details. We must receive your university's bank details on headed paper via email, with your request to go with Option 2.

Our aim is to have **all refunds processed by 1 September.**