

# **Competition Licence Notes - 2014**

## **Road Race, Scooter Road Race, Drag, Sprint & Hillclimb, Supermoto, Pocket Bike**

A Competition Licence (or Registration in the case of Trials) is required by every rider and passenger participating in any competition held under the National Sporting Code of the ACU. It is the responsibility of the competitor, or in the case of minors the parent or person with parental responsibility, to ensure that their licence is valid and issued for the correct class. The issuing of a licence does not guarantee an entry into, or acceptance into, any competition. All licences are valid from 1 January to 31 December. Licence fees are non-refundable. Duplicate ACU licences can be obtained on request at a cost of £5. Duplicate FIM licences can be obtained through the ACU at the appropriate fee.

### **Your photograph**

You must send a passport sized photograph if:

- you are applying for your first licence.
- your appearance has changed significantly from the photo on your current licence

Please write your name and date of birth on the reverse of your photo.

### **Your details**

You must complete this section in full, or amend clearly if already filled in.

Your address must be within the British Isles but not Ireland.

Please ensure you include your postcode and date of birth. If under 18 years of age, and first application, proof of age is required.

### **Section 1 – Categories of licence you need**

You must complete this section. Tick the boxes which apply to you.

If you are applying for licences of other disciplines, please specify in the white box 'Other Licences Required'.

### **Section 2 – Payment**

You must complete your payment details. Please do not send cash. If you are paying by cheque, please write the full names of all the licence applicants you are paying for and their member numbers, if known, on the reverse of the cheque.

Our target is to process your licence application within 14 days from the date we receive it at the ACU office.

### **Section 3 – Medical information**

If there is a query about any aspect of your fitness you may be asked to have a medical examination and eyesight report at your own expense, which could include an exercise tolerance electrocardiogram (or 'stress ECG'). Please see section 5 below.

### **Section 4 – Eyesight Report**

You must complete this section if you meet any of the criteria at the top of section 4

You must pay any fee charged for the eyesight report.

### **Section 5 – Medical Report**

You must complete this section if you meet any of the criteria at the top of section 5.

If you are applying for an **International** licence and you are over 50 years of age, you must also have an exercise tolerance electrocardiogram (or 'stress ECG') and the results must be favourable. Please do not send the trace but only the results. You must pay any fee charged for the medical report and, if applicable, the 'stress ECG' test.

Further information can be found on the ACU website [www.acu.org.uk](http://www.acu.org.uk) under *Medical Matters*.

### **Section 6 – Declaration and Acknowledgements**

You must complete this section. Please read the statements very carefully and fully appreciate what you are signing.

You must be a current member of an ACU affiliated club, and must obtain a Unique Code from that Club.

Please also remember to sign the form yourself.

If you are under 18 years old your form must also be signed by your parent or person with parental responsibility.

The FIM Anti-Doping Code came into force on 1st July 2004. Regulatory bodies from all sports have a duty to ensure they comply with the FIM and WADA's aims of promoting all aspects of anti-doping. By signing the "**Acknowledgement and Agreement of the FIM Anti-Doping Code**" you agree to comply with, and be bound by, all parts of the FIM Anti-Doping Code. The Code can be viewed on the FIM website, [www.fim.ch](http://www.fim.ch) under publications - Rules and Codes.

If you have a medical condition, for which you are on any regular tablets or injections, then **you** must check that your medication is not within the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) prohibited classes of substances and prohibited methods. If in doubt, ask your own doctor or pharmacist or consult the Anti-Doping section of the WADA website on [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)

If your medication is banned and you are applying for an **FIM World Championship or Prize Event** licence then you will need to submit a **Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)** form with your licence application. A TUE form can be downloaded from the WADA website [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) or is available on request from the ACU. When completed, the TUE form needs to be forwarded to us for processing. Any licence holder taking a banned substance will have to submit a TUE form at the time of testing, should that ever happen. Further information can be found on the ACU website [www.acu.org.uk](http://www.acu.org.uk) under *Medical Matters*.

# Road Race

## First-time Applicants

All first-time Road Race licence applicants are required to complete a classroom based Competitor Training Course (CTC). Riders and sidecar drivers must also satisfactorily complete an ACU Basic Rider Assessment before a Competition Licence can be issued.

The Competitor Training Course is classroom-based and designed to familiarise applicants with the basic safety and organisational requirements to participate in Road Racing.

The ACU Basic Rider Assessment is a practical on track assessment of a riders basic ability to ride and control a motorcycle in a competition/racetrack environment.

For details of dates and venues for the Competitor Training Course and the ACU Basic Rider Assessment please contact the ACU Road Race Department or check the ACU website.

## Novice / Intermediate Novice

Entry level for all first time applicants. An Intermediate Novice licence will be issued to riders who hold a current Full Class "A" DVLA Licence. Novice and Intermediate Novice Licence holders are required to wear an Orange Vest obtainable from the ACU Licence Department.

## Upgrading to Clubman

Novice/Intermediate Novice licence holders who have obtained satisfactory signatures on their record card for a minimum of 10 separate Race Days at 3 different circuits during the current year and preceding 2 years may apply to upgrade to Clubman. To obtain a satisfactory signature, competitors must appear in the official race results as a finisher of a race in accordance with Article 12.3.3 of the Road Race Standing Regulations. The competitor record card together with copies of the official result sheets for the signatures should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department. Only one signature per race day.

## Upgrading to National

Clubman competitors who have obtained upgrade signatures for a minimum of 10 separate Race Days at 3 different circuits during the current year and preceding 2 years may apply to be upgraded to a National Licence. To obtain an upgrade signature competitors must appear in the official result sheets as having finished the race within 110% of the winners time for the race and having completed the same number of laps as the winner. The competitor record card together with copies of the official result sheets for the signatures should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department. Only one signature per race day.

## Upgrading to International

National riders and passengers who have held their National licence for at least 12 months and who have competed at a minimum of 6 meetings in the previous 12 months may apply for an International licence. The competitor record card & copies of result sheets should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department. Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

## Parade

A licence facilitating participation in non-competitive parades.

## Lapsed Licences

Licence holders who have allowed their licence to lapse for 5 years or more, will be required to complete the Competitor Training Course before resuming competition at Novice and Clubman level. Lapsed licences of National grade or above will be renewed at Clubman level.

## Capacity and Licence Restrictions

### Solo Machines

| Age      | Licence                       | Machine  |
|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| 11 years | Novice or Clubman or National | Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter   |
| 12 years | Novice or Clubman or National | Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter<br>Up to 80cc GP specification machine (treaded tyres)<br>Up to 125cc Production based machine<br>Up to 300cc single cylinder 4 stroke Production machines (restricted) |
| 13 years | Novice or Clubman or National | Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter<br>Up to 80cc GP specification machine<br>Up to 125cc Production based machine<br>Up to 300cc single or twin cylinder 4 stroke Production machines (restricted)         |
| 13 years | National                      | Up to 125cc GP specification machine<br>Up to 300cc 4-stroke single or twin cylinder machine (unrestricted)  |
| 14 years | Novice or Clubman or National | Up to 125cc GP specification machine<br>Up to 300cc 4-stroke single or twin cylinder machine (unrestricted)  |
| 14 years | National                      | Up to Formula 400 specification or 450cc Production based machine<br>Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine<br>Up to 650cc twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine                         |
| 15 years | Novice or Clubman or National | Up to Formula 400 specification or 450cc Production based machine<br>Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine<br>Up to 650cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine               |

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>16 years</b>            | Novice or Clubman or National   | Up to Formula 400 specification or 450cc Production based machine<br>Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine<br>Up to 650cc twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine |
| <b>16 years</b>            | National                        | Any classic or Vintage machine over 650cc<br>Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine<br>Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine   |
| <b>17 years</b>            | Novice or Clubman or National   | Any classic or Vintage machine over 650cc<br>Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine<br>Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine   |
| <b>17 years</b>            | National                        | Unlimited capacity machine   |
| <b>18 years &amp; over</b> | Novice                          | Any classic or Vintage machine over 650cc<br>Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine<br>Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine   |
| <b>18 years &amp; over</b> | Int-Novice* Clubman or National | Unlimited capacity machine   |

*\*Intermediate Novice Licence holder with "A" validation for riders holding a Full Class "A" DVLA Licence*

### Sidecar and Three-wheeler Machines

| <b>Driver</b>    | <b>Licence</b>                    | <b>Machine</b>   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>17 years</b>  | Novice or Clubman or National     | F2, F600, F350, Classic, Vintage, Morgan Three Wheeler<br>Unlimited 4-stroke or 2-stroke machine |
| <b>Passenger</b> |                                   |  |
| <b>16 years</b>  | Novice or Clubman or National     | F2, F600, F350, Classic, Vintage, Morgan Three Wheeler<br>Unlimited 4-stroke or 2-stroke machine |
| <b>Parade</b>    |                                   |  |
| 14 years         | 70 years of Age require a Medical |  |

**Note:** Sidecar passengers must hold a valid passenger licence.

Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

## Scooter Road Race

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The ACU Basic Rider Assessment is a practical on track assessment of a riders basic ability to ride and control a motorcycle in a competition/racetrack environment.

For details of dates and venues for the Competitor Training Course and the ACU Basic Rider Assessment please contact the ACU Road Race Department or check the ACU website.

### **Clubman**

Entry level for all first-time Scooter Road Race applicants.

### **Upgrading to National**

Clubman riders and passengers must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed satisfactorily at 10 separate race days at 3 different venues during the current year and preceding 2 years. The competitor record card together with copies of the official results sheets for the signatures should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department.

Only one signature per day of competition is permitted.

### **Lapsed Licences**

Licence holders who have allowed their licence to lapse for 5 years or more will be required to complete the Competitor Training Course before resuming competition at Clubman level.

### **Capacity and Licence Restrictions**

|                |                  |  |
|----------------|------------------|--|
| <b>11years</b> | Clubman Licence  | Up to 125cc Production automatic scooter |
| <b>12years</b> | Clubman Licence  | Up to 125cc Production based scooter     |
| <b>14years</b> | National Licence | Unrestricted scooter                     |
| <b>15years</b> | Clubman Licence  | Unrestricted scooter                     |

# **Drag**

## **Clubman**

Entry level for all first-time applicants.

Junior Competitors 8 years to 11 years of age are restricted to a maximum 12.9 ET, 50cc Automatic clutch.

Junior Competitors 11 years to 16 years of age are restricted to a maximum 8.9 ET 125cc Automatic or manual clutch.

Junior Competitors 14 years to 16 years of age are restricted to a maximum 7.90 ET 125cc Automatic or manual clutch.

Competitors over 16 years of age are restricted to the following Category 1 machines:

## **Category 1**

8.50

9.50

Super Twin Top Gas (STG)

Super Twin RET Bracket (SET)

Clubman Licence holders can compete on a Category 1 machine once they have completed the following requirements to the satisfaction of an ACU Clerk of the Course.

- Be conversant with the start & race procedure
- Perform a tyre burnout and start correctly
- Complete a satisfactory Launch
- Make a half pass (1/8 mile) under power to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Course
- Make a full run (1/4 mile) representative of the performance expected within the category.

All tasks must be made as single runs during qualifying sessions at an ACU recognised Drag Race meeting or under the control of an ACU Licensed National or International Drag Race Clerk of the Course at RWYB meetings.

The Clerk of the Course may request the rider to repeat tasks until they are satisfied a satisfactorily safe standard has been achieved, which may take more than one race meeting and is at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

The 1/4 mile pass will count towards qualifying at an ACU recognised event.

## **Category 2 – Riders 18 yrs of age and over**

Clubman Licence holders are not eligible to compete on Category 2 machines. They are permitted to ride a category 2 machine to complete the tasks required to upgrade to a National licence as detailed below.

Super Twin Top Fuel (STF)

Super Street Bike

Competition Bike

Pro Stock Bike

Funny Bike

Top Fuel Bike

## **Upgrading to National (competitors must be 18 years of age or over)**

Clubman Licence holders who have completed the following tasks to the satisfaction of an ACU National or International Clerk of the Course and whose record card has been endorsed by the Clerk of the Course for each task completed may apply to upgrade to National.

- Be conversant with the start & race procedure
- Perform a tyre burnout and start correctly
- Complete a satisfactory Launch
- Make a half pass (1/8 mile) under power to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Course
- Make a full run (1/4 mile) representative of the performance expected within the category.

All tasks must be made as single runs during qualifying sessions at an ACU recognised Drag Race meeting or under the control of an ACU Licensed National or International Drag Race Clerk of the Course at RWYB meetings.

The Clerk of the Course may request the rider to repeat tasks until they are satisfied a satisfactorily safe standard has been achieved, which may take more than one race meeting and is at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

National Licence holders are eligible to compete on Category 1 or Category 2 machines.

## **International**

National Licence holders who have held their National Licence for 12 months may apply for an International Licence.

A medical examination is required.

## **Lapsed Licences**

Clubman or National Licence holders who have allowed their Licences to lapse for more than 5 years will be re-issued with a Clubman Licence and will be required to complete the criteria set out above to retain the Clubman Licence or upgrade to the National Licence.

# Sprint and Hillclimb

## **Clubman**

Entry level for all first-time applicants and for competitors not holding a Road Race Licence of any grade.

## **Capacity and Licence Restrictions**

| Minimum Age     | Licence Grade | Capacity of Machine  |
|-----------------|---------------|--|
| 8 yrs           | Clubman       | 50cc automatic machine                                       |
| 11 yrs          | Clubman       | up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter                     |
| 12 yrs          | Clubman       | up to 125cc Production Machine                               |
| 13 yrs          | National      | up to 125cc GP Machine                                       |
| 14 yrs          | Clubman       | up to 125cc GP Machine                                       |
| 15 yrs          | National      | up to 500cc twin Cylinder, 4 Stroke Production Based Machine |
| 16 yrs and over |               | No restrictions  |

Junior riders 16 years of age and under must satisfy the Clerk of the Course for the meeting that they can ride and control the machine they have entered to ride.

Junior riders are restricted to ¼ mile Sprint.

## **Upgrading to National**

Clubman riders and passengers must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed satisfactorily in 10 separate race days during the current year and preceding 3 years a Clubman Competitor may apply to be upgraded to a National licence.

## **Upgrading to International**

National licence holders who have competed at 5 race days may apply for an FIM International Non-Championship Licence. A medical examination is required.

## **Upgrading to International Championship**

National licence holders who have competed at 5 race days may apply for an FIME or FIM International Championship Licence subject to the appropriate Sporting Code. A medical examination is required.

## **Lapsed Licences**

Licence holders of all grades who have allowed their licence to lapse for more than 5 years will be re-issued with a Clubman licence.

# Supermoto

## **Clubman**

Entry level for all first-time applicants

## **Capacity and Licence Restrictions**

| Min Age | Grade              | Capacity/ Machine                                      |
|---------|--------------------|--|
| 11 yrs  | Clubman & National | up to 125cc two stroke or 250 cc four stroke machines  |
| 14 yrs  | Clubman & National | up to 250cc two strokes and 450cc four stroke machines |
| 16 yrs  | Clubman & National | up to 750cc four stroke machines                       |

## **Upgrading to National**

Clubman licence holder must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed in and finished in 10 races at 10 separate race days at 3 different venues during the current year and preceding 3 years Clubman Competitors may apply to be upgraded to a National licence.

## **Upgrading to International**

National licence holders who have held their National licence for 12 months and who have competed at a minimum of 3 meetings in the previous 12 months may apply for an International licence. A medical examination is required.

## **Lapsed Licences**

Licence holders of all grades who have allowed their licence to lapse for more than 5 years will be re-issued with a Clubman licence.

# Pocket Bike

## **Clubman**

Entry level for all first-time applicants and for competitors not holding a Road Race licence of any grade. Minimum age 6 yrs

## **Upgrading to National**

Clubman licence holders must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of competing in 10 Pocket Bike race days at a minimum of 3 different venues. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge.

## **Upgrading to International**

National licence holders must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of competing in 10 National Pocket Bike meetings at a minimum of 3 different venues.

**Capacity, Age and Weight Restrictions apply, please contact the Road Race Department for details.**

## Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences

Extract from the current FIM Medical Code: Licences for riders, drivers and passengers are issued for FIM World Championships and Prizes, as well as for International meetings, only when the minimum age has been attained as below:-

| <b>ROAD RACING World Championships</b>                |   |
|---|---|
| FIM World Championship Grand Prix: Moto3 class        | 16 years  |
| FIM World Championship Grand Prix: Moto2 class        | 16 years  |
| FIM World Championship Grand Prix: MotoGP class       | 18 years  |
| FIM Superbike World Championship                      | 18 years  |
| FIM Supersport World Championship                     | 16 years  |
| FIM S1 SuperMoto World Championship                   | 16 years  |
| FIM SuperMoto World of Nations: According to S1-class |   |
| FIM Sidecar World Championship: drivers               | 18 years  |
| FIM Sidecar World Championship: passengers            | 16 years  |
| FIM Endurance World Championship                      | 18 years  |
| <b>ROAD RACING FIM Prizes</b>                         |   |
| FIM Superstock 1000cc Cup                             | for participants born between 01.01.1987 and 29.03.1997 |
| FIM MotoGP Rookies Cup: 125cc                         | 13 years  |
| e-Power International Championship                    | 16 years  |
| <b>ROAD RACING International Events</b>               |   |
| International events: classes up to 125cc             | 13 years  |
| International events: classes over 125cc              | 16 years  |
| International SuperMoto Races                         | 15 years  |
| International Hillclimbs                              | 18 years  |
| International Drag Races                              | 16 years  |

The limit for the **maximum age** in Road Racing GP and SBK World Championships finishes at the end of the year in which the rider reaches the age of **50**.

Correct at the time of going to press, you are advised to confirm the above ages with the relevant FIM regulations.

**Thank you for taking the time to read these notes and helping us to process your licence with the minimum of delay.**



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