

Competition Licence Notes - 2012

Off Road Disciplines

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 legal guardian, 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 of the year of issue. 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 a UK Residential address.

Please ensure you include your postcode and date of birth.

Section 1 – Categories of licence you need

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

Licence can be upgraded at any time during the year without additional charge.

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 or less from the date we receive it at the ACU office.

For urgent applications that require processing in 7 days or less, an additional fee of £15.00 will be payable.

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 4.

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 under *Medical FAQs*.

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, except if you are applying for a Speedway licence only, and your form must be verified by an authorised official of 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 legal guardian.

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 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 UK Sport website on www.uksport.gov.uk

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. TUE form can be downloaded from the WADA website 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 under *Medical FAQs*.

Motocross and Beachcross

	Maximum Engine Capacity	Maximum Wheel Size	Age on 1st January
Youth MX Automatic (50cc)	50cc 2 or 4 stroke automatic	12 inch rear, 15 inch front	6 - 8 years
Youth MX Junior (65cc)	65cc 2 stroke or 110cc 4 stroke	12 inch rear, 14 inch front	7 - 10 years
Youth MX Intermediate (Small Wheel 85cc)	85cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke	14 inch rear, 17 inch front	9 - 12 years
Youth MX Senior (Big Wheel 85cc)	85cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke	16 inch rear, 19 inch front	11 - 15 years
Youth MX Open	144cc 2 stroke or 250cc 4 stroke	19 inch rear, 21 inch front	14 - 17 years
	Riders may continue in the Open class until the end of the year in which their 18th birthday falls. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge.		
Youth MX Quad 50cc Standard	50cc automatic		6 - 9 years
Youth MX Quad 50cc Modified	50cc automatic		7 - 9 years
Youth MX Quad 100cc Standard	100cc 2 stroke auto or 150cc 4 stroke auto		8 - 13 years
Youth MX Quad 100cc Modified	100cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke		9 - 13 years
Youth MX Quad 100cc Geared	100cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke		9 - 14 years
Youth MX Quad 250cc Standard / Modified	200cc 2 stroke or 250cc air-cooled 4 stroke		11 - 16 years
Youth MX Quad 250cc Open	250cc 4 stroke		14 - 17 years
	Riders may continue in the 200cc class until the end of the year in which their 17th birthday falls. Riders may continue in the 250cc class until the end of the year in which their 18th birthday falls. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge.		
Youth MX Mini Bike 50cc	50cc		6 - 8 years
Youth MX Mini Bike 88cc	88cc		9 - 12 years
Youth MX Mini Bike 111cc	111cc		12 - 15 years
	Riders may continue in the 111cc class until the end of the year in which their 16th birthday falls. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge.		
National Mini Bike			Minimum Age 16 Years
Adult MX	Solo Machines, maximum 650cc 2 or 4 stroke		Minimum Age 15 Years
National Sidecar Driver / Passenger			Minimum Age 16 Years
National MX Quad			Minimum Age 15 Years*

Expert

Expert status will be given to riders who appear on the Expert list compiled by the ACU Office

You can qualify for Expert Listing by the following means:

- Point scorer in an adult National Motocross Championship
- Registered Rider in the ACU British MX Championship – MX1 / MX2
- Top 10 point scorer in the BYMX Championship – Open class
- Selected by Centre Recorders based on Regional or Club Championships
- Upgraded by the Motocross Committee

Riders will be removed from the list after two years if they have not scored any regional or national Championship points.

Upgrading to International

Once you have gained your expert status you are eligible to apply for an International Non Championship licence. Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM / UEM Licences" which appear at the end of this section.

Youth Motocross

All first-time Youth applicants must enclose a photocopy of their birth certificate with their application (please **do not** send original documents).

After reaching 15 years of age you can apply for Adult motocross licence and still retain your Open licence until the end of the year in which your 18th birthday falls.

Youth MX Quad

All first-time Youth applicants must enclose a photocopy of their birth certificate with their application (please do not send original documents).

After reaching 15 years of age you can apply for a National Quad licence and still retain your Youth 200cc licence until the end of the year in which your 17th birthday falls or your Youth 250cc licence until the end of year in which your 18th birthday falls.

*The annual licence will be granted at 15 years provided the rider has at least two years experience.

Youth MX Mini Bike

All first-time Youth applicants must enclose a photocopy of their birth certificate with their application (please do not send original documents).

After reaching 16 years of age you can apply for a National Mini Bike licence.

Grass Track, Long Track, & Sand Race

			Age on 1st January
Youth Auto Cadet	Solo Rider	50cc automatic	6 - 7 years
Youth Cadet	Solo Rider	65cc 2 stroke or 110cc 4 stroke	6 - 8 years
Youth Junior	Solo Rider	100cc 2 stroke or 200cc 4 stroke	9 - 11 years
Youth Intermediate	Solo Rider Sidecar Rider Passenger	150cc 2 stroke or 250cc 4 stroke	12 - 14 years 12 - 14 years 16 years
Youth Senior A	Solo Rider Sidecar Rider Passenger	250cc 2 or 4 stroke	15 - 17 years 15 - 17 years 16 years
Youth Senior B	Solo Rider Sidecar Rider Passenger	350cc 4 stroke	15 - 17 years 15 - 17 years 16 years
A rider may compete in adult competitions on or after his/her 15th birthday and may only revert to Senior Class Youth competitions. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge			
Restricted	Entry level for first-time applicants.		16 years
National			

For Quad Age Group & Capacity Restrictions see Motocross section.

Short Track

		Age on 1st January
Restricted	Entry level for first-time applicants.	16 years
National		

Upgrading to National

You must supply evidence on your record card(s) of qualifying and finishing in the open final at 6 separate Centre Restricted or Regional Restricted events (passengers require 3 signatures).

It is your responsibility to ensure that your record card is signed by the Secretary of the Meeting or the Clerk of the Course. Please note only one final is accepted from each meeting. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge. Please note that National licences are not interchangeable between Solo and Sidecar.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders are eligible to apply for an International Non-Championship licence. An International Non-Championship licence can only be obtained through the relevant National Championship or at the discretion of the Track Racing Committee. Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM / UEM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

Lapsed Licences

National licence holders who have allowed their licence to lapse for 3 years or more will be required to resume racing at Restricted level unless approved otherwise by the Track Racing Committee.

Speedway

		Age on 1st January
Youth		6 Years
National Rider		16 Years
National Passenger		16 Years

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

In addition to applying to the ACU for a Speedway licence you must also register with the Speedway Control Bureau (SCB) and pay them a registration fee. Please contact the SCB for details: tel. 01788 565603

Trials

Youth A Registration	Born Between 01.01.95 and 31.12.96
Youth B Registration	Born Between 01.01.97 and 31.12.99
Youth C Registration	Born Between 01.01.00 and 31.12.02
Youth D Registration	Born Between 01.01.03 and 31.12.05
Youth E Registration - Pre Cadet Electric Class	Age 4 at date of competition and born between 01.01.06 & 31.12.08
<p>Applicants must be at least 6 years of age to obtain a Youth A, B, C, D Trials Registration card. A rider may continue in Youth Trials until the end of the year in which their 17th birthday falls. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge</p>	
Bicycle Trial Registration	Applicants must be at least 4
Trial Registration	Applicants must be at least 16

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Enduro

Adult Enduro / Hare & Hounds / X-Country Short Course Enduro / Quad / Sprint Enduro	Applicants must be at least 16 years of age
Youth Short Course / Sprint Enduro	Applicants must be at least 15 years of age
Youth Hare & Hounds / X-Country	Applicants must be at least 12 years of age
Youth Support Class / Hare & Hounds / X Country events	Age 8 - 12 years

Also see current standing regulations.

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Age Restrictions for UEM Licences

MOTOCROSS European Championships	Minimum	Maximum
EMX 2	14 years	
Open	16 years	
EMX 125 2 stroke	13 years	17 years
EMX 85	11 years	14 years
EMX 65	8 years	12 years
Quad	16 years	

TRACK	Minimum	Maximum
Individual Speedway European Championship	16 years	
Individual Speedway Junior European Championship	16 years	19 years
Team Speedway Junior European Championship	16 years	19 years
Individual Ice Racing European Championship	16 years	
Individual Junior Ice Racing European Championship	15 years	25 years
European Speedway Club Champions' Cup	16 years	
European Pairs Speedway Championship	16 years	
Youth Speedway Racing European Cup 80cc	12 years	16 years
Grass Track Individual European Championship	16 years	
Sidecar European Championship	16 years	
Youth Grass Track 125cc European Cup	10 years	16 years
Short Track European Championship	16 years	
International Speedway, Ice Racing, Sidecar, Short Track, Grass Track meetings	16 years	
International Youth Speedway	12 years	16 years
International Youth Grass Track	10 years	16 years

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Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences

MOTOCROSS World Championships	Minimum	Maximum
FIM MX1 Motocross World Championship	16 years	
FIM MX2 Motocross World Championship	15 years	23 years
FIM MX3 Motocross World Championship	16 years	
FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship: drivers	18 years	
FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship: passengers	16 years	
FIM Junior Motocross World Championship: 65cc class	10 years	12 years
FIM Junior Motocross World Championship: 85cc class	11 years	14 years
FIM Junior Motocross World Championship: 125cc class	13 years	17 years
AMA Supercross, an FIM World Championship	16 years	
FIM S1 SuperMoto World Championship	15 years	
FIM Snowcross World Championship	16 years	
FIM Freestyle Motocross World Championship	15 years	
FIM Women's Motocross World Championship	15 years	
MOTOCROSS FIM Prizes		
FIM Veteran Motocross World Cup	40 years	55 years
MOTOCROSS International Events		
International events: 80cc class	12 years	
International events: 125cc and 250cc classes	15 years	
International events: 500cc class	15 years	
Sidecar Motocross International events: drivers	18 years	
Sidecar Motocross International events: passengers	16 years	
International Supercross events	15 years	
International Snowcross events	16 years	
International Freestyle Motocross	15 years	
International SuperMoto events	15 years	
TRACK RACING World Championships		
FIM Speedway WC Grand Prix Qualification Meetings	17 years	
FIM Speedway World Championship Grand Prix	17 years	
FIM Speedway Junior World Championship	16 years	
FIM Team Speedway Junior World Championship	16 years	
FIM Ice Racing World Championship	17 years	
FIM Team Ice Racing World Championship	17 years	
FIM Long Track World Championship	17 years	
FIM Team Long Track World Championship	17 years	
FIM Track Racing Sidecar 1000cc World Championship	17 years	
TRACK RACING FIM Prizes		
FIM Speedway World Cup Qualifying Meetings	17 years	
FIM Speedway World Cup	17 years	
FIM Speedway Youth Gold Trophy: 80cc	12 years	
FIM Speedway Youth Gold Trophy: 250cc	14 years	
FIM Grass Track Youth Gold Trophy: 125cc	12 years	
FIM Long Track Youth Gold Trophy : 250cc	14 years	
TRACK RACING International Events		
International Speedway	16 years	
International Ice Races	16 years	
International Long and Grass Track events	16 years	
International Motoball events	16 years	

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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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