

Welcome to 2010. A positive and promising start to a new Seasons racing lies ahead of us. Joining the two major Championships has resulted in more classes for more competitors', which will mean a more exciting year for all.

How's it going to work?

The friendly and relaxed atmosphere which produces the enjoyment of our chosen discipline within Norasport will continue, and give all members' good, value for money, racing. Many suggestions and alternative formulas have been put forward and no doubt not everything will please everyone, some may think that the calendar is a bit of a compromise, but with so little time ahead of us the original proposal stands. We have to choose what we think is sustainable and make it into a success. Most people will understand and agree with us, our job will be to prove that it can work. Response from outside is encouraging.

Which brings us to the major changes for 2010..... The continuation of the Michelin contract is to be adopted for all classes, which will be a controlled tyre for all bikes. They in turn will help to promote the series, and continue to support you by way of tyres for prizes on race day. They have been very good to us in the past years', and everyone agrees, a quality product at a sensible price available from many sources. With all teams included in the deal, a number of scrubbed in tyres will be available for the budget rider. Please look at the bigger picture before making criticism.

The ACU are also to help promote the Championships, with Dave Deardon being both Liaison Officer for Riders', and official A.C.U. Steward on Race day. He has worked very hard so far, to make this all possible.

It will be a condition of the Championships to have an ACU licence in addition to your Norasport membership. Roger will countersign your application form for you, alternatively, contact David Deardon.

Question: - The important part..... where do I fit in?

OK, well there is plenty of choice. The British Championships will consist of the following classes:

Junior National

250 National

Open Elite, Open Nationals, The Clubman Cup

450 Elite 450 Clubman

... See Championship conditions to confirm instantly this creates the following questions

Question: - Aah, I'm still not sure which title to compete in?

Some are obvious.... i.e. A 14-year-old novice in the Open Elite is not acceptable....The tricky one's are more...

Q: - I have experience, but never been out of the top of the Open "B" group?

A: - Well, we suggest that you would fit into the "Nationals" title.

Q: - I have experience but never managed to get out of the "C" group?

A: - Well, we would imagine that the Clubman Cup is your appropriate class.

Q: - Now then!.... I have competed in the National Championship for the last 3 years, and never been out of the top 10?

A: - Well, You are now one of the Elite, enter this class with pride.

Anyone finishing in the top 15 of the 09 British would surely be entitled to enter in the Elite Class, and be well positioned to improve. Prove it.

Q: - Do I have to use Michelin tyres – I only come on Saturdays?

A: - To take part in any of the Championships, yes you do, but if you are a track day or XP rider and not concerned about points scoring, no, you can choose whatever..... But, have a word with a team rider who may be able to help you with part worn Michelin.

Q: - I don't want to have dual competition licence, why should I have an ACU licence?

A: - Again, very similar answer to above, it is not compulsory. You will be made welcome to a trial run on Saturdays, or non points scoring on Sundays, but we imagine that it won't be long before you want to become involved in the results.

Q: - Can I ride on both days of the weekend meeting?

A: - Yes of course, you can choose to be, say, an 450 Clubman on Saturday, and the same machine will serve you well in the Open Clubman Cup on Sunday.

Q: - Do I have to enjoy myself?

A: - Yes, Norasport insists that you enjoy all your race weekends, including the team, even spectators'.

OK, this maybe provides for confusion, especially when we are going to invite you to "self select", but when you think about it seriously, both you and us can only go on past results, and timed practice will soon prove correct. Remember, if you choose a lower class than past results show, your timed practice will prove otherwise. You could well choose to go for the class above your station; this would immediately show in your lap times, but you are welcome to try, that is what we need, competition.

To those of you who have not been in the "self select" equation before, you may think this rubbish, but we promise you that this has worked very well in 09, for the practice and qualifying groups, and of course, if you get it wrong, timed practice soon sort the discrepancies..... *You can't fool all the people all of the time.....we have ways of weeding out the 'carpet baggers'*

Easter weekend will provide you an opportunity to prove you chose correctly. Whoever you are, you will enjoy racing with 'like-minded' and ability riders'.

The riders' who warrant Elite status know who they are, but if they truly enjoy racing, they like to see the young "upstart" show willingness to give them a Challenge.

There will be an opportunity for everyone

“Enjoy your Racing with Norasport”.
Good luck to ALL of you.
We look forward to providing the stage for you to entertain.

Yours in Sport
Toby

Please note – Once you have qualified for your class, you’re in there for the Season, unless you are willing to forfeit the points which you have scored so far..... Only then can you change class.....

Qualifying for the titles: -

You will be invited to register your interest in qualifying for your chosen Championship Class at 3 Sisters – Easter Weekend – on the Saturday, at a fee of £ 40.00, followed by two days racing. Please let Roger know by way of email, or post an entry form stating qualifying, please.

Entry forms and Championship Regulations will be posted in the next few days.