

Competition Licence Notes - 2018

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 persons 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 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 and FIM Europe licences can be obtained through the ACU.

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 you have not previously submitted proof of age, you must include this with your application.

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. Youth riders must return their valid licence in order to be upgraded.

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.

If you wish to pay by Credit/Debit card the ACU cannot guarantee the security of your card details whilst in the post. By paying online the service provider has to take steps to securely deal with your card details.

To use the ACU online service go to www.ride-acu.uk

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 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, this is then required at least every 3 years. 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.

Cross-country Rallies: An applicant for any licence in **Cross-Country Rallies** must undergo and pass successfully an echocardiogram once in his/her lifetime prior to the issuing of the licence. An exercise tolerance electrocardiogram must be conducted and successfully passed with this echocardiogram and is then required every three years.

Further information can be found on the ACU website 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, except if you are applying for a Speedway licence only, 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 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

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 Matters*.

Motocross and Beachcross

	Maximum Engine Capacity	Maximum Wheel Size	Age
Youth MX Automatic (50cc)	50cc 2 or 4 stroke automatic	12 inch rear, 15 inch front	6 - 8 years
Youth MX 65cc	65cc 2 stroke or 110cc 4 stroke	12 inch rear, 14 inch front	7 - 10 years
Youth MX Small Wheel 85cc	85cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke	14 inch rear, 17 inch front	9 - 12 years
Youth MX Big Wheel 85cc	85cc 2 stroke or 150cc 4 stroke	16 inch rear, 19 inch front	11 - 15 years
Youth MX 125 Only	125 2 stroke only	19 inch rear, 21 inch front	13 years
Youth MX 125/250f	125cc 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.		
Adult MX	Solo Machines, maximum 650cc 2 or 4 stroke		Minimum Age 15 Years
Youth MX Mini Bike 50cc	50cc		6 - 8 years
Youth MX Mini Bike 140cc	140cc		9 - 14 years
Adult Mini Bike			Minimum Age 15 Years
Adult Sidecar Driver / Passenger			Minimum Age 15 Years

Dual Licence - Riders 15 to 17 years of age can hold a Youth MX 125/250 and Adult MX until end of year of their 18th birthday.

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 BYN 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 / FIM Europe Licences" which appear at the end of this section.

Youth MX Mini Bike

After reaching 15 years of age you can apply for a Adult Mini Bike licence.

Quads

	Maximum Engine Capacity	Age
Youth Quad 50cc* (Y1)	50cc automatic	7 - 9 years
Youth Quad 100cc Auto (Y2)	100cc 2 stroke auto or 150cc 4 stroke auto	8 - 13 years
Youth Quad 100cc Open (Y2)	Refer to ACU Handbook	9 - 13 years
Youth Quad 150cc Open (Y3)	Refer to ACU Handbook	11 - 16 years
Youth Quad 250cc Air Cooled (Y3)	Refer to ACU Handbook	11 - 16 years
Youth Quad 250cc Open (Y4)	Refer to ACU Handbook	14 - 17 years
	Riders may continue in the 250cc air cooled class until the end of the year in which their 17th birthday falls.	
	Riders may continue in the 250cc open class until the end of the year in which their 18th birthday falls.	
Adult Quad		Minimum Age 15 Years*

Youth Quad

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

Grass Track, Long Track, & Sand Race

			Age
Youth Auto / Cadet	Solo Rider	50cc automatic / 65cc 2 stroke up to 110cc 4 stroke	6 - 8 years
Youth Junior	Solo Rider	up to 100cc 2 stroke / 150cc 4 stroke	9 - 12 years
Youth Intermediate	Solo Rider	up to 150cc 2 stroke / 250cc 4 stroke	13 - 17 years
A rider may compete in adult competitions on or after his/her 15th birthday and may only revert to Intermediate Class Youth competitions.			

Adult Solo

Restricted	Entry level for first-time applicants.	16 years
National		

Sidecar Driver & Passenger

Restricted/National	500cc	16 years
Restricted/National	1000cc Right Hand / 1000cc Left Hand.	17 years

For Quad Age Group & Capacity Restrictions see previous section.

Flat Track

		Age
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. 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 / FIM Europe 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
Youth		6 Years
National Rider		16 Years
National Passenger		16 Years

You must also register with the Speedway Control Bureau (SCB).

Trials

Adult Trials Registration	Applicants must be at least 16
Youth A Registration	Born Between 01.01.01 and 31.12.02
Youth B Registration	Born Between 01.01.03 and 31.12.05
Youth C Registration	Born Between 01.01.06 and 31.12.08
Youth D Registration	Born Between 01.01.09 and 31.12.12
Youth E Registration	Minimum age 4 and born after 01.01.13

Enduro

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

Age Restrictions for FIM Europe Licences

MOTOCROSS European Championships	Minimum	Maximum
EMX 250	14 years	50 years (21 for the MXoEN)
EMX Open	16 years	50 years
EMX 300 (2str)	15 years	50 years
EMX 125 (2str)	13 years	17 years
EMX 150 (4str)	11 years	14 years
EMX 85 (2str)	11 years	14 years
EMX 65 (2str)	8 years	12 years
EMX Quad	16 years	50 years
Sidecarcross of European Nations – Rider	16 years	50 years
Sidecarcross of European Nations – Passenger	16 years	50 years
Quadcross of European Nations	16 years	50 years

TRACK	Minimum	Maximum
Individual Speedway European Championship	16 years	
European Under 19 Individual Speedway Cup	16 years	19 years
European Under 21 Individual Speedway Championship	16 years	21 years
European Under 21 Team Speedway Championship	16 years	21 years
European Individual Ice Speedway Championship	16 years	
European Pairs Speedway Championship	16 years	
European 85cc Youth Speedway Cup	12 years	15 years
European 250cc Youth Speedway Cup	13 years	17 years
European Individual Grass Track Championship	16 years	
European Sidecar Championship	16 years	
European 125cc Youth Track Racing Cup	10 years	16 years
International Speedway, Ice Racing, Sidecar and Grass Track meetings	16 years	

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Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences

MOTOCROSS World Championships	Minimum	Maximum
FIM MXGP Motocross World Championship	16 years	50 years
FIM MX2 Motocross World Championship	15 years	23 years
FIM Motocross of Nations:	30 years	
FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship: drivers	16 years	50 years
FIM Sidecar Motocross World Championship: passengers	16 years	50 years
FIM Junior Motocross World Championship: 65cc class	10 years	12 years
FIM Junior Motocross World Championship: 85cc class	12 years	14 years
FIM Junior Motocross World Championship: 125cc class	13 years	17 years
AMA Supercross, an FIM World Championship	16 years	
FIM Snowcross World Championship	16 years	50 years
FIM Freestyle Motocross World Championship	16 years	50 years
FIM Women's Motocross World Championship	15 years	50 years
MOTOCROSS FIM Prizes		
FIM Veteran Motocross World Cup	40 years	55 years
MOTOCROSS International Events		
International events: 85cc class	12 years	
International events: 125cc class and 250cc	15 years	
International events: 500cc	15 years	
Sidecar Motocross International events: drivers	16 years	
Sidecar Motocross International events: passengers	16 years	
International Supercross events	15 years	
International Snowcross events	16 years	
International Freestyle Motocross	15 years	
International Quads 250cc and 500cc	15 years	
International Quads 750cc	18 years	
TRACK RACING World Championships		
FIM Speedway Grand Prix World Championship and Qualification meetings	16 years	
FIM Speedway World League	16 years	
FIM Speedway Best Pairs	16 years	
FIM Ice Speedway Gladiators World Championship	16 years	
FIM Team Ice Speedway Gladiators World Championship	16 years	
FIM Long Track World Championship	17 years	
FIM Team Long Track World Championship	17 years	
FIM Speedway under 21 World Championship	16 years	21 years
FIM Team Speedway under 21 World Championship	16 years	21 years
TRACK RACING FIM Prizes		
FIM Speedway Youth Gold Trophy: 85cc	12 years	15 years
FIM Speedway Youth World Cup Gold Trophy: 250cc	13 years	17 years
FIM Grass Track Youth Gold Trophy: 125cc	12 years	16 years
FIM Long Track Youth World Cup Gold Trophy : 250cc	13 years	17 years
FIM Flat Track Round up to 500cc	16 years	
FIM Flat Track Round over 500cc	18 years	
TRACK RACING International Events		
International Speedway	16 years	
International Speedway League meetings	16 years	
International Ice Racing	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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