

# ACU Motocross Event - General Risk Assessment



<b>Organising Club:</b>				<b>Date:</b>		
<b>Event:</b>				<b>ACU Permit Number:</b>		
<b>Risk Assessment By:</b>						
<b>Position:</b>						
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Record anything else that you think is needed to manage this risk:	Action by:	Date:	Done (✓)
<b>Slips, Trips &amp; Falls</b>	Organisers, competitors and members of the public may be injured if they slip, trip or fall due to:- extreme or hazardous terrain; ground conditions; objects such as guide ropes used with temporary structures; trailing power cables or general items of course equipment left in public areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Organisers ensure that good housekeeping standards are observed throughout the venue.</li> <li>■ Guide ropes on temporary structures should be clearly marked or protected, trailing power leads and cables in publically accessible areas should be contained or buried.</li> <li>■ Organisers will ensure that any items of unused fencing, course equipment etc. will be moved to a non-public area for the duration of the event</li> <li>■ public areas with extreme or hazardous terrain will be protected with warning tape and or signage</li> </ul>				
<b>Manual Handling</b>	Organisers may suffer back or muscular pain from handling heavy and/or bulky objects i.e. event fencing, start gates etc. when setting up or clearing away an event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Wherever practicable manual handling aids will be used</li> <li>■ Organisers will follow safe manual handling techniques.</li> <li>■ For jobs involving heavy manual handling activities assistance will be provided</li> <li>■ if necessary the organiser and relevant others will discuss difficult manual handling activities beforehand to agree a safe system of work</li> </ul>				
<b>Working at Height</b>	Falls from any height can cause bruising and fractures and potentially serious injuries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Suitable access equipment is provided for setting up or clearing away an event</li> <li>■ Organisers are competent in the use of ladders and access equipment where required</li> <li>■ Scaffolding structures, TV towers etc. (where used) will be built by competent persons and safety tagged</li> </ul>	The Organiser will monitor use of portable ladders, access equipment when setting up and clearing away an event			
<b>Use of Equipment - Brush Cutters, Strimmer's &amp; Hand Tools etc.</b>	Organisers may suffer cuts, abrasions and possibly serious eye injuries from flying debris. Prolonged use of powered machinery without a harness can result in back or muscular pain. Prolonged use of noisy equipment may cause hearing discomfort or damage - see separate noise hazard assessment. The use of hand tools such as sledge hammers, post thumpers and staple guns etc. may also cause minor injuries such as cuts and abrasions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Organisers will ensure that equipment is maintained and kept in good working order, with safety guards etc. fitted</li> <li>■ Persons using motorised brush cutters and strimming equipment are experienced and competent - they will take regular breaks and wear the correct PPE such as; suitable eye protection; hearing protection; gloves and a harness</li> <li>■ Organisers using general hand tools will be familiar with their use and competent</li> </ul>				
<b>Use of Equipment - Track Maintenance Plant &amp; Machinery</b>	Organisers may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injury from accidents involving track maintenance machinery i.e. tractors, trailers, water bowsers, PTO drives; earth moving equipment, tele handlers, rollers, powered harrows etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Due to the specialist nature of track maintenance work only competent and experienced operators will use track maintenance plant &amp; machinery</li> </ul>				
<b>Working With Electricity</b>	Organisers or others may suffer shock and burns injuries from faulty or damaged electrical equipment or installation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The installation of electrical services will be carried out by competent persons</li> <li>■ the condition of electrical cables and portable generators etc. will be visually inspected prior to use and any items found to be damaged will not be used</li> <li>■ suitable circuit protection will be used on all temporary electrical installations</li> <li>■ electrical cables and connections are to be IP rated for outdoor and wet weather use</li> </ul>				

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<b>Fire</b>	Organisers may suffer serious burns or loss of property from fires caused by the use of petrol or LPG containers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flammable liquids such as petrol will be stored in suitable fuel containers, kept in a well ventilated area and in small quantities</li> <li>All fire extinguishers provided are serviced, maintained and located at a designated point(s)</li> <li>an emergency response/evacuation plan will be established by the Clerk of the Course to manage a major incident of fire at the event</li> </ul>				
<b>Temporary Structures</b>	Persons at the event may suffer serious injury if struck by flying parts from a temporary structure that has blown away.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary structures such as tents, marquees, awnings and gazebos etc. will be built by competent persons and secured to prevent their being blown away in high winds</li> </ul>				
<b>Vehicle Movement - General Public &amp; Track Maintenance Vehicles</b>	Organisers (notably gate and car parking staff) and members of the public may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injury if struck by a vehicle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic management systems are used to minimise pedestrian and vehicle contact</li> <li>Vehicles will travel at low speeds within the venue</li> <li>Spectators are usually parked in separate car parks away from mass pedestrian areas</li> <li>Competitors are usually parked in a designated paddock area</li> <li>There is a strict policy of no riding machines in the pits</li> <li>High-visibility tabards are worn by gate staff and other officials</li> <li>Event &amp; track maintenance vehicles will use designated routes for access purposes and vehicles are driven slowly with hazard warning lights on</li> </ul>				
<b>Spectator Safety - Track Racing Activities</b>	Track Officials and members of the public may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injury if struck by a racing motorcycle(s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The event is run under a permit issued by the national governing body of motorcycle sport in the UK</li> <li>Course safety fencing and arrangements are checked by the Clerk of the Course prior to the event and will be compliant with all relevant ACU regulations and safety codes - see separate Track Inspection Risk Assessment</li> <li>All track officials and personnel will have signed on and receive a pre-event safety briefing from the Clerk of the Course</li> <li>All track officials and personnel will wear hi visibility tabards</li> <li>Executive Officials of the event are trained and licenced by the ACU and competent in their duties</li> <li>Warning signage is clearly displayed at all entrances to the venue and other areas to which members of the public are prohibited</li> </ul>	Clerk of the Course will check to ensure that all track safety arrangements are in place before the event starts			
<b>Waste Management &amp; Diseases</b>	Organisers may become infected through contact with bio waste from toilet facilities or general waste handling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisers will adopt good hygiene practice and to reduce the risk of infection, gloves and other protective clothing are provided</li> <li>Tetanus – all staff are advised to have up-to-date immunisation.</li> </ul>				
<b>Noise</b>	Organisers/contractors may suffer discomfort and potential hearing damage from the prolonged use of noisy equipment or exposure to competitors machine noise (e.g. Technical or Start Line Officials). Public address/sound systems may also cause noise nuisance if incorrectly used.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisers and contractors wear suitable hearing protection when exposed to loud noise</li> <li>Powered Equipment is maintained to ensure they run as quietly as is possible</li> <li>Where used public address &amp; sound systems are set up to meet the requirements of the event whilst minimising potential nuisance to local residents.</li> </ul>				
<b>Lone Working</b>	Organisers/contractors may suffer injuries whilst working alone in remote areas when setting up or clearing away an event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any person planning to work alone at an event will notify others of their intentions and whereabouts before commencing work</li> <li>Lone workers will have a mobile phone on their person so that they are contactable at all times</li> </ul>				

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<b>Extreme Weather Conditions</b>	Organisers, track officials and marshals may become unwell through prolonged exposure to extreme weather conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisers are experienced at working outdoors and in various weather conditions</li> <li>Organisers are expected to dress according to the weather conditions including warm, waterproof clothing for cold, wet weather</li> <li>Organisers are aware of risks of sunburn and will use suitable sun protection</li> <li>Event arrangements usually allow marshals to take breaks during the meeting</li> <li>drinking water will be provided to marshals and track staff by organisers in hot weather</li> </ul>				
<b>Food Hygiene</b>	Persons at the event may become unwell due to food poisoning from food vendors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catering suppliers will be licensed and have a minimum 3* food hygiene rating in accordance with the national Food Standards Agency requirements</li> </ul>				
<b>Contractors &amp; Suppliers Unfamiliar with the Site</b>	Contractors may suffer injuries or ill health if they are unfamiliar with the hazards on site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most contractors will have been to the site before and are familiar with layout, significant risks of the event, how to control those risks etc.</li> <li>All contractors with on-track access will have signed on, been briefed by and remain under the supervision of the Clerk of the Course</li> </ul>				
<b>Use of Medical Response Vehicles (Off-Road)</b>	Medical personnel may suffer serious injuries from accidents involving medical response vehicles, quad bikes etc. when driven over potentially hazardous off road terrain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical personnel are trained and experienced in driving emergency vehicles off-road</li> <li>Drivers of medical response quad bikes will wear protective clothing including a crash helmet</li> </ul>	Clerk of the Course to ensure Medical staff using quad bikes are suitably experienced and wearing correct protective equipment			
<b>Mud on Roads Adjacent to the Event</b>	Motorists and others may be injured from road traffic accidents caused by slippery road conditions as a result of mud being carried onto the highway from an event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warning signage will be used to inform passing motorists of mud hazard on the road</li> <li>road sweeping will be arranged if required</li> </ul>	Clerk of the Course / Environmental Officer to monitor road conditions and implement controls if required			
<b>Event Communication</b>	Event management and control may be seriously compromised by ineffective systems of communication between Executive Officials and Medical Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisers use handheld radios to enable immediate and ongoing communication between Executive Officials and Medical Personnel during the event</li> </ul>				

### Guidance Notes:

Please be aware that as part of managing the health and safety of your event you must control the risks. To do this you need to think about what might cause harm to people and decide whether you are taking reasonable steps to prevent that harm. The hazards listed within this assessment are not meant to be exhaustive and you should add any further items as you consider necessary.

A risk assessment is not about creating huge amounts of paperwork, but rather about identifying sensible measures to control the risks at your event. You are probably already taking necessary steps, but your risk assessment will help you decide whether you have covered all you need to.

A risk assessment should be carried out by a competent person such as the Clerk of the Course for each event that you are organising. The arrangements within this risk assessment should be carried out in conjunction with any specific recommendations made within the Track Inspectors Risk Assessment. In all cases ACU MX events are to be organised in accordance with the current ACU Handbook and Requirements for Track Safety at Speed Events booklet.

**If you are in any doubt then please contact the ACU Motocross Office (01788 566404)**