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To whom it may concern

Motorcycle Organised Events During Covid-19

As the recognised National Governing Body for Motorcycle Sport in Great Britain (less Northern Ireland), I write on behalf of the Auto-Cycle Union Ltd to explain what organised sporting events we run and how these operate in compliance with Government guidelines and our National Sporting Code.

Each event organiser produces a Covid-19 Risk Assessment and any related guidance, demonstrating its mitigations, how they plan to operate including responsibility for overseeing compliance, and any adaptations required. All events must comply with our relevant national governing body sporting regulations, safeguarding policies and procedures. Once we have reviewed these documents, we then issue a Permit to the organising club to run their event in a secure Covid-19 environment.

All permitted events are covered by a range of insurance policies which include Public Liability, Personal Accident to Officials, Personal Accident to Competitors (Premier Cover Only), and Road Traffic Act Liability if required.

In addition to the locally appointed licenced event officials the ACU also reserves the right to appoint an independent Steward to some events to ensure that the Sporting Regulations, Safeguarding policies and procedures, and Covid-19 restrictions are being correctly applied and followed.

We have several off-road disciplines that are all different:

Trials Event

This is not a race but a competition where balance and test of throttle control is required. The aim in a trial is to ride through indicated natural "sections" which may be up hills, across banks, in streams, over rocks without putting your feet to the ground or stopping in the case of 'no stop' events.

Motocross events take place on purpose built off-road tracks with jumps and corners. Motocross races generally last between 10 and 30 minutes, depending on the level of the event

Enduro is best described as similar to a car rally on motorcycles but over mostly rough terrain. Enduro riding takes several forms with the original format being time card enduros and then more recently Hare and Hounds/Cross Country versions of the sport and also Extreme enduros and Sprint enduros.

Track

The two most popular forms of Track Racing are Grasstrack and Speedway. Grasstrack is a form of motorcycle racing which typically takes place on a flat oval track (two straights and two bends)

All disciplines have events that vary in status from beginners through to professional. Some events accept youth classes which have their own specific rules and criteria.

We also permit Road Racing, run on the closed circuits around the country and the ACU are responsible for organising the TT races run annually in the Isle of Man.

Yours faithfully

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The ACU is the internationally recognized National Governing Body for motorcycle sport in the British Isles (less Northern Ireland). Formed in 1903, the ACU has a long tradition in the world of motorcycle sport being a founder member of the World Governing Body, the Fédération Internationale Motocyclisme (FIM). The ACU has a major role in furthering the interests of motorcycle sport on a global basis. Domestically, the ACU provides for all forms of motorcycle sport ranging from Road Racing to all disciplines of Off Road activity and has successfully organized world class events such as MotoGP, World Superbikes, the Isle of Man TT Races, the Motocross of Nations and Trials Des Nations. The ACU aims to ensure that all people irrespective of their age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation, have a genuine and equal opportunity to participate in motorcycle sport at levels in all roles. The ACU fully supports youth activity in all disciplines and through the ACU Academy, some of our young riders go on to become British, European and World Champions in their chosen sport.

