



# Competition Licence Notes - 2020

## Off Road Disciplines

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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](http://www.ride-acu.uk) - see page 4.

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 applying for FIM International licences you must complete the appropriate International Licence/Medical Form. This form can be downloaded from the ACU website: [acu.org.uk](http://acu.org.uk)

### 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 or join the Club online. 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.acu.org.uk) under *Medical Matters*.

# Motocross and Beachcross

	Maximum Engine Capacity	Maximum Wheel Size	Age
Youth MX E4	Electric		4 - 6 years
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 - 14 years
Youth MX 125 Only	125 2 stroke only	19 inch rear, 21 inch front	13 - 17 years
Youth MX 125/250f - Open	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 British Youth 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.

## 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.

# Trials

Adult Trials Registration	Applicants must be at least 16
Youth A Registration	Born Between 01.01.03 and 31.12.04
Youth B Registration	Born Between 01.01.05 and 31.12.08
Youth C Registration	Born Between 01.01.08 and 31.12.10
Youth D Registration	Born Between 01.01.11 and 31.12.14
Youth E Registration	Minimum age 4

## 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 N.B Option to compete as an adult from age 15 or to continue as a youth
Adult Quad	Applicants must be at least 15 years of age
Youth Hare & Hounds / Cross Country / Extreme Enduro / Sprint Enduro*	Applicants must be at least 12 years of age
Junior Support Class in Hare & Hounds / Cross Country events	Age 8 - 12 years

## 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 also require 6 signatures).

Where there is only one heat of Solo or Sidecars, these events will not qualify towards an upgrade.

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.

### **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

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

**Thank you for taking the time to read these notes and helping us to process your licence with the minimum of delay.**

Whether you are a first-time applicant or an ACU Licence holder you can apply on our online system [ride-acu.uk](http://ride-acu.uk) or from our website by clicking  on the Ride ACU tile.



**Once you are on our Members Portal you will see the following options:**

1. **Login** - This is for members who have already fully registered with us through our online system this will require your Member/Licence number and your password that you have previously set up.
2. **New Member Application** - Requires you to set up as a first-time applicant with the ACU.
3. **Not Registered?** - If you hold or have held a Licence/Registration but not registered your details online before.

### Members Login

In your members area you can update certain personal details, unsubscribe from emails, apply for ACU Licences and enter certain ACU affiliated Club Events.

**Please note** – if you not resident within the area of jurisdiction of the ACU (being British Isles, excluding Ireland), the ACU Licence Department will have to set up a record for you. Email [licence@acu.org.uk](mailto:licence@acu.org.uk), with your full name, date of birth & address. Scottish Riders will also have to email the ACU.

### Login

Enter your ACU Member / Licence No

Enter your password

[Forgotten Password?](#)

[LOGIN SECURELY >](#)

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### 2 New Member Application

If you have never had a licence or entered an event online.

[APPLY NOW >](#)

### 3 Not Registered?

If you have previously had a licence or entered an event online you will already have an account and need to register for it.

You will need your ACU Member / Licence number to proceed.

[REGISTER NOW >](#)

*Members Login page*

When you have access to the Members Portal, you can manage your personal information, licences, and club membership details:

**My Profile:** Enables you to change/update certain personal information and decide which marketing information you wish to receive.

**Club Membership:** Apply to renew your current membership or join further clubs.

**My Licences:** This is for new or existing applicants that have not had a licence or have not held one for a few years.

**Event Entry:** Enables you to see the list of events available and apply.

When renewing or applying for a Licence/Registration you are required to be a member of an ACU affiliated club and provide us with a nine-character affiliation code. Your club will give you the affiliation code, once you have joined that club.

The appropriate payment will be processed using the Sage Pay Secure Payment system using a debit or credit card.

Please note that where Medical Report, Eye Sight Report, Parental Agreement, Photograph, Proof of Age is required, the Licence will not be issued until the information is received by the ACU Licence Department. They are contactable on 01788 566417, Monday to Friday 9am till 4.30pm and via email: [licence@acu.org.uk](mailto:licence@acu.org.uk)

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