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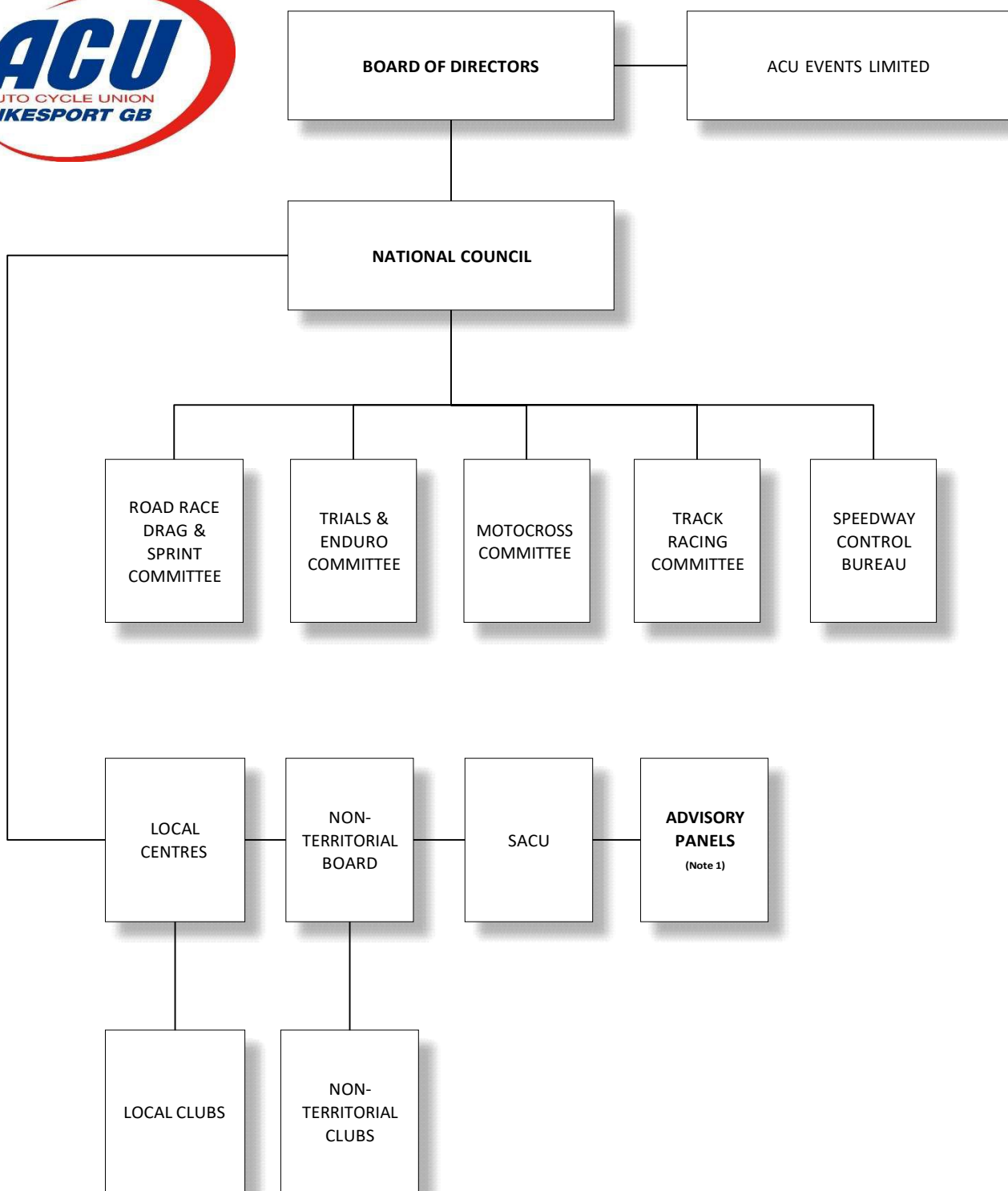
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## TIMEKEEPERS & TIMING EQUIPMENT

### AUTHORITY

The ACU appoints all grades of timekeeper. Persons operating timing equipment to an accuracy of greater than 1 second must be licensed.

### DUTIES

Each timekeeper is responsible for the authenticity of the times taken and the results issued, substantiated by having the correct licence for the grade of event and by using the appropriate correct identifiable equipment for the type and grade of the event.

Timekeepers are categorised as follows:

**FIM Timekeepers.** Who may take charge of the timing of any event as licensed by the FIM.

They are particularly appointed to take charge of the timing at events counting towards a world championship or FIM title and at world record attempts.

**Group 1 Timekeepers.** Chief timekeeper for national or international meetings.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GROUP 1 TIMEKEEPER

In order to achieve the grade of group 1 timekeeper, the applicant must have served at and taken charge of at least ten events over two consecutive seasons under the supervision of senior timekeepers. At least two of those events will be subject to the appraisal of an approved mentor, at one venue known to the applicant and one nominated venue.

Individually, all grade 1 timekeepers may be subject to appraisal and interview by at least one senior timekeeper nominated by the ACU.

Appointments to international grade remain the sole responsibility of the ACU.

In exceptional circumstances the timescales quoted above may be altered after reference to the respective organisers, chief timekeepers and/or the ACU.

The ACU reserves the right to amend and change the grades of all timekeepers.

The applicant will be appraised in accordance with the following criteria:

### PLANNING

The timekeeper will demonstrate an ability to plan the equipment requirement for the event. He/she will ensure that the needs of the organisers are met as follows:

- The timing equipment selected for the event is appropriate and matches the requirements of the organisers.
- The timing equipment selected has the correct and valid certificate of accuracy.
- The beams, cabling and associated equipment are compatible with the timers.
- The results equipment is appropriate for the service required, and if electronically linked to the timing equipment, the two are compatible.
- The backup equipment is appropriate for the event.
- The timer and associated equipment is checked for readiness for use.

### PLANNING THE PERSONNEL

- The licence grades and competencies of the personnel are appropriate for the event.
- The number of personnel is adequate for the event.
- All personnel are informed of their duties in adequate time.
- Transport arrangements, accommodation and arrival times are clear and appropriate.

The timekeeper will be able to identify risks in the planning and deal with any contingencies.

### ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

- The range of duties needed for the event is identified
- All timing service personnel sign the ACU disclaimer.
- Duties are allocated according to the competencies of individuals.
- Duties and requirements are explained and understood by all team members.
- Appropriate lines of communication between the timing team and the organisers are identified, agreed and established.
- Prior to and throughout the event risks are identified and dealt with efficiently and effectively.
- All team members are treated in a courteous manner.
- Identify risks in the above and deal with any contingencies.

### COMMUNICATION WITH OFFICIALS, COMPETITORS, COORDINATORS AND OTHER RELEVANT PERSONS

- The roles, responsibilities and identities of the officials and other event personnel are understood by the timing team.
- All persons are dealt with in a courteous and polite manner.
- All requests for information or services required from the team are assigned to the appropriate personnel to answer or provide.
- Such requests are dealt with in a clear and concise manner without undue delay.
- Identify risks in the above and deal with any contingencies.

### IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TIMING PERSONNEL NEEDS

- The competencies and abilities of the timekeepers are identified.
- Appropriate training programmes are identified to match individual requirements.

**Group 2 Timekeepers.** Take charge of events up to club level.

**Group 3 Timekeepers.** Assistant to the chief timekeeper at events.

**Group 4 Timekeepers.** Trainee, they are encouraged to assist more senior timekeepers.

**Race Recorders.** Assist the timekeeper by recording the number of laps and finishing order including retirements of competitors at a race event. The differing type of events licensed by the ACU means that the organising club must identify an event's timing needs, with the chief timekeeper.

### TIMEKEEPER'S EXPENSES

Expenses are subject to agreement between the organising club and the chief timekeeper prior to the event.

### TIMEKEEPING SUB PANEL

Chairman - Mr M. Corfe

Mr. R. Humphrey

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Mr S. Taylor

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### TIMEKEEPING EQUIPMENT TESTERS

Certification of equipment may be carried out by the following. A fee will be charged, for details please contact those listed direct:

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### FIM TIMEKEEPERS

For a list of current FIM timekeepers please contact the ACU head office on 01788 566405.

## TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

### TECHNICAL OFFICIAL GRADING

1. International Technical Steward
2. Senior Technical Official
3. Technical Official

Also: **Technical Assistant(S)** acts in a supportive capacity to the technical team. May be appointed by the senior technical official

For the duration of an event, at any level of competition. Working under strict supervision.

### TECHNICAL OFFICIAL

Authorised by the permit issuing authority to form part of a technical control team,

Applicants should have knowledge of motorcycle engineering practice, be familiar with the technical rules in the current ACU handbook and the national sporting code and have attended a suitable training seminar. They may officiate at any discipline. They may take charge of a closed to club or restricted meeting at disciplines for which they are trained, other than road racing related events. They must attend a training course every 3 years, which may be held on a regional basis. Minimum age 18 years.

### UPGRADING TO SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICIAL

The applicant must be able to demonstrate a need to upgrade (i.e., will be taking charge of a meeting within the following 12 months). The applicant should have assisted at a minimum of ten meetings in two years and attended A national technical official's seminar as a technical official at ACU house, rugby.

Questions on relevant ACU and FIM rules will be asked. Reference to handbooks will be permitted. An application for upgrading must be supported by the applicant's service record

And recommendations as to suitability from two senior technical officials. Due account will be taken of any discipline specialisation.

The technical panel will consider fast track upgrade to senior technical official status for candidates who are chartered engineers or have equal experience.

### SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICIAL

Authorised by the permit issuing authority to Take charge of the technical control team at events of national status and below, may also assist at higher status and take charge at lower status events. They are able to officiate at all disciplines or at disciplines as licensed. Persons holding this licence must attend a training course/seminar at ACU house, rugby every 3 years.

This is the minimum qualification required to take charge at a road race related event.

### UPGRADING TO INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL STEWARD (FIM)

The applicant must have attended technical steward seminars, passed the FIM examination and have attained a three year qualification.

Must be an authorised ACU measurer and sound inspector, and have demonstrated an ability to organise and control the technical control team as an effective manager, be able to report fully to an international jury or Clerk of the course and have an above average knowledge of general and technical regulations and of motorcycle engineering practice.

Must have been recommended by the clerk of the course at ten national meetings while acting as senior technical official and by the international technical steward at five International meetings while acting as deputy to the chief technical official.

### INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL STEWARD (FIM)

May take charge of the technical control team at all international events and may also take charge or be a team

member at any status event. They are by definition capable of officiating at all disciplines and at all levels.

Applications for renewal or upgrading

Shall be made to the secretary of the ACU technical panel by 1st October each year. Applications must be accompanied by a recent passport photograph and the applicants service record. Downgrading or withholding of a technical official's licence may occur due to adverse reports, lack of technical duties in any

One season or non-attendances at a national technical officials seminar within the last 3 years. All regrading will be at the absolute discretion of the technical panel.

### SOUND LEVEL TESTING

Sound inspectors are licensed by the ACU.

### SOUND INSPECTORS

Will be considered "judges of fact" with regard to sound level test results and will report to the clerk of the course accordingly. Clerks of the course should take all necessary action on being notified of excessive noise by a sound inspector.