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Competition Licence Notes - 2021

Road Race, Scooter Road Race, Parade, Drag, Sprint & Hillclimb, Supermoto, Pocket Bike

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 person 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. Licence fees are non-refundable.

Duplicate ACU licences can be obtained on request at a cost of £5. Duplicate FIM licences can be obtained through the ACU at the appropriate fee.

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

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.

If you are applying for licences of other disciplines, please specify in the white box 'Other Licences Required'.

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 5.

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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, 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. A 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*.

Section 7 – Road Race Course & Assessment – First time applicants and Lapsed Licence* holders

This section must be completed and stamped by the organising Club when you have satisfactorily completed the Competitor Training Course and Basic Rider Assessment.

Road Race

First-time Applicants

All first-time Road Race licence applicants are required to complete a classroom based Competitor Training Course (CTC). Riders and sidecar drivers must also satisfactorily complete an ACU Basic Rider Assessment before a Competition Licence can be issued.

The Competitor Training Course is classroom-based and designed to familiarise applicants with the basic safety and organisational requirements to participate in Road Racing.

The ACU Basic Rider Assessment is a practical on track assessment of a rider's basic ability to ride and control a motorcycle in a competition/racetrack environment.

For details of dates and venues for the Competitor Training Course and the ACU Basic Rider Assessment please contact the ACU Road Race Department or check the ACU website.

Novice / Intermediate Novice

Entry level for all first time applicants. An Intermediate Novice licence will be issued to riders who hold a current Full Category "A" DVLA Licence. Novice and Intermediate Novice Licence holders are required to wear an Orange Vest obtainable from the ACU Licence Department.

Upgrading to Clubman

Novice/Intermediate Novice licence holders who have obtained satisfactory signatures on their record card for a minimum of 10 separate Race Days at 3 different circuits during the current year and preceding 2 years may apply to upgrade to Clubman. To obtain a satisfactory signature, competitors must appear in the official race results as a finisher of a race in accordance with Article 12.3.3 of the Road Race Standing Regulations. The competitor record card together with copies of the official result sheets for the signatures should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department. Only one signature per race day.

Upgrading to National

Clubman licence holders who have obtained upgrade signatures for a minimum of 10 separate Race Days at 3 different circuits during the current year and preceding 2 years may apply to be upgraded to a National Licence. To obtain an upgrade signature, riders must appear in the official race results as a finisher and have an average race speed greater than 92.5% of their respective CLASS winner. The competitor record card together with copies of the official result sheets for the signatures should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department. Only one signature per race day.

Upgrading to International

National riders and passengers who have held their National licence for at least 12 months and who have competed at a minimum of 6 meetings in the previous 12 months may apply for an International licence. The competitor record card & copies of result sheets should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department. Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

Parade

First time applicants for an ACU Road Race Parade Licence must hold a current Full Class "A" DVLA motorcycle licence or must satisfactorily complete an ACU Road Race Competitor Training Course and Basic Rider Assessment. A licence facilitating participation in **non-competitive** parades, riders who are 70 years of age and over require a Medical Report.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders who have allowed their licence to lapse for five years or more (missed 5 or more seasons racing). Novice/Intermediate Novice riders will be required to complete the Competitor Training Course and the Basic Rider Assessment before resuming competition at Novice level. Clubman and above riders will be required to complete the Competitor Training Course before resuming racing at Clubman level.

Capacity and Licence Restrictions

Solo Machines

Age	Licence	Machine
11 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter
12 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter Up to 80cc GP specification machine (treaded tyres) Up to 125cc Production based machine Up to 250cc single cylinder 4 stroke Production machines (restricted) Kawasaki Ninja 300, (restricted to maximum 28bhp) restricted to BMCRC meetings only
13 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter Up to 80cc GP specification machine Up to 125cc Production based machine Up to 305cc single or twin cylinder 4 stroke Production machines (restricted) Up to 390cc single cylinder 4 stroke production machine (restricted) Aprilia RRV450-R (Restricted) Kawasaki Ninja 400, (restricted to maximum 37hp)
13 years	National	Up to 125cc GP specification machine Up to 250cc 4-stroke single machine (unrestricted)
14 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to 125cc GP specification machine Up to 250cc 4-stroke single or twin cylinder machine (unrestricted)
14 years	National	Up to Formula 400 specification or 450cc Production based machine Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine Up to 650cc twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine

15 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to Formula 400 specification or 450cc Production based machine Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine Up to 650cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine
16 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to Formula 400 specification or 450cc Production based machine Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine Up to 650cc twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine
16 years	National	Any classic or Vintage machine up to 650cc Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine Up to 675cc 3 cylinder 4 stroke Production based machine Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine
17 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Any classic or Vintage machine up to 650cc Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine Up to 675cc 3 cylinder 4 stroke Production based machine Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine
17 years	National	Unlimited capacity machine
18 years & over	Novice	Any classic or Vintage machine up to 650cc Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine Up to 675cc 3 cylinder 4 stroke Production based machine Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine
18 years & over	Int-Novice* Clubman or National	Unlimited capacity machine

**Intermediate Novice Licence holder with "A" validation for riders holding a Full Category "A" DVLA Licence*

Sidecar and Three-wheeler Machines

Driver	Licence	Machine
17 years	Novice or Clubman or National	F1, F2, F600,F350, Classic, Vintage, Morgan Three Wheeler Unlimited 4-stroke or 2-stroke machine
Passenger		
16 years	Novice or Clubman or National	F1, F2, F600, F350, Classic, Vintage, Morgan Three Wheeler Unlimited 4-stroke or 2-stroke machine
Parade		
14 years	Riders who are 70 years of age and over require a Medical Report	

Note: Sidecar passengers must hold a valid passenger licence.

Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

Scooter Road Race

First-time Applicants Licence

All first-time Road Race licence applicants are required to complete a classroom based Competitor Training Course (CTC). Riders and sidecar drivers must also satisfactorily complete an ACU Basic Rider Assessment before a Competition Licence can be issued.

The Competitor Training Course is classroom-based and designed to familiarise applicants with the basic safety and organisational requirements to participate in Road Racing.

The ACU Basic Rider Assessment is a practical on track assessment of a riders basic ability to ride and control a motorcycle in a competition/racetrack environment.

For details of dates and venues for the Competitor Training Course and the ACU Basic Rider Assessment please contact the ACU Road Race Department or check the ACU website.

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time Scooter Road Race applicants.

Upgrading to National

Clubman licence holders must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed satisfactorily at 10 separate race days at 3 different venues during the current year and preceding 2 years. The competitor record card together with copies of the official results sheets for the signatures should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department.

Only one signature per day of competition is permitted.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders who have allowed their licence to lapse for five years or more (missed 5 or more seasons racing) will be required to complete the Competitor Training Course before resuming competition at Clubman level.

Capacity and Licence Restrictions

11 years	Clubman Licence	Up to 125cc Production automatic scooter
12 years	Clubman Licence	Up to 125cc Production based scooter
14 years	National Licence	Unrestricted scooter
15 years	Clubman Licence	Unrestricted scooter

Drag

Clubman is the entry level for all first-time applicants.

Class	Engine Restrictions	Min Age	Max Age	Min ET
Junior Bike	50cc automatic or 125cc 4 Stroke	8	11*	12.90
Junior Mod Bike	125cc 2 Stroke or 250cc 4 Stroke	11	17*	8.90
Junior Pro Bike	250cc 2 Stroke or 500cc 4 Stroke	14	17*	7.90

Junior Classes: Capacity, Age and Weight Restrictions apply.

Category 1 – Clubman Licence

8.50

9.50

ET Bike

Super Twin Top Gas (STG)

Super Twin RET Bracket (SET)

Clubman Licence holders can compete on a Category 1 machine once they have completed the following requirements to the satisfaction of an ACU Clerk of the Course.

- Be conversant with the start & race procedure
- Perform a tyre burnout and start correctly
- Complete a satisfactory Launch
- Make a half pass (1/8 mile) under power to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Course
- Make a full run (1/4 mile) representative of the performance expected within the category.

All tasks must be made as single runs during qualifying sessions at an ACU recognised Drag Race meeting or under the control of an ACU Licensed National or International Drag Race Clerk of the Course at RWYB meetings.

The Clerk of the Course may request the rider to repeat tasks until they are satisfied a satisfactorily safe standard has been achieved, which may take more than one race meeting and is at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

The 1/4 mile pass will count towards qualifying at an ACU recognised event.

Category 2 – Riders 18 yrs of age and over – National Licence

Clubman Licence holders are not eligible to compete on Category 2 machines. They are permitted to ride a category 2 machine to complete the tasks required to upgrade to a National licence as detailed below.

Super Twin Top Fuel (STF)

Super Street Bike

Competition Bike

Pro Stock Bike

Funny Bike

Top Fuel Bike

Upgrading to National (competitors must be 18 years of age or over)

Clubman Licence holders who have completed the following tasks to the satisfaction of an ACU National or International Clerk of the Course and whose record card has been endorsed by the Clerk of the Course for each task completed may apply to upgrade to National.

- Be conversant with the start & race procedure
- Perform a tyre burnout and start correctly
- Complete a satisfactory Launch
- Make a half pass (1/8 mile) under power to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Course
- Make a full run (1/4 mile) representative of the performance expected within the category.

All tasks must be made as single runs during qualifying sessions at an ACU recognised Drag Race meeting or under the control of an ACU Licensed National or International Drag Race Clerk of the Course at RWYB meetings.

The Clerk of the Course may request the rider to repeat tasks until they are satisfied a safe standard has been achieved, which may take more than one race meeting and is at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

National Licence holders are eligible to compete on Category 1 or Category 2 machines.

International

National Licence holders who have held their National Licence for 12 months may apply for an International Licence.

A medical examination is required.

Lapsed Licences

Clubman or National Licence holders who have allowed their Licences to lapse for five years or more (missed 5 or more seasons racing) will be re-issued with a Clubman Licence and will be required to complete the criteria set out above to retain the Clubman Licence or upgrade to the National Licence.

Sprint and Hillclimb

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time applicants and for competitors not holding a Road Race Licence of any grade.

Capacity and Licence Restrictions

Min Age	Licence Grade	Capacity of Machine
8 yrs	Clubman	50cc Automatic Machine
11 yrs	Clubman	up to 125cc Production Scooter Automatic
12 yrs	Clubman	up to 125cc Production Machines up to 250cc Single Cylinder, 4 Stroke Production Based Machine (restricted)
13 yrs	National	up to 125cc GP Machine up to 250cc Single Cylinder, 4 Stroke Machine (unrestricted)
14 yrs	Clubman	up to 125cc GP Machine up to 350cc Single Cylinder, 4 Stroke Production Based Machine (unrestricted)
15 yrs	National	up to 500cc twin Cylinder, 4 Stroke Production Based Machine
16 yrs and over		No restrictions

Junior riders 16 years of age and under must satisfy the Clerk of the Course for the meeting that they can ride and control the machine they have entered to ride.

Junior riders are restricted to ¼ mile Sprint.

Upgrading to National

Clubman riders and passengers must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed satisfactorily in 10 separate race days during the current year and preceding 3 years a Clubman Competitor may apply to be upgraded to a National licence.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders who have competed at 5 race days may apply for an International Licence. A medical examination is required.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders of all grades who have allowed their licence to lapse for more than 5 years will be re-issued with a Clubman licence.

Supermoto

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time applicants

Capacity and Licence Restrictions

Min Age	Licence Grade	Capacity of Machine
11 yrs	Clubman & National	up to 125cc two stroke or 250 cc four stroke machines
14 yrs	Clubman & National	up to 250cc two strokes and 450cc four stroke machines
16 yrs	Clubman & National	up to 750cc four stroke machines

Upgrading to National

Clubman licence holder must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed in and finished in 10 races at 10 separate race days at 3 different venues during the current year and preceding 3 years Clubman Competitors may apply to be upgraded to a National licence.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders who have held their National licence for 12 months and who have competed at a minimum of 3 meetings in the previous 12 months may apply for an International licence. A medical examination is required.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders of all grades who have allowed their licence to lapse for more than 5 years will be re-issued with a Clubman licence.

Pocket Bike

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time applicants and for competitors not holding a Road Race licence of any grade. Minimum age 6 yrs


Upgrading to National

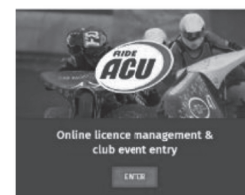
Clubman licence holders must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of competing in 10 Pocket Bike race days at a minimum of 3 different venues. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of competing in 10 National Pocket Bike meetings at a minimum of 3 different venues.

Capacity, Age and Weight Restrictions apply, please contact the Road Race Department for details.

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



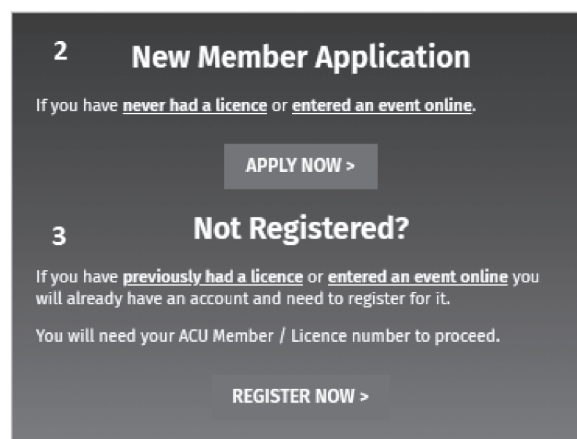
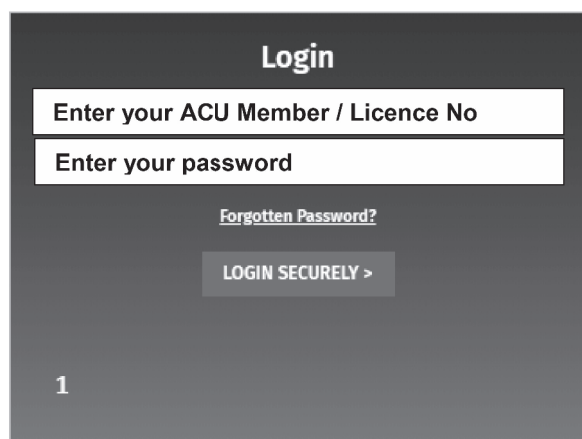
Once you are on our Members Portal you will see the following options:

- 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, with your full name, date of birth & address. Scottish Riders will also have to email the ACU.



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

For details of how the ACU handles your personal data, please view on our [Privacy Policy](#) on the ACU website.