



**CHAMPIONSHIP
REGULATIONS
& CONDITIONS
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2023 ACU TRIAL GB CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS.

The ACU has established the ACU Trial GB Championship, the ACU Trial 2 Championship, the ACU Trial 125 Championships (Adult & Youth) and the ACU Trial Expert Championship. Each event will be organised according to the National Sporting Code, these Championship Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations issued for each event.

The events will be held in accordance with the ACU Trial Standing Regulations varied by the definition of Failure under Method of Marking:

TRIAL GB METHOD OF MARKING Failure:

- a) The machine moves backwards whilst the rider is footing.
- b) The rider does not complete the Section within a 1.5 minute time allowance.
- c) The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when he foots whilst stationary.
- d) The engine stops whilst any part of the machine, apart from the tyres, touches the ground or the rider is footing.
- e) The rider dismounts from the machine. Dismount will be deemed to have occurred when both of the rider's feet are on the ground at the same side of, or behind the machine.
- f) A machine does not stay within the intended limits of the section as defined by the Observer.
- g) If any wheel of the machine crosses any boundary tape or goes over or on the wrong side of a marker, whether the wheel be on the ground or airborne, before the front wheel spindle passes the "Section ends" sign.
- h) The rider is held responsible for displacing any marker or support in an observed section, regardless of colour, whereby the observer considers it necessary to reinstate the flag/marker prior to the passage of the next rider.
- i) The machine or rider receives outside assistance.
- j) A rider or person having an interest in a rider's performance, who in any way alters the severity of a section without the authority of an official.

A rider will be permitted to cross his own tracks in a section either in a forward or reverse direction.

1. **QUALIFYING MEETINGS.** The list of events may be found at the back of this booklet and in the ACU Fixture List and each event shall include: -
Signing On or Self Administrative controls, The Trial and Podium Prize Presentation.
If a two-day event, each day shall be classed as separate round with awards and points for each day.
2. **ELIGIBILITY.** All riders must hold an ACU/SACU Trial Registration Card / Licence. Riders from other Federations must be in possession of a release paper/start permission from their Federation and proof of Insurance.
Trial GB Class: Riders wishing to compete in the Trial GB Class must register with, and be accepted by, the ACU Trials and Enduro Committee.
ACU Trial 2 Class: Riders wishing to compete in the Trial GB Class must comply with the following. Open to riders who have not finished in the top 3 places of the ACU Trial GB / Championship Class in the last 3 years.
ACU Trial 125 Class: This Class is split into two Groups, Adult and Youth, riding a machine of maximum capacity 125cc. Youth riders must be a minimum of 14 years of age and must register with, and be accepted by, the ACU Trials and Enduro Committee.
ACU Trial Expert Class: Open to adult riders but excluding riders who contested Championship (Trial GB) class in previous 3 years or were classified in the first 6 places in the ACU Trial 2 Class of the previous year.
ACU Trial Electric Class: Open to all adult riders riding a recognised Electric machine. Please note this class will only be at specific rounds. Please see fixture list for details..

3. **ENTRIES.** The entry for each event shall be made up of entered riders in the priority as follows;

- ACU TRIAL GB
- ACU Trial 2
- ACU Trial 125
- ACU Trial Expert
- ACU Trial Electric (where applicable)

ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 80 RIDERS PLUS RESERVES.

Spaces will be reserved for point scorers from the previous rounds for the first seven days of entries opening.

A rider should remain in his chosen class throughout the whole series. However, subject to approval of the Trials & Enduro Committee, a rider may upgrade to the ACU Trial GB or Trial 2 Class from a lower class in 2022. If he then feels this class is unsuitable BEFORE round three, he may revert to a lower class and still score points in the remaining rounds. He will NOT carry any points gained in the first two rounds with him, but the points gained will remain. After the entries have closed for round three he will only be permitted to ride as a Guest Rider in the lower class, on a No Points / No Award basis.

Any entry once accepted by the organiser, except for a Guest Rider, is eligible for awards and Championship Points.

4. **ASSISTANTS - Trial GB & Trial 2 Class Only.** Each Trial GB & Trial 2 class rider may register one Assistant who must be at least 18 years of age and the holder of a current ACU/SACU registration or Licence. All Assistants must comply with the Government rules on isolation after returning from a restricted foreign country. Names of Assistants must be provided to each organising Club upon request. There will be no Assistant in any other class.

(A) The Assistant may be on a motorcycle and pay an entry fee of £15 -or-

(B) The Assistant may walk the course WITHOUT a motorcycle and pay a fee of £5.

This must be declared at the point of entry. Both options will qualify for a green bib.

In either A or B above, the Assistant must

- Wear a helmet and appropriate clothing whilst riding a motorcycle or is adjacent to the Section Enclosure.
- Wear the bib provided which will be numbered to coincide with the rider's number.
- Only Assist the Rider for who he is entered to assist
- Travel the course in the direction indicated for the rider except where deviations may be indicated for Assistants.

The Assistants may enter the boundary when his rider is the next to attempt the section, having gained approval from the Chief Observer. If an Assistant touches any part of the machine or driver whilst in the section this will incur a five mark penalty.

5. **ENTRY FEE.** The entry fee shall be £42.50 per day. The entry fee for an ACU Trial GB Assistant shall be £15. The Fee for a "Walking Assistant" in Trial GB or Trial 2 Class will be £5

6. **RIDERS NUMBERS.** All riders **must remove the front light** so that they can attach a supplied number board.

Riders who finished in the top 10 positions of the Championship in 2022 will be allocated permanent number corresponding to that position. The remainder of the Trial GB Class and Pre-Registered T2Class will receive permanent Riding Numbers. These riders may produce their own front number board providing it is to the exact specification as laid down in a document available from the ACU Secretariat. All other riders must use the Number Board supplied without modification in any way. Any rider deemed responsible for defacing or altering a number board is liable to a fine of £20.

The Class leader in each class will use a board with a red background to signify his position.

7. **MARKING.** An electronic type of marking system will be used whereby a rider will carry a wristband chip on his right arm. Immediately upon completion of each section the rider must "touch" his wrist upon the device held with the second Observer at the end of each section. At the completion of each lap it is the riders responsibility to "touch" his wrist with the Results Manager's device adjacent to the Podium Area. In the event of a Covid restricted event, the rider will NOT carry a wristband and the Observer will record the score on his device in the normal way, without contact being necessary.

8. **COURSE.** The Course will consist of 3 laps of 12 sections. . Riders (and Assistants) must always adhere to the marked course. The route between sections will be arrowed with numbers stating the next section. Where double arrows are placed riders and assistants must pass between them.
9. **SECTIONS.** Each Section shall be independent of other sections and consist of natural terrain. No sections using man made items are allowed. The Sections shall be bounded with tape and flags/markers used to identify the three routes. There shall be one route for the ACU Trial GB Class, and alternative routes marked in different colours for the ACU Trial 2 class and ACU Trial Expert / ACU Trial 125 / Trial Electric classes.
All routes should be separately marked for the entire length of the section. Whilst waiting to ride a section, riders should queue in a straight line and NOT side by side.
10. **PRACTICE.** There will be a designated Warm Up Area which opens at 9am. Riders must go directly to and from this area and not ride in any other place. This area will remain open until the last rider starts lap two.

11. **STARTING ORDER.**

Each rider shall draw his starting order by ballot as follows:

First Round:

ACU Trial GB Class riders.	(single ballot for all riders)	– Group A
ACU Trial 2 Class	(single ballot for all riders)	– Group C
ACU Trial 125 Class	(single ballot for all riders)	– Group D
ACU Trial Expert Class	(single ballot for all riders)	– Group F
ACU Trial Electric Class	(single ballot for all riders)	- Group G

Starting Order will be Group F followed by G, D, C and finally Group A.

Subsequent Rounds:

ACU Trial GB Class. Previous round winner to go last, second next to last and so on)

Riders who miss a previous round will go first. If more than one, a ballot for these riders ONLY will take place.

ACU Trial 2 Class in the first 6 position in the current Classification. – Group B

All other Trial 2 Class riders. – Group C

ACU Trial 125 Class (single ballot for all riders) – Group D

ACU Trial Expert Class riders in the first 8 positions of the current Classification. – Group E

All other ACU Trial Expert Class riders – Group F

ACU Trial Electric Class (single ballot for all riders) - Group G

Starting Order will be Group F followed by G, E, D, C, B and finally Group A.

The Ballot will take place by 8pm on the Tuesday of event week. This will be done in class order and available to be viewed on various platforms.. For two day events, the second ballot will take place on the Saturday evening.

12. **RIDERS BRIEFING.** There will not be a riders briefing. A notice indicating all information will be posted adjacent to the starting ramp.
13. **STARTING INTERVALS.** Starting shall be at intervals of 1.5 minutes. There will be a five minute break between the ACU Trial 125 / ACU Trial 2 / ACU Trial GB classes only.
14. **CUT OUT DEVICE:** All machines must be fitted with an operational lanyard cut out device so as to stop the engine/ motor should the rider and the machine be parted. The lanyard from the cut-out device must be securely fitted to the rider and be of a length not greater that 1 metre when fully extended. **Riding in a section without the cut-out device operational will attract the penalty of a “failure” i.e. 5 marks.**

15. **STARTING TIME.** The Trial shall start at 09:30am.
16. **TIME ALLOWANCE.**
Based on an entry of up to 70 riders, the individual time allowance shall be **2h.30** minutes for the first lap and **5h.30 m** minutes total time for the Trial. Each riders individual start time will be his base time for penalties to be issued as in TSR16. There will be NO break required between laps one and two For events with between 61 & 65 riders there will be an extra 5 minutes added to the first lap allowance. For events with between 66 & 70 riders there will be an extra 10 minutes added to the first lap allowance. The First Lap and Final Time Control will be located immediately after the final section. The rider is obliged to go directly from the Final Time Control to the finish area.
17. **YELLOW CARD.** Each Chief Observer will carry a Yellow Card. If a rider (or riders Assistant in the case of the ACU Trial GB class) disputes a decision or argues with an Observer, he shall be shown a yellow card. In a Covid Restricted event, all riders and Assistants must stay at least two metres away from each and every Observer. Failure to comply will be immediate disqualification. A five-mark penalty automatically accompanies a yellow card. If it becomes known to the Clerk of the Course that an Assistant has caused more than one yellow card to be shown in an event, he will remove the bib from the Assistant and he will be reported to the Trials & Enduro Committee for possible further sanction.
18. **WHISTLE INSTRUCTIONS.** Each Observer will be issued with a whistle. The whistle should be used to inform a rider if he/she has failed the section. It may also be used to inform the rider that he must immediately vacate the Section. A rider who disobeys this may be issued with a Yellow Card.
19. **SCORE DISPLAY.** Upon downloading his marks from his wristband to the Results Manager, a riders score will be shown on a large screen at the start area
20. **AWARDS.** Awards for each individual day's Trial shall be awarded to the first three placed riders in the ACU Trial GB, ACU Trial 2, ACU Trial 125, ACU Trial Expert / Trial Electric Classes. The classification leader of each Class will be given an Award known as the Point S Red Plate, Awards including the classification leader will only be presented to Classes with more 3 or more competitors.
All riders who are eligible must attend the Podium Ceremony. Failure to do so may result in a £50 fine A fine will only be waived if it can be shown that there was a genuine reason for non-attendance e.g. medical or in the case of the Prize Presentation commencing later than 30 minutes after the results were published. The right to waive this fine rests solely with the Trials & Enduro Committee.
21. **CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS.** Championship points will be awarded to riders in each Championship Class for each days event on the following scale: -
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| 1 st | - 20 points | 2 nd | - 17 points | 3 rd | - 15 points |
| 4 th | - 13 points | 5 th | - 11 points | 6 th | - 10 points |
| 7 th | - 9 points | 8 th | - 8 points | 9 th | - 7 points |
| 10 th | - 6 points | 11 th | - 5 points | 12 th | - 4 points |
| 13 th | - 3 points | 14 th | - 2 points | 15 th | - 1 point |
- An additional Championship Point will be awarded in each Class to the rider making the best lap performance during the event. In the event of more than one rider achieving the best lap in any class, the point will be awarded to each rider.
- IT should be noted that for the Trial GB Class ONLY, each rider will drop his worst round result. A non starter or retirement will count as a worst result.**
- In addition, the highest championship points scorer from each of the ACU Trial GB, ACU Trial 2, ACU Expert and ACU Trial 125 Classes from each of the recognised machine brands in the series will also have their

points transferred to the ACU Trial GB Manufacturers Championship. At the end of the season the brand with the highest number of points scored will be declared the ACU Trial GB Manufacturers Champion.

NB : The best lap points will NOT count towards the Manufacturers Championship.

Ties – To be resolved in accordance with TSR23

22. **PROTESTS.** Protests must be made within 10 minutes of the published results (time announced on screen)
23. **FINAL ASSESSMENT.** Championship points will be awarded to competitors of any Nationality.
24. **JURISDICTION ON GRANTING A PERMIT TO 'PROMOTE' THE TRIALS AND ENDURO COMMITTEE DOES NOT ABROGATE ITS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES AND MAY IN ITS ABSOLUTE DISCRETION, WITHHOLD POINTS FOR ALL OR PART OF A 'ROUND' INTRODUCING A REPLACEMENT EVENT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE T & E COMMITTEE.**
25. In the event of a shortened series for any reason, at least three rounds must be completed and results sanctioned for a Championship to be complete and Champions crowned. Furthermore, the ACU Trial & Enduro Committee reserve the right to withdraw an individual class (or classes for any reason). If less than eight rounds all will count in all classes.
26. It is not permitted for any rider to practise or ride on any part of the course within 21 days prior to a championship event. The only exception to this is if any event, or open practise day, both ACU permitted – is open to all ACU members and no restrictions on entries are made. No wheeled machines, including bicycles, should be allowed onto the course, except, Riders, signed on Assistants, signed on Importers or Officials. Pedal cycles will only be permitted on parts of the course at specific events with a longer lap. Full details will appear in the Supplementary Regulations.

TIMETABLE TALON ACU TRIAL GB 2023.

2pm Previous Day	Course Inspection Opens.
8am – 9am	Signing On /Number collection point open.
8.45am	Observers Briefing / Demonstration.
9am	Warm Up Area opens.
9.30am	First Rider Starts Lap One 2h.30m. (Total Time for whole event will be 5h 30m)
10.55am	Last Rider Starts – based on 60 riders. (With 5 minute spaces between classes)
4.15pm	Last Rider Finishes – based on 60 riders
4.20pm	Podium Presentation – based on 60 riders

2023 TALON ACU TRIAL GB CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS.

THESE CONDITIONS ARE COMPULSORY AND MUST BE ADHERED TO. THEY MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TSR'S AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS WHICH APPEAR IN THIS BOOK.

IF COVID RESTRICTIONS APPLY, ALL ACU AND GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS MUST BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

ADMINISTRATION.

The Championship will be known as the Talon ACU Trial GB who will be the Title Sponsor. The series will also be supported by other Sponsors.

1. Championship Sponsorship. The Title sponsor (Talon) will be referred to as the Title Sponsor. Their name together with the names of any Championship Supporters must appear on all official documents (Supplementary Regulations, Final Instructions, Programme, Results, etc). A Talon Advert should always appear on the outside back cover of the programme. A full page space is reserved for the Wulfsport on the inside back cover
2. Only approved artwork and design of the Championship logo may be used in all documentation.
3. There will be Permit fee for each round of the of the Championship. A Permit will be issued upon receipt of these charges and the finally approved Supplementary Regulations. The Permit Fee for 2023 will be £250.
4. The artwork, available as a pdf from the ACU Secretariat, must be used in all documentation.
5. The ACU appointed Series Manager, in liaison with the Organiser, will make a site visit to each venue at least one month prior to each scheduled event. This may not apply to Organisers who have run at the same venue the previous year. It is suggested that main Club officials are present at this meeting, but VITAL that the Clerk of the Course is present. A minimum of two hours should be set aside for this visit which is designed to help all parties understand various aspects of the event.
6. The visit above is designed to eliminate any last minute decisions and to enable a site plan to be agreed at the time which will show the following;- Start Area; Position of ACU Supplied Gazebo; Position of Podium Vehicle; Position of Start Ramp; Position of Notice Board; Location of Sections; Spectator access route to sections if applicable; Rider and Assistants route between sections.
7. The ACU will provide up to two Pre Event Press Releases for local Newspapers which will contain information about the event, the fact that world class riders will be riding and a layman's description of what the event is about coupled with spectator information.
8. On the weekend of the event, the Series Manager will arrive at the earliest opportunity to be agreed with the Clerk of the Course – preferably by Friday, 10am for a Sunday event – to work with the organising Club in final pre-event preparation.

The ACU shall provide the following for each event:

A Series Manager who will supply

- A supply of 5 rolls of marking tape will be given to the organiser at the Site Visit. This should be erected on posts, the correct way up and where possible not “twisted” and be taut.
- Directional road signs to the venue;
- An Event Notice Board where all official communications must be posted
- A Start Ramp.
- A Sponsors Arch which will be erected in consultation with the Clerk of the Course
- A Podium Vehicle with a localised Public Address System
- A Gazebo for the Starting order Screen.
- Series sponsors banners which will be erected by the ACU team
- A radio communication system which will consist of one each for the Clerk of the Course, Assistant Clerk of the Course, Medics.

Results Co-Ordinator and Series Manager.

- Riders Number Boards It is the Secretaries responsibility to ensure that ALL the Number Boards are collected at the end of the event.
 - Bibs for Assistants (In Trial GB & Trial 2 Class only)
 - Presentation Plates for the series leaders at the end of the event
 - Large TV Screen for display of starting times
 - Yellow card for each Observer
 - Whistle for each Observer
 - Section timing Clocks with audible system for one minute allowance
 - Synchronised Time Clocks for the Club appointed timekeeper.
 - Prepare a Start List with all riders start times for the Club appointed Timekeeper.
 - All other Observer equipment
7. If Covid restrictions apply, the Club will calculate the Results in a safe environment after the Trial. The Results should be made available by 7pm on the evening of the Trial and be distributed electronically.
 8. The Organiser must provide a Timekeeper who will receive a Start List from the Series Manager. The Timekeeper must record any rider who does not start at their appointed time. A second Timekeeper must then be positioned at the end of Section 12 to record the riders time as instructed by the Series Manager.
 9. Organisers should give consideration for parking areas for approx. 70 riders vehicles, twenty observers vehicles plus adequate spectator parking. One official should be appointed to manage the parking from 7.30am on the day of the event.
 10. A minimum admission charge of £5 per adult (Maximum £10, Children under 15 free) is for all spectators. This revenue to be kept by the club or if deemed suitable, passed to a local charity.
 - 11 The Organising Club should produce an event programme containing details of riders, timetable, and a site and course layout. Only the cover supplied by the ACU in jpeg should be used. If requested, by prior agreement, the ACU can produce 150 full copies to the organiser at a nett cost to be agreed.
 - 12 Organisers must provide adequate toilet facilities and a food outlet at the start area. Positions to be agreed at site visit, ensuring social distancing measures are adhered to.
 - 13 An area must be prepared for UK Trial Machine Importers to erect their display tents. The area required is 60metres x 10metres to allow a van to stand behind each tent. Only machines will be displayed from these vehicles and no retail sales..

- 14 An area must be set aside for any Trade Stands appointed by the Organising Club. It should be noted that this facility may NOT be available at all rounds and is subject to individual organisers decision to allow this.
- 15 A space for banners from the ACU, Talon, Wulfsport , and any other sponsors to be displayed in an agreed area.
- 16 The riding numbers shall be allocated as per the Riders List issued by the ACU Trial GB Committee. The current Championship standings are available on the ACU Web-Site.
- 17 Riders Number Boards together with chipped wristbands will be provided by the ACU for the Secretary to distribute at signing on. ACU Licences will not be required as a deposit.
- 18 The ACU will provide and conduct the Podium Ceremony at each round. This will take place at approx. 4pm – 4.15pm for all Classes .

COURSE AND SECTIONS

- 19 There shall be 3 routes through each section. Sections must be planned and marked as follows.

For the main ACU Trial GB route, the Clerk of the Course should aim to set out 6 hard sections and six medium grade sections which must be of suitable length and severity to reflect the skill set of the riders in this class. Assistants will be allowed in the ACU Trial GB & Trial 2 Classes ONLY. For the secondary ACU Trial 2 route, the sections could be similar to the above of which up to six maybe the same as the Trial GB sections. (Consideration must be given that not all TRial2 Riders have an Assistant) For the ACU Trial Expert route an attempt to arrange that there are 4 Sections of a reasonably difficult level, 4 Sections of a moderate level and 4 Sections of an easier level. It should be noted that the ACU Trial Expert route should be designed with Centre Level Experts in mind.

After the passage of the first rider on the first lap, a Section cannot be altered until the lap has been completed. The section may be abandoned for the entire entry, for the entire lap. The Clerk of the Course may consult with the Series Manager and any Stewards present at the event, but the final decision on any modifications on safety grounds rests with the Clerk of the Course.

The route between the sections must be clearly marked with the direction markers supplied by the ACU. These must carry the number of the next section on them. A double arrow must be placed where riders have to pass through them. Where a deviation for Assistants is necessary this must be clearly marked.

There will be an Observers Briefing at 8.45 on the morning of the event. The Clerk of the Course should encourage all Observers to be on site by 8.15am. A clear description of the ACU Trial GB marking system will be fully explained. The Series Manager, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Course will conduct the briefing. Observers will be asked to be strict, consistent and fair in their decisions. Full support will be given to an Observer once he or she has made their decision. All Observers equipment will be placed in a clearly numbered.

- 20 Unless there are exceptional circumstances there will not be a Riders Briefing. Full details of course layout, marking etc will be displayed on a notice which each rider will pass on his way to the starting ramp.
- 21 At each section it is required to have a minimum of two officials present, the Chief Observer (who will be in charge), and a person to record on the tablet who must accept the Chief Observers decision only.
- 22 Each rider in every class will have a maximum of one minute thirty seconds to traverse the complete section. The Chief Observer (or his/her Assistant) will start the clock when the rider enters the section. The Clock will be pre set to make an audible warning when one minute has elapsed and if the rider is still within the section a short sharp blast on the whistle will signal a failure and the rider concerned MUST be

awarded a five mark penalty for that section. Only the official clock should be used and any input from a Rider or Assistant discarded.

- 23 Each Chief Observer will carry a Yellow Card. If a rider (or an Assistant in the case of the ACU Trial GB class) disputes a decision or argues with either an Observer he shall be shown a yellow card. A five mark penalty automatically accompanies a yellow card. Following the issuing of a Yellow Card the Observer must inform the C of C at the earliest opportunity. If it becomes known to the Clerk of the Course that an Assistant has caused more than one yellow card to be shown in an event, he will remove the bib from the Assistant and he will be reported to the Trials & Enduro Committee for possible further sanction.
- 24 The boundaries of a section must be clearly marked. The whole length of the section should be taped on both sides from start to finish..
- 25 Medical Services. It is recommended that a Paramedic or as a minimum at least two qualified First Aid persons be present at each event. Please refer to TSR31.
This can be discussed with the Series Manager when the site visit takes place.
- 26 The Presentation of the Awards for the ACU Trial GB only should take place immediately after the declaration of the Provisional Results. This ceremony will be conducted by the Series Manager in conjunction with Club Officials.
- 27 The top three riders in this class, plus the current leader of the class must be available for this presentation.
- 28 It is not permitted for any rider to practise or ride on any part of the course within 21 days prior to a championship event. The only exception to this is if any event, or official practise day ACU permitted – is open to all ACU members and no restrictions on entries are made.
- 29 If any riders score is amended by the Observer after the rider has left the section, the C of the C must inform both the rider concerned and the Results Manager in writing.

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