

## **ACU TRIALGB CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS 2025**

The ACU TrialGB series, including each individual event, will be organised according to the National Sporting Code, these Championship Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations issued for every trial. The ACU TrialGB series consists of the national championship for the following classes:

- TrialGB
- TrialGB Women
- Trial2
- Trial2 Women
- Trial Expert
- Trial Youth A
- Trial Youth A Girls
- Trial Youth B

These Championship Regulations could be subject to change at any point during the year.

### **1. Championship events and timetable**

Event timetable:

12pm previous day	Sections open to course inspection
5pm-5.30pm	Rider/Clerk of the Course section consultation window
7.30am-9am event day	Signing on/number collection
8am	Observers briefing
8.10am-8.30am	Rider/Clerk of the Course section consultation window
8.15am	Practice area opens for rider warm-up
8.30am	First rider starts (based on 120 entries)
11.30am	Last rider away in TrialGB
5pm	Estimated podium time and awards ceremony

1.1 For rider feedback following a course inspection which can be done from 12pm the day before the trial up to the start of the event, this can only be given to the Clerk of the Course and event team during the specific time windows given above, not before or after. These discussions will be held at the start/finish area.

### **2. Eligibility**

- 2.1 All riders must hold an ACU/SACU Trial Registration Card/Licence.
- 2.2 Riders from other Federations must be in possession of release/start permission from their Federation and proof of insurance.
- 2.3 TrialGB Women: open to riders who have previously finished in the top 10 of the FIM TrialGP Women's championship or finished in the top three places of the FIM Trial2 Women's category.
- 2.4 Riders wishing to compete in Trial2 must comply with the following: open to riders who have not finished in the top three places of the TrialGB class in the last two years; or
- 2.5 Open to riders who have previously competed in any Trial2 event in the past two years; or
- 2.6 Open to riders who have finished in the top five of the Trial Expert championship in the previous year; and
- 2.7 Open to the top three places of the Youth A championship in the previous year.
- 2.8 Trial2 Women: Open to all female adult riders but excluding those who finished in the top three of the Women's main British Championship in the past two years.

- 2.9 Trial Expert: Open to all adult riders but excluding those who contested the TrialGB class in the previous two years, or, who were classified in the top six places overall in the Trial2 championship of the previous year. Should a rider not meet these criteria but still wishes to compete in Trial Expert, it would be on a non-award basis.
- 2.10 Youth: Riders wishing to compete in any Youth category must satisfy the ages stated in the ACU Handbook.
- 2.11 All youth riders must compete with a 125cc machine.
- 2.12 Subject to approval from the ACU TrialGB Sporting Manager, a youth rider having finished in the top three places overall from the previous season has the option to move up a class early and score championship points in the higher elected class, regardless of age.
- 2.13 There will be no specific electric category or championship class for electric bikes.
- 2.14 For all classes, a minimum of three riders are required to constitute a championship and overall series winner.

### **3. Behaviour and disputes**

It is expected that every competitor demonstrates appropriate conduct before, during and after each TrialGB event. Riders and guardians/parents will be responsible for their own behaviour, along with that of their assistant, supporters, followers, family and friends. To ensure that the TrialGB series and all participants exhibit the highest standards of good sporting conduct, the following will apply:

- 3.1 A yellow card will be given to each Chief Observer and the Clerk of the Course and if given to a rider, it will carry an automatic five-mark penalty to be added to the rider's overall score.
- 3.2 A yellow card may also be given by any of the TrialGB event staff and the Secretary of the Meeting.
- 3.3 Should two yellow cards be issued to the same rider in the same event, then the rider will be excluded from the event by the Clerk of the Course, with the incidents reported to the ACU Trials Commission.
- 3.4 A yellow card will be given if: a rider, or the rider's assistant, parent, friends or followers, disputes and/or argues a decision, or is abusive to an official; or
- 3.5 A rider is heard swearing or using inappropriate language at any point during the event weekend, before, during or after the trial, whether on or off the bike and irrespective as to whether it is in a negative or positive context (i.e. the latter referring to comments made in jest)
- 3.6 In addition, the TrialGB series management and/or the ACU Trials Commission will take firm action against any rider, which could include disqualification from the TrialGB series, for the inappropriate use of social media channels whereby negative comments are made regarding a TrialGB event or directed towards any of the organising club and their volunteers or directed towards a fellow competitor.
- 3.7 The rules 3.5 and 3.6 also applies to a rider's assistant, sponsor, supporter, family or friend, with the rider, or parent/guardian, taking full responsibility for the actions of these third parties and any of their inappropriate use of social media. The TrialGB series management, along with the ACU Trials Commission, seek to adopt a zero-tolerance approach.

### **4. The 21-day rule**

- 4.1 It is not permitted for any practice or the riding of any motorcycle by a series competitor at a TrialGB venue within 21 days prior to the championship event.
- 4.2 This does not preclude clubs or promoters holding practice days within the 21-day window for non-TrialGB entrants.
- 4.3 If a rider competing in the TrialGB series is caught practicing or riding a motorcycle within the 21-day period ahead of a TrialGB event, they will be disqualified from the championship.

## **5. Entries**

- 5.1 The entry fee shall be £120 per championship weekend, including both Saturday and Sunday trials. This entry fee also includes the cost of a minder/assistant.
- 5.2 If a rider wishes to compete without a minder/assistant, the entry fee will be £100 per championship weekend, including both Saturday and Sunday trials.
- 5.3 A minder/assistant can be entered on the day given advanced notice has been given to the Secretary of the Meeting. The fee would be £10 for each day of competition.
- 5.4 A 15% discounted entry fee covering the entire championship of all four weekends, representing eight individual trials, will be offered via the ACU Sport80 system with a closing deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.
- 5.5 The discounted entry fee covering the TrialGB series will be £408 including an assistant, or £340 without an assistant. If for any reason, a rider is unable to attend and compete at one of the event weekends, or an event is cancelled, a pro rata refund will be given only if the Secretary of the Meeting has received and acknowledged the request of entry withdrawal no later than two weeks before the trial.
- 5.6 There will be a maximum entry of 130 riders per event weekend, with priority given to all point scoring riders from the 2024 national championships for the first TrialGB weekend of 2025, or entering before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for the season.
- 5.7 Thereafter, point scoring riders from the first TrialGB weekend in 2025 will take priority at each subsequent event.
- 5.8 A rider should remain in his/her chosen class throughout the whole series.
- 5.9 However, subject to approval from the ACU TrialGB Sporting Manager, a rider may downgrade or upgrade before the third point scoring trial, being allowed to then score points in the remaining rounds but cannot carry any points gained in the first two trials. The points gained will remain.
- 5.10 After the entries have closed for the third point scoring trial, a rider can only downgrade/upgrade for the remaining events of the series on a no points/no award basis.
- 5.11 All riders must attach the supplied number board to the front of the bike.
- 5.12 Riders who finished in the top 10 overall of the TrialGB championship classes in 2024, or the Ladies British Championship 2024 which forms the new TrialGB Women's class in 2025, will be allocated a permanent number corresponding to their position from the 2024 series.

## **6. Assistants/minders**

- 6.1 Assistants will be allowed for all classes.
- 6.2 Each rider may enter one assistant who must be 18 years of age or over.
- 6.3 The assistant must wear a helmet and appropriate clothing.
- 6.4 The assistant must wear the bib provided which will be numbered to coincide with the rider's number.
- 6.5 The assistant can only assist the rider for who he/she is entered to assist.
- 6.6 Having gained approval from the Chief Observer, the assistant may enter the boundary of the section when his/her rider is the next to attempt it.
- 6.7 If an assistant touches any part of the machine or rider whilst in the section, this will incur a five-mark penalty.
- 6.8 With approval of the organising club, assistants may support their rider on a motorcycle or electric bike, following the designated marked route and respecting any parking areas set out by the Clerk of the Course for minders.
- 6.9 If the organising club does not permit the use of motorcycles or electric bikes for assistants, they must support their rider on foot. This will be confirmed in the Final Instructions.

## **7. Course and time allowance**

- 7.1 The course for each point scoring day will consist of 2 laps of 12 sections.
- 7.2 There will be a first lap time allowance of 2 hours and 50 minutes, followed by 30 minutes break before starting the second lap.
- 7.3 The time allowance for the second lap can be up to 2 hours, determined by the hosting club.
- 7.4 In the event of queuing, the rider on his first lap can take priority over riders on their second lap, to allow TrialGB competitors to bypass a queue when they return to their bike. This is only acceptable if a rider asks to bypass the queue in a polite and respectful manner.
- 7.5 The time control for completing each lap should be at the end of the last section, unless this is in very close proximity to the start/finish area.
- 7.6 Each section shall be independent of other sections and consist mainly of natural terrain.
- 7.7 The sections shall be set out with tape and coloured arrowed gates for each category.
- 7.8 There will be four marked routes, with coloured arrowed gates as follows:
  - TrialGB – red
  - TrialGB Women - green
  - Trial2 – blue
  - Trial2 Women – yellow
  - Trial Expert – green -
  - Trial Youth A – green
  - Trial Youth A Girls – yellow
  - Trial Youth B – yellow
- 7.9 A rider cannot pass through any other colour gates except for their own category. As an example, if there were no yellow gates, riders on this route would need to pass through the section without entering red, blue and green markers. This is to avoid the excessive use of coloured gates in each section.
- 7.10 Discretion will be given to the Clerk of Course to offer deviations on selected sections. This would only apply to the TrialGB Women, Trial2 Women and Youth A Girls classes, with clear notification given before the event and appropriate signage on those selected sections.

## **8. Starting order/ballot**

- 8.1 For the first event and in class order, a ballot will be held in the week leading up to the trial to determine the start times.
- 8.2 All ballots made in the lead up to an event will be published no later than the Thursday prior to the event weekend.
- 8.3 Following the first point scoring day, the starting times will be in reverse order of the day one results.
- 8.4 For the second championship weekend, the starting order in each class will be in reverse order of championship positions, with a ballot deciding the starting order of all non-point scoring entrants.
- 8.5 The last rider of the TrialGB class will start at 11.30am.
- 8.6 The remaining riders will start in a descending order from 11.30am in 1.5 minute intervals with no break between the starting of each group.
- 8.7 For each event, the starting order of groups will be as follows:

- Trial Youth B
- Trial Youth A Girls
- Trial2 Women
- Trial Youth A
- Trial Expert
- TrialGB Women
- Trial2
- TrialGB

## **9. Method of marking**

The events will be held in accordance with the ACU Trial Standing Regulations, varied by the definition of 'failure' under method of marking, as follows:

- 9.1 The machine moves backwards whilst the rider is footing, engine running or not.
- 9.2 The rider does not complete the section within a 1.5 minute time allowance.
- 9.3 The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when he/she foots whilst stationary.
- 9.4 Stalling an engine will not result in any marks given, but penalty points applied for footing as normal, so long as the machine does not go backwards while footing (9.1).
- 9.5 The rider dismounts from the machine. Dismount will be deemed to have occurred when both rider's feet are on the ground at the same side of, or behind the machine.
- 9.6 A machine does not stay within the intended limits of the section.
- 9.7 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.
- 9.8 If the front spindle passes through a different set of class category gates than the intended route of the rider, or the rider reverses and the rear wheel spindle passes a different set of class category gates.
- 9.9 All machines must be fitted with an operational cut out device to stop the engine/motor should the rider and machine be parted. The lanyard from the cut-out device must be securely fitted to the rider and be of a length not greater than one metre when fully extended. Riding in a section without the cut-out device operational will attract the penalty of a failure.
- 9.10 The rider is held responsible for displacing or riding over any marker or support in an observed section, regardless of colour, whereby the observer considers it necessary or not to reinstate the flag/marker before the next rider.
- 9.11 The machine or rider receives outside assistance.
- 9.12 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.
- 9.13 A rider crossing his/her own track.
- 9.14 Each observer will be issued with a whistle used to indicate a rider's failure. The rider should immediately vacate the section. A rider who disobeys may be issued a yellow card.

## 10. Championship points

- 10.1 Awards for every trial will be given to the first three places in each class.
- 10.2 All podium finishers must attend the presentation.
- 10.3 Ties will be decided by TSR 23.
- 10.4 Protests must be made within 10 minutes of the provisional results.
- 10.5 Championship points will be awarded to competitors of any nationality.
- 10.6 In the event of a shortened series for any reason, at least 50% of the championship must be completed to establish final series results and positions.
- 10.7 Each individual day of competition is point scoring with all days counting towards the championship with no rounds dropped.

Championship points will be awarded to the top 15 in every class for each day event as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	20 points	9 <sup>th</sup>	7 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	17 points	10 <sup>th</sup>	6 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 points	11 <sup>th</sup>	5 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	13 points	12 <sup>th</sup>	4 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	11 points	13 <sup>th</sup>	3 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	10 points	14 <sup>th</sup>	2 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	9 points	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 point
8 <sup>th</sup>	8 points		

The series management reserve the right to change hosting clubs, venues or dates during the season, should the need arise. Any updates will be communicated through the ACU TrialGB series website.