

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

The ACU TrialGB Youth 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 Youth series consists of the national championship for the following categories:

- TrialGBY Aspire
- Trial2Y Foundation - big wheel
- Trial3Y Foundation - medium wheel
- Trial4Y Debutant - small wheel

Each category will include separate classes for girls and boys respectively i.e. Aspire Girls, Aspire Boys and so on. The ACU TrialGB Youth Championship may include two-day events. Each individual day of competition will be point scoring for the Championship.

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

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

Event timetable:

2pm previous day	Sections open to course inspection
8am-9am event day	Signing on/number collection
8.15am	Observers briefing
8.45am	Practice area opens for rider warm-up
9am	First rider starts (based on 120 entries)
11am	Last rider away
5.15pm	Estimated podium time and awards ceremony

### **2. Eligibility**

The eligibility criteria apply to girls' and boys' classes for each category.

- 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 TrialGBY Aspire: Open to C class licence holders with an engine capacity restriction of up to 85cc for combustion bikes and 7bhp for electric bikes. This is also open to B class licence holders with an engine capacity restriction of up to 125cc for combustion bikes and 10bhp for electric bikes.
- 2.4 Trial2Y Foundation: Open to C class and B class licence holders with an engine capacity restriction of up to 85cc for combustion bikes and 7bhp for electric bikes, and up to big wheel size bikes.
- 2.5 Trial3Y Foundation: Open to D class and C class licence holders with an engine capacity restriction of up to 85cc for combustion bikes and 7bhp for electric bikes, and up to medium wheel size bikes.
- 2.6 Trial4Y Debutant: Open to E class licence holders for electric bikes and D class licence holders for combustion engine with a 20"/small wheel size restriction.
- 2.7 There will be no specific electric category or championship class for electric bikes.

- 2.8 For all classes, a minimum of three riders are required to constitute a championship and overall series winner.
- 2.9 Subject to approval from the ACU Trials Commission, 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.

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

It is expected that every competitor demonstrates appropriate conduct before, during and after each TrialGB Youth 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 Youth 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 Youth 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, guardian, 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 Youth series management and/or the ACU Trials Commission will take firm action against any rider, which could include disqualification from the TrialGB Youth series, for the inappropriate use of social media channels whereby negative comments are made regarding a TrialGB Youth 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, guardian, 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 Youth series management, along with the ACU Trials Commission, seek to adopt a zero-tolerance approach.

### **4. Entries**

- 4.1 The entry fee shall be £65 per championship weekend, including both Saturday and Sunday trials, or £35 for single day events. The entry fee will include the cost of a minder/assistant.
- 4.2 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 Youth weekend of 2025.
- 4.3 Thereafter, point scoring riders from the first TrialGB Youth weekend in 2025 will take priority at each subsequent event.
- 4.4 A rider should remain in his/her chosen class throughout the whole series.
- 4.5 However, subject to approval from the ACU Trials Commission, 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.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 All riders must attach the supplied number board to the front of the bike.

## **5. Assistants/minders**

- 5.1 Assistants will be allowed for all classes.
- 5.2 Each rider may sign on one assistant who must be 18 years of age or over.
- 5.3 The assistant must wear the identification provided by the organising club and will not be allowed to ride a motorcycle or electric trials bike at any point during the event.
- 5.4 The assistant can only assist the rider for who he/she is entered to assist.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 If an assistant touches any part of the machine or rider whilst in the section, this will incur a five-mark penalty.

## **6. Course and time allowance**

- 6.1 The course will consist of 3 laps of at least ten sections, up to a maximum of 12.
- 6.2 There will be a time allowance of 5 hours and 30 minutes with discretion to the Clerk of the Course of allowing up to 6 hours, to be confirmed, along with the number of sections, in the Final Instructions.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Each section shall be independent of other sections and consist mainly of natural terrain.
- 6.5 The sections shall be set out with tape and coloured gates for each category.
- 6.6 There will be four marked routes, with arrowed gates as follows:
  - TrialGBY - red
  - Trial2Y – blue
  - Trial3Y – green
  - Trial4Y – yellow
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 Each route should consist of a third split between easy, medium and hard sections.
- 6.9 TrialGBY is intended for those riders aspiring to develop their technical skills and seeking more challenging hazards, whilst also having the opportunity to adapt to the larger 125cc machine. It is to bridge the gap between the traditional youth B and C class levels.
- 6.10 Trial2Y is to help riders with more than two years' experience develop their foundation skills on the bigger wheel bike, with the section severity akin to novice club level.
- 6.11 Trial3Y is a foundation level for those riders with one or two years' trials experience moving onto a combustion engine and/or a medium wheel bike, with the sections reflecting a mixture of club beginner and novice level.
- 6.12 Trial4Y is for entry level riders who may be new to the sport with minimal experience.
- 6.13 A Section Advisor will be appointed for each event, to ensure that each hosting club adheres to the regulations and importantly seeks to achieve consistency towards the severity of the course across all classes.
- 6.14 Discretion will be given to the Clerk of Course to offer deviations on selected sections. This would only apply to the girls' categories for TrialGBY Aspire, Trial2Y and Trial3Y Foundation, with clear notification given before the event and appropriate signage on those selected sections.

## **7. Starting order/ballot**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 All ballots made in the lead up to an event will be published no later than the Thursday prior to the event weekend.
- 7.3 For any two-day events hosted by the same club on one land, the starting times for the second day will be in reverse order of the day one results.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 The last rider of the TrialGBY Aspire Girls class will start at 11am.
- 7.6 The remaining riders will start in a descending order from 11am in one minute intervals with no break between the starting of each group.
- 7.7 For each event, the starting order of groups will be as follows:

- Trial4Y Debutant Boys
- Trial4Y Debutant Girls
- Trial3Y Foundation Boys
- Trial3Y Foundation Girls
- Trial2Y Foundation Boys
- Trial2Y Foundation Girls
- TrialGBY Aspire Boys
- TrialGBY Aspire Girls

## **8. 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:

- 8.1 The machine moves backwards whilst the rider is footing.
- 8.2 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 (8.1).
- 8.3 The rider does not complete the section within one minute time allowance.
- 8.4 The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when he/she foots whilst stationary.
- 8.5 The engine stops whilst any part of the machine, apart from the tyres, touches the ground or when the rider is footing. This is not applicable to electric bikes.
- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 A machine does not stay within the intended limits of the section.
- 8.8 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.
- 8.9 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.
- 8.10 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.

- 8.11 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.
- 8.12 The machine or rider receives outside assistance.
- 8.13 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.
- 8.14 A rider crossing his/her own track.
- 8.15 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.

## **9. Championship points**

- 9.1 Awards for every trial will be given to the first three places in each class, girls and boys respectively.
- 9.2 All podium finishers must attend the presentation.
- 9.3 Ties will be decided by TSR 23.
- 9.4 Protests must be made within 10 minutes of the provisional results.
- 9.5 Championship points will be awarded to competitors of any nationality.
- 9.6 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.
- 9.7 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 ACU Trials Commission 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.