



Auto-Cycle Union Ltd

Auto-Cycle Union Ltd Governing Body Endorsement Requirements 2015 – Motorcycle Sport

Background

This document sets out the requirements for sponsors and migrants wishing to gain a governing body endorsement from the Auto-Cycle Union Ltd (ACU) in motor sport under Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and Tier 5 (Temporary Worker - Creative and Sporting) of the points based system. These requirements were agreed following consultation with motor clubs affiliated to the ACU and sponsors and are only applicable to Great Britain.

In applying these requirements the ACU will work within the Home Office code of practice for sports governing bodies. These requirements come into force from the date they are published and remain in force until such a time as they are superseded by a revised set of requirements.

This document, and other associated documentation is available from the forms section of the ACU website at www.acu.org.uk or in hard copy on request by contacting Gary Thompson, General Secretary, ACU House, Wood Street, Rugby, Warks, CV21 2YX.

Length of Season

Typically, the season runs from 1st January to 31st December.

Requirements

These requirements apply to all non EU nationals applying for an initial or subsequent endorsement. They will apply to both Tier 2 and Tier 5.

Sponsor

The sponsor will be typically, but not limited to, a Manufacturer, Team or Championship Organiser. They must be known to the ACU, and be currently trading in motor sport or the motor sport industry.

Migrant

Migrants must be able to evidence previous and appropriate motor sport competition experience, typically, but not limited to, the holding of a competition licence issued by the ACU or by a Federation Motorcycling Authority (FMN) as recognised by the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) as the World Governing Body for motorcycle sport. If appropriate, applicants must be able to satisfy current ACU licencing requirements in order to gain a motor sport competition licence at the appropriate level to compete in the UK, or be an existing FIM recognised International Grade licence holder in a country whose recognised National Federation is able to validate accuracy and correctness of the details provided.

The migrant's sponsor must be able to supply a copy of the proposed contract for scrutiny. In the case of non-competitor appointments, the scrutiny of the proposed contract, together with evidence provided to demonstrate previous and appropriate motorcycle sport competition experience in the individual's specialist field (e.g. team managers, technicians etc) is key to an application being considered for endorsement.

The migrant's sponsor is required to evidence the training, experience and skill set of the migrant in relation to the specific appointment and to provide reasonable assurance that the appointment is unlikely to dispel local labour.

Length of approval

Governing body endorsements should be issued for a period appropriate to the period of approval for sponsorship or the tier under which the migrant's application is being made, that is:

As a Sponsor – Tier 2 or Tier 5 - for 4 years

Migrant - Tier 2 (Sportsperson) - the endorsement can be issued for an initial maximum period of 3 years, with a further extension of a maximum period of 3 years. If the contract is for fewer than 3 years, it will be issued for the length of the contract.

Migrant - Tier 5 (Creative and Sporting) - the endorsement will be issued for the length of the contract or up to a maximum of twelve months, whichever is the shorter period.

Change of employment – if a migrant is intending to change team, their new club must request a new governing body endorsement. The endorsement can be issued for the length of the contract or to the maximum period permitted within the category, whichever is the shorter.

Salary

There is no typical salary, with salary and fee arrangements being subject to individual contract between the sponsor and the migrant.

Appeals Procedure

The ACU has instigated a procedure in respect of complaints made against decisions of the ACU regarding refusal to endorse immigration applications subject to Home Office regulations. Copies of this procedure are available upon request. Complaints submitted will be considered on a rolling basis.

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