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**NATIONAL SPORTING CODE**

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## FOURTH EDITION – REVISION 10: JANUARY 2011

**CHAPTER I JURISDICTION****1.01 The Auto-Cycle Union**

1. The Auto-Cycle Union Limited (ACU) is the Internationally Recognised Governing Body for the Sport of Motorcycling throughout the British Isles, excluding Ireland, for machines as defined in the Appendices to this Code.
2. In order that the control of motorcycle sport shall be exercised in a fair and equitable manner, the ACU National Council has approved these rules designated, “The National Sporting Code”, hereinafter also called “the Code” or “NSC” which are generally in conformity with the International Sporting Code of the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme.

**1.02 Application of the Code**

1. This Code supersedes the previous Third Edition of the National Sporting Code and governs the relations arising in any matter whatsoever in connection with the Sport of Motorcycling and Social Gatherings as between the ACU and/or amongst Officials, Organisers, Entrants, Riders and Passengers, Affiliated Clubs and Club Members.
2. This Code shall have no authority over competitions, officials, championships and events under the control of the MCRCB or SCB, other than in the case of the SCB for judicial functions as described in Chapter 10 and 11 of this Code.
3. Such competitions, officials, championships and events shall be organised in accordance with their respective sporting codes.

**1.03 Appendices to the Code**

1. Appendices to the Code include Insurance Regulations, Standing Regulations for each discipline as published in the current ‘ACU Handbook’ and Supplementary Regulations defining the nature of and governing technical requirements. Rules for the conduct and control of Competitions for the various disciplines of the sport of motorcycling as established, shall form part of this Code and have the same force in their application. In the event of any conflict between the National Sporting Code and its Appendices, the National Sporting Code shall prevail.

**1.04 Alterations and Amendments**

1. This Code and its Appendices may be altered from time to time. No revised rule shall be effective unless it has been approved by the National Council of the ACU and has been published.

**1.05 Interpretation of the Code**

1. In cases of dispute, the National Council of the ACU is empowered to decide the interpretation of this Code. Where any word used within this Code shall refer to gender, that word shall be deemed to relate to either sex.

**1.06 Loyal Observation of the Code**

1. No Member of the ACU or any Affiliated Club or other approved body which has formally undertaken to observe and comply with this Code and no person licensed or otherwise authorised to enter or participate in or officiate at any Competition governed by this Code shall:
  1. Assist any person or body that does not comply with and/or conform to this Code or the Rules or Code of the SCB, the MCRCB, or acts in any manner contrary thereto.
  2. Belong to, or lend his name to, or be an Officer of, any such body.
2. Dispensation from this rule may be given where a body can satisfy the ACU that its rules and

regulations are compatible with those of the ACU and that competitors, officials and spectators receive similar protection (i.e. insurance and safety) to that applicable to ACU permitted events and on condition that any other criteria laid down in Government legislation such as official notification or approval of the running of event(s) are met (see 3.06, final paragraph).

## CHAPTER 2 NOMENCLATURE AND DEFINITIONS

**2.01 1. In addition to the definitions, and abbreviations of terms appearing in this Code or its appendices, the following phraseology and abbreviations shall be adopted and their definitions shall be applicable to all Supplementary Regulations and for general use.**

### 2.02 ACU

1. The Auto-Cycle Union Limited, (ACU – British Motorcycle Sport), founded in 1903 as a branch of the Royal Automobile Club (RAC) and made independent of the RAC in 1999, consisting of Affiliated National Clubs, Affiliated Non-Territorial Clubs, and Affiliated Local Motorcycle Clubs forming Local Centres and other recognised Associations. The constitution of the ACU is laid down in ‘The Rules of the Union’.
2. Where ACU is used to indicate the governing authority, it is that authority vested in the National Council of the Auto-Cycle Union for the governance of the sport of motorcycling.

### 2.03 ACU Court

1. An ACU Court shall be a body set up for Jurisdiction or Arbitration purposes as follows.
  1. **Clerk of the Course:** To adjudicate all protests arising out of a meeting.
  2. **Steward(s) of the meeting:** To adjudicate all Appeals arising out of a meeting.
  3. **Referee:** To adjudicate all Appeals arising out of a meeting.
  4. **ACU Centre Court:** To adjudicate on any matter referred to them by the Stewards of the meeting with respect to an event for which they have issued the Permit. To adjudicate on any matter of conflict or complaint from a Club or Member of a Club under the jurisdiction of that Centre.
  5. **ACU National Court:** To adjudicate on any matter referred to them by the Stewards of the meeting with respect to an event for which the ACU Headquarters have issued the Permit. To adjudicate on any matter of conflict or complaint from a Centre, Non-Territorial Club or National Official.

### 2.04 Affiliated Club

1. Any Affiliated Local Motorcycle Club or Non-Territorial Motorcycle Club, Association, Institution or other body or section of such body connected with the sport or recreation of motorcycling which is affiliated to the ACU in accordance with the Rules of the Union in force at any one time, and consisting of members, whether paid up individuals or Honorary Members, who are entered on the Club roll and are eligible to become Members of the ACU.

### 2.05 Membership of the ACU

1. Membership of the ACU is defined as follows:
  1. **Affiliated Member:** An individual who is a fully paid up member of one or more Clubs affiliated to the ACU. Such an individual shall be eligible to take part as an Official of the ACU or Competitor in any competition organised under this National Sporting Code provided he holds a current Competition Licence/Trials Registration, and meets any other eligibility requirement specified in the National Sporting Code, its Appendices or Event Regulations. All Applications for Competition Membership are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of ACU. (See also Rules of the Union Article (B) (19))



**2. Associate Member:** An individual who is an Associate Member is not required to be a fully paid up member of any Club affiliated to the ACU. Such an individual shall be eligible to receive an ACU Handbook and to a variety of member benefits that may be made available from time to time. Associate Members are not eligible to participate as a competitor in any competition organised under this National Sporting Code unless also a Competition Member or authorised in the Supplementary Regulations of a particular competition. (e.g. National Rally). The holder of an Associate Membership having paid the annual individual registration fee direct to the ACU in accordance with the Rules of the Union in force at any one time. All Applications for Associate Membership are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the ACU. (See also Rules of the Union Article (B) (19))

## 2.06 AMRCO

1. The Association of Motor Racing Circuit Owners.

## 2.07 BSPA

1. British Speedway Promoters' Association.

## 2.08 Certified Test

1. A test of which the purpose is to obtain information as to the characteristics of a motorcycle or accessory or material used in connection with a motorcycle, and which is conducted in accordance with certain specified conditions.

## 2.09 Competition

1. Any part of meeting/event, in which one or more riders compete against each other, or against time, or attempt to fulfil certain pre-determined conditions.
2. A competitive element introduced into a Social Gathering whereby one rider competes against another shall itself constitute a competition.
3. Competitions are of either a speed or non-speed type.

## SPEED EVENTS

1. **Beachcross:** A race on or adjacent to the sea shore with some of the characteristics of motocross.
2. **Drag Race:** A race between two competitors over a flat straight course of a quarter of a mile in length.
3. **Grass Track Race:** A race on a predetermined continuous, originally grassed and generally flat surface.
4. **Hillclimb:** A race from point to point usually on a metalled and sealed surface with bends and a continuous severe gradient. Each competitor will ride individually.
5. **Motocross:** A cross country race on a closed predetermined continuous course presenting severe irregularities of surface and gradient.
6. **Pocket Bike:** A race for miniature motorcycles and miniature motorcycle sidecars with rigid frames and propelled by a petrol engine. The course will be on a metalled sealed surface and be predetermined.
7. **Road Race:** A race on a metalled and sealed surface making a continuous predetermined course which has the general characteristics of an ordinary highway.  
Also Circuit Road Race: A race on a permanent circuit the surface of which is metalled and sealed with either banked or unbanked bends and corners.
8. **Sand Race:** A race on the seashore on a predetermined continuous, generally flat sand course.
9. **Scooter Racing:** Road racing for both solo and combination scooters. Machines are from 50cc to 650cc, based either on classic geared scooters or modern automatics.

10. **Speed Record attempt:** A record is the best result obtained over a certain distance or within an imposed time limit.
11. **Speedway:** A race, or venue for a race conforming to the requirements of and licensed by the Speedway Control Bureau. No venue other than one licensed by the Speedway Control Bureau shall be described as a Speedway and no motorcycle event shall be described as Speedway unless it is held under a permit authorised by the Speedway Control Bureau.
12. **Sprint:** A race from point to point on a metalled and sealed surface, approximately level and not exceeding one mile in length, between two or more competitors or individually against time.
13. **Supercross/Arenacross:** A race, held in a stadium type facility, on a closed predetermined continuous course containing severe irregularities of surface and gradient.
14. **Supermoto:** A race on a predetermined flat or undulating course which is a mixture of natural and metalled sealed surfaces.
15. **Twisty Sprint:** A race from point to point on a metalled and sealed surface, approximately level using left and right turns and not exceeding one mile in length, between two or more competitors or individually against time.

### NON SPEED EVENTS

1. **Enduro:** A long distance event of endurance and reliability with the course predominantly of an off-road cross country nature.
2. **Hare and Hounds:** A group start event of no less than 2 hour duration held over undulating ground where the target will be to achieve a set number of laps within the time allowed.
3. **Trial:** A test of riding skill and balance over a variety of observed obstacles with riders incurring penalties for 'footing' or stopping or for failing to fulfil other conditions as may be stated in the supplementary regulations.
4. **A Gymkhana:** An event held wholly on private ground and in which no test is determined solely by the speed of the competing motorcycle, or by the skill of the rider in controlling the machine, and in which if there are timed tests there will be at least an equal number of untimed tests. No test may be timed to an accuracy of less than 5 seconds.

### 2.10 Social Gathering (Rally)

1. A Social Gathering is an event where the participants do not compete against each other but may be required to satisfy general criteria to achieve an award. A Social Gathering may include a competition as defined under 2.08.  
A Social Gathering may be:
  1. A Navigational Scatter Road Rally or Road Safety Rally taking place over various routes converging on a rallying point fixed in advance in which average speed is limited, or
  2. An activity organised with the prime objective of assembling touring motorcyclists at a point fixed in advance.

### 2.11 International Bodies

1. **FIM:** The Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme, the International Controlling Body for Motorcycle Sport.
2. **FIME:** The Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme Europe, the Body established by the FIM to control Continental Motorcycle Sport within the continent of Europe.
3. **FMN:** Fédération Motocycliste Nationale, a National Controlling Body of Motorcycle Sport recognised as such by the FIM.
4. **FMNR:** The FMN under whose jurisdiction an International event is held.

### 2.12 Local Centre

1. A grouping of ACU affiliated Local Motorcycle Clubs, having their headquarters within a

district or area designated by the ACU, which the ACU shall recognise as being the body of the ACU responsible for the local encouragement of the sport of motorcycling under this Code.

### **2.13 MCRCB**

1. The Motorcycle Circuit Racing Control Board. The body to which the control of National level motorcycle Road Racing on permanent road race circuits belonging to and under the control of AMRCO has been delegated by the ACU.

### **2.14 Meeting/Event**

1. An assembly of riders, passengers if appropriate, and officials under official control at which one or more competitions are held, or performance registered.

### **2.15 MSA**

1. The Royal Automobile Club Motor Sports Association Ltd.

### **2.16 Non-Territorial Club**

1. A Club, Association or other body or section of such body, connected with the sport and recreation of motorcycling, having objectives, activities and membership which does not restrict it to Local Centre membership and having a minimum membership as shall be determined by the ACU, and which is affiliated to the ACU, in accordance with the Rules of the Union. Where a Non-Territorial club has local sections, these sections shall affiliate to the Local Centre and will conduct their sport through the normal Centre procedures.

### **2.17 Parc Fermé**

1. An area in which no repairs or servicing is permitted, except as allowed by the Supplementary Regulations.

### **2.18 Permit**

1. An authorising document issued in accordance with Article 3.08.

### **2.19 Practice**

1. That part of an event intended to allow a rider to become familiar with the course. In certain events, performance during specified periods of practice may be used by the organisers to determine starting order or position.

### **2.20 Practice Meeting/Test Day**

1. A practice meeting/test day is a meeting which is instigated, announced and conducted by an Affiliated club and in which there is no element of competition. See also Article 3.08 (h).

### **2.21 Promotional Activity**

1. A Non-competitive activity designed solely to enable participants to experience riding motorcycles.
2. To participate in this type of activity the rider does not require to be a member of an ACU Club or to have any competition licence.

### **2.22 RAC**

1. The Royal Automobile Club.

### **2.23 Recognised Association**

1. Any organisation or body (not being an affiliated club) which shall be recognised by National

Council, having an interest in the sport of motorcycling which is not considered to be in conflict with the interests of the Auto-Cycle Union. Recognised Associations shall be entitled to:

1. Receive all annual and periodical publications.
2. Attend and speak at meetings of the Non-Territorial Board.
3. Attend seminars and other meetings by invitation, for which a fee may be charged.

#### **2.24 Recognised Promoter**

1. A Company or other body connected with the sport or recreation of motorcycling which is affiliated to the ACU in accordance with the Rules of the Union in force at any one time. A Recognised Promoter shall be entitled to:
  1. Receive all annual and periodical publications.
  2. Attend and speak at meetings of the Non-Territorial Board.
  3. Attend seminars and other meetings by invitation, for which a fee may be charged.

#### **2.25 Road**

1. A route having the general characteristics of a public highway.

#### **2.26 SACU**

1. Scottish Auto-Cycle Union.

#### **2.27 SCB**

1. The Speedway Control Bureau. The body to which the control and governance of National level motorcycle Speedway Racing on permanent Speedway Circuits belonging to and under the control of BSPA has been delegated by the ACU.

#### **2.28 Venue**

1. That geographical location where the competition takes place and upon which all ancillary activities directly connected with the competition take place but excluding any and all activities beyond the boundary of the area of land over which the organisers have control.

## **CHAPTER 3 ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS**

### **3.01 Recognition of Authority**

1. Every ACU competition shall be held under this Code. Every person, organising, officiating at, entering or participating in such a competition shall be an affiliated member of the ACU, with the exceptions as in articles 3.08 and 5.02 and shall be deemed to be acquainted with, and shall be bound by this Code with its Appendices and the Supplementary Regulations that may be applicable and to have renounced the right to have recourse to any court or tribunal otherwise than as provided for in this Code or the code of the FIM if applicable (see NSC 5.02).

### **3.02 Standing Regulations**

1. The Standing Regulations, additional to, but not contradictory to this Code shall be those as drawn up by the appropriate sport committee and shall govern the specific needs of each discipline of the Sport.

### **3.03 Supplementary Regulations**

1. For every competition there shall be drawn up Regulations, supplementary to this Code and its Appendices. These Supplementary Regulations shall not be in conflict with this Code or its Appendices and shall be approved by the authority issuing the permit for the competition (see NSC 1.03).
2. The Supplementary Regulations are to include all information relevant to the particular

competition for the information of Entrants, Riders and Passengers, and shall include a form inviting entry into the competition.

3. The Supplementary Regulations together with the Entry Form and all other official documentation shall carry the Permit Number.
4. Once approved by the Permit Issuing Authority, Supplementary Regulations cannot be amended without the further approval of the Permit Issuing Authority except as described in 3.03.5. If any change is approved, all entered competitors must be informed in writing.
5. The Stewards of a meeting may for urgent reasons of safety or necessity authorise a change to the Supplementary Regulations. Any change decided must be transmitted to all entrants and riders and shall not be subject to appeal.

#### **3.04 Announcement on Official Documents**

1. All Supplementary Regulations, Entry Forms, Official Programmes and other official communications, shall include the status of the competition, (National, Open or Restricted etc.) and shall be conspicuously marked with the words "Held under the Sporting Code of the ACU", and where applicable "the FIM" or "the FIME".

#### **3.05 Organisation of Competitions**

1. No competition shall be held, other than by the ACU Headquarters itself, without an organising permit having been granted. Any of the following may act as Organisers, and hold a competition as defined in this Code subject to the necessary approvals as defined in this Code being obtained.
  1. The ACU Headquarters
  2. A Local Centre of the ACU
  3. A Non-Territorial Club
  4. An Affiliated Local Motorcycle Club or combination of Clubs
  5. A Recognised Promoter
  6. Any other person or body approved by the National Council of the ACU in exceptional circumstances for the organisation of a specific meeting/event.

#### **3.06 Unauthorised Competitions**

1. The organisation or running of any meeting or series of meetings not conforming to the NSC, its Appendices or the Regulations, for which an ACU Permit has not been issued is not recognised by the ACU.

#### **3.07 Competitions between Automobiles and Motorcycles**

1. It is prohibited for automobiles as defined by the MSA and motorcycles as defined in this Code to compete against each other in the same race.
2. A meeting may include separate events for automobiles and motorcycles, as defined in this Code, provided it is authorised by the ACU Committee responsible for the discipline concerned and consent of the MSA has been granted.

#### **3.08 Permits for Competitions**

1. Permits for all Road Race, Drag, Sprint, Supermoto, Supercross and Arenacross competitions, are issued by ACU Headquarters.
2. Competitions on AMRCO Circuits.

In accordance with agreements currently in force, members of AMRCO shall be entitled to appoint an ACU Affiliated Club to hold events of lower than National status on circuits belonging to or under the control of members of AMRCO. Such events shall be run in accordance with the ACU Rules and Regulations in force at the time save that any Permit for such events must be approved in advance by the MCRCB.

3. Where A Local Centre or Region is the Permit Issuing Authority, all Permit Applications are to be forwarded to the Competition Secretary or Permit Officer of the Centre or Region for information and issue of the Permit.
4. Permit applications for AMRICO/MCRCB events and all other Permits issued by ACU HQ will be individually notified to the ACU Local Centre for information.
5. Except for Road Racing, Drag, Sprint and Supermoto meetings held on courses that are subject to Permanent Course licences and other events on land with planning permission, events which are to take place either wholly or partially within the boundaries of a Centre other than that of the Permit Issuing Authority must be notified to the Centre in which the event is to be held by the Permit Issuing Authority prior to the issue of the permit.
6. Before issuing the Permit, the Permit Issuing Authority is required to take into account any observations, recommendations or objections made by the Centre in which the event is to take place providing these are received within the 10 days following the date the original notification was made.
7. Approval of the Local Centre in whose territory an event is proposed to be held must be obtained by any organising club affiliated to that Centre (except for Road Racing, Drag, Sprint and Supermoto meetings held on courses that are subject to Permanent Course licences and other events on land with planning permission). Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
8. Any otherwise irresolvable disputes between event organizers or between a Permit Issuing Authority and an organizer or organizers shall be referred to ACU Headquarters for mediation. The ACU will be the final arbiter in these matters from which there will be no appeal.

### 3.09 Status of Competitions

#### 1. International

1. The Permit shall be issued by the ACU Headquarters for a meeting inscribed on the International Calendar of the FIM and having an FIM International Meeting Number (IMN).
2. An International meeting is open to Entrants and Riders of more than one nation who must hold an International Licence or a National Licence issued by the ACU valid for the particular meeting concerned.
3. All riders not holding a Licence issued by the ACU or SACU must carry proof of Insurance and a written Start Permission document issued by their FMN. NOTE: This includes all riders holding a licence issued by the MCUI.

#### 2. European Open

1. The permit shall be issued by ACU Headquarters for a meeting inscribed on the Calendar of the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme Europe (FIME) and having a European Meeting Number (EMN).
2. A European Open meeting is open to Entrants and Riders of more than one European nation who must hold the appropriate Competition Licence valid for the particular meeting concerned.
3. All riders not holding a Licence issued by the ACU or SACU must carry proof of Insurance and a written Start Permission document issued by their FMN. NOTE: This includes all riders holding a licence issued by the MCUI.

#### 3. National

1. The Permit shall be issued by the ACU Headquarters.
2. A National meeting is open to Entrants and Riders who are the holders of a National or International Licence or Trials Registration valid for the particular meeting concerned issued by any federation.
3. All riders not holding a Licence issued by the ACU or SACU must carry proof of Insurance

and a written Start Permission document issued by their FMN. NOTE: This includes all riders holding a licence issued by the MCUI.

#### 4. Open

##### A. Where the meeting is to be organised by a Centre or Centre Affiliated Club but is not a meeting as described in Article 3.08.1 above.

1. An Open permit is issued by the Local Centre to which the organising Club is affiliated.
2. An Open meeting is open to Entrants and Riders who hold a valid ACU or SACU Licence or Trials Registration for the meeting concerned.

##### B. Where the meeting is to be organised by a Non-Territorial Club or for any meeting described in 3.08.1 above.

1. An Open permit is issued by ACU Headquarters.
2. An Open meeting is open to Entrants and Riders who hold a valid ACU or SACU Licence or Trials Registration for the meeting concerned.

#### 5. Restricted

##### A. Where the meeting is to be organised by a Centre or Centre Affiliated Club but is not a meeting described in Article 3.08.1 above.

1. A Restricted permit is issued by the Local Centre to which the organising Club is affiliated.
2. A Restricted meeting is open to Entrants and Riders who hold a current ACU or SACU Licence or Trials Registration valid for the meeting concerned.
3. The Supplementary Regulations issued for the event must specify all restrictions and requirements of eligibility.

##### B. Where the meeting is to be organised by a Non-Territorial Club or for any meeting as described in Article 3.08.1 above.

1. A Restricted Permit is issued by ACU Headquarters.
2. A Restricted meeting is open to Entrants and Riders who hold a current ACU Licence or Trials Registration valid for the meeting concerned.
3. The Supplementary Regulations issued for the event must specify all restrictions and requirements of eligibility.

#### 6. Eligibility of Foreign Riders in Open and Restricted Meetings

1. The Supplementary Regulations issued for the event must specify the licence qualification and eligibility requirements of foreign riders.
2. All riders must have a current Licence and Start Permission from their own Federation valid for the event.
3. **Note:** In certain circumstances for events other than Road Racing, Sprint and Drag Racing it is possible for European Competitors to take part without producing a Start Permission or Insurance. Organisers should refer to the current ACU Handbook Insurance section for further information.

#### 7. Practice Meetings and Test Days

1. Permits for Practice Meetings and Test Days may be issued on application to ACU Headquarters.
2. No such event may be held unless the appropriate Permit and Insurance has been issued.

#### 8. Social Gatherings

1. Permits for Social Gatherings may be issued on application to the Permit Issuing Authority (Local ACU Centre or ACU Headquarters).
2. No such event may be held unless the appropriate Permit and Insurance has been issued.

### 9. Training Days

1. The ACU Training Department will issue Permits for all functions involving the training of riders by approved coaching personnel or the training of officials by authorised trainers.
2. No such event may be held unless the appropriate Permit and Insurance has been issued.

### 10. Special Event Permits

1. A Permit issued by ACU Headquarters for any event, the Regulations for which have been approved by the appropriate Sport Committee or the Board of Directors of the ACU.
2. Such events will be those deemed to be in the interest of the sport of motorcycling generally but may not fall within the categories mentioned above.

### 3.10 Youth/Adult Competitions

1. A competition including separate classes for Youth as defined in the discipline Standing Regulations shall be organised under a Permit, authorised by the ACU Headquarters or Local Centre.

### 3.11 Title of a Competition

1. Approval of the following titles shall be given on the recommendation of a Sport Committee of the ACU subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
  1. **Grand Prix** The use of the words “Grand Prix” in the title of any competition held under the jurisdiction of this Code can be authorised only by the ACU and the FIM.
  2. **Classic** No competition or series of competitions shall include the word “Classic” in its title, or be advertised as a “Classic” unless it is so authorised by the ACU.
  3. **British** No competition or series of competitions shall include the use of the word “British” in its title unless agreed by the ACU.
  4. **Championships** No International or National competition or series of competitions shall be described as a “Championship” unless agreed by the ACU.

### 3.12 Prohibition of Betting

1. At meetings held under these rules Public Betting shall not be permitted.

### 3.13 Fixture List

1. Annually, the FIM will publish the “Calendar of Events” for all International Meetings.
2. All International events to be held under the jurisdiction of the ACU shall be inscribed on the International Calendar only by the ACU Headquarters.
3. The ACU Headquarters will publish a Fixture List of National and certain other lower status events.
4. Once the National Calendar has been published, the published dates shall stand, except in the case of force majeure.

### 3.14 Protection of Date

1. No event either competitive or for practice shall be held on the Sunday in November each year designated “Remembrance Sunday”.

### 3.15 Television, Video Recording and Film Rights

1. No competition shall be televised or filmed for video recording for professional purposes unless the prior approval of the ACU Headquarters has been obtained. The only exception to this requirement is in respect of television news or feature programmes where the viewing time from any one competition is less than four minutes.
2. Subject to prior agreement with the owners of permanent circuits, the ACU Headquarters reserves the right to negotiate contracts for the television, video recording, transmission by



cable or film rights for any competition or series of competitions held under jurisdiction of this Code.

### **3.16 Small unmanned aircraft (Drones)**

1. Subject to the prior agreement with the Event Organiser, any person wishing to operate a Small Unmanned Aircraft (Drone) in the vicinity of an ACU permitted event must provide proof of adequate insurance and sign on at an event in the same manner as any other Media type person. Any small unmanned aircraft being operated at an ACU event must comply with the rules and regulations as provided by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) or other statutory regulatory body responsible for these matters.

### **3.17 Postponement, Cancellation or Abandonment of a Competition**

1. A meeting or competition forming part of a meeting shall not be postponed, cancelled or abandoned unless provision for doing so has been made in the Supplementary Regulations, save as provide for in this Article or in Article 6.01 (Stewards).  
In exceptional circumstances and for justifiable reasons the Organising Club or Body is permitted to postpone or cancel a meeting for which it holds a Permit.  
The Permit Issuing Authority and all the riders who have submitted an entry must be immediately informed about changes of dates or cancellations.  
A short term change of up to 48 hours necessitated by extraordinary circumstances is not to be considered as a change of date and the original Permit will remain valid.  
In any case of a change of date the entries submitted will be valid only if the riders confirm their acceptance of the new date of the meeting after having been given the opportunity of withdrawing their entries by an agreed date.

### **3.18 Over-Riding Authority of The Auto-Cycle Union**

1. The ACU Headquarters shall have the right to declare any competition held within its jurisdiction the holding of which would, in the opinion of the ACU, be prejudicial to the interests of either the sport or the ACU, to be an unauthorised competition, and also to veto any decision of a Local Centre, Organiser or body of Organisers, Affiliated Club or Association of Affiliated Clubs, Steward or body of Stewards, which in the opinion of the ACU would be so prejudicial.

### **3.19 Insurance**

1. All competitions held under the jurisdiction of the ACU shall be insured under policies put into effect by ACU Headquarters. In addition all riders competing in events held under an ACU permit shall be covered by ACU policies in respect of Personal Accident and Public/Promoters Liability subject to certain exceptions and shall pay the required insurance fee.
2. Riders are responsible for 'Road Traffic Acts insurance' when part or the entire course of an event traverses a public road.

### **3.20 Official Programme**

1. For all meetings where a charge is made for the admission of spectators the Organisers shall publish an Official Programme.
2. The Official Programme shall contain the following information:
  1. A statement that the competition is held under the Code of the ACU and the Code of the FIM or FIME if applicable.
  2. The Permit Number and, where applicable, the Course Licence or Certificate Number.
  3. The names of the principal Officials and an address and telephone number for correspondence with the Organisers.
  4. The time of start and the schedule of the competitions.

5. The names of Entrants, Riders and Passengers with their machines and Riding Numbers.
  6. The appropriate Warning and Disclaimer Notices as specified under "Safety Precautions" in the current ACU Handbook.
  7. Any other notices as may be required from time to time by the ACU.
  8. An acknowledgement that the event is staged in accordance with the ACU/FIM Environmental Code.
3. For events of Open and Restricted status where an Official Programme is not required, a list of riders, riders club and their machines is a minimum requirement.
  4. A copy of the Programme or List of Entries is to be sent to the Permit Issuing Authority at the conclusion of the meeting.

### **3.21 Assumed Name in Programme**

1. Any assumed name, if duly registered, shall be indicated on the Official Programme between inverted commas (see NSC 7.16).

### **3.22 Announcement of Results**

1. The announcement of results must be made as per the Standing Regulations or Supplementary Regulations for each of the disciplines and if not issued or posted on the day, shall be sent or made available to the competitors as soon as practicable, but in no case later than 14 days after the competition has concluded.

### **3.23 False Advertisements**

1. Any Entrant or corporate body advertising the results of an ACU authorised competition, record attempt or official certified test, shall state the exact conditions of the performance referred to, the nature of the competition, the category and class of the motorcycle and, where applicable, the make of the engine if not the maker's own construction, and the position obtained in its category and class.
2. Any infringement of this rule, whether by way of omission from or addition to the particulars required to be stated or otherwise, shall render the person or body by whose authority or on whose behalf the advertisement is published or issued liable to the penalties provided in Chapter 10. This rule shall also apply to any advertisement in connection with any tour or test not officially observed.

### **3.24 Permanent Course Licence/Temporary Course Certificate**

1. All courses for Speed Events staged in accordance with this Code, whether permanent or temporary, must be licensed or certified by the ACU (see Chapter 8).

### **3.25 Minimum Practice Period**

1. For any race there must be a minimum period for practice on the actual course, the details of which must be stated in the Supplementary Regulations.

## **CHAPTER 4 PERMITS AND ENTRIES**

### **4.01 Permits**

1. The ACU retains the right to require all Permits of a certain discipline of whatever status, to be issued only by the ACU Headquarters. The ACU Headquarters shall approve the date, venue and Supplementary Regulations before issuing a permit.

### **4.02 Permission of Local Centre**

1. Except for Road Racing, Drag, Sprint and Supermoto meetings held on courses that are subject to Permanent Course licences and other events on land with planning permission, events which

- are to take place either wholly or partially within the boundaries of a Centre other than that of the Permit Issuing Authority must be notified to the Centre in which the event is to be held by the Permit Issuing Authority prior to the issue of the permit.
2. When issuing the Permit, the Permit Issuing Authority is required to take into account any observations, recommendations or objections made by the Centre in which the event is to take place providing these are received within 10 days following the date that the original notification was made.
  3. Notification to the Local Centre in whose territory an event is proposed to be held must be made by any Organising Club affiliated to that Centre or any other Organising Club affiliated to the ACU (except for Road Racing, Drag, Sprint and Supermoto meetings held on courses that are subject to Permanent Course licences and other events on land with planning permission). Such notification shall not be unnecessarily delayed.
  4. Any otherwise irresolvable disputes between event organisers or between a Permit Issuing Authority and an organiser or organisers shall be referred to ACU Headquarters for mediation. The ACU will be the final arbiter in these matters from which there will be no appeal.

#### **4.03 Application for Permit**

1. Applications for the reservation of a date as well as the issuing of a Permit, as specified in Art. 3.08, shall be lodged within the time period laid down by the Permit Issuing Authority.
2. The Permit Issuing Authority shall decide fees, together with the method and timing of payment.

#### **4.04 Withdrawal or Refusal of Permit**

1. The Board of Directors, a Sport Committee or a Local Centre of the ACU may decline to grant or may withdraw a permit. A reason must be stated. An appeal against such a refusal or withdrawal may be made to the Judicial Panel through the General Secretary.

#### **4.05 Entries**

1. Entries for all competitions shall be made on the form provided by the Organiser, based on the model specified by the ACU, and accompanied by a completed Parental Agreement form in respect of any Rider or Passenger under the age of 18 years.
2. The entry form shall provide, where appropriate, for the inclusion of the names and addresses of the Entrant, the Rider and Passenger, their Competition Licence or Individual Affiliate Member number, the registration number, make and engine capacity of machine entered, their Club and a contact telephone number for the Entrant/Rider.
3. Each entry must be signed by the Entrant, Rider and Passenger accepting the Conditions and Regulations for the competition and agreeing to be bound by them.
4. Any entry not accompanied by the required fee shall be null and void.
5. All entry forms shall be available at the start of all competitions.

#### **4.06 Entries for International Competitions – Abroad**

1. Entries for International competitions or European Community competitions to be held outside the territorial jurisdiction of the ACU must be endorsed by the ACU Headquarters as confirmation of all necessary insurance requirements having been met.

#### **4.07 Time Limit for Entries**

1. Entries for competitions shall close as announced in the Supplementary Regulations.

#### **4.08 Unauthorised Entries**

1. An Organiser shall not publish as entered, the name of any Entrant, Rider or passenger in respect of whom a duly completed entry form has not been received.

#### 4.09 Entry Containing a False Statement

1. An entry which contains a false declaration shall be considered null and void. The Entrant and/or Rider may be deemed to be guilty of a breach of these rules, and the entry fee may be forfeit.

#### 4.10 Refusal of Entries

1. Organisers of competitions may select entries as they wish and (whether or not the number of entries submitted exceeds the maximum number to be accepted in the competition) may refuse any entry provided that:
  1. Notification of refusal is given in writing so as to reach the Entrant as soon as possible, and in the case of a National Competition, at the latest within 48 hours after the published date of closing of entries.
  2. No entry shall be refused on the grounds of age, gender, disability, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status, sexual orientation, occupation, religion or political opinion.
  3. If requested to do so an organiser must inform the Competitor or Entrant of the reason for refusal or acceptance of an entry.
2. In the case of any event in a Series of events the result of which constitutes a Championship, an entry may be refused only with the permission from the body organising the Championship series.

## CHAPTER 5 OFFICIALS CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF COMPETITIONS

1. **All competitions held under the jurisdiction of this Code shall be the responsibility of certain Officials whose duties shall be either Judicial, Executive or Administrative.**

#### 5.01 Judicial Officials

1. The International Jury:
  1. For International Meetings (refer to FIM/FIME Sporting Codes).
2. The Stewards of the Meeting:
  1. National: Up to three Stewards may be nominated.
  2. Open and Restricted: Stewards may be appointed according to the decision of the Permit Issuing Authority.
    1. National: The Permit Issuing Authority for all National meetings is ACU Ltd. As such all Stewards appointments will be made in accordance with the decisions of the respective ACU Sport Committee. Each National meeting will be looked at on a case by case basis and if the relevant Sport Committee decides it is necessary, then Stewards will be appointed.
    2. Open and Restricted: Stewards may be appointed according to the decision of the Permit Issuing Authority.
    3. Nomination of Officials
      1. Where applicable and as appropriate, a Sport Committee may nominate one or more Stewards at any ACU permitted event within the sporting discipline for which the Sport Committee is responsible, irrespective of the status of the meeting, and whether the ACU Headquarters or a Local Centre is the permit issuing authority for the meeting. A Local Centre may nominate up to three Stewards for any event for which it has issued a Permit. Where an event is organised by more than one Centre or an event transcends more than one Centre boundary, those affected Centres may appoint a Steward as appropriate to the nature of the event.
      2. A Local Centre may nominate Stewards for any meeting for which it has issued a Permit.
      3. A Local Centre may appoint a Steward for any Open or Restricted meeting if it is one of the participating Centres mentioned in the Supplementary Regulations for the event.
3. The Referee:

1. Where the Standing Regulations stipulate a Referee then he shall take the place of the Stewards and shall have the same responsibilities and authority.
4. Race Direction
  1. Where a Race Director is appointed, they are empowered to take disciplinary action in accordance with article 6.02.2 and to adjudicate on any protest arising out of the meeting in accordance with Article 10.04.1.
5. The Clerk of the Course:
  1. The Clerk of the Course is empowered to take disciplinary action in accordance with Article 6.02.2 and to adjudicate on any protest arising out of the meeting in accordance with Article 10.04.1.
  2. Appeals against the decision of the Clerk of the Course at Open and Restricted Meetings where no ACU Steward is present.
    1. For all Road Race events the Organising Club will appoint three Stewards to hear the Appeal on the day of the event.
    2. For all other events the ACU Secretariat will appoint Stewards to hear the Appeal after the event in conjunction with the Permit Issuing Authority.
6. The Judicial Clerk of the Course
  1. For events where it may be deemed necessary et. International Road Race, a Judicial Clerk of the Course may be appointed.
  2. Where such a Judicial Clerk of the Course is appointed, he will assume the powers and responsibilities of the Clerk of the Course in all Disciplinary and Arbitration matters.

### 5.02 Executive and Administrative Officials

1. Race Director. The Race Director shall be the Chief Executive Official under whose direction the Executive and Administrative Officials listed under 5.02.2 may be appointed according to the type of competition.
2. Clerk of the Course. For all competitions without a Race Director, the Clerk of the Course shall be the Chief Executive Official under whose direction the following Executive and Administrative Officials may be appointed according to the type of competition.
  1. Executive Officials
    1. The Event Director (Non Speed Events). Article 6.10 refers.
    2. The Deputy/Deputies/Assistant to the Clerk of the Course
    3. The Chief Timekeeper
    4. The Chief Technical Officer (or Machine Examiner)
    5. The Chief Marshal
    6. The Chief Medical Officer
    7. The Incident/Safety Officer
    8. The Senior Sound Inspector
  2. Administrative Officials
    1. The Secretary of the Meeting
    2. The Press Officer
3. With the exception of the Chief Medical Officer, The Secretary of the Meeting and the Press Officer, all the above named Officials and all other ACU licensed Officials shall be affiliated members of the ACU.

### 5.03 Assistants to Executive and Administrative Officials

1. Executive and Administrative Officials may have Assistant Officials such as Marshals, Trials Observers, Depot and Paddock Control Officers, Medical Personnel and First Aid assistants etc. who need not be members of the ACU.
2. The ACU reserves the right to require any category of Official to be subscribed members of the ACU and to be licensed to officiate.

#### 5.04 Requirement to Sign-On

1. As soon as possible on arrival at an event and before commencing any duties all executive, administrative and assistant officials must sign the official signing-on forms provided by the Organisers.

#### 5.05 Age Limits for Officials and Assistants

1. All event Executive and Administrative Officials shall be 18 years of age or over.  
**Marshals:** All Assistant Officials whose function is to be carried out at the immediate track-side must be at least 16 years of age.  
**Trials Observers:** Trials Observers must be at least 12 years of age.
2. Parental Agreement and responsible Persons: All Assistant Officials who are under 18 years of age must have obtained parental agreement to carry out the duty and the signing-on signature must be countersigned by someone who is responsible for the official at the event.
3. General: When using the services of minors (persons under 18 years of age) for any official duties at any event special attention must be given to any risks which may be associated with the duty, and to the previous experience of the official.

#### 5.06 Plural Appointments

1. A Steward of the meeting shall not undertake any other duties except Environmental Reporting. Exception Club Stewards may undertake other duties.
2. The Other Officials may undertake several different duties for which they are qualified. The Clerk of the Course shall not undertake any other duty except Secretary of the meeting, Event Director, Start and Finish Marshal and Environmental Officer.

#### 5.07 Incompatibilities

1. No Official acting in any executive capacity at any meeting other than a Club Restricted Trial shall be an Entrant, Rider or Passenger in that meeting. Stewards may not participate in the competition.
2. In a Club Restricted Sprint or Hillclimb event officials other than the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards are permitted to enter and compete in the event.

## CHAPTER 6 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DUTIES OF OFFICIALS

#### 6.01 Stewards of the Meeting/Referee

1. All Stewards must be subscribed members of the ACU.
2. Stewards of the meeting exercise judicial authority over the running of the meeting according to the application of the Code and any Supplementary Regulations. The Stewards have no executive function. The Stewards have the power, either under their own initiative or at the request of the Clerk of the Course, for urgent reasons of safety or other unavoidable necessity, to postpone the start of a competition, modify the course, stop a competition prematurely or cancel the whole or part of a meeting. Such a decision shall not be subject to an appeal.
3. The Stewards form the only tribunal competent to adjudicate on an appeal arising out of a decision of the Clerk of the Course or other official of the meeting. They may give judgement on any appeal which may arise, subject always to such rights as are provided in this Code. They may also report such persons to the permit issuing authority for further disciplinary action.
4. The Stewards of the meeting are at all times required to have a quorum of Stewards present for making a decision as allowed under this regulation. All formal meetings of the Stewards shall be minuted.
5. If provided by the Standing Regulations then a Referee may take the function of the Stewards of the Meeting. In such case he will have the same authority and responsibilities.

### **6.01.1 Quorum for Meeting of Stewards**

1. At any meeting of the Stewards, the minimum number to form a quorum shall be as laid down in NSC 5.01. If the required number is not present, in the case of more than 1, those present shall appoint a temporary substitute or substitutes to achieve a quorum.
2. The Steward appointed by the Permit Issuing authority will be the Chairman of the Stewards. In his absence the most senior Steward present will assume his responsibilities and duties.

### **6.01.2 Stewards Reports**

1. The Stewards shall prepare and submit a report on the meeting to the authority granting the permit. Such reports shall include details of penalties imposed, protests and/or appeals lodged and decisions taken, Environmental Provisions and respect of the Environment Code together with details of any incidents involving personal injury to participants, officials or spectators notified on the day and recommendations, if any, for future events. The Stewards' report must be submitted to the Permit Issuing Authority within 7 days of confirmation of the results.

### **6.02 Race Director**

1. A Race Director will be appointed where appropriate by ACU Head Office only when an Event Management Committee and/or a Race Direction has been established for a particular National or above meeting or Series of meetings (SRs or championship conditions refer).
2. The Race Director is responsible for ensuring the proper observation of the regulations. Only after authorization by ACU Head Office, the Race Director will act as the Senior Clerk of the Course with overall responsibility for ensuring the correct and efficient running of the practices and races.
3. The Race Director shall work closely with the Clerk of the Course and where appropriate, the Promoter. The Race Director may delegate responsibilities to the Clerk of the Course as he deems necessary.
4. The Race Director is also responsible for all communications between the Event Management Committee/Race Direction and the ACU Stewards.

### **6.03 Duties of the Race Director**

1. The Race Director having been appointed in accordance with article 6.02 shall be responsible for:
  1. The overall responsibility for the general conduct and control of the events on the circuit, including judicial, in accordance with the Regulations and the programme.
  2. The Race Director must be present throughout practicing and the competition in order to carry out his specific duties. His duties are concluded when the results have been finalised, the protest times having expired, all protests dealt with, and any post event inspection of machines or components have been completed and reported upon. The Race Director may delegate his powers to a responsible person. Responsibilities and duties are:
    1. Ensure that all legal requirements and relevant regulations are complied with and that all equipment needed to do so is at hand as appropriate.
    2. Ensure all other Senior Officials are in place.
    3. The control of practices and the races, adherence to the timetable and, if he deems necessary, agreeing with Race Direction to modify the timetable in accordance with the Regulations.
    4. The stopping of any motorcycle in accordance with the Regulations.
    5. The stopping or neutralizing of practice or races in accordance with the Regulations if he deems it unsafe to continue and ensuring that the correct restart procedure is carried out.
    6. The starting procedure.
    7. The use of Safety cars/fast intervention vehicles.
    8. To ensure Race Control is adequately staffed and the staff are fully briefed on procedures.

9. To ensure all trackside Officials are in place and carry out their duties in accordance with the Regulations.
10. Inform the Chief Steward of any major incidents.
11. Together with the Clerk of the Course, ensure the conditions of the track licence are fulfilled prior to the start of the first practice session or race and report to Race Direction.
12. To ensure that any judicial action is taken as necessary.
13. Together with the Clerk of the Course, to ensure that all medical, first aid, fire and ancillary services as may be required by the Permit Issuing Authority are on duty.
14. Liaise with the Secretary of the Meeting in order that the circuit, competitors, sponsors, teams, press and commentators can be kept fully informed of all relevant information by means of event bulletins.
15. Ensure that every Serious incident or accident during practice or the races is recorded.
16. Ensure Race Direction is satisfied with arrangements and have all documentation they require.
17. Arrange meetings with Race Direction as considered necessary.
18. Arrange any riders briefings that are considered necessary and ensure all riders attend.
19. To ensure that all judicial proceedings are properly convened in accordance with the Regulations and as part of Race Direction, adjudicate on all Protests and ensure an appropriate record of decisions is made and handed to the Secretary of the Meeting.
20. Together with the Chief Technical Officer to ensure that each machine carries the proper identification marking in accordance with the programme.
21. Ensure that procedures are in place to verify that the correct rider is on each machine and marshal the machines as necessary.
22. Oversee the start of all races liaising with the Clerk of the Course and Start/Finish and startline Officials to ensure the start procedure is correctly adhered to by all competitors, teams and officials.
23. Be responsible for the verification of the identity of all riders and passengers, and that each of them has been correctly entered and that none of them is disqualified, suspended, excluded or otherwise ineligible from taking part in the competition.
24. To receive reports of the Timekeepers and other Officials, together with any information as may be necessary, for the determination of the results.
25. To ensure that any Codes of Practice or Conduct in force at the time are complied with and that all necessary permissions have been obtained and essential services notified where required.

#### **6.04 Race Direction**

**6.04.1** Race Direction will comprise the following persons:

- Race Director
- Clerk of the Course
- Deputy Clerk of the Course (or 1 × other nominated Senior Official)
- Promoter representative (if applicable)
- ACU Steward (not to be included if Race Direction are meeting to adjudicate on any protest relating to infringements of this Code or the Regulations).

**6.04.2** The quorum for a meeting of the Race Direction is three persons and each person has one vote. Decisions are based on a simple majority. Other persons with specialist knowledge may be invited to attend meetings of Race Direction.

**6.04.3** The Race Direction will meet at any time required during the event.

**6.04.4** The Duties of Race Direction are:

- To take decisions as provided in the Supplementary Regulations/Championship Conditions.
- To impose penalties for any infringements of the Regulations.
- To adjudicate on any protest relating to infringements of this Code or the Regulations.



### 6.05 Clerk of the Course

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 6.02, the Clerk of the Course is responsible to the Stewards of the meeting and to the Organiser for the good management and conduct of a competition held in accordance with this Code, its Appendices, the Supplementary Regulations and the Programme and for the direction and control of all Officials necessary for that purpose with the exception of the Stewards of the Meeting and the Race Director.

### 6.06 Duties of the Clerk of the Course

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 6.02, the duties of the Clerk of the Course are outlined as follows:
  1. The overall responsibility for the general conduct and control of the events on the circuit, including judicial, in accordance with the Regulations and the programme.
  2. The Clerk of the Course must be present throughout practicing and the competition in order to carry out his specific duties. His duties are concluded when the results have been finalised, the protest times having expired, all protests dealt with, and any post event inspection of machines or components have been completed and reported upon. The Clerk of the Course may delegate his powers to a responsible person. Responsibilities and duties are:
    1. Ensure that all legal requirements and relevant regulations are complied with and that all equipment needed to do so is at hand as appropriate.
    2. Ensure all other Senior Officials are in place.
    3. The control of practices and the races, adherence to the timetable and, if he deems necessary, agreeing with the Chief Steward to modify the timetable in accordance with the Regulations.
    4. The stopping of any motorcycle in accordance with the Regulations.
    5. The stopping or neutralizing of practice or races in accordance with the Regulations if he deems it unsafe to continue and ensuring that the correct restart procedure is carried out.
    6. The starting procedure.
    7. The use of Safety cars/fast intervention vehicles.
    8. To ensure Race Control is adequately staffed and the staff are fully briefed on procedures.
    9. To ensure all trackside Officials are in place and carry out their duties in accordance with the Regulations.
    10. Inform the Chief Steward of any major incidents.
    11. Ensure the conditions of the track licence are fulfilled prior to the start of the first practice session or race and report to the Chief Steward.
    12. To ensure that any judicial action is taken as necessary.
    13. To ensure that all medical, first aid, fire and ancillary services as may be required by the Permit Issuing Authority are on duty.
    14. Liaise with the Secretary of the Meeting in order that the circuit, competitors, sponsors, teams, press and commentators can be kept fully informed of all relevant information by means of event bulletins.
    15. Ensure that every Serious incident or accident during practice or the races is recorded.
    16. Ensure the Chief Steward is satisfied with arrangements and have all documentation they require.
    17. Arrange meetings with the Chief Steward and Stewards of the meeting as considered necessary.
    18. Arrange any riders briefings that are considered necessary and ensure all riders attend.
    19. To ensure that all judicial proceedings are properly convened in accordance with the Regulations and adjudicate on all Protests and ensure an appropriate record of decisions is made and handed to the Secretary of the Meeting.
    20. Together with the Chief Technical Officer to ensure that each machine carries the proper identification marking in accordance with the programme.

21. Ensure that procedures are in place to verify that the correct rider is on each machine and marshal the machines as necessary.
22. Oversee the start of all races liaising with the Start/Finish and Startline Officials to ensure the start procedure is correctly adhered to by all competitors, teams and officials.
23. Be responsible for the verification of the identity of all riders and passengers, and that each of them has been correctly entered and that none of them is disqualified, suspended, excluded or otherwise ineligible from taking part in the competition.
24. To receive reports of the Timekeepers and other Officials, together with any information as may be necessary, for the determination of the results.
25. To ensure that any Codes of Practice or Conduct in force at the time are complied with and that all necessary permissions have been obtained and essential services notified where required.
26. Complete the Environmental Report where no Steward is appointed by the Permit Issuing Authority and ensure the Environmental Code is respected.

### **6.07 Powers of the Race Director**

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 6.02, a Race Director may at his own discretion:
  1. Postpone the start of a meeting or competition for reasons of safety or of force majeure.
  2. Stop a race or competition prematurely for reasons of safety or force majeure.
  3. Prevent any rider or passenger from starting if such action is considered to be necessary for safety reasons.
  4. Order the removal from the circuit, course or venue, any person refusing to obey the orders of an Official, or otherwise discipline such a person.
  5. Report to Race Direction any rider/passenger or any other person considered guilty of misbehaviour or breaches of the Code or unfair practice or failure to comply with the Code or Supplementary Regulations, who have not been disciplined under Article 6.07.4 above.
  6. Prevent from starting any rider/passenger who is considered not qualified to start.
  7. Order any rider to be flagged off the course at any time during a practice or race whom he considers for any reason to be a potential source of danger, or whom he considers is in breach of racing discipline or the sound control regulations.

### **6.08 Powers of Race Direction**

1. To take such disciplinary action as may be deemed necessary on any rider, passenger or other person guilty of misbehavior, or breaches of the Code or unfair practice or failure to comply with the Code or Supplementary Regulations/Championship Conditions. In speed events any verbal notification of a penalty must be confirmed as soon as possible in writing. The document must give details of the offence as well as the penalty.

### **6.09 Powers of the Clerk of the Course**

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 6.02, a Clerk of the Course may at his own discretion:
  1. Postpone the start of a meeting or competition for reasons of safety or of force majeure.
  2. Stop a race or competition prematurely for reasons of safety or force majeure.
  3. Prevent any rider or passenger from starting if such action is considered to be necessary for safety reasons.
  4. Order the removal from the circuit, course or venue, any person refusing to obey the orders of an Official, or otherwise discipline such a person.
  5. Take such disciplinary action as he may deem necessary on any rider, passenger or other person guilty of misbehavior, or breaches of the Code or unfair practice or failure to comply with the Code or Supplementary Regulations/Championship Conditions. In speed events any verbal notification of a penalty must be confirmed as soon as possible in writing. The document must give details of the offence as well as the penalty.

6. Report to the Chief Steward and Stewards of the Meeting any rider/passenger or any other person considered guilty of misbehavior or breaches of the Code or unfair practice or failure to comply with the Code or Supplementary Regulations, who have not been disciplined under Article 5 above.
7. Prevent from starting any rider/passenger who is considered not qualified to start.
8. Order any rider to be flagged off the course at any time during a practice or race whom he considers for any reason to be a potential source of danger, or whom he considers is in breach of racing discipline or the sound control regulations.

### **6.10 Event Director**

1. For Non-Speed events only. An Event Director may be appointed. The Event Director will be in possession of a valid ACU Clerk of the Course/Stewards licence. In circumstances where an Event Director is appointed, the Event Director will have the same powers as the Stewards of the Meeting in regard to safety and force majeure and will be required to remain at the Control Centre for the duration of the event.

### **6.11 Duties of an Event Director**

1. The Event Director has the power, either under his own initiative or at the request of the Clerk of the Course, for urgent reasons of safety or other unavoidable necessity, to postpone the start of a competition, modify the course, stop a competition prematurely or cancel the whole or part of a meeting. Such a decision shall not be subject to an appeal.

### **6.12 Secretary of the Meeting**

1. The Secretary of the Meeting is the Official responsible for the administrative organisation of the meeting whose duties shall include responsibility for:
  1. The application to the appropriate authority for a permit.
  2. The drafting of the Supplementary Regulations (SRs) and Entry Forms.
  3. The distribution of the SRs.
  4. The recruitment of Officials.
  5. The engagement of all necessary services.
  6. The confirmation of entries received and compilation of a programme.
  7. The provision and distribution of all necessary badges, passes, armbands etc.
  8. The preparation and distribution of results. The submission and accuracy of any documents as may be returned to the Permit Issuing Authority.
  9. The collection and transfer of fees and insurances.
  10. All correspondence necessary for the efficient running of the administration of the meeting.
  11. To send reports to all Disciplinary matters to the Permit Issuing Authority.

### **6.13 Timekeeper**

1. A qualified Official, appointed at the discretion of the Permit Issuing Authority, holder of an ACU Technical licence of a Grade appropriate to the status of the meeting and using apparatus of a type approved by the ACU.
2. Any other person using a timepiece or apparatus for the recording of time shall be known as a Time Marshal.
3. A Timekeeper will be considered a judge. When supplied by a Timekeeper, and apart from the correction of errors which may emerge on investigation, the times, speeds and classifications in a competition shall be taken as fact and no protest or appeal shall be accepted as to their accuracy.

#### **6.14 Chief Medical Officer**

1. The Medical Officer shall be qualified in accordance with the discipline requirements stipulated within the current ACU Handbook and shall satisfy himself that:
  1. Adequate arrangements, including First Aid staff and equipment, have been made for dealing with any casualties.
  2. He is accessible to the Clerk of the Course as appropriate.

#### **6.15 Technical Official**

1. A qualified Official, holder of an ACU Technical licence of a grade appropriate to the status of the meeting. Responsible for the enforcement of all Technical rules and specifications appearing in Appendix 'D' of the National Sporting Code, the discipline Standing Regulations and any Supplementary Regulations which may be issued for the competition. May act alone or control a team of Technical Officials. At the commencement of a meeting, all Technical Officials must report to the Clerk of the Course and 'sign-on' on the official signing-on sheet. They shall not communicate any official information to another person except as they may be required so to do in the performance of their duties.

#### **6.16 Duties of Starter and Line Judges**

1. The Clerk of the Course may undertake the duties of Starter or Line Judge, or he may appoint an Official or Officials to carry out these duties. In the case of a handicap competition, where the handicap is wholly or partly by time, the Starter shall be a Timekeeper.
2. The use by the Starter or by the Judge of mechanical appliances for facilitating starting or for recording finishes is permitted, provided that such apparatus has first been approved by the authority granting the permit.
3. No protest or appeal may be made against the decision of a Starter or Judge. A mistake made by a Judge may be corrected by him with the approval of the Stewards of the meeting.
4. The judges may perform one or both of the following duties:
  1. Starting Line Judges, whose duty is to point out any false starts to the Clerk of the Course immediately after they occur;
  2. Finishing Line Judges, whose duty is to declare the order in which competitors cross the finishing line.

#### **6.17 Incident Officer**

1. An Official who collates all appropriate information and documentation, and subsequently prepares all reports relating to serious incidents during a meeting.

#### **6.18 Sound Inspector**

1. A qualified Official, holder of an ACU Technical licence and having charge of Sound Control apparatus approved by the ACU, who is responsible for the measurement of Sound as per the Standing Regulations.
2. A Sound Inspector will be considered a Judge. When supplied by a Sound Inspector, and apart from the correction of errors, which may emerge on investigation, the results of the Sound Inspection shall be accepted as fact with no right of protest or appeal.

#### **6.19 Trial Observer**

1. An Observer is an assistant to the Clerk of the Course appointed to judge a competitor's performance in an observed section. No protest or appeal can be accepted against a judgement of performance made by an Observer, however a protest or appeal may be accepted against any breach or misinterpretation of the Regulations. A mistake by an Observer may be corrected by him with the approval of the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards of the Meeting.

### 6.20 Measurer

1. A qualified Official, holder of an ACU Technical Licence having charge of, or access to, measuring equipment, able to verify the engine or any other controlled part of the motorcycle on the instruction of the Clerk of the Course, or to determine a protest.
2. A Measurer will be considered a Judge. When supplied by a Measurer, and apart from the correction of errors, which may emerge on investigation, the results will be taken as fact from which there is no right of protest or appeal.
3. Measurers shall not communicate their findings to another person except as they may be required to do so in the performance of their duties.

### 6.21 Child Protection

1. Event organisers must appoint a person (e.g. Secretary of the Meeting), to act as a point of contact for child protection issues and the appointed person should be named as such in the Supplementary Regulations for each event.
2. Should a Child Protection incident arise during an event, the appointed person must complete the Child Protection Incident Report Form and return the completed form to the General Secretary at ACU HQ within 7 days of the close of the meeting.

### 6.22 Officials Riding Motorcycles at ACU Permitted Events

Motorcycle helmets, correctly fitted, must be worn by all riders and sidecar passengers when riding a motorcycle or Quad.

Officials must also wear a helmet whilst riding a motorcycle, and it is further recommended that they wear a helmet whilst riding a Quad.

## CHAPTER 7 ENTRANTS, RIDERS AND PASSENGERS

### 7.01 Entrant

1. Any person or corporate body holding a licence issued by or recognised by the ACU Headquarters, which entitles the holder to enter a competitor in a competition under the name of the licence holder.

### 7.02 Rider

1. The Person responsible for the control of the motorcycle and who must be either:
  1. A member of an Affiliated Local Motorcycle Club or Non-Territorial Motorcycle Club who is the holder of a Competition Licence or Trials Registration issued by the ACU or SACU valid for the type of event in which he/she wishes to compete, or, if appropriate, has paid an entry subscription, or
  2. A holder of a licence issued by a FIM member Federation. N.B. The term Rider to include the Driver of a Sidecar.

**Note:** The term Rider to include the Driver of a Sidecar.

### 7.03 Passenger

1. The Person who accompanies a rider in a competition for Group B machines and who must be either:
  1. A member of an Affiliated Local Motorcycle Club or Non-Territorial Motorcycle Club who is the holder of a Competition Licence or Trials Registration issued by the ACU or SACU valid for the type of event in which he/she wishes to compete, or, if appropriate, has paid an entry subscription, or
  2. A holder of a licence issued by a FIM member Federation.

**7.04 Age of Rider and Passenger**

1. The age of a rider or passenger shall be as laid down in the appropriate discipline Standing Regulations.

**7.05 Licencing of Riders and Passengers**

1. All persons ordinarily resident in England, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man wishing to compete as a rider or passenger in an event as described in Chapter 3 must hold a current Competition Licence, unless an entry subscription scheme has been agreed by the ACU for the discipline concerned. Persons resident in Scotland shall apply to the Scottish ACU for licences where applicable.

**7.06 Entrant's Licence**

1. An Entrant's licence entitles the holder to enter a qualified competitor in any competition of a status up to that authorised on the licence, but does not permit the holder to ride or be a passenger in any such competition unless they also are qualified to ride or to act as passenger.

**7.07 Rider's Licence**

1. A rider's licence entitles the holder to enter and ride in a competition of a status up to that stated on the licence, but does not permit the holder to nominate any other licensed rider as a replacement.

**7.08 Passenger's Licence**

1. A passenger's licence entitles a holder to accompany a qualified licensed rider in a competition for Group B machines, as may be required by the Standing Regulations but does not permit the holder to ride a motorcycle in competition.

**7.09 One Event Licence**

1. A One Event Licence entitles the holder to enter and ride in a competition at the event at which the one event licence has been purchased.  
The One Event Licence is valid only at the event for which the licence has been purchased.

**7.10 Licences – Status and Validity**

1. Refer to the current edition of the ACU Handbook for details of current structure of licences according to Class, Grade and Activity.

**7.11 Refusal or Withdrawal of Licence**

1. The ACU may refuse to issue, or may withdraw any licence, without giving reason, subject to the right of appeal provided for in Chapter 10 of this Code.

**7.12 Production of Competition Licence or Trials Registration**

1. All Entrants, Riders or Passengers shall carry their current Competition Licence or Trials Registration and must be prepared to produce either document when signing on at a meeting.
2. Any Rider or Passenger in possession of a current Competition Licence or Trials Registration (to the knowledge of the Organiser) but unable to produce it when signing on will be permitted to take part in the meeting but will be subject to a fine, payable to the ACU Benevolent Fund. The amount of the fine will be found listed in the current edition of the ACU Handbook under "Price List".
3. Any Rider or Passenger not in possession of a current Competition Licence or Trials Registration may be permitted to take part in the meeting subject to the decision of the Clerk of the Course. The Clerk of the Course will take into account the conditions relating to the issue of

such a Competition Licence or Trials Registration and whether or not it is practicable to arrange for a completed Licence or Registration application form at the event.

A One-Day Licence may be issued where valid for the status of the event and the discipline concerned.

4. If a late application for a Competition Licence or Trials Registration is approved by the Clerk of the Course and the Licence or Registration Fee is paid together with a fine for non-production of the Licence or Registration, described in Article 7.11.2 above, the competitor will be permitted to take part in the meeting.
5. The Clerk of the Course and the Stewards of the Meeting have no power to permit an unlicensed rider or passenger to take part in a competition for which riders and passengers must be licensed.

### **7.13 Technical Inspection**

1. All special aspects of machines, helmets, clothing, and any other material items as specified by this Code and any other Standing Regulations or Final Instruction shall be subject to examination prior to the start of practice/competition.

### **7.14 Signing On/Signing Off**

1. At all competitions, all riders and passengers must sign on and sign off, where directed within the Regulations.

### **7.15 Mutual Responsibility of Entrant, Rider, Parent/Legal Guardian**

1. An Entrant and/or rider shall be responsible for all acts or omissions on the part of his riders, mechanics, passengers or any member of his entourage, but each of these shall be equally responsible for any infringement of this Code. A parent or legal guardian of a rider or passenger participating in a competition requiring consent, is deemed to bear mutual responsibility with that competitor.

### **7.16 Assumed Name**

1. A person shall not take part in any competition under an assumed name unless special permission for the use of such assumed name has been granted by the ACU Headquarters. In such cases a licence will be issued in the assumed name, if approved, on payment of an additional fee. The licensee, for so long as he is registered under an assumed name, shall not take part in any competition under any other name, and shall not revert to the use of his own name until he has obtained a fresh licence in his own name from the ACU Headquarters.

### **7.17 Change of Rider, Passenger or Motorcycle**

1. It is not permitted to change a rider, passenger, make or capacity of motorcycle, after the start of any meeting unless such change is authorised in the appropriate discipline Standing Regulations.
2. Unless specifically prohibited, or otherwise provided for in the Standing Regulations, change of rider, passenger or the make or capacity of motorcycle may be considered by the Secretary of the meeting after entries have closed, provided the entrant notifies him, in writing, at least 24 hours before the official starting time of the competition of some good and sufficient reason why, the entered rider or passenger is unable to take part in any competition on that date, or why the entered motorcycle cannot be produced on that date.
3. If the composition of any team is affected by an authorised change as above, the entrant of that team or his representative may, up to the official starting time of the competition, replace the rider so affected by any other entered riders otherwise eligible for the team.
4. A change of both rider and make of motorcycle is not permitted unless the authority granting

the permit has specifically approved the Supplementary Regulations providing for such changes being made.

5. In a competition, a substitute rider may be nominated only by a licensed entrant.

### **7.18 Conduct of Riders**

1. Any rider who, having entered in any competition, does not make a bona fide attempt to succeed may be deemed to be guilty of a breach of this Code.

### **7.19 Irregular Entries**

1. Any rider or passenger who has entered a competition and does not participate therein, but participates or has been entered in another competition at another meeting on the same day shall be in breach of this Code.

### **7.20 Absentees**

1. Unless it can be justified, the absence of any competitor who has entered a competition and is not present at the start shall be in breach of this Code.

### **7.21 Withdrawal of Entry**

1. The Entrant/Rider may only withdraw the entry with the permission of the organiser.

### **7.22 Finish of a Meeting and Prize Giving**

1. A meeting is not considered to be finished until the time-limits for protests and appeals have elapsed and all protests and appeals have been settled. If an appeal is lodged, the results cannot be considered as definitive until a final decision has been taken. The riders placed first, second and third will be asked to attend the official prize giving ceremony, if any. Where the results are announced at the meeting the race control must remain operative with all equipment in place until the end of the period for lodging a protest. All officials and marshals must remain at the circuit and be available to the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards of the Meeting.

## **CHAPTER 8 COURSES AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **8.01 Courses**

1. The route to be followed by a competitor in a competition, including record attempts, shall be subject to the approval of the authority issuing the permit.

### **8.02 Permission to Use Land**

1. No competition shall be promoted on either a public or private road, track or elsewhere until the Organisers have obtained the necessary lawful authority from the appropriate public authorities or private individuals and landowners; and except for Road Race, Supermoto, Drag or Sprint meetings to be held on courses which are subject to Permanent Course Licences, have consulted with the permit issuing authority.

### **8.03 Measurement of Distance on the Course**

1. Distances up to 5 kilometres shall be measured along the centre line of the course by a competent Official; distances over 5 kilometres shall be determined by means of the Ordnance Survey map of a scale of not less than 1:250,000.

### **8.04 Licensing of Courses for Speed Events**

1. All courses for Speed Events staged in accordance with this Code, whether permanent or temporary, must be licensed or certified by the ACU.
2. In the case of Speed events under the jurisdiction of the Road Race Committee where the



arrangements for marking or enclosing the course are permanent or semi-permanent; and where there is permanent or semi-permanent accommodation, such as stands etc. for the public, Permanent Course Licences will be issued to the owner, or operator of the course. Where the licence holder is not the owner, a written agreement shall exist between the owner and the licence holder setting out the responsibilities of each to ensure that all requirements of the Course Licence are met.

3. In all other cases, a Temporary Course Certificate will be issued to the organising Club or Local Centre in whose territory the course is situated.
4. No course shall be used for an ACU Permitted meeting until a Permanent Course Licence or Temporary Course Certificate has been issued by the ACU Headquarters or its designated official, which may grant, refuse, withhold, suspend or revoke a licence or certificate at its discretion. A Permanent or Temporary Course inspection shall be valid for 1 year from the date of issue subject to payment of an annual Licence or Certificate fee according to the scale of fees that apply from time to time and subject to the conditions applicable to the issuing of the licence or certificate.

### **8.05 Application for Permanent Course Licence**

1. An application for a Permanent Course Licence must be made on the prescribed form, either direct to the ACU HQ or through the Local Centre to the ACU HQ as appropriate, and be accompanied by the annual fee as specified in a schedule of fees reviewed annually.
2. A plan of the Site giving Ordnance Survey Map reference numbers, based on Ordnance Survey Maps 1:50,000 Series with a 6 figure map reference or showing in sufficient detail, the existing or proposed course, together with details of length, direction of racing, measures for the protection of the public, and such other information as required on the Application Form, shall also be submitted.

### **8.06 Validity of Permanent Course Licence or Temporary Course Certificate**

1. A course licence or certificate is valid only where a Permit has been issued by the ACU Permitting authority. The licence or certificate shall not have any validity on any day nor at any activity for which an ACU Event Permit is not in force. A course licence or certificate is to be read in conjunction with and be deemed to incorporate all and any terms, conditions and provisions contained within or set out within the Permit.
2. The ACU may refuse, withhold, suspend, revoke a licence or certificate at its discretion.

### **8.07 Display of Permanent Course Licence**

1. A Permanent Course Licence must be prominently displayed at the course for which it is issued.

### **8.08 Application for Temporary Course Certificate**

1. An application for a Temporary Course Certificate must be made on the prescribed form, through the Local Centre to the ACU Headquarters, and be accompanied where appropriate by the annual fee as specified in a schedule of fees reviewed annually, and by site information as required under Art. 8.05.  
For Grass and Sand Track races the plan need only specify location, site access details and any special measures for the protection of the public.

### **8.09 Availability of Temporary Course Certificate**

1. The Temporary Course Certificate should be available for inspection at the circuit for which issued prior to commencement of practice or racing.

### **8.10 Responsibility of Licence/Certificate Holder and Organiser**

1. Where the Licence/Certificate holder is not also the organiser of a meeting, an agreement,

approved by the ACU Headquarters, shall be completed between the Licensee/Certificate holder and the organiser, detailing the division of responsibility for carrying out the requirements of the licence/certificate and of the organisation of the meeting.

### **8.11 Alteration to Conditions**

1. No alteration to the requirements contained in a Permanent Course Licence or Temporary Course Certificate shall be made without the prior approval in writing of the ACU Headquarters or, in the case of unavoidable necessity, by the Stewards of the Meeting. In the latter case details of the alterations permitted must be given immediately after the meeting to the authority granting the permit.

### **8.12 Course Inspection**

1. Each course for which application is made for a Permanent Course Licence or Temporary Course Certificate, shall be inspected by an Official appointed by the ACU Permit issuing authority. The general conditions governing the safety of the public shall be as laid down in "Safety Precautions" within the current edition of the ACU Handbook and as further detailed on the Permanent Course Licence or Temporary Course Certificate, together with the maximum number of competitors permitted in any one race. The direction of racing must be shown.

### **8.13 Re-Inspection and Amendment of Licence or Certificate**

1. The ACU Permit issuing authority reserves the right to re-inspect a course at any time and to amend the conditions or requirements of a Permanent Course Licence or of a Temporary Course Certificate.

## **CHAPTER 9 ANTI-DOPING, ALCOHOL AND MEDICAL**

### **9.01 Anti-Doping**

1. Doping is the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations which are:
  - The presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in a rider's bodily specimen.
  - The use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method.
  - The possession of prohibited substances and methods.

### **9.02 Prohibited Substances and Methods**

1. The ACU list of prohibited drugs is the list agreed by UK Sport and WADA and published by them and also in the FIM Anti-Doping Code.

### **9.03 Rules for the Enforcement of Anti-Doping**

1. The ACU Headquarters or UK Sport may order drug tests at any meeting organised under the jurisdiction of the ACU.
2. The riders or passengers to be tested must report to the Doping Control Officer (DCO) with their licences within one hour of the rider being notified, or within one hour after the finish of the last race in which the rider or passenger took part. One chaperone may accompany the rider or passenger.

### **9.04 Testing Procedure**

1. The testing procedures to be used at ACU events will be commensurate with any current legitimate procedure adopted and carried out in the UK.

### 9.05 Costs for Anti-Doping Tests

1. The cost of the primary tests will be paid by the ACU. In the case of a competitor requesting a second test, he/she should deposit a sum equal to the ACU appeal fee with the ACU. If the second test is negative, the deposit shall be returned.

### 9.06 Sanctions

1. Sanctions are imposed against the competitor:
  - whose tests prove positive
  - who refuses to undergo a test or who does not report to the drug test centre when notified to do so.

### 9.07 Penalties

1. The minimum penalty for a first offence will be a two year suspension. For subsequent offences suspension may be imposed (see article 10.02.1).

### 9.08 Alcohol

1. Tests may be carried out, on any participant at an event, prior to practice or a race or at any time during the event by means of the standard breath test system. A nominated Breath Alcohol Technician will carry out the tests. A positive breath test or a refusal to undergo a test will result in disqualification from the event as a minimum sanction. The permitted level of alcohol is 0.10g/L.

### 9.09 Medical Examination

1. At any time during an event a special medical examination (which may include urine dipstick testing for drugs) may be carried out by an official event Doctor nominated by the Chief Medical Officer at the request of the Race Director, Clerk of the Course or Chief Medical Officer. Any competitor who refuses to submit to such a medical examination will be disqualified from the event and details reported to the ACU Headquarters.

## CHAPTER 10 DISCIPLINARY AND ARBITRATION CODE

### 10.01 Principles

1. **Trials and Enduro only.** It should be noted that non-disciplinary decisions of the Clerk of the Course (e.g. Course changes – observers decisions and the like are dealt with by direct Appeal to the Stewards. Appendix B of this Chapter refers.
2. The duties, powers and responsibilities of the bodies and delegates of the ACU are set out in the ACU Rules and Bye-Laws.
3. Similarly, the obligations incumbent upon the participants, officials and organisers of sporting events are set out in the ACU National Sporting Code (NSC) and in any other rules and regulations which are or may be introduced and published by the ACU.
4. Proven violation or non observance of these obligations will be subject to the penalties laid down in this Disciplinary and Arbitration Code.

### 2. DATE OF APPLICATION

1. This Code cancels and replaces all prior publications.
2. Changes may be made to this code each time the ACU deems it necessary as a result of experience or evolution.

### 10.02 Penalties

1. The penalties are:  
Warnings

Licence withdrawal or amendment  
 Fines  
 Time penalties  
 Place Penalties  
 Point Penalties  
 Disqualification  
 Withdrawal of Championship points  
 Suspension  
 Exclusion

### 10.02.1 Definition and application of Penalties

**Warnings:** Can be made privately or publicly.

**Licence Withdrawal or Amendment** The withdrawal or amendment of the terms or conditions appertaining to any ACU licence.

**Fines** Cash penalty (see also Art.10.02.2.2 below)

**Time and/or point penalty or suppression of time** The imposition of time or points affecting the rider's actual result or suppression of time.

**Disqualification** Entails automatically and independently of any other penalty, the invalidation of the results obtained in a meeting, event, practice, race or ranking there from.

**Withdrawal of Championship points** Entails the loss of Championship points.

**Suspension** Entails the loss of all rights granted to ACU members or Licence Holders, or prohibition from taking part in any of the activities under ACU control for a specified period of time. The application of this penalty may be conditionally deferred for a period of up to a maximum of two years.

**Exclusion** Entails the final and complete loss of all rights of participation in any activity under ACU control.

### 10.02.2 Specific Penalties

1. Specific penalties for certain offences are provided for in the NSC the Appendices, Regulations, and/or Supplementary Regulations.
2. Fines will not normally be awarded against Voluntary Officials.

### 10.02.3 Plurality of Penalties

1. Any offender may have several penalties pronounced against him according to the circumstances.
2. Certain penalties entail suspension of the ACU Licence or Registration until the penalty inflicted has been fulfilled.

## 10.03 The ACU Disciplinary and Arbitration Bodies

### 10.03.1 The Judicial Panel

1. The Panel is composed of three Members as follows:  
 General Secretary  
 Two Directors appointed by the Board

#### 10.03.1.2 Authority

1. The Judicial Panel have the power to penalise any voluntary or involuntary act or deed made by an ACU Licence holder or Official in cases of:  
 any proceeding or act prejudicial to the interests of, any part or body of the ACU, or a proceeding or act which brings the ACU or motorcycle sport into disrepute;

- any fraudulent act or proceeding in connection with a competition or of the sport of motorcycling generally;
  - a Statement of Fact received from an Executive Official of the Meeting;
  - where there is an admittance of guilt from the alleged offender;
  - where there is a continued threat of violence which may threaten the safety of others.
2. The Judicial Panel have the authority to impose a penalty without the alleged offender being present.

**10.03.1.3 Penalties that may be imposed by a Judicial Panel**

1. The following penalty may be imposed by the Judicial Panel without prejudice to Articles 10.02 and 10.03.
  - A suspension – subject to a maximum period of up to 90 days.
  - A fine – subject to a maximum of £500.
  - The alleged offender has no right of appeal.

**10.03.2 The ACU Sport Committees**

**10.03.2.1 Authority**

1. The ACU Sport Committees have the power to penalise any voluntary or involuntary act or deed made by any person or ACU Licence holder in case of proven violation or non observance of Regulations.
2. In all such cases the alleged offender has the right to appear before the Committee at the time of the Hearing or to elect that the case be heard in his absence.

**10.03.2.2 Penalties that may be imposed by a Sport Committee**

1. The following penalties may be imposed by the Sport Committees without prejudice to Articles 10.02 and 10.03.
  - A Warning
  - A fine up to a maximum of £500
  - A licence withdrawal or amendment
2. Furthermore, the Sport Committees can refer the case to the Judicial Panel in order to impose a higher penalty than the Sport Committee is empowered to do.

**10.03.3 The Clerk of the Course**

**10.03.3.1 Appointment**

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 6.02, the Clerk of the Course is the person appointed to exercise supreme control of the meeting.

**10.03.3.2 Authority**

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 6.02, the Clerk of the Course has the authority to penalize automatically:
  - 1.1 Any voluntary or involuntary action or deed made by any person or ACU Licence Holder(s) during a meeting contrary to the current regulations or instructions given by an official of the meeting.
  - 1.2 Any corrupt or fraudulent act, or any action prejudicial to the interests of the meeting or of the sport, carried out by a person or ACU Licence Holder(s) during a meeting.
  - 1.3 The Clerk of the Course is empowered to adjudicate upon any protest lodged during a meeting.

**10.03.3.3 Penalties that may be imposed by the Clerk of the Course**

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 6.02, the following penalties may be imposed by the Clerk of the Course without prejudice to Articles 10.02 and 10.03:
  - A warning
  - A time penalty
  - A place penalty
  - A stop and go penalty
  - A ride through penalty
  - The Black Flag
  - A fine, subject to a maximum of £500
  - Disqualification (black flag, black flag with orange disc – disqualification from the event, practice or results).
  - A withdrawal of championship points
2. Furthermore the Clerk of the Course can refer the case to the Judicial Panel in order to impose a higher penalty than he is empowered to do.

**10.03.4 The Steward(s) of the Meeting****10.03.4.1 Appointment**

1. The Steward(s) of the Meeting are appointed according to the requirements laid down in Chapter 5 of the ACU National Sporting Code.

**10.03.4.2 Chief Steward**

1. According to this Code the ACU enjoys the same rights and obligations as the other parties.
2. The ACU may be present in person at a hearing or may present its claims in writing.
3. When appointed by the permit issuing authority a Steward will act as the Chief Steward and will chair all meetings of the Steward(s). In the case of equality of votes he will have an additional casting vote.

**10.03.4.3 Authority**

1. The Steward(s) will hear any appeal arising from decisions taken by the Clerk of the Course in judging any Protest at a Meeting.

**10.03.4.4 Penalties that may be imposed by the Steward(s) of the Meeting only following an Appeal**

- A warning
- A fine – subject to a maximum of £500
- A time penalty
- A disqualification
- A withdrawal of Championship Points
- A suspension – subject to a maximum period of 30 days

Furthermore, the Steward(s) may refer the case to an ACU Court of Enquiry (COE) in order to impose a higher penalty than the Stewards are empowered to do.

**10.03.5 The Panel of Adjudicators (POA)****10.03.5.1 Composition**

1. The Panel of Adjudicators is composed of twelve persons elected by the National Council for a period of three years commencing on the 1st January in any year. A maximum of three will be appointed to hear any appeal.

**10.03.5.2 Authority**

1. The Panel will hear appeals against non-disciplinary decisions of Sport Committees or Local Centres.

Decisions of the Panel of Adjudicators are final.

**10.03.6 The Judicial Enquiry**

1. The Judicial Enquiry is composed of persons from which the members of ACU National Courts are nominated.

**10.03.6.1 Constitution**

1. The Judicial Enquiry shall consist of:  
A qualified legal adviser appointed by the Board of Directors (BOD) of the ACU.  
Members nominated by the Board of Directors and Main Committees of the ACU.  
Members of the Panel of Adjudicators.

**10.03.6.2 Procedures**

1. The General Secretary having established that the procedures have been followed and/or that the case can be heard will appoint members to form the appropriate disciplinary or arbitration body. The names of the members appointed must be communicated to all interested parties in the case.

**10.03.7 The ACU as a Party in the Judicial Proceedings****10.03.7.1 Function**

1. In all proceedings before an ACU Court the Board of Directors (BOD) of the ACU or the relevant Sport Committee is entitled to assert its interests by means of a prosecution address.

**10.03.7.2 Appointment**

1. The Board of Directors (BOD) of the ACU or the relevant Sport Committee shall appoint a person who will represent the ACU.

**10.03.7.3 Procedure**

1. The intervention of the ACU is optional and is left to the discretion of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the ACU or the relevant Sport Committee.

**10.03.8 ACU Courts of Enquiry (COE)****10.03.8.1 National Court****10.03.8.2 Composition**

1. For each case the National Court is made up of 3 members from the judicial panel appointed by the General Secretary of the ACU.

**10.03.8.3 Authority**

1. The National Court will hear any appeals against decisions taken by the Stewards of a Meeting.
2. The National Court adjudicates in the first instance upon request of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the ACU, the Sport Committees or other competent bodies of matters of violation or non-observance of the ACU rules and regulations.

**10.03.8.4 ACU Local Centre Courts****10.03.8.5 Composition**

1. For each case the Local Centre Court is made up of 3 members appointed by the Management Committee of the Local Centre in accordance with the Local Centre Bye-Laws.

**10.03.8.6 Authority**

1. The Local Centre Court adjudicates upon any dispute or complaint or disciplinary matter in connection with any of its affiliated Clubs or Members of such Clubs.
2. The Local Centre Court also adjudicates upon any matter referred to it by the Stewards of any meeting for which the Centre was the Permit Issuing Authority (PIA).

**10.03.8.7 Scottish ACU Court****10.03.8.8 Authority**

1. A court appointed by the Scottish ACU shall adjudicate upon any complaint or disciplinary matter arising within the territory of the SACU.

**10.03.9 The ACU Final Tribunal of Appeal (FTA)****10.03.9.1 Composition**

1. The tribunal is composed of three members appointed by the General Secretary of the ACU at least one of whom will be legally qualified. No member who previously dealt with the case in question may be appointed.
2. The Tribunal is the final appeal body of the ACU against any decisions taken by an ACU Court.

**10.04 Protests and Appeals****10.04.1 Right of Protest**

1. Any Rider, Passenger Entrant or Official licensed by the ACU affected by a decision taken during a meeting held under an ACU Permit has the right to protest against that decision.
2. No protest can be lodged against a statement of fact pronounced by the Clerk of the Course or any other executive official. Statements of Fact are defined in the relevant Appendices and Regulations.

**10.04.2 Withholding of Prizes and Awards in case of Protest or Appeal**

1. Any Award gained by an entrant, rider or passenger against whom a protest or appeal has been lodged shall be withheld until the protest or appeal has been adjudicated upon and the time for any further appeal has expired without notice of appeal having been given.

**10.04.3 Procedure and time limit for Protests**

1. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed only by the person directly concerned.
2. Protests must refer to a single subject only and must be presented within 30 minutes at the latest of the publication of the results unless otherwise defined in the relevant Appendices and Regulations.
3. During a meeting, protests must be submitted according to the provisions of the Supplementary Regulations and handed to the Clerk of the Course or Secretary of the Meeting together with the correct protest fee.
4. Any Protest against the eligibility of a rider, passenger, team or a motorcycle entered must be made before the start of the official practice unless otherwise defined in the relevant Appendices and Regulations.



**10.04.4 Protest Fees**

1. The Protest Fee at an International Meeting held under an ACU Permit is £100. The Protest Fee at any other meeting under an ACU permit is £50.

**10.04.5 Hearing a Protest**

1. After a hearing, the Clerk of the Course must make a decision on any protest presented during a meeting. The protest has to be judged according to the provisions of the ACU National Sporting Code and its Appendices and the Supplementary Regulations of the Meeting.

**10.04.6 Effect of the decision of the Clerk of the Course**

1. The decisions of the Clerk of the Course on the determination of penalties are immediate.

**10.04.7 Right of Appeal**

1. The provisions concerning appeals against ACU disciplinary decisions incurring one of the penalties stated in Article 10.02 are as follows:
  1. Against the decision of a Sports Committee in a disciplinary matter to the COE.
  2. Against the decisions of the Clerk of the Course following a protest to the Stewards of the Meeting.
  3. Against the decision of the Judicial Clerk of the Course following a protest to the Stewards of the Meeting (International competition).
  4. Against the decisions of the Stewards of the Meeting to the COE. (or LCC where the Centre is the PIA).
  5. Against the decision of the LCC to the COE.
  6. Against the decision of the Scottish ACU to the COE.
  7. Against the decisions of the COE to the FTA.

**10.04.8 Procedure and Time limits for the lodging of Appeals**

1. All appeals must be submitted in writing and signed only by the person directly concerned.
2. During a meeting, appeals against a decision of the Clerk of the Course must be presented in writing to the Stewards within 30 minutes and must refer to a single subject only and be accompanied by the correct appeal fee.
3. The time limit for lodging a statement of appeal is:
 

Against a decision of the Clerk of the Course to the Stewards of the Meeting: (Time limits for Appeals in respect of Trials and Enduro appear in Appendix B)	30 minutes
Against a decision of the Judicial Clerk of the Course to the Stewards of the Meeting (International competition)	30 minutes
Against a decision of the Stewards of the Meeting to the COE	5 days
Against a decision of a Sports Committee in a disciplinary matter to the COE	5 days
Against a decision of the COE to the FTA	5 days
Against a decision of a Centre Court to the COE	5 days
Against a decision of the Court of the Scottish ACU to the COE	5 days
Against a decision of a Sport Committee to the Panel of Adjudicators	5 days
Statement of appeal before the National Sport Dispute Resolution Panel	5 days
4. The time limit shall be taken from the time or date of receipt of the decision appealed against.

**10.04.9 Lodging of an Appeal to a Local Centre Court**

1. Where the Permit Issuing Authority was a Local Centre Appeals arising out of the meeting will be heard by a Local Centre Court. In all such cases a further right of Appeal exists to the COE.
2. To be admissible, the statement of appeal must be sent by Special Delivery letter or special courier to the Secretary of the Permit Issuing Authority (Local Centre) and be postmarked within the deadlines specified in Article 10.04.8.

3. The correct appeal fee must be paid in to the Secretary of the Permit Issuing Authority within the deadlines specified in Article 10.04.8.
4. Within 10 days following the statement of appeal the appellant assigns to the Secretary of the Permit Issuing Authority a brief of appeal stating the facts.
5. If the Local Centre Court (LCC) appeal was not lodged and/or the appeal fee not paid within the deadlines specified in Article 10.04.8 the Secretary of the Permit Issuing Authority is empowered to declare the appeal inadmissible without hearing.

#### **10.04.10 Lodging of an Appeal to the COE/FTA/POA**

1. To be admissible, the statement of appeal must be sent by Special Delivery letter or special courier to the General Secretary of the ACU and be postmarked within the deadlines specified in Article 10.04.8. The correct appeal fee must be paid in to the General Secretary of the ACU within the deadlines specified in Article 10.04.8.
2. Within 10 days following the statement of appeal the appellant assigns to the General Secretary of the ACU a brief of appeal stating the facts.
3. If the COE/FTA/POA appeal was not lodged and/or the appeal fee not paid within the deadlines specified in Article 10.04.8 the General Secretary of the ACU is empowered to declare the appeal inadmissible without hearing.

#### **10.04.11 Appeal Fees**

1. The appeal fee is determined by the Board of Directors (BOD) of the ACU.
2. The fee for an appeal against a decision of the Clerk of the Course to the Stewards of the Meeting is £50.
3. The fee for an appeal against a decision of the Judicial Clerk of the Course to the Stewards of the Meeting (International competition). Refer to Appeal Fees outlined in the Price List printed in this Handbook.
4. The fee for an appeal against a decision of the Stewards of the Meeting, to the Local Centre Court is £150.
5. The fee for an appeal against a decision of the Stewards of the Meeting or the Local Centre Court to the COE or the Scottish ACU is £300.
6. The fee for an Appeal against a decision of a Sports Committee in a disciplinary matter to the COE is £300.
7. The fee for an appeal against a decision of the COE to the FTA is £5000.
8. The fee for a first appeal by a Licensed Official/competitor against a decision of a COE to the FTA is £500.

#### **10.04.12 Fees Payable upon an Adjournment**

1. If an adjournment to call further witnesses is ordered upon the request of one of the parties involved, this party must provide an additional financial guarantee within a time limit to be fixed by the disciplinary body. The hearing will not be continued until this guarantee has been paid. In case of no provision of the guarantee within the time limit, the disciplinary body will make a determination of the appeal based on the evidence of the original witnesses.

#### **10.04.13 Fees Payable upon Withdrawal of an Appeal**

1. If an appeal is withdrawn prior to a hearing the appeal fee will be forfeited.

#### **10.04.14 Time Limits for the Hearing of Appeals**

1. The time limit for the hearing of appeals is:  
Against a decision of the Clerk of the Course to the Stewards of the Meeting: Same day  
(Time limits for Appeals in respect of Trials and Enduro appear in Appendix B)

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| Against a decision of the Judicial Clerk of the Course to the Stewards of the Meeting (International competition) | Same day |
| Against a decision of the Stewards of the Meeting by the COE  | 4 weeks  |
| Against the decision of a Sports Committee in a disciplinary matter to the COE                                    | 4 weeks  |
| Against a decision of the COE to the FTA  | 8 weeks  |
| Against a decision of a Centre Court to the COE   | 4 weeks  |
| Against a decision of the Court of the Scottish ACU to the COE  | 4 weeks  |
| Against a decision of a Sport Committee to the POA  | 4 weeks  |
2. The time limit shall be taken from the time or date of receipt of the decision appealed against.
  3. In all cases the appeal bodies must pronounce a decision.

**10.04.15 Effect of an Appeal**

1. On request of the appellant, the COE may decide a stay of the decision of the Stewards of the Meeting.
2. On request of the appellant the FTA may decide a stay of the decision of the COE.

**10.05 Procedure Before all the Disciplinary and Arbitration Bodies**

**10.05.1 Right to a Hearing**

- I 1. Save for article 10.03.1.3, it shall be the unquestionable right of any person or body charged with any offence under the National Sporting Code, its Appendices or the Rules of the ACU to defend themselves either in person or by proxy. Any party convened before a disciplinary or arbitration body has the right to be represented by one defence counsel of its own choice and at its own expense. Adequate notice of this intention must be given to the ACU in order that this may be notified to all other parties in the case. Failure to do so may result in the disciplinary or arbitration body upholding an objection to such representation. If any of the parties duly convened do not appear, judgement can be rendered by default. The discipline or arbitration bodies may propose that the hearing take place by means of a telephone conference call, or through any other means of communication, using a telephone or other electronic device. Such a method of conducting a hearing shall only take place with the consent of all parties involved.

**10.05.2 The Hearing**

1. The hearing shall be open unless the disciplinary or arbitration body itself decides otherwise in exceptional circumstances.
2. The appellant must be present or duly represented, failing which, the appeal will not be admissible and the costs shall be borne by the appellant.
3. Once the Chairman has opened the proceedings, he will invite the parties involved to state their respective cases without the witnesses being present.
4. After statements of the parties concerned, the disciplinary or arbitration body shall hear the various witnesses and experts in order to complete the evidence. The parties involved in the case shall have the right to question all witnesses and experts on their evidence.
5. Any member of the disciplinary or arbitration body may, at any time during the hearing and with the Chairman's approval, question any of the parties, witnesses and experts involved.

**10.05.3 Witnesses and Experts**

1. Each party is responsible for the convening and appearance of its own witnesses, as well as their expenses unless the Court decides otherwise.
2. The disciplinary or arbitration body has no authority to oblige the witnesses to swear on oath, therefore testimony shall be given freely. The witnesses may only testify to the facts they know and shall not be allowed to express an opinion unless the disciplinary or arbitration body should regard them as experts on a particular subject and should ask them to do so.

3. After having made their statements, the witnesses may not leave the Courtroom and shall not be allowed to speak to any other witness who has still to give evidence.
4. The Court may summon experts.

#### **10.05.4 Judgement**

1. Decisions of all disciplinary or arbitration bodies will be reached in camera by a simple majority of votes. All members will have equal voting rights which must be exercised when a decision is required. Abstention is not permitted.
2. Each member of the disciplinary or arbitration body binds himself to keep all deliberations secret.

#### **10.05.5 Notification of Judgements**

1. The decision of the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards of the Meeting must be notified in writing directly after the hearing. All judgements of the COE the POA and the FTA must be notified in writing by Special Delivery letter to inform all the parties concerned.

#### **10.05.6 Publication of Judgements**

1. The disciplinary or arbitration body adjudicating a Protest or an Appeal has the right to publish or have its judgements published and to quote the names of all parties concerned. The persons or bodies quoted in these statements have no action against the ACU, nor against any person having published the statement. Furthermore, final decisions will be published in the ACU Magazine and/or the ACU website unless the Court itself decides otherwise.

#### **10.06 Costs of Procedure**

1. The costs of a disciplinary or arbitration decision will be assessed by the General Secretary and will be awarded against the losing party unless the Court decides otherwise. In cases involving Voluntary Officials the Costs may be awarded against the body which appointed the Official concerned at the discretion of the Court.

#### **10.06.1 Payment of Fines and Costs**

1. If a penalty is definitive and either the fine and/or the costs are not paid within 30 days of notification of the decision, the person or body affected by the decision shall be automatically suspended from participation in all ACU activities until such time as full payment is received.

#### **10.07 Reciprocity Of Penalties**

1. The ACU will withdraw the Licence of any person who is subject to a penalty of suspension or disqualification by the MCRCB or an FMN.

#### **10.08 Law of Mercy**

1. The Board of Directors of the ACU after consultation with the Chairman of the disciplinary body concerned or upon a proposal from the latter may recommend to the National Council of the ACU that the penalty of a person having exhausted all the appeal procedures be mitigated or completely quashed.

#### **10.09 Arbitration Clause**

1. Final decisions handed down by the jurisdictional organs of the ACU shall not be subject to appeal in the ordinary courts. Such decisions must be referred to the Sports Resolutions (UK) within the time limit for appeal as laid down in Article 10.04.7, which shall have exclusive authority to impose a definitive settlement in accordance with the Code of Arbitration applicable to sport.

## CHAPTER 11 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

### 11.01 Breach of Rules

1. Any of the following offences, in addition to other offences specifically referred to previously or hereafter, shall be deemed to be a breach of this Code and as such will be dealt with under Article 10.03 by the appropriate Body who may impose penalties as necessary:
  1. bribery, or attempt, directly or indirectly, to bribe any person having official duties in relation to a competition or the acceptance of or offer to accept a bribe by such Official or Employee,
  2. any attempt to influence improperly any Official in the course of their duties,
  3. any action having as its object the entry or participation in a competition of a person or motorcycle known to be ineligible therefore,
  4. any fraudulent act or proceeding in connection with a competition or of the sport of motorcycling generally.
  5. competing for, accepting or offering to accept, or advertising an award, in the nature of a title or Championship, in respect of a motorcycle competition, unless such award is recognised by the ACU Headquarters,
  6. any proceeding or act prejudicial to the interests of, any part or body of the ACU, or of the sport of motorcycling generally,
  7. any act which is of a violent, threatening or abusive nature to any Official, Rider or Passenger or any other person. For the purpose of this article, a prejudicial act shall be deemed to include (but not be limited to) the non-payment of fines, affiliation fees, permit fees, licence fees and insurance premiums. For the purpose of this article, the parent or legal guardian of a Rider or Passenger, or any member of his entourage, is deemed to bear mutual responsibility with that Rider or Passenger.
  8. The use of Social Media to propagate foul, abusive or offensive language, profane activity or fraudulent comments against any Rider, Official or member of the ACU (including its affiliated Centres/Clubs/Promoters) or deemed to bring the ACU into disrepute by any accessible Social Media outlet (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, Texts, Webshots, Instagrams, Public Forums) or any other Social Network sites is not permitted.

The Entrant and/or Rider/passenger shall be responsible for the acts of his riders/mechanics, passengers or any member of his entourage. A parent or legal guardian of a rider or passenger is deemed to bear mutual responsibility with that competitor.

### 11.02 Re-Run

1. No judicial authority shall have the power in its judgement on a protest or appeal to order either a part or the whole of a competition which has been completed to be run again.

### 11.03 Allocation of Proceeds from Fines etc.

1. The proceeds from all fines, forfeited protest fees and appeal fees, shall be remitted to ACU Head Office, which will pay them into the ACU Benevolent Fund.
2. All protests to the Clerk of the Course must be made in accordance with article 10.4.3 of the National Sporting Code (NSC) and be accompanied with the correct fee. The fee is returnable if the protest is justified or forfeited if the Disciplinary Body considers the protest to be groundless, or if it is withdrawn without a hearing. The same applies with regard an Appeal to the Stewards of the Meeting. Notwithstanding the above, there are circumstances that may dictate the protest/appeal fees be returned to the appellant at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course/Stewards of the Meeting.

### 11.04 Quashing a Competition

1. The authority granting the permit may declare any competition null and void, subject to the right of appeal as provided in these Rules.

**11.05 Notices**

1. Any communications required under the Rules to be made to the ACU Headquarters shall be addressed to the registered office of the ACU, ACU House, Wood Street, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 2YX or to such other address as may be duly notified from time to time.
2. Any communications required under these Rules to be sent to an entrant or rider shall be sent to the address on his entry form or, if he is the holder of a licence issue by the ACU, to the address on the licence. Any communications to be sent to an Organiser shall be sent to the address on the relevant Supplementary Regulations.
3. Any communications to be sent to an appellant under these Rules shall be sent to the address upon the notice of appeal.

Any communications so sent by special delivery shall be deemed to have reached the addressee by normal delivery of post.

# APPENDIX A DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS & PROTEST & APPEAL PROCEDURE

## DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

**DISCIPLINARY DECISION**  
(By the Clerk of the Course issued in writing)

**Decision Issued in Writing**  
Protest Permitted

**RIGHT OF PROTEST (To the Clerk of the Course)**  
Any ACU licensed Rider, Passenger Entrant or Official affected by a decision taken during a meeting held under an ACU Permit has the right to protest against that decision. No protest can be lodged against a statement of fact pronounced by the Clerk of the Course or any other Executive Official.

**PROTEST FEES**

International Competition	£100.00
National/Restricted/Closed Competition	£50.00

**PROCEDURE AND TIME LIMIT FOR PROTESTS**  
All protests must be submitted in writing and signed by the person directly concerned. Protests must refer to a single subject only and be presented within 30 minutes at the latest of the publication of the results unless otherwise provided in the Appendices of the ACU National Sporting Code. During a meeting, protests must be handed to the Clerk of the Course or Secretary of the Meeting accompanied by the correct protest fee. Any Protest against the eligibility of a rider, passenger, team or a motorcycle entered must be made before the start of the official practice unless otherwise defined in the relevant Appendices and Regulations.

**Clerk of the Course (COC)**

**Decision**  
Appeal Permitted

**PROCEDURE AND TIME LIMIT FOR APPEALS (To the Steward(s))**  
All Appeals must be submitted in writing and signed by the person directly concerned. Appeals may be made against any decision previously made by Clerk of the Course. Appeals to the Steward(s) must be made within 30 minutes unless otherwise provided in the relevant Appendices of the ACU National Sporting Code or Regulations.

**APPEAL FEE**

To the Stewards of the Meeting	£50.00
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**TIME LIMITS FOR THE LODGING OF APPEALS**

Against a decision of the Clerk of the Course to The Steward(s) of the Meeting	30 minutes
Against a decision of the Steward(s) of the Meeting to the ACU Court of Enquiry (COE)	5 days
Against a decision of the COE to the Final Tribunal of Appeal (FTA)	5 days
Statement of Appeal before the FTA	5 days

The time limit shall be taken from the time or date of receipt of the decision appealed against.

## PROTEST & APPEAL PROCEDURE

**Decision of FTA**  
No further appeal

**ACU Final Tribunal of Appeal (FTA)**

**Decision**  
Appeal permitted to Final Tribunal of Appeal (FTA)  
Appeal Fee £5,000

**ACU Court of Enquiry (COE) Rugby**

**Decision**  
Appeal permitted to ACU Court of Enquiry at Rugby (COE)  
Appeal Fee £300

**Local Centre Court (LCC)**

**Decision**  
Appeal permitted to the Permit Issuing Authority (PIA)  
**Appeal Fee £300 if PIA is ACU HQ Rugby**  
Appeal Fee £150 where PIA is a Local Centre

**Steward(s) of the Meeting**



## APPENDIX B PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURE – TRIALS AND ENDURO

**RIGHT OF PROTEST (To the Clerk of the Course)**  
Where a decision has been made by any other Official than the Clerk of the Course any ACU licensed/Registered Rider, Passenger, Entrant or Official affected by such decision taken during a meeting held under an ACU Permit has the right to protest against that decision. No protest can be lodged against a statement of fact pronounced by the Clerk of the Course or any other Executive Official.

**PROTEST FEES**  
Please refer to **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook

**PROCEDURE AND TIME LIMIT FOR PROTESTS**  
All protests must be submitted in writing and signed by the person directly concerned.  
Protests must refer to a single subject. Unless stated in the Championship Regulations or Supplementary Regulations, the time limit for Protest against the result of an event where the result is determined by the calculation of points or timing should be **14 days** from the day of issue of the results as confirmed by the postmark. Protests against results for multi-day events (e.g. 2 day or 6 day) shall be made by **5pm** on the day following the day's results against which the Protest has been made, subject to the results being displayed prior to the start of the subsequent day. If this condition is not met then the previous criteria will apply.  
Protests for a final day shall have the same time limit as a one-day event.  
During a meeting, protests must be handed to the Clerk of the Course or Secretary of the Meeting accompanied by the correct protest fee. Any Protest against the eligibility of a rider, passenger, team or a motorcycle entered must be made one hour before the first competitor is due to start unless otherwise defined in the relevant Appendices and Regulations.

**Decision of Clerk of the Course (C of C) – Appeal permitted**

**FURTHER APPEALS for which the time limit for submission in each case is 5 Days (See N.S.C. for full details)**  
Against a decision of the Steward(s) of the Meeting  
– Appeal permitted to the Permit Issuing Authority (PIA)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook  
– Appeal permitted to ACU Court of Enquiry at Rugby (COE)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook  
– Appeal permitted to Final Tribunal of Appeal (FTA)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook

Against a decision of the PIA  
– Appeal permitted to ACU Court of Enquiry at Rugby (COE)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook  
– Appeal permitted to Final Tribunal of Appeal (FTA)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook

**Against a decision of the COE**  
– Appeal permitted to Final Tribunal of Appeal (FTA)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook

No further Appeal allowed.

**RIGHT OF APPEAL (To the Stewards of the Meeting)**  
Following a decision of the Clerk of the Course any ACU licensed/Registered Rider, Passenger, Entrant or Official affected by such decision taken during a meeting held under an ACU Permit has the right to appeal against that decision. No appeal can be lodged against a statement of fact pronounced by the Clerk of the Course or any other Executive Official.

**APPEAL FEE**  
Please refer to **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook

**PROCEDURE AND TIME LIMIT FOR APPEALS**  
All Appeals must be submitted in writing and signed by the person directly concerned.  
Appeals may be made against any decision previously made by Clerk of the Course shall be 30 mins from the posting of the decision.  
Appeals against a decision of C of C at an Enduro or Trials event where the effect of this decision does not become apparent until the results have been calculated, shall be made within the same time limits set out for Protests above, i.e. 14 days, or 5pm on the following day of a multi-day event. This would allow for an Appeal arising out of the C of C altering or removing a time limit or altering the route of the course because of deterioration, or an obstacle, when earlier riders may have left the venue before the effects of these changes have become apparent.

**Decision of the Stewards of the Meeting – Appeal**

**FURTHER APPEALS for which the time limit for submission in each case is 5 Days (See N.S.C. for full details)**  
– Appeal permitted to the Permit Issuing Authority (PIA)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook  
– Appeal permitted to ACU Court of Enquiry at Rugby (COE)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook  
– Appeal permitted to Final Tribunal of Appeal (FTA)  
Appeal Fee as printed in **Price List** elsewhere in this Handbook



## APPENDIX C INSURANCE

(Refer to current ACU Handbook)

### 1. General

1. The ACU shall effect policies of Insurance as specified in this Appendix, through such Brokers or Insurers as they shall from time to time appoint.
2. The requirements of this Appendix shall be subject to the market availability of such insurance, both in detail and in general.
3. The requirements laid down in this Appendix are general requirements and shall not be deemed to form part of any contract between the ACU and its Centres, Affiliated Clubs, Approved Bodies, Officials or Licence Holders nor between the ACU and its appointed Brokers or Insurers in specific cases.
4. Nothing contained within this Appendix shall prohibit any Centre, Affiliated Club, Approved Body or Official from seeking direct contact with the Appointed Brokers or Insurers, for the purpose of obtaining advice, or clarification of policies provided that the Company Secretary is kept informed by copy correspondence.

### 2. Legal Liability

1. The policy or policies shall provide indemnity in respect of accidental death of or bodily injury to or damage to the property of third parties.
2. The policies shall indemnify the ACU, Local Centres, Affiliated Clubs, Approved Bodies (as defined by NSC Art. 3.05), Officials of these Bodies and Officials and Sponsors of events. Details, including the limit of indemnity for any one accident to be included in the annual ACU Handbook.
3. The owner of land used for the holding in part or in all of any event subject to the Code shall be included under the policies as an insured person.
4. The policies shall be capable of extension to indemnify the promoter in respect of liabilities for accidental injury or damage to property, entered into under contract with any owner of land. Subject to such contract being submitted in advance to insurers for approval.
5. In respect of any event or part of an event held off the public highway, the policies shall in addition indemnify Competitors, Entrants or Sponsors of Competitors.
6. The policies shall include the liability of one Insured Person or Body, except that the liability of the one Rider, Passenger, Entrant or Sponsor, to another Rider, Passenger, Entrant or Sponsor in respect of their participation in the same event, shall not be covered.
7. In respect of any event or part of an event held in circumstances to which the provision of the Road Traffic Act, or similar legislation governing the use of motor vehicles apply it shall be the responsibility of the Competitor to effect insurance to comply with such legislation.
8. The policies shall include cover in respect of the setting up or dismantling of courses for a specific event, although taking place before or after the date of the event.
9. In addition to any exclusion specifically referred to in this Appendix or to any standard prevailing market exclusions for this Class of Insurance, the policies shall not apply to nor include:
  1. Events not subject to the Jurisdiction of this Code or the FIM Code.
  2. Use of any motor vehicle in circumstances requiring insurance under the Road Traffic Act or similar legislation.
  3. Any risk arising from the movement of aircraft.
  4. Subject to Appendix 'C' Art. 2.4, any liability for Property used in connection with an event or in the Promoters/Organisers custody or control.
10. The policies shall not be required to provide indemnity to any person or body who is in breach of this Code or any other requirements or regulation of the ACU.
11. All Riders or Passengers in an event shall sign a declaration of the prescribed type as shown in the current ACU Handbook or as varied in accordance with the Insurers' requirements.

## APPENDIX D MOTORCYCLES AND ACCESSORIES

1. **The Standing Regulations for each discipline contain detailed rules for each type and class of competition and must be read in conjunction with this Appendix. Unless stated otherwise in Supplementary Regulations, all ACU Championships and Competitions are for and between vehicles of Category 1 propelled by an internal combustion engine.**

### 1. Motorcycles

The term motorcycles covers all vehicles having in principle less than four wheels, propelled by an engine and designed essentially for the carriage of one or more persons of which one is the rider of the vehicle. The wheels must support the vehicle at all times and remain in contact with the ground other than when influenced by irregular terrain or force majeure.

### 2. Quad Machines

(Category II Group G)

### 2. Freedom of Construction

1. Provided a vehicle conforms to the requirements of this appendix and any discipline regulations and the Supplementary Regulations as well as to any specific Conditions that may be required for certain competitions, no restriction is placed on the make, construction or type of motorcycle used in competition. All vehicles must be entirely controlled by the rider. Any form of automatic control of the degree of differential movement between the wheels of a machine is prohibited. Where a passenger is carried stability may be improved by passenger movement.

### 3. Categories and Groups of Motorcycles

1. Motorcycles are divided into categories:

#### CATEGORY I

Motorcycles propelled by the action of one wheel in contact with the ground.

#### CATEGORY II

Special vehicles propelled by the action of one or more wheels in contact with the ground but which are not covered by the group conditions for Category I.

#### CATEGORY III

Electric Vehicles.

Electric propulsion motorcycles are Category III. Vehicles with two or three wheels having traction on one or more wheels, driven by a motor (or motors) operated by means of electricity only. Wheels must normally be in contact with the ground.

#### CATEGORY IV

Special vehicles not propelled by wheels in contact with the ground. An enclosing shell or body may be fitted with fixed aerodynamic devices to aid directional stability or increase 'down force' only.

THESE CATEGORIES ARE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS:

#### CATEGORY I

**Group A1** Two wheeled vehicles making only one track on the ground.

**Group A2** Motorcycles with special characteristics commonly known as 'scooters' and defined in scooter regulations.

**Group A3** Motorcycles with special characteristics commonly known as 'mopeds' and defined in moped regulations.

**Group B1** Vehicles with three wheels making two tracks on the ground, consisting of a motorcycle making one track and a sidecar for a passenger making the other track.

**Group B2** Vehicles comprising motorcycle and sidecar making three tracks on the ground,

two of the tracks being made by the front and rear motorcycle wheels whose centre lines in the direction of forward travel are displaced by a maximum of 75mm.

**Group B3** Vehicles making three tracks on the ground forming a complete and integral unit and having accommodation for driver and passenger, commonly known as ‘cycle cars’ and defined in cyclecar standing regulations.

**CATEGORY II**

**Group C** Special two wheeled motorcycles.

**Group D** Special three wheeled motorcycles.

**Group E** Snowmobiles.

**Group F** Sprinters and Drag Racers.

**Group G** Quad Machines

**CATEGORY III**

Group J Electric vehicles

**CATEGORY IV**

**Group Y1** Special two wheeled non wheel-driven motorcycles.

An additional wheel or wheels may be fitted to aid low speed stability but must be discarded or retracted during competition or record attempt. The overall width of the machine must not exceed 800mm.

**Group Z2** Special three wheeled non wheel-driven vehicles.

**4. Classes**

- Groups are again separated into classes according to engine size (capacity) as detailed below. These classes must be observed for all types of competition except within Categories III and IV or except with special permission of the ACU. In exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Stewards of the Meeting organisers may amalgamate classes should the size and type of entry appear to warrant such action.

**CLASSES – CATEGORY I**

<b>Group A1</b>	<b>Minimum Engine Capacity over CC</b>	<b>Maximum Engine Capacity CC</b>
Class		
50	—	50
80	50	80
100	80	100
125	100	125
175	125	175
250	175	250
350	250	350
500	350	500
750	500	750
1000	750	1000
1300	1000	1300

**Group A3**

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Groups B1, B2 and B3, same as Groups A1 over 175cc.

**CLASSES – CATEGORY II**

**Groups C & D**

Regulations governing the classes in these groups to be issued as each case is presented.

**Group E**

Snowmobiles. As International Regulations (FIM)

**Group F**

Sprint and Drag Machines. Sprint and Drag Racing machines up to 1300cc as groups A1 and A2.  
Over 1300cc:

Class 2000 Over 1300cc up to 2000cc

Class 3000 Over 2000cc up to 3000cc

Class 3500 Over 2000cc up to 3500cc

**Group G**

Quad Machines.

Four wheeled balloon tyred vehicles having a wheel at each diagonal extremity, consisting of a complete integral unit having accommodation for a driver only sitting astride, steered by a handlebar connected to the front wheels and driven by rear wheels only. Classes as Category I Group A1.

**CLASSES – CATEGORY III****Group J – A1**

Two wheel vehicles leaving only one track on the ground.

These motorcycles must be driven forward by electric motors equipped with energy storage systems of the electro-chemical type. Fuel cells are forbidden. Maximum weight 300kg.

**Group J – B2**

Three wheel vehicles leaving two or three tracks on the ground, forming an integral unit. These motorcycles must be driven forward by electric motors.

**Class A:** with electro-chemical energy storage systems. Fuel cells are forbidden.

Maximum weights (in running order, without driver):

A1) 250kg A2) 500kg A3) 750kg.

**Class B:** solar cycle-cars, powered by electric motors driven by energy from photo-voltaic panels, with the possibility to use storage batteries.

Maximum weight of the batteries (inclusive of their container): 60kg. The batteries must be easy to take out for weighing.

Minimum panel surface: 4.5sq m.

All alternative propulsion systems are forbidden (human, internal or external combustion auxiliary engines, wind-engines).

Vehicle kinetic energy can be recuperated to perform battery re-charge.

**5. Measurement of Engines**

- The size of an engine is the sum of the capacities of each cylinder of that engine. The capacity of each engine cylinder is calculated by the geometrical formula for the volume of a cylinder; the diameter is represented by the cylinder bore, and the height by the distance moved by the piston from its highest to lowest position within the cylinder (stroke).

$$\text{Capacity} = \frac{D^2 \times 3.1416 \times C}{4}$$

Where D = Bore and C = Stroke

- When measuring a tolerance of  $\frac{1}{100}$ mm is permitted in the bore. If with this tolerance the capacity limit is exceeded for the class in question, a further measurement must be taken with the engine cold to  $\frac{1}{100}$ mm limits.

Other types of engine to which this rule is not appropriate may be used in competition, engine size should be determined by reference to the Technical Panel.

**6. Carburettors or other Air Input Control Instruments**

- Except as in (b) below size is defined as that nominal diameter obtained from the geometrical formula:

$$\text{Size} = \sqrt{\frac{4A}{3.1416}} \text{ to the nearest 1.00mm.}$$

2. Where A is the minimum cross sectional area in square mm (mm<sup>2</sup>) of the induction tract within the carburettor body (mixture or control devices excepted). In Competitions where Carburettor(s) or Other Air Input Instruments are Homologated or a maximum choke size is specified.

The following induction tract conditions must exist where the instrument joins to manifold or engine and immediately adjacent thereto, the conditions may be satisfied by either the instrument itself, the manifold or engine where it attaches or an element of durable material inserted between.

1. All induced air must pass through this induction tract.
2. Induction tract at the interface to be circular in shape, maximum diameter no more than homologated size, or that maximum specified in any relevant regulations.
3. Induction tract to be of constant diameter over a minimum distance equal to 75% of homologated carburettor size or specified maximum choke size.

## **7. Identification Numbers**

1. During a competition each motorcycle shall carry, prominently displayed, such numbers or marks as may be stipulated in the appropriate Standing or Supplementary Regulations.

## **8. Examination of Machines**

1. Every motorcycle shall be examined before the start of a competition or before the start of official practice to ensure compliance with the technical specifications.
2. The rider of any motorcycle which starts in a competition shall, if required, submit the motorcycle for final examination, and any motorcycle may be retained by the organisers for such a period as may reasonably be necessary for its examination and/or measurement to ensure compliance with technical rules.

## **9. Measurement of Machines**

1. The engine or any other controlled part may be verified on the instructions of the Clerk of the Course or to determine a protest.
2. The Clerk of the Course, at his own discretion, may decide if the measurement may take place other than at the event. In such a case, the part or the engine shall be sealed and measurement shall take place as soon as possible. Failure to submit to verification will entail disqualification. Any necessary dismantling shall be carried out by the entrant, or under his instruction. The entrant shall be responsible for any costs involved unless measurement of specific machines is required by the Supplementary Regulations in which case all fees and maximum allowable part costs (gaskets etc) shall be specified in those regulations and be the responsibility of the organiser unless an infringement of regulations is proved. A protest, the organisers of the meeting shall be responsible for the payment of the fees and costs of the official measurer.
  1. If measurement takes place to determine a protest, the party against whom the decision is made shall be responsible for payment of the fees and costs including those of the official measurer, and for the reinstatement of the machine. (see price list and individual Discipline Regulations)
  2. If measured in accordance with a directive issued by a Main Committee of the ACU, the fees and costs including those of the official measurer shall be borne by the ACU, otherwise than in relation to a Protest or Appeal.

## **10. Advertising**

1. Advertising may be displayed on a vehicle and on the rider's and or passenger's clothing and helmet in any competition, subject to the following conditions:
  1. No advertisement shall be displayed within 50mm of any number plate or number plate panel.

2. The name of the vehicle and/or sidecar or clothing manufacturer and/or the name of the rider will not be regarded as advertising.
3. Notwithstanding the above conditions, the organisers of any competition may, at their sole discretion, prohibit the display of any advertisement on a vehicle or on the clothing or helmet of any rider or passenger.
4. Where advertising, or any particular advertisement, is prohibited all drivers must be notified at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
5. The ACU may prohibit the display of any advertisement which it deems to be offensive, or not in the best interests of the sport.

#### **11. Brakes**

1. All motorcycles used in disciplines requiring brakes must be equipped with efficient systems operating on and concentrically with the wheel. The number of braked wheels and other special requirements will be found in the discipline Standing Regulations.

#### **12. Dangerous Construction**

1. The Clerk of the Course may, or on the advice of the Chief Scrutineer/Machine Examiner, disqualify any vehicle, or equipment, the construction or condition of which is deemed to be dangerous.

#### **13. Positions of Rider and Passenger**

1. During a race, riders should adopt a position with their feet on the footrests. If a rider adopts any other position and this is deemed to be dangerous by the Clerk of the Course he must be disqualified. During a race or competition, the passenger, if any, must be effectively and continuously carried on the vehicle. The passenger however, may be dismounted when the vehicle is stationary, dismounted for starting, or may move from the place provided to maintain stability.

#### **14. Throttle (Accelerator) Controls**

1. For all types of vehicle, throttle controls must be self closing when not held by the hand or operated by the foot.

#### **15. Chain Guards**

1. If the primary transmission is exposed, it must be fitted with a guard as a safety measure. The guard must be conceived in such a manner that under no circumstances can the rider or passenger come into accidental contact with the transmission parts. It must be designed to protect against finger injury. On "Off-road" and "Sprint" machines, a guard must be fitted to the counter shaft (gearbox) sprocket. Individual disciplines may require additional protection for rider and passenger, any additional protection must comply with FIM rules and will appear in the discipline standing regulations.

#### **16. Exhaust Sound Control**

1. The ACU will stipulate and may from time to time vary maximum sound levels permitted for machines used in the various sporting disciplines, also the conditions and method of sound testing to be used. Engine stroke in millimetres must be permanently and prominently displayed on the crankcase for use in sound control calculations.
2. The Clerk of the Course may, at his own discretion or on the advice of a Sound Control Inspector, exclude any vehicle deemed to be excessively noisy. Other penalties may be imposed by the relevant National Sporting Committee.

**17. General**

1. It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure a machine and equipment used in competition is mechanically and structurally in a safe condition and fit for the intended purpose. When due to the nature of the competition the machine is ridden on the Public Highway, it is also the responsibility of the rider to ensure compliance with all Road Traffic Act(s) requirements.