

# TRACK RACING INFORMATION - 19.1

## NEW ITEMS FOR 2019

### Marshals Training

The ACU Track Racing Committee (TRC) has produced a set of supporting documentation which will be available for all clubs from January 2019. The documentation includes a guidance booklet for all Marshals, an 'Information' sheet and a 'Signing On' sheet for Marshals to sign confirming they have received the training – which will be delivered by the Clerk of the Course.

This training should take place at each Club's **first meeting of the season**, and as mentioned above will be undertaken by the Clerk of the Course.

It is planned that following the completion of the training, these forms, together with a pink affiliation form, will be forwarded to Tracey Cossar at the ACU, and trained Marshals will then receive an ACU 'Marshal registration' card

### Licences and Insurance Fees:

For 2019 there will be a small increase for a Track Racing licence to £52.00, (Speedway £42.00)

For youth competitors the lower £30 fee has been extended until the rider is 13 years of age, before he/she has to pay the higher £52 fee.

NOTE: One event licences remain the same price at £15, but please remember they cannot be purchased for a National permitted event

### Organisers Information for Paramedics

It became apparent at a Grass Track event in 2018 that the Paramedics at the event did not know how to remove the riders helmet safely. The TRC strongly recommends that clubs should check with their medical providers to ensure that the Paramedics know how to remove the 'cheek pads' from a helmet, before it is removed from the riders head. Failure to understand how a helmet can be removed safely could result in a further serious injury.

### Technical Issues:

- Rules for the new GT140cc Class have been incorporated within the 2019 ACU Handbook
- Also included in the 2109 Handbook are the rules and motorcycle specifications for the 1000cc Sidecar Speedway.
- Footrests must now be on independent pivot.
- Engines must not be started prior to Technical Inspection (scrutineering)

### Random Drugs & Alcohol Testing

During 2018, Track Racing (together with other Off Road disciplines) were subject to random drugs testing.

Once the meetings were identified, the ACU's appointed drug testing company – Raccoo (a Sport England approved company) – liaised with the ACU's General Secretary Gary Thompson, to maintain a strict confidential and impartiality process.

For Track Racing two events were selected (the British Championships at the 500cc Sidecar Association on 17<sup>th</sup> June, and Frittenden & District's Open to Centre event on 7<sup>th</sup> October). Unfortunately, at both meetings competitors failed their respective drug tests, with the outcome that a failure of the test results in an immediate two-year ban.

Retiring Track Racing Chairman (see over page) Dickie Staff confirmed that the random testing will continue throughout the various disciplines of the ACU during 2019



### 2019 Sidecar Speedway Championship:

It is envisaged that a four round Championship will take place next year with possibly a three round team event.

The Board of Directors have confirmed that ACU Events will again be supporting this championship in 2019

## CONGRATULATIONS TEAM GB – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WORLD LONG TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP CHRIS HARRIS, ZACH WAJTKNECHT JAMES SHANES, ADAM ELLIS



The Team Long Track World Championship took place at Morizes in the South of France in front of a large crowd of ecstatic fans who watched the home side take victory. For the Team Great Britain of Captain Chris Harris, James Shanes, Zach Wajtknecht and Adam Ellis, it was also a memorable evening, with the team battling hard to claim a well-earned second place with both James Shanes and Chris Harris scoring heavily and a depleted German team were very happy with their bronze medal place.

The French victory was forged with a 10-5 win over the Brits when both teams met in Heat 2, and they never looked to be at risk of losing this lead. Team GB won every other clash that they had with the remaining 4 teams, but the French riders were a cut above the rest on the night.



## 2019 ACU CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS



The ACU Track Racing Committee are pleased to announce the following dates and organisers for the various 2018 ACU championship events:

- **British Clubman's Champ** – Bristol GRC – Frittenden – June 09
- **Upright Championships** – Cheshire GTC – Gawsworth – June 30
- **British Under 21** – MCPMCC – Roche – August 03
- **British Youth Championships** – MCPMCC – Roche – August 03
- **British Masters** – GTSA – Frittenden – Aug 12
- **ACU International Sand Race Champ** – Guernsey – Sept 280
- **British Championships** – TBC
- **Pre 75 Championships** – TBC



## FIME EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL GRASS TRACK SEMI FINAL

Midshires GTC, together with support from the TRC will be hosting the FIME European Individual (Solo) Semi Final at Leamington, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

The event will guarantee spectators a top class line-up of Europe's best Solo riders including Zach Wajtknecht, James Shanes, Andrew Appleton Paul Hurry and Paul Cooper, all of whom will be aiming to qualify to the Final that will be held at Bad Hersfeld in Germany on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019. For more information nearer the event, log onto

[www.acu.org.uk](http://www.acu.org.uk)

## 2019 NEW TRACK RACING COMMITTEE LINE UP

The TRC gained a new member in 2018 when Gareth Bemister was elected at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Prior to the last meeting of the 2018 season, Dickie Staff informed the Committee that due to work commitments he would not be seeking re-election as Track Racing Chairman. ACU General Secretary Gary Thompson MBE BEM, attended the December TRC meeting to independently conduct the elections for the Chairmanship, with the outcome that Tony Steele was elected as the new Chairman (commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019), with Paul Hurry being re-elected by his committee colleagues as Deputy Chairman.

At the November National Council meeting, Dickie was voted back onto the TRC for a further three year period, and he will continue to support Tony, Paul and the other TRC members as well as being the ACU's representative on the FIME Track Racing Commission

The 2019 Track Racing Committee comprises of: **Tony Steele** (Chairman) **Paul Hurry** (Vice Chairman), **Dickie Staff**, **Steve Brace**, **Shaun Harvey**, and **Gareth Bemister** all ably supported by Committee Secretary **Tracey Cossar**

## REMINDER FOR CLUBS RUNNING YOUTH EVENTS

All competitors must be capable of sitting on their machines at the start line (unaided) with the machine in an upright in-line position, with one foot firmly on the ground and the other on the footrest. Production Motocross machines are not allowed in any other Grass Track class – apart from the Cadets.

The Youth Auto/Cadet Class: The Auto machines and the geared machines in this class can run separately or be amalgamated depending upon the number of entries received by an organiser.

At joint Adult/Youth events, a rider must specify which class he/she will enter and **cannot ride** Youth and Adult at the same event.

## NATIONAL GRADING POINTS

Adult - For all Grass Track events, the following points will be awarded in each class:  
1st = 6 points, 2nd = 5 points, 3rd = 4 points, 4th = 3 points, 5th = 2 points, 6th = 1 point.  
**The British Masters Qualifier Championship will not be awarded grading points**