



Regulations for Trials Discipline – 2012

The National Sporting Code and the Trials Standing Regulations of the ACU (as adopted by the Scottish ACU) and the Supplementary Regulations and any final instructions shall apply.

1. **METHOD OF MARKING:**

1.1 **NO STOP:** If all forward motion of the machine ceases, riders will incur 5 marks. i.e. Stopping; reversing; moving sideways all create a cessation of forward motion which is classed as a stop. This system must be used for all SACU Adult Championship; SACU Support Championship, Nationals and Closed to club events. (Ref: TSR 22B, ACU Handbook)

1.2 **OBSERVING GUIDANCE:** See point 1.1 above for marking a riders' performance.

If a rider's machine fails to maintain **forward motion**, within the boundaries of a section, the observer must award 5 marks to the rider. This is known as a "stop". There is no time delay applicable, a "stop" means 5 marks is lost. Hopping the machine sideways may also incur a 5 mark penalty if the observer deems that all *forward motion* of the machine had ceased with the operation of this *sideways movement*. The observers' decision on whether a rider has stopped or otherwise is final. This rule should be applied universally to all riders, in all classes, irrespective of which category they compete in and irrespective of the severity of the section. Clerk's of Courses should give consideration and lay out their event with this guidance in mind

2. **SECTION MARKERS:**

Five marks will be awarded to a rider if he/she is held responsible for displacing a section marker, or its support; i.e. moves it from its' original position (Ref: TSR 22B point (e) of the ACU Handbook). Special Note: Competitors taking part in the annual Scottish Six Days Trial must also consider the supplementary regulations for that particular event.

2.1. **COLOURED GATE SYSTEM:**

From 1st January 2010 onwards, there has been a coloured gate system for section markers. This system will apply until further notice.
In order of severity/difficulty the routes will be:

RED ROUTE: This route will usually facilitate the Premier Championship

BLUE ROUTE: This route will usually facilitate the Sportsman Championship

GREEN ROUTE: This route will usually facilitate the Clubman Championship

YELLOW ROUTE: For both Adult & Youth Beginners or new to the sport and Youth C; Youth D & Youth E competitors. This route should be widely used by clubs to foster new entrants into the sport of trials.

SACU affiliated clubs are actively encouraged to make use of a yellow route wherever possible.

It is possible to have any combination of these cards grouped together to indicate or provide a common route within a section. A competitor must ride between all of his coloured route markers within a section or sub-section or will incur a five mark penalty.

Clubs should also stipulate the coloured gate system in the event supplementary regulations and any instructions given to competitors.

Sections must be ridden in lap order and in sequence.

3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Competitors who are normally resident in Scotland, should be in possession of and present an SACU Trials Competition Licence, or a One-Event Licence (OEL) for closed to club and national events only. **OEL's are not available for SACU championship grade trials.** Licences are issued through the SACU offices; applications are available from affiliated club secretaries. Competition licences must be produced when signing on at an event. This applies to **all** Trials events permitted by the SACU.
For the Event Insurance to be valid, it is mandatory that a rider must be a member of an SACU/ACU/MCUI Club.

4. **ENTRIES:** Entry Forms, accompanied by the entry fee and insurance premiums, must be complete in every detail, signed by the Driver, Passenger and Entrant (if any) and forwarded to the Secretary of the Meeting. The Entrant, Driver and Passenger's current competition licence numbers must be stated. The statement "APPLIED FOR" will not be accepted. Details of entry fees inclusive of insurance premiums will be stated in the Supplementary Regulations. It is the right of any club to charge a £10 search fee (see paragraph below) if a competitor does not produce his competition licence when asked to do so by an official at an event. Alternatively the competitor may purchase a one event licence (cost: £10.00), as long as the event is a non-SACU championship trial. (see point 12).

5. **COMPETITION LICENCES – (FULL & ONE EVENT LICENCES):** All competitors must be in possession of a licence to compete in SACU permitted events. For SACU Trials Championship events, the competitors must possess a full Trials Competition Licence (cost: £43, 2012) issued by the SACU/MCUI or an ACU Registration Card. For closed to Club and National trials permitted by the SACU the competitor must purchase a "One Event Licence" (OEL) (Cost: £10 per event, 2012) providing he/she is classified as an adult competitor. OELs are not available to youth competitors, who must have a full Youth grade competition licence relevant to the competitors' age, see Categories of Rider, youth age limits below. For classification of individual events, please check with the organising club prior to the event.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Competitors wishing to purchase a One Event Licence must produce proof of Identification and proof of being a Bona Fide club member of an SACU affiliated club to the OEL issuing club official.

6. **CHANGE OF MACHINE** – any request for change of machine must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary of the Meeting at least one hour prior to the start. **The same machine must be used throughout the event.**

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7. **PROTESTS:** Any protest must be made, in writing, to the Clerk of the Course together with a fee of £50.00 for a national event, generally within 30 minutes of the rider finishing. The Clerk of the Course will give his decision. Any appeal against that decision must then be made to the Steward(s) of the meeting with a further fee payable. The protest fees will only be returned if the protest is upheld. (see National Sporting Code and current ACU Handbook for details).
8. **ABANDONMENT:** The organisers reserve the right, subject to the approval of the Stewards of the meeting, to cancel, postpone or abandon any event, or the Competition itself, if circumstances should arise which, in their opinion, render such action necessary.
9. **FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO DRIVERS:** Any instructions to drivers subsequently issued shall have the same force as these Standing regulations and the Supplementary Regulations.
10. **INSURANCE:** If you injure yourself at a Trial or whilst helping in the organisation, make sure you tell the Club Secretary. They will inform the insurers who will send you an incident report form to fill in (If Appropriate).
11. **DISCLAIMER:** It is a condition of acceptance of entry that the promoter shall not be responsible for any damage to a motorcycle or it's accessories whether by fire, accident or other causes, nor for the theft of a motorcycle or it's accessories during the meeting. (Ref: TSR 32, ACU Handbook).
12. **LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE:** An entrant is liable for any damage caused by himself, his driver or passenger, or any agent, representative or servant acting on their behalf, during the meeting. The promoters may act as agents for such persons to agree and pay for any such damage, and entrants shall on demand reimburse the promoters any such sum paid.
13. **COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS:** Every entrant and driver by entering or being entered or nominated thereby acknowledges that he is bound by the NSC of the ACU and these standing regulations together with any Supplementary Regulations and final instructions to be hereafter issued, to all of which he undertakes to submit and moreover, renounces any right to have recourse to any arbitration or tribunal not provided for in the said Rules & Regulations. (REF: TSR 40, ACU Handbook).

14. CATEGORIES OF RIDERS:

NOVICE: An adult competitor who has never won a 'Best Novice' or superior award in a National or National Restricted Trial. He/she shall remain a Novice for one calendar month after winning such an award. If multiple routes are used, the 'Best Novice' may be awarded on any of the routes utilised at a trial competition. Upon winning a "Best Novice" award, the competitor will become a "Non-Expert".

NON-EXPERT: Upgrading to "Expert" will occur after three Best Non-Expert/Major Awards have been obtained in National or National restricted Trials and will occur one calendar month after winning the third such award. If multiple routes are used, upgrading can only be achieved when riding the 'Red' or "hardest" route.

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EXPERTS: May apply **IN WRITING** to the Trials Committee for consideration to the licence holders' downgrading after one year.

15. **DOPE & DRUG TESTING:** Competitors are reminded that random testing can be carried out at any event.

16. **OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR:** Offensive behaviour by any rider or person with an interest in any rider's performance to any Observer, Event Official or any other official connected with the event, will not be tolerated by the SACU, please read and understand the notice displayed at the signing-on station at every event. **(Also see TSR 33, ACU Handbook)**

17. YOUTH AGE LIMITS:

Seniors	Class A	Born between: 01/01/1995 – 31/12/1996
Inters	Class B	Born between: 01/01/1997 – 31/12/1999
Juniors	Class C	Born between: 01/01/2000 – 31/12/2002
Cadets	Class D	Born between: 01/01/2003 – 31/12/2005
Pre-Cadet	Class E	Minimum age – 4 years at the date of competition and born after 01/01/2006

Note: The following are the maximum capacity machines which may be used by the various age groups at **ALL TRIALS**.

Seniors	Class A:	125cc class
Inters	Class B:	125cc class
Juniors	Class C:	80cc – Standard Wheels & Electric up to 1200 watts
Juniors	Class C:	80cc – Medium Wheels & Electric up to 1200 watts
Cadet	Class D:	80cc & Electric up to 1200 watts – Medium Wheels
Cadet	Class D:	50cc Mono-shock chassis / 80cc Twin-shock & Electric up to 1200 watts – Small Wheels.
Pre-Cadet	Class E:	Electric powered machines up to 1200 watts

Wheel sizes:

Standard:	21" Front; 18" Rear
Medium:	19" Front; 17" Rear
Small:	16" Front; 14" Rear

Class C; D & E Riders: A Non-competing adult may sign on at an event to act as a 'minder' to these three classes C; D & E only. They are insured under the same terms as the remainder of the entry. They must display that riders' competition licence number on their machine with a suffix M.

Upgrading:

- A rider may apply, in writing, to the SACU Trials Committee seeking to be upgraded into a higher age group before reaching the age normally required subject to written agreement of the riders' parents or guardian and the endorsement of his/her club.
- Request for upgrading should be submitted to the SACU Trials Committee prior to applying for a competition licence.
- Riders permitted to upgrade can not revert to a lower class. However a rider who has reached the age of 16 may enter and compete against adults or his youth class as he wishes until the 17th birthday.
- Unless agreed otherwise on an individual/exceptional basis by the SACU Trials Committee, points will not be awarded to a rider in a Scottish ADULT Championship Trial unless a full ADULT Licence is held by the competitor.

18. Scottish ACU Trials Championships:

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The 2012 SACU Trials Championship for Adult competitors, holding a full SACU Trials Competition Licence the format will be as follows:

“Scottish ACU Premier; Sportsman & Clubman Trials Championships”

Will be run over a maximum of 6 rounds, all rounds count towards the championships all competitors will ride a minimum of 45 sections in each event.

Scottish ACU Premier Trials Championship:

Special Provisions:

1. The Premier Championship is open to Expert, Non-Expert & Novice competitors who hold a full SACU/MCUI adult competition licence or ACU Registration card.
2. A competitor in the SACU Premier Championship will ride the Red designated route for trials.
3. There is no restriction as to the number of times a competitor may win the Premier championship.
4. During the season, competitors who ride in the Premier class (Red route) cannot compete for SACU Sportsman Championship (Blue route) or Clubman Championship (Green route) points in the same season.

Scottish ACU Sportsman Trials Championship:

Special Provisions:

1. The Sportsman Championship is open to Expert, Non-Expert & Novice competitors who hold a full SACU/MCUI adult competition licence or ACU Registration card.
2. An 'Expert' competitor to be eligible for Sportsman Championship points must have attained the age of 35 years by 1st January of the year of the competition.
3. A competitor in the SACU Sportsman Championship will ride the Blue designated route for trials.
4. During the season, competitors who ride in the Sportsman class (Blue route) cannot compete for SACU Premier Championship (Red route) or Clubman Championship (Green route) points in the same season.
5. A competitor who has previously won the SACU Sportsman Championship may not win the championship in future years; the competitor may however compete in the Sportsman Championship class in future years but on a no points basis.

Scottish ACU Clubman Trials Championship:

Special Provisions:

1. Only adult full licence holders/competitors who have never been accorded Expert status may compete for Clubman Championship points.
2. A competitor in the SACU Clubman Championship will ride the Green designated route for trials.

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3. During the season, competitors who ride in the Clubman class (green route) cannot compete for SACU Premier Championship (Red route) or Sportsman Championship (Blue route) points in the same season.
4. A competitor who has previously won the SACU Clubman Championship may not win the championship in future years; the competitor may however compete in the Clubman Championship class in future years but on a no points basis.

The Scottish ACU Support Trials Championships

Special Provisions:

1. The Support Series will incorporate: Youth A, B, C, D & E; Pre-65/Twinshock & Over-40 classes open to competitors who hold a full competition licence. From 2012, Air-cooled, mono-shock machines (known as “Evolution”) may compete in the same class and over the same sections as Pre65/Twin-shock, but will not be credited with championship points.
2. It will be run over a maximum of 8 rounds, the competitors best 7 rounds points gained will count towards the support championship. If the maximum number of rounds drops for any reason to 6 rounds or lower then all rounds points will count towards the championship.
3. With the exception of Youth C; D & E class riders, support championship trials competitors must ride a minimum of 45 sections per event, the exception being Youth C; D & E competitors, who must ride a minimum of 30 sections.

19. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPETITORS UNDER 18 years of age:** The parent/guardian or responsible adult (18 years of age or over) must be in attendance at the Event for whom an entry has been submitted to that meeting and stay for the duration of that time whilst the competitor under the age of 18 is present. A completed parental consent form, signed by both parents, must be submitted along with the licence application form. This will be retained in the SACU office.

20. **PROTESTS:** A protest may be made by a parent/guardian or responsible adult on behalf of a Youth Competitor and the parent/guardian or responsible adult may represent the Youth at all subsequent proceedings.

21. **COMPETITION NUMBERS:** In the interests of both safety and identification, the competitors' current competition licence number (last 3 digits) **MUST** be displayed to the front of the competitors' machine in a legible and clear manner at all times during all SACU permitted trials competitions. Ideally the digits should be 60mm in height. This applies to all Trials Events (The exception being, at events where the organising club provides numbers to individual competitors, then these numbers issued by the club must be affixed to the front of the machine). **Non compliance with this rule will incur a 10 mark penalty in addition to the riders score for the event.**

22. **PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** See “TSR 12 Clothing” in the ACU Handbook.

23. **CUT OUT BUTTONS:** All machines used by **Youth** competitors **must have** a working cut out button fitted at all times.

24. **NOISE LIMIT:** Noise tests may be carried out at any event. To facilitate this, all machines must be clearly marked with the bore and stroke of the engine. Failure to meet the current noise limits may lead to exclusion.

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25. **SEARCH FEE:** Non production of valid Full competition licence at an event - **£10.00**, **alternatively**, a “One Event Licence” (OEL) at the cost of £10.00 must be purchased, as long as the event is of non-championship status. OEL are not available to youth competitors. If a rider provides proof of licence to the Steward within 14 days, the search fee will be returned. Failure to provide proof will result in search fee being paid to the Benevolent Fund.

Scottish Adult Trials Championships – 2011

2011 Scottish ACU - Premier Championship:

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| 1. Gary Macdonald | 120 points |
| 2. Andrew Anderson | 82 points |
| 3. Ian MacPhail | 71 points |

2011 Scottish ACU - Sportsman Championship:

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| 1. Douglas Paton | 83 points |
| 2. Alex Strange | 67 points |
| 3. Alan McDonald | 65 points |

2011 Scottish ACU - Clubman Championship:

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| 1. Philip MacRae | 104 points |
| 2. Mark MacMillan | 87 points |
| 3. Hamish Jamieson | 67 points |

Scottish ACU Trials Support Class Championships 2011:

2011 Scottish ACU - Pre-65/Twinshock Championship:

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| 1. Alan Crayk | 117 points |
| 2. Murray Whittaker | 115 points |
| 3. Brian Nichol | 102 points |

2011 Scottish ACU - Over-40 Championship:

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| 1. Allister Stewart | 115 points |
| 2. Bobby Lafferty | 75 points |
| 3. Lee Collins | 71 points |

2011 Scottish ACU - Youth A Class:

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| 1. Euan Allan | 137 points |
| 2. Jack Dignan | 116 points |
| 3. Daveed Eckl | 99 points |

2011 Scottish ACU - Youth B Class:

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| 1. Robert Lafferty | 134 points |
| 2. Joe Dawson | 115 points |
| 3. Greg Baird | 93 points |

2011 Scottish ACU - Youth C Class:

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1. Duncan McColl 137 points
2. Ben Dignan 111 points
3. Keiran Brogan 41 points