

## STANDING REGULATIONS FOR HARE AND HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS 2016

**CLASSES.** The entry for the competition will be divided into classes, details of which will be shown in the Supplementary Regulations.

The SACU Hare and Hound Championship will be run from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> the following year.

- 1 All riders must have read the SACU Standing Regulations and National Sporting Code.
- 2 **ELIGIBILITY** All the riders and passengers must hold a current ACU or SACU licence and be a minimum age of 16 years. Any rider or passenger from another FMN MUST produce a licence issued by their FMN together with start permission and proof of personal accident Insurance.  
  
A Youth rider may compete as an Adult in these events but must be a minimum of 15 years of age and is restricted to a maximum machine capacity of 250cc. NB a rider who chooses to compete as an Adult cannot also compete as a Youth at any time in the same event.  
  
Youth riders must provide a Youth MX or Dual MX licence to enter adult events.
- 3 **CONTROL OF EXHAUST NOISE.** The sound level of a machine must be controlled according to procedures and limits described in the Standing Regulations of the ACU handbook for MX machines . Machines failing the initial test may be re-presented. Failure of the second test will prohibit the machine from entering the event.
- 4 **TYRES.** Any restrictions on the types of tyres to be used will be detailed in the Supplementary Regulations. Inner tubes may be changed anywhere on the course except the Parc Ferme. Wheels may not be changed.
- 4 **MUDGUARDS.** Mudguards must comply with current dimensions described in the Standing Regulations of the ACU handbook.
- 5 **PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.** Machines and clothing will be examined at the start and organisers may mark or seal certain parts of the machine. Details to be given in the Supplementary Regulations. Drivers may not change any marked or sealed part. Drivers only may work on their machines during the event. Repairs to machines carried out on the course must be effected only with tools carried on the machine or by the rider. Helmets bearing the appropriate ACU, Gold or Silver stamp must be worn throughout the event. Any protest against the Scrutineers's decision must be made immediately through the Clerk of the Course. A further examination will be carried out at the end of the event or ensure any marked or sealed parts are intact.
- 6 **NUMBER PLATES.** Three plates must be fixed to or painted on the machine, one on the front and one on each side. They must be 280mm wide and 230mm high. Expert Class riders must have a green front plate with white digits plate (or may use a red plate with white digits if they compete in the **BEC Championship class**), Clubman and Over 40 riders a yellow front plate and Sportsman a black front plate with white numbers. Side plates must the same colour as front plates — digit size 140mm high x 25mm width of 'brush stroke'. **Ladies class competing in Clubman, Clubman 'B' or Sportsman can carry a mauve plate and side panels**  
  
Riders numbers will be assigned by the organisers. Riders may request a number at the discretion of the organiser
- 7 **START.** Riders will start in groups according to class – Expert, Clubman etc. No more than 40 riders may start at one time. If there are more than 40 riders in a class then the field will be split – first row to be decided on first come basis.  
  
Riders must present their machine at the start line a minimum of 15 minutes before the event start. A sighting lap may be included at the organiser's discretion. The start interval between groups must be no less than 30 seconds – and will be decided by the organiser.
- 8 **START PROCEDURE.** Dead engine start or Le Mans style start – at organiser's discretion.
- 9 **LAP** Scottish Championship events will be 3 hours duration.
- 10 **COURSE.** The course must be clearly marked by direction arrows and other tapes/signs. The course will consist mainly of rough tracks and cross-country sections.

- 11 LAP SCORING AREA. All riders must pass through individual class lap scoring gates at the end of each lap. If a rider goes through the wrong gate their lap will not be recorded. It is the riders' responsibility to ensure they use the correct class gate. This will be a "Blue Tape" area – walking pace and marked as such. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their number is clean at the gate.
- 12 FINISH. The finish flag will be put out at the end of the event. In normal practice no less than 2 hours. All riders crossing the line after this will be credited with a finish. The riders finish time will be noted.
- The winner in each class will be the rider who completes the most no of laps and crosses the finish line after the flag has been shown. Where riders have the same no of laps the winner will be the rider who completed them in the shortest time.
- 13 REFUELLING. Refuelling points shall be set up by the organisers and drivers may replenish their machines only at one of these refuelling depots. No other refuelling facilities may be used and drivers may not carry fuel other than that carried in the fuel tank. Riders may only enter the refuelling area by the designated route.
- 13 PRACTISING. Practicing on any part of the course is prohibited. No competitor may ride the full course one week or less before the event.
- 14 AWARDS. To qualify as a finisher and be eligible for an award, a driver's machine must have travelled the whole distance under it's own power or the exertion of it's driver and/or passenger, unless the organiser has organised other assistance or deviation. The driver must: -
- a) Comply with these Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions issued, and
  - b) Be recorded as having passed through every check, control, test or other observation point as detailed except as provided for in these or any Supplementary Regulations or Final instructions.
  - c) If a rider or their machine leaves the track or pits area they will be deemed to have retired. Exemption will be at the discretion of the race officials.
- 15 LEGAL ACTION. A driver who is convicted of an offence committed by him while taking part in the meeting may be liable to exclusion.
- 16 WARNING TO THE PUBLIC. The organiser must display warning notices at the start of the event and at any other point on the course where the public is likely to congregate.
- 17 MEDICAL SERVICES. Two suitably identified vehicles, which must be able to carry a stretcher, must be available, with the attendance of first aid personnel. One vehicle must always be available at the event. Paramedics are recommended.
- 18 The use of POWERWASHERS is prohibited except where an environmentally approved area is provided.
- 19 The use of goggle tear offs is prohibited. Roll offs may be used – but the rider must not leave the roll off if it is damaged.

## 20 Spectator Safety

It is the duty of the Clerk of Course (or Chief Marshall where one exists) to ensure all travelling marshals, observers and other officials are briefed before the event on spectator safety, including

- the need to speak to any spectator standing in a potentially dangerous area and insist that they move.
- the need to report any spectator refusing to move to the Clerk of Course so that the Clerk can assess whether to stop the event.

## HARE AND HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

ELIGIBILITY Championship points can be awarded to SACU, ACU, and MCUI Off-road Competitors. The Championship will be organised and stewarded by the Enduro Committee.

DATES SACU Enduro Championship dates take precedence over Hare and Hound dates. If there is a clash the Enduro date stands. Only one Hare and Hound permit will be issued on a Championship date.

CLASSES Five classes will operate viz. Expert, Clubman, Clubman 'B', Over 40s and Sportsman. Each class will be awarded points down to 15<sup>th</sup> place. There must be at least three riders start an event for points to be awarded in any class.

The Over 40s Championship will only be for those who are 40 and over before the start of the first Championship Event. The over 40 schedule will be run on the same timing as Clubman, however no points shall be awarded towards both Championships.

In addition to the list of experts any rider may choose to ride in the Expert Class, but once having done so he may not thereafter claim Clubman points, unless accepted again as Clubman by the SACU Enduro Committee as per clause in Grading. Any Expert rider who has not ridden competitively for 5 years can enter the Clubman class and receive Championship points.

POINTS In each class at each Championship round, the first 15 finishers shall be awarded points at the rate of 20, 17, 15, 13, 11 and 10 down to 1. Gold standard awarded to all riders within 15 % of winner, Silver to riders within 65% of winner and Bronze to all other finishers.

SERIES All Championship rounds will count. In the event of a tie at the end of the season the winner will be decided by the most class wins, followed by most seconds etc

GRADING At 1<sup>st</sup> November. The points awarded to the leader in the Clubman Class will set the standard for other riders to be upgraded for the following year. As well as the Clubman Class Leader, all point scorers within 15% of the class leader will be upgraded to Expert Class. Downgrading from Expert Class will be considered by the Enduro Committee on written application to the SACU Office. At any time, however an Expert may choose to downgrade himself but thereafter, until formally accepted as a Clubman by the Enduro Committee, will not receive any Championship points or class awards, nor can he set the standard for medals.

The points awarded to the leader in the Clubman 'B' class will set the standard for other riders to be upgraded for the following year. As well as the Clubman 'B' class leader, all point scorers within 15% of the class leader will be upgraded to Clubman class. If a rider does not wish to be upgraded they may continue to ride in Clubman 'B' class but will not receive points or set standards for medals.

The points awarded to the leader in the Sportsman Class will set the standard for other riders to be upgraded for the following year. **As well as the Sportsman class top three riders**, all point scorers within 15% of the class leader will be upgraded to Clubman or Clubman 'B' Class. If a rider does not wish to be upgraded they may continue to ride in Sportsman class but will not receive points or set standards for medals.

Organisers may in addition to the above add other non Championship classes to their event eg: "Trail bike" but it must be made clear that only those classes mentioned above will attract Championship points.

## Hare and Hound Champions for 2015

<b>Expert Class</b>
Champion Neil Chatham 2nd Andrew Bisset 3rd Frazer Norrie
<b>Over 40</b>
Champion Mark Ritchie 2nd Alan Davidson 3rd Kyle Deswert
<b>Clubman Champion</b>
Champion Graham Mechan 2nd Johnny Stewart 3rd Ian Bisset
<i>Graham Mechan promoted to Expert</i>
<b>Clubman 'B'</b>
Champion Bruce Cooper 2nd Alan Milligan 3rd Dean Buchan
<i>Bruce Cooper promoted to Clubman</i>
<b>Sportsman</b>
Champion David Clark 2nd Gareth Blake 3rd Wil Westgarth
<i>David Clark promoted to Clubman 'B'</i>