

SCOTTISH AUTOCYCLE UNION
HARE AND HOUNDS
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS
2020



SACU STANDING REGULATIONS FOR HARE AND HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS 2020

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

The 2020 SACU Hare and Hound Championship will be run from 1st January to 31st October. National events may take place in November and December.

- 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, 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 before the start to ensure compliance with the Standing Regulations and ACU Technical specifications 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 Machine Examiners 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.

Riders may not change the frame during an event. Other parts may be marked at machine examination and may not be changed during the event.

Motorcycle helmets bearing a valid ACU gold or silver stamp and correctly fitted, must be worn by all competitors. Unless the helmet is manufactured with the camera as an intrinsic part, helmet cameras (including the helmet camera brackets) and cameras attached to the body are prohibited. Cameras attached to the machine are permitted.

- 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 (or may use a red plate with white digits if they compete in the BEC Championship class) with white digits, all Clubman classes a yellow front plate with black digits 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'. Over 40 and Over 50 riders blue plates with white numbers. Ladies class can carry a mauve plate and side panels competing in any class.

RIDER RESERVED NUMBERS. Riders may reserve a number for use during the season. These numbers are assigned from 1st November each year for existing number holders. After 1st December any rider may request a reserve number.

A rider may request a lower number during the season if their performance merits it. Contact the Enduro Chairman for a review.

Riders numbers will be assigned by the organisers.

- 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 recommended guided 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.

Marshals or First Aid officers should only travel in the same direction as competitors or use alternative routes, unless under the most severe circumstances, while carrying out their duties. Travelling Marshalls should wear an orange Hi Vis vest and have M plates on their bikes.

- 11 LAP SCORING AREA. All riders must pass through lap scoring gates at the end of each lap. If a rider fails to go through the timing 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. Normally 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. Riders who do not cross the finish line after the chequered flag will be classified as DNF.

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 its own power or the exertion of its 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.
- d) Riders who do not cross the finish line after the chequered flag will be classified as DNF.

- 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. For National or International events a Medical Officer or paramedic must be in attendance.

18 CONCUSSION

If a competitor is involved in an incident which results in him being diagnosed by the Medical Officer/ Paramedic as suffering from concussion, the rider is not permitted to participate any further in that Event. The rider must then obtain a letter from their doctor stating they are fit to resume competitive riding.

19 The use of POWERWASHERS is prohibited except where an environmentally approved area is provided.

20 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.

21 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.

All rounds count for the Championship

CLASSES Seven classes, will operate viz. Expert, Clubman, Over 40s, Clubman 'B', Over 50's, Sportsman and **Sportsman Vets**. Each class will be awarded points down to 15th place. A ladies class, will be run on Sportsman times. There must be at least three riders start an event for points to be awarded in any class.

A rider who has not ridden in a Championship round prior to the last round (regardless of days) cannot score Championship points. They may however be included in the results.

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.

The Over 50s Championship will only be for those who are 50 and over before the start of the first Championship Event. The over 50 schedule will be run on the same timing as Clubman "B", however no points shall be awarded towards both Championships.

The Sportsman Vets class will only be for those who are 50 and over before the start of the first Championship Event. This class will run to the same schedule as the Sportsman Class.

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 1st November.

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 Clubman Class leader will be upgraded for the following year. 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 **for the following season.**

The Clubman 'B' class will be upgraded for the following year. 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 **for the following season.**

The Sportsman class top three riders 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 **for the following season.**

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

Youth Hare and Hounds

1 ELIGIBILITY All the riders and passengers must hold a current ACU or SACU Youth MX licence. 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.

2 Youth Hare and Hound

Junior Support class for 8–12 yr. olds on a maximum of 85cc machine. Each rider must be visible over the entire course to the Clerk of the Course or clearly identified static marshals. **Machine Examiners should ensure that all machines in these Support events are fitted with an ignition cut-out which disables the machine when the driver dismounts.**

The Youth class for riders of minimum 12 years to a maximum of 15 years.

Junior support and youth classes must be run as a separate session from any Adult classes at the same event and must not be combined with any Adult classes at the same event.

Youth capacity/Age/ability classes may be allowed but must be stated in the Supplementary regulations.

Youth riders of 15 years age may ride in the adult class if they are of suitable ability and experience.

CAPACITY FOR YOUTH MACHINES

Riders aged 8 – 12 maximum of 85cc, riders aged 12–14 – machines must be a minimum of 70cc and a maximum of 85cc (regardless of two or four stroke engine) and electric bikes up to 12Kw measured at the rear wheel. Wheel size maximum 16 inch rear and 19 inch front.

14 to 15 – Machines must be a minimum of 80cc and a maximum of 150cc (regardless of two or four stroke engine) and electric bikes up to 10bhp measured at the rear wheel.

PHYSICAL ELIGIBILITY/PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

All riders should be able to sit astride their machines and with one foot firmly on the ground must be able to control the gear lever or the foot brake with the other foot. They should also be able to lift the bike up from a horizontal position on the ground to an upright position.

YOUTH HARE AND HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

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All rounds count for the Championship

CLASSES Two classes, will operate viz :

Juniors 8-12 years up to Small Wheel 85 cc

Youths 12- 15 years up to Big Wheel 85 cc. Youths from 13 years may ride a 125cc.

Each class will be awarded points down to 15th place. There must be at least three riders enter an event for points to be awarded in any class.

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.

2019 Hare and Hounds Champions	
Expert Class	Andrew Bisset 2nd Sean Henderson 3rd Andrew Currie
Over 40	James Harvey 2nd Ian Bisset 3rd Thomas Drysdale
Clubman	Kenny Thomson 2nd Ryan Jones 3rd Roddy Clarke
	<i>Kenny Thomson promoted to Expert Class</i>
Over 50	Andy Dean 2nd Rob Swinbank 3rd Billy Easdon
Clubman B	George McBeth 2nd Kevin Watson 3rd Adam Russell
	<i>George McBeth promoted to Clubman Class</i>
Sportsman	Matt Thorburn 2nd Neil G Alexander 3rd Neil H Alexander
	<i>All promoted to Clubman B Class.</i>
<i>Please note Clubman , Clubman B and Sportsmen riders promoted to a higher class may remain in the same class the following year but will not gain Championship points.</i>	