



ACU TRIAL GB CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS 2024

The ACU has established a championship for the following classes: Trial GB, Trial 2, Expert and Electric. The series and each event will be organised according to the National Sporting Code, these Championship Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations issued for each event.

The events will be held in accordance with the ACU Trial Standing Regulations, varied by the definition of 'failure' under Method of Marking, as follows:

- a) The machine moves backwards whilst the rider is footing.
 - b) The rider does not complete the section within a 1.5 minute time allowance.
 - c) The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when he foots whilst stationary.
 - d) The engine stops whilst any part of the machine, apart from the tyres, touches the ground or when the rider is footing.
 - e) The rider dismounts from the machine. Dismount will be deemed to have occurred when both rider's feet are on the ground at the same side of, or behind the machine.
 - f) A machine does not stay within the intended limits of the section.
 - g) If any wheel of the machine crosses any boundary tape or goes over or on the wrong side of a marker, whether the wheel be on the ground or airborne before the front wheel spindle passes the Section Ends sign.
 - h) The rider is held responsible for displacing or riding over any marker or support in an observed section, regardless of colour, whereby the observer considers it necessary or not to reinstate the flag/marker before the next rider.
 - i) The machine or rider receives outside assistance.
 - j) A rider or person having an interest in a rider's performance, who in any way alters the severity of a section without the authority of an official.
 - k) A rider crossing his/her own track.
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- 1) Eligibility: All riders must hold an ACU/SACU Trial Registration Card/Licence. Riders from other Federations must be in possession of release/start permission from their Federation and proof of insurance.
 - 2) Trial GB Class: Riders wishing to compete in the Trial GB Class must register with and be accepted by the ACU Trials and Enduro Committee.
 - 3) Trial 2 Class: Riders wishing to compete in Trial 2 must comply with the following: Open to riders who have not finished in the top three places of the Trial GB class in the last three years
Open to riders who have previously competed in any Trial 2 event in the past three years;
and
Open to riders who have finished in the top 15 of the Expert championship in the previous year
 - 4) Trial Expert Class: Open to all adult riders but excluding riders who contested the Trial GB class in the previous three years, or, who were classified in the top six places in Trial 2 of the previous year.
 - 5) Electric Class: Open to all adults riding a recognised electric machine. However, a minimum of five riders are required to constitute a class for each individual event.
 - 6) Youth Riders: There will be no Youth championship or class, but up to a maximum of five youth riders, at the discretion of the ACU Trials and Enduro Committee, can compete on a no award basis in the Expert Class. Adult entries will be given preference.
 - 7) ENTRIES. The entry for each event shall be made up of entered riders in the priority as

follows: Trial GB, Trial 2, Expert, Electric and then Youth on a no award basis.

Entries will be limited to a maximum of 80 riders.

Spaces will be reserved for point scorers from the previous rounds for the first seven days of entries opening.

A rider should remain in his chosen class throughout the whole series.

However, subject to approval of the ACU Trials and Enduro Committee, a rider may downgrade or upgrade before round three, scoring points in the remaining rounds, but cannot carry any points gained in the first two rounds. The points gained will remain. After the entries have closed for round three, a rider can only downgrade/upgrade for the remaining events on a no points/no award basis.

Assistants will only be allowed for Trial GB, and not permissible for any other classes. Each Trial GB class rider may enter one Assistant who must be 18 years of age and the holder of a current ACU/SACU registration or Licence.

The Assistant must wear a helmet and appropriate clothing.

The Assistant must wear the bib provided which will be numbered to coincide with the rider's number.

The Assistant can only assist the rider for who he/she is entered to assist.

The Assistant may enter the boundary when his/her rider is the next to attempt the section, having gained approval from the Chief Observer. If an Assistant touches any part of the machine or rider whilst in the section, this **will** incur a five mark penalty.

The rider entry fee shall be £45 per event/day. The entry fee for a Trial GB Assistant will be £15.

All riders must attach the supplied number board to the front of the bike. The supplied number board cannot be modified in anyway.

Riders who finished in the top 10 of the Championship in 2023 will be allocated a permanent number corresponding to that position for the 2024 series.

The electronic type of marking system is to be used whereby a rider will carry a wristband chip on his/her right arm. Immediately upon completion of each section the rider must "touch" the band onto the device held by the observer at the end of each section. At the completion of each lap, riders must touch the wristband and upload their scores with the results manager's device at the start/finish area.

Any alternative method of marking used must be issued with the Final Instructions.

The course could consist of either 3 laps of 12 sections or 2 laps of 15 sections, as to the organiser's preference. Full details issued in the Final Instructions.

Each section shall be independent of other sections and consist mainly of natural terrain.

The sections shall be set out with tape and flags/markers used to identify the three/four routes. There will be one main route for the Trial GB class, and alternative routes marked in different colours for Trial 2, Expert and Electric classes.

The main route marking should be: Blue left/red right with other routes using colours as per TSR 18. Deviations off the main route marked in different colours are acceptable. Details to be issued in the Final Instructions.

There will be a designated Practice Area open at 9am on the event day. Riders must not ride in any other place. Each event should start at 9.30am.

In class order, a ballot will be held in the week leading up to the event to determine start times. For two-day events, the second day's ballot will be held on the Saturday evening.

For the first round, the ballot groups will be as follows:

- Trial GB - Group A
- Trial 2 - Group B
- Expert - Group C (including any non-award youth riders) Electric
- Group D

For subsequent rounds, the ballot groups will be as follows:

- Trial GB - Group A
- Trial 2 - Group B for the first six positions in the championship
- Trial 2 - Group C for all other class riders
- Expert - Group D for the first six positions in the championship Expert
- Group E for all other class riders, including non-award youth Electric
- Group F

Starting order will be Group F followed by E,D,C, Band A. Riders will start at 1.5-minute intervals with no break between the starting of each group.

There will not be a rider briefing. Final Instructions will be posted near to the start.

All machines must be fitted with an operational cut out device to stop the engine/motor should the rider and machine be parted. The lanyard from the cut-out device must be securely fitted to the rider and be of a length not greater than one metre when fully extended.

Riding in a section without the cut-out device operational will attract the penalty of a failure.

The overall time allowance, which is to include a first lap allowance, will be set by the Organising Club and posted in the Final Instructions. It is recommended that the minimum overall time limit should be 5 hours and 30 minutes with a maximum time limit of 6 hours.

Championship points will be awarded to the top 15 in each class for each day event on the following scale:

1 st	20 points	9 th	7 points
2 nd	17 points	10 th	6 points
3 rd	15 points	11 th	5 points
4 th	13 points	12 th	4 points
5 th	11 points	13 th	3 points
6 th	10 points	14 th	2 points
7 th	9 points	15 th	1 point
8 th	8 points		

Each Chief Observer and the Clerk of the Course will carry a yellow card. If a rider (or rider's assistant in the case of Trial GB), rider's friends or followers, disputes, argues a decision, or is abusive to official, the rider will incur a five-mark penalty automatically with the yellow card, this is on top of any marks lost on the section. Should two yellow cards be issued to the same rider in the same event then the rider will be excluded from the event by the Clerk of the Course. A report would also be sent to the Trials and Enduro Committee.

Each observer will be issued with a whistle used to indicate a rider's failure. The rider should immediately vacate the section. A rider who disobeys may be issued a Yellow Card.

Awards for each individual day will be given to the first three places in the Trial GB, Trial 2, Expert and Electric classes. All eligible riders must attend the Award Presentation. Failure to do so may incur a £50 fine.

Ties will be decided by TSR 23. Protests must be made within 10 minutes of the published results.

Championship points will be awarded to competitors of any nationality. In the event of a shortened series for any reason, at least three rounds must be completed.

Riders may drop one round, excluding any rounds held in the Isle of Man, The Channel Islands, Scotland and Ireland. Should there be a minimum of three rounds held (for whatever reason), then all three rounds will count.

It is not permitted for any practice to be held at a Trial GB venue within 21 days prior to the Championship event. During the event, no wheeled machine, including bicycles, should be allowed on the course, except for signed-on assistants. Pedal cycles will only be permitted on parts of the course at specific events with a longer lap. Full details in the Final Instructions.

Event timetable:

1pm previous day	Site opens to competitors
2-5 pm previous day	Course inspection open to all entrants
5.00-5.30 pm	30-minute rider/Clerk of the Course section consultation window

8am-9am event day	Signing on/number collection
8.45 am	Observers briefing
9.00 am	Practice area opens for rider warm-up
9.30 am	First rider starts
4.45 pm	Estimated podium and awards ceremony