

ACU RESTRICTED TRIALS PERMIT UNDER COVID RESTRICTIONS

The ACU will shortly be able to issue Centres / Clubs with Restricted Permits which of course will be determined by Government Advice/Guidance in force at any time. In all cases, Government Restrictions will apply and be the overarching authority including any such guidelines / advice issued from Devolved Governments when appropriate to the venue.

RISK ASSESSMENTS. On application for a Restricted Trial under COVID 19 restrictions the Organising Club shall submit a written Risk Assessment which must include Control Measures that have been considered to mitigate the risk of infection and has taken into consideration Social Distancing.

A Trials Risk Assessment specific to the risks posed by Covid-19 is available from ACU and will be circulated. This can be used by Organisers or used as a guidance to help Organisers draft their own Risk Assessment.

Timeline

ACU Permit application / regulations/ Risk assessments may be received from June onwards.

Permits for Restricted Trials to commence from 4th July. ACU to monitor /assess situation during July/Aug.

In August, Trials & Enduro Committee will review situation for future events including Open/ National Trials. If it is concluded that Restricted Trials, Conditions and Risk Assessments have been effective and any specific Govt guidelines are taken into account, the T & E Committee will consider if a restart for National events is possible.

Further to this the T & E Committee will give very careful deliberation to effect any Trials other than Restricted could have on the perception of Trials, its effect on future land access including landowner permissions and the communities where we run events.

At this difficult time, the T & E Committee are unanimous in the view that it is normal Club/Centre Restricted trials that are the lifeblood of the sport and in fact the ACU and must not be compromised by any undue consideration of major events / spectators/ travel at this time.

Any final queries/ details /adjustments and initial event planning to take place during June.

Restricted events ONLY - Club Trials will often be the norm therefore the Restriction could state it is a Club trial "Open to Club members only" However this can vary and sometimes Club events can be bigger than Open Events. Also, a club member can come from part of country miles away. The Restriction on entry is determined by the club but must follow specific conditions:

Maximum number of 40 riders.

Adult Class only (Govt Restriction stipulates 16 years of age and above) - T & E Committee will review in August.

Entry restricted to riders resident within 40 miles of Club Headquarters. This will be indicated from the address given on the ACU Licence/Registration system.

Only one rider permitted to attend in a vehicle unless accompanied by another adult rider from same household.

NO SPECTATORS

Entries: Electronic entries only - By ACU On-Line system or via a Clubs own system.

Entry Fees: **No cash to be handled on day-** Payment by electronic means such as ACU Online or clubs own system.

Signing On- Riders enter electronically and receive riding number by same method.

Rider to pre-prepare a card/number plate with his number shown.

This card to be held up to the Secretary who in vehicle or behind appropriate plastic screen will tick off a check list to confirm attendance.

No One Day licences to be issued. ACU Licence/Registration system will be active before events as normal.

Parking: Must be appropriate for size of entry and this may dictate the number of entries that can be accommodated.

Vehicles must be parked with a minimum of one vehicle width space left vacant at each side. ie. two metres apart from any other vehicle.

Riders advised of Social Distance requirement when exit/ entry unloading of vehicle.

Signage: Signage in place to emphasise need for Social Distancing at all times.

Road signage. It is recommended to discourage onlookers/spectator attendance that only minimal road signage be used. Post Codes/GPS/ Venue description should be given on Club web site or via email or WhatsApp etc. to riders.

Observation

If Observers used: - max 1 per section. Suitable PPE used.

No punchcards. Observers record on card/ electronically with own pens and " post" score cards in a box at end of event. or email / electronically on their section results after event.

Observer briefed to stand a minimum of two metres from section boundary and end cards

Observer briefed not to enter section to replace markers etc (rider responsible must do so)

Group Observing: Groups of riders can travel the Course - respecting Social distance at all times and especially when parking machines. Max of 3 in a group.

The club must define a method by which their riders can observe the others in group

For example: One person can be designated the task of the other riders score and recording it on his pad, phone or tablet etc. Only this person to use that equipment

When that rider attempts Section, others observe and verbally indicate the score he must record. It is likely at most times there will be a consensus from riders in the group as to other scores

IF GROUP OBSERVING IS TO BE USED, NO OBSERVING GROUP MUST ENTER THE SECTION UNTIL ANY PREVIOUS GROUP HAD DEPARTED

Inspecting section - Only three riders allowed in section at any time to inspect it. If possible, a one-way route established to walk section but always social distancing to be strictly adhered to by riders passing other riders in section.

Parking at sections. On arrival at a section all riders must observe social distancing and MUST not park or queue within two metres of another rider.

CONDITION OF ENTRY IS THAT RIDERS MUST ACCEPT THAT NO RESULTS WILL BE POSTED AT THE EVENT AND THERE IS NO NECESSITY FOR CLUBS TO POST RESULTS ELECTRONICALLY WITHIN A SET PERIOD WHICH WILL COMENSERATE WITH THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS.

ANY DISPUTE/PROTEST CAN ONLY BE DEALT WITH ELECTRONICALLY AFTER THE EVENT AND ANY APPEAL SITUATION WILL BE DEALT WITH BY ACU RUGBY IN AN APPROPRIATE METHOD AND TIMESCALE SET THESE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Visit & Attempt at Sections

Walking sections: No more than 3 riders walking/examining a section at any time.

No rider to enter a section until they assess the above number will not be contravened.

Riders on foot encouraged not to linger in a section and in all cases MUST only pass a rider if SD can be observed.

Good practice: Riders could examine hazards on way up/through a section but return via a separate route if possible ie. "One Way " walking system.

Only small groups of riders – maximum of 3 - to arrive at a particular section at once.

Groups MUST travel to the sections and attempt them in order.

If riders/group arrive before previous group has left - that group must remain seated on machines a safe distance away and only proceed when the group in front have all left.

IN ALL CASES - RIDERS MUST WAIT OR PARK AT LEAST TWO METRES AWAY FROM ANY OTHER RIDER. GOOD PRACTICE WILL BE A STRAIGHT LINE QUEUE SYSTEM.

RIDERS NOTOBEYING SOCIAL DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS IN ALL CASES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED AND MAY FACE FURTHER ACU DISCIPLINARY ACTION WITH SUSPENSION RECOMMENDED.

No catering allowed. Riders must bring their own refreshments and ensure they take litter away with them in own vehicle.

Any rider leaving litter at venue will face strict ACU disciplinary action.

Organisers to impose Strict Overall Time limit applied to event, for example; 4 hours.

Section markers: Clubs must indicate a method on their Risk Assessment.

Example - small group, of section plotters mark out weekend or day before.

PPE - Gloves MUST be worn when handling markers.

At end of event it is suggested markers should be disinfected (could be placed in a drum of liquid etc.