

## **Introduction to Motorsport Events - Motorcycles**

It is important to state at the outset that the definitive guide to rules and regulations are set out on the Auto-Cycle Union ("ACU") website – [www.acu.org.uk](http://www.acu.org.uk)

In addition, the Club publishes supplementary regulations for each event, which must also be read and followed before being able to take to the track. You will be able to view the supplementary regulations via your GK&MC user account prior to signing up to the relevant event. Should you wish to receive a copy of the supplementary regulations by email, please contact the Competition Secretary or Assistant Competition Secretary who will send these to you.

Sadly, Motor Sport is no longer a cheap sport, but you can race economically if you choose well and with the support of the Club, the race captains can put you in the right direction.

### **1. What bike to use and minimum safety/preparation requirements.**

Speed events allow a large variety of bikes to compete, ranging from classic bikes and moto-x bikes to large racing bikes fully modified. There are a few types of bikes that are excluded from certain speed events. It is important to think about what events interest you, for hill climbing and twisty sprints Moto-x style bikes are popular, but a super bike can be just as competitive. There are engine capacity restrictions for junior riders (refer to ACU yearbook).

The motorcycle must have a kill switch fitted.

The oil sump bung /drain bung must be lock wired and all overflows should drain in to a catch tank.

### **2. Share riding a bike**

Speed events are unique in that two people can share ride a bike at one event. This is an ideal way to start competing, as lots of costs are shared and although you might not be the fastest in your class, at least you can be faster (or slower) than your shared ride.

Both riders require their own ACU Competition Licence, they both need to be a member of the Club and they both have to submit their own entry via their own 'user account' area on the Club website.

### **3. Motor Sport Retailers**

The popular motor sports retailers such as Danger UK or LR Designs all sell sticker sheets and race numbers. You can also buy stickers and race numbers locally from Sign Writers. The ACU do stipulate specific background and number sizing. Although for speed events race numbers just need to be eligible and readable.

### **4. Personal Safety Equipment**

Everyone requires some protection whilst riding, below are some suggestions:

#### **4.1 The minimum requirement**

The minimum equipment you require is a helmet which must be ACU gold standard a full set of Leathers 1 or 2 piece, the 2 piece must zip together, Gloves which must be Leather and Leather bike boots which must cover the ankle.

#### **4.2 Nice to haves**

Additionally, you can buy a back protector, which is advisable and some tyre warmers.

#### **5. Getting a Racing Licence and a Copy of the ACU Yearbook**

All Bike race licenses are issued by the ACU.

The license lasts for 1 year from 1st January to 31st December

the ACU yearbook is available to view online at [www.acu.org.uk](http://www.acu.org.uk)

#### **6. Race Number**

You can choose your own race number BUT you will only be allowed the number if there is no one else using that number.

Anyone share riding a bike will be required to put at least a 1 or a 7 in front of the owner's number and the correct number must be identified when the competitor comes to the line. Otherwise, you'll get the wrong commentary and an incorrect time.

Numbers must be blanked out of sight if the bike is ridden to and from the event.

Refer to the ACU Yearbook for race number specifications (size, colour etc)

#### **7. Entering a Race Event**

You will need to be a fully paid member of the GK&MC LBG to be able to enter a race event.

You can do this online via [www.gkmc.gg](http://www.gkmc.gg)

- Create a User Account
- Within your user account, select 'Subscription'.
- Next set-up your 'Vehicle'
- Then you can select the event(s) you wish to enter.

If the 'Close Date' has passed that race event will be 'greyed out'. Once you have entered an event you will be prompted to pay for your selected item.

#### **8. GK&MC LBG Membership**

Subscriptions / Membership to the GK&MC LBG runs from 1st January to 31st December.

Once you have signed up to a User Account you can renew your Membership from 1st December to 31st January by pressing 'Renew' within the Subscription area.

#### **9. Marshalling**

Each Junior member (up to 16 years of age) is required to complete one marshal stint in each membership year. Each Senior member is required to complete two marshal stints in any membership year, usually as one Motocross and one Tarmac event.

Parents or Guardians are required to complete their junior members marshal stint. Although, Junior members can marshal from the age of 16 years old with written permission, to the club, from their Parent or Guardian prior to the event.

#### **10. Final Instructions or Drivers Meeting**

Final Instructions are posted on the Club's website in your User Account area when you sign up to the event or there will be a Drivers Meeting approximately one week prior to the event for you to attend. Drivers Meetings only tend to be arranged if the event is an unusual or new event (i.e., Alderney). Final Instructions will include:

- Event arrival / departure times,
- The time of the start / finish of racing
- The time scrutineering will commence
- When engines, generators can be started
- assistance needed on the day
- Any additional info for the Competitors

#### **11. Day of the event**

On the day of the event, you need to complete a few items and some paperwork:

##### **11.1 Signing-on**

You need to take yourself, your license and your overseas club membership card (if applicable) to the signing on caravan where they will be inspected.

##### **11.2 Scrutineering**

Your car and personal safety kit will need to be inspected by an ACU Technical Inspector (a scrutineer).

Scrutineers will generally come to your Bike and kit and if no problems are apparent a sticker is placed next to your race number. If there is no sticker, find a Scrutineer and ask politely why your vehicle has not been or passed Scrutineering.

##### **11.3 Walking the Course**

It is encouraged that first timers walk the course; However, you will find that even the most seasoned competitors will walk the course in the morning. This is to ascertain race conditions and where the Finish lines etc. are.

##### **11.4 Drivers Briefing**

There is a driver's/rider's briefing before the event starts, all the drivers/riders will be called to the start line where the Clerk of the Course will explain how the day is to be run and what is expected of everybody.

These are compulsory, make sure you attend. Especially if you are a new driver/rider.

#### **12. Ready to Race**

You are now ready to race. You will go to the start line in program order, so keep an eye on who is before you, usually in number order. When it is your turn, you will ride towards the start line where the marshals will line up the bike with the starting beam. Then you just wait for the green light and off you go.

A point of note: when the light goes green it does not indicate that the timing has started, it merely indicates that the course is clear for you to go. You can therefore take your time and go when you are ready, don't take too long though as the marshals can get impatient!