

South Eastern Centre Trials Regulations

These regulations are in addition to the Standing Trials Regulations in the current ACU handbook and the rules and regulations applicable to all events in the SE Centre.

Officials: These have clearly defined important roles and without them the trial will not take place. The National Sporting Code in the ACU handbook section 6 defines what they do and places on them certain responsibilities which a competitor must take account of.

For Example;

The Secretary of the Meeting controls all the paperwork before and after the trial and has to send a written report of all disciplinary matters to the Permit Issuing Authority as they arise. The Trials Combine will become involved and riders or officials face penalties if found guilty of a transgression.

The Clerk of the Course controls the running of the trial, all the riders and all the officials there. The Clerk is responsible to the Stewards of the meeting for the competent running of the trial and has to report to them any incidents. The Clerk is the person who can stop you riding, as a last resort in extreme circumstances, if you misbehave and, they must provide a written report about this if they do. It will accompany the Secretary's report to the Permit Authority. The Trials Combine will become involved.

The Stewards of the Meeting are there to exercise judicial authority over the running of the meeting. The ACU Steward who is appointed by the Permit Issuing Authority will report back all aspects of the meeting including the details of any transgression. Again The Trials Combine will become involved.

It is our policy to promote what we do in a fair and sporting manner and the following should be observed.

1. When organisers wish to limit or restrict the entry for an event, the means of doing so shall be fair and clearly stated in the supplementary regulations.
2. Clubs organising open events must issue a fully detailed results sheet showing clearly marks lost by the competitors in each section for each lap. A copy must be sent to the Centre Recorder and all riders (who have provided sae's). SE Centre Sporting Event Regulations are also to be complied with. Clubs are recommended to send the results in to the recorder clearly marked in class order to ensure the ease of awarding points and to avoid any error.
3. TSR 14 riding numbers shall apply to all events held within the SE Centre.
4. The 0 1 2 3 5 system of marking shall be used in the SE Centre with either TSR22A, TSR22B or FIM rule, at the discretion of the organising club and subject to SE Centre Trials Championship Regulations and Conditions. There should where possible be an observers meeting prior to the event and a riders briefing. When an Official penalises a rider for not attempting a section when called upon to do so – the official must give the rider warning and time to carry the request out, also the official must show that he has administered his decision fairly, i.e. if other riders had been there longer they should be asked to carry their attempt out first. The official should also write on his observer card or on an alternative sheet, what has taken place and explain this to the organisers at the completion of the event.

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5. No open permit will be issued if there is already a suitable event being run on an open permit within a 10 mile radius, unless written permission is given by the organising club. Such permission shall not unreasonably be withheld.
6. If a Group/Combine event is not being run on Group Sunday any club within that combine may apply to run a 'closed to club' trial on that day.
7. The classes to be run will be stated in the Supplementary Regulations.

8. Sections will be marked with coloured markers (cards or flags) as follows;

Elite	White plus deviation		
Youth Elite	White plus deviation		
Expert	White		
Youth A	White		
Intermediate	Blue	Air Cooled Mono Shock	Red
Over 40 Inter	Blue	Ladies Intermediate	Blue
Youth B	Blue	Youth Intermediate (Youth A)	Blue
Novice	Red	Ladies Novice	Red
Over 50 Novice	Red	Youth Novice (Youth B)	Red
Youth C	Red	Girls	Red
Twinschock	Red	Pre67	Red
Sidecar	Red	Pre67E Girder Fork – Rigid Rear	Red plus deviation
Youth D	Yellow	Pre67 Sidecar	Red plus deviation

The entire length of each section must be marked with pairs of 'gates' of the three or four colours, not only where there is a variance of route, except the Elite, Pre67E and Pre67 Sidecar.

The artificial boundaries of sections shall be tapes, cards or flags on each side of the course between which riders must pass. Tapes and all markers should be as per TSR21. Officials should be briefed to replace damaged tape or markers immediately before the next rider enters the section and such markers should be replaced in their original position.

In Non-Championship events and Centre Team Trials the Elite riders can compete with Experts on the same course but in their own class when a) the event is not difficult and b) no 'hopping on the move' is required.

In Centre Team Trials the Elite would be classed as Expert for this one off event.

9. Course: Riders should start at spaced intervals ideally 1 min apart or 2 riders per minute with a split course. The entire course should be ridden as intended; no doubling up at attempts on a section is permitted. The course must be ridden in the order in which it was laid out.
10. Closing of course: Every rider shall be allowed the same amount of time to complete the course. If a time limit is given to close the course it must be stated in the supplementary regulations and riders reminded in the final instructions. A back marker may be used to close the course and any time set should allow for late numbers who might experience delays in queuing at sections.
11. Time Restraint TSR19 For organisers that experience slowness of some classes to complete the course in a time that is fair to observers – this method TSR19 should be used. The method ensures a free flowing event with riders starting at 1 minute intervals or 2 riders per minute with a

loop course. When time restraint is used a suitable clock or clocks should be on display at time controls prior to and throughout the event, organisers should be familiar with SE Centre Trials Combine Guidelines and Conditions/Recommendations for setting out and running of events, and refer to them when seeking further information to control of events and time allowance. To discourage riders from taking far too long to ride the first few sections, the organisers can if they so wish introduce a time restraint for riders to compete the first lap with a maximum time – this maximum time for the first lap can be stipulated for the entire entry or, if the organisers request, part of the entry in a certain class or classes. The first lap time can be applied for just the first lap or can be applied as part of an overall time. Clubs that use Time Restraint should consult the Combine and Conditions/Recommendations that are laid down for Championship Trials.

12. The organisers shall send to all riders, Centre Steward and Centre Secretary; a) A programme or a list of entries at least 2 days prior to the event competition and b) A copy of the detailed provisional results within 14 days of the date of the competition.
13. For all open events the organisers shall send 1 programme or list of entries and 1 final results sheet to the Centre Trials Recorder at the finish of the protest period, or when any protests have been settled.

Trials Upgrading or Downgrading

1. In trials of open status and above, a Novice rider who wins 3 best Novice awards will become an Intermediate. Similarly an Intermediate rider who wins 3 best Intermediate awards will become an Expert. All within the calendar year and to take effect on the 1st January the following year.

There is no stipulation that a rider gets upgraded to Elite from Expert, Experts can win and stay in the Expert class. Experts who would like to ride in the Elite class simply have to apply to the trials combine to have their name included on the Elite list. National ranked youth may ride Elite and also when reaching adult age.

In Novice only trials – the first place will count as one of the best novice awards required for upgrading. A rider can elect to upgrade but once they have done so they can only downgrade by using the procedure under item 3.

2. For the best awards rule to count for the sidecars there must be a minimum of 3 class entries in the official programme that start the trial.

For the best awards rule to count for the solos there must be a minimum of 6 class entries in the official programme that start the trial.

3. **Downgrading:** A rider in the Elite, Expert or Intermediate class may apply to the Centre Trials Recorder to be downgraded if they have not won an award during a period of 2 years. In special circumstances such as injury or illness etc they may apply sooner than 2 years. The combine will make the decision at their next meeting and inform the rider. Riders cannot downgrade themselves and in the year that a rider downgrades they cannot gain points or awards.

Elite, Expert and Intermediate riders can choose to ride in Pre67, Twinshock or Air cooled Mono classes on the lower routes and be eligible for points and awards. Riders are allowed to compete in more than one championship in a season.

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4. Youth, girls, and ladies age will be as specified in the ACU handbook. For the Over 40 and Over 50 classes the riders should have reached the required age by the date of their first event that they enter in that class.
5. A schedule of riders and their class for SE Centre Events including those who upgrade or downgrade will be published each year in The Sporting Motorcyclist and on the combine website.