

3 Rider Survey Replies: Weston Trophy Trial 17.2.2008

Class: Over 40

Was_Your_Route: Just Right

Enjoy_your_day: Yes

How_long_in_class: Under 1 year

Written_comments: A good trial, spot on with toughness. Number one was too hard but a good decision to take it out and drop to three laps. Queuing was horrendous 20+ mins sometimes per section.

I know we need observers but we need to clarify some of the rules.

Some do not appear to understand the stop permitted rule and give a five when you stop!

The other rule which needs clarification is when the bike slides away and the handlebar touches the ground with the engine still running, both hands on the handlebars and both feet on the pegs or either side of the bike. Some observers give a five for this - I have checked with the ACU when running our National - should be a 1 for a stop plus any other 1's for feet - the same as if you touch a tree or wall. If the engine stops then it is a 5.

Thank you to the club for running the event.

Class: Expert

Was_Your_Route: Just Right

Enjoy_your_day: Yes

How_long_in_class: 1 to 3 years

Written_comments: Excellent trial with good, tough sections. Number one was a bit pointless and with a bit more thought could have worked well. Number two was not going to work even when setting it out. There did not seem to be any directions to the trial and the route markings right from the start were not good enough as there were riders all over the place trying to find their first section.

I enjoyed my day, thank you to the club.

Class: Youth C

Was_Your_Route: Just Right

Enjoy_your_day: Yes

How_long_in_class: Under 1 year

Written_comments: My Son [redacted] was pre booked in for the Youth C class championship and had the number [redacted], which has a start time of 10: [redacted] and was to start at section 4 with all the other reds i.e. over 50, Novice, pre67 and twin shock.

The club Witley who ran the event made [redacted] wait until all of the pre booked riders had set off. He then set off at 10: [redacted] with all of the other Youth riders that had booked in on the day i.e. Surrey Schoolboy Club. Then to start at section 1, which he got through and i must say most of the School boys yellows and red got through, then after their first lap this was then taken out, as certain blues and whites couldn't get through which was unfair for youths C and D. My other Son [redacted] was riding for youth A championship and he got through this for a 3. Where [redacted] could have been with the other senior reds, to watch them, to get their line he was not allowed and was made to sit with his bike running and wait half of an hour. I thought the championships was to encourage youths to ride the South Eastern Championships, maybe that is why they won't. Just look at the number pre booked for youths C and D, and also look at last years events. My point is why was he given a distinctive number 34 a time of 10:16, a section 4 to start at, and then had to wait til all the booking youths of the day went off to totally different sections. These all had white numbers and were in the hundreds. [redacted], I look forward to your comments.

Note, following the committee meeting the club are to correspond with this gentleman concerning this.