

RULE BOOK



Classic Trials

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(BMCA 1983) Ltd
Regulations for Classic British Bike Trials

1. MACHINE ELIGIBILITY

All Machines must utilise engine, carburettor, frame, forks, gearbox, and hubs of BRITISH MANUFACTURE.

2. CLASSES

A	EXPERT	2 or 4 Stroke, up to 350cc Pre '70
B	EXPERT	Over 350cc/Twins/Pre Unit Pre '70
C	Intermediates	Any cc - 2 or 4 stroke Pre '70
D	Clubmen	Any cc - 2 or 4 stroke Pre '70
E	RIDIGS	Any cc - Pre '70
G	Gentlemen	In at Begins, exit at End Card, anywhere in between

3. AMCA LICENCES

Licence forms are available via Club Secretary for application to the AMCA Office, Hyland House, Navigation Way, Cannock, WS11 7XU.

INSURANCE: Included in the entry fee is a personal accident insurance which will give you the following benefits if you are injured whilst competing in this event and are unable to work:- NO WEEKLY BENEFIT PAID, CAPITAL BENEFITS ONLY - £5,000 for total disablement.

4. BMCA ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms are distributed via email and also available on the BMCA website - www.bmca.org.uk.

a. Riders can cancel their entry, but notification must be done by telephone or post by 4.00 p.m. on the Friday prior to an event.

will be strictly adhered to. Late entries after 10.20 a.m. will NOT be allowed.

c. TRIALS: A postal box will be at events to save you posting entry forms. There will also be entry forms for future events and envelopes for those who request results.

d. OBSERVERS: We still need observers, so please try to help - it saves the same people doing the job every week.

5 SECTION MARKING

The course will be marked as stated in the Supplementary Regulations. It is recommended that the principle route be marked: - Blue - Left, Red - Right with diversions for other classes in additional colours. It is the rider's responsibility to follow the correct route. The organisers reserve the right to modify the route.

Suggested;

EXPERTS who ride the harder route, red markers on the right hand side of the section and blue markers on the left hand side.

INTERMEDIATE – Mixed route of either Expert or Non-Expert.

CLUBMEN – Green markers on the right and Yellow markers on the left

6 BOUNDARIES

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The boundaries of a section may be tape or markers, which should be set out on either side of the section and the boundary is an imaginary straight line between each marker. The machine must stay within these marked boundaries. Any touches or dabs in or outside these boundaries whilst the machine is in the section will count. Any rider who deliberately leans on an object with any part of the body will also be penalised with loss of marks. (i.e. leaning on a tree). All dangerous objects, metal or glass which could cause injuries to riders MUST be removed. Overhanging tree branches should only be removed with permission of the observer and/or organiser.

7 MARKING

A machine will be deemed to be in the section when the front wheel has passed the Section Begins card and marks will be awarded until the back wheel has passed the Section Ends card. 0, 1, 2, 3 and 5 system of penalty marks must be stated on observercards, and also the route cards. Any timed section of an event must be clearly stated on the route card showing the penalty marks, distance to be timed (approx.) and time that will be allowed.

Marks are awarded as follows:

5 Fails to complete the section

Machine moved backwards to gain better position

Engine stops with rider or any part of the machine (except the tyres) touching the ground.

Rider dismounts from the machine (both feet on the ground on the same side or behind the machine)

Machines crosses boundary tape or dislodges marker (wheels may not be lifted over markers or tape.

No penalty for TOUCHING tape or Section Cards.

Machine or rider receives outside assistance

Requested by rider rather than attempt the section

A rider, or person having an interest in the rider's performance, who in any way alters the severity of the section without the authority of an official

Travelling in a forward direction against the direction of the section;

3 Footing more than twice

2 Footing twice

1 Footing once

0 Completing the section un-penalised.

Footing will have occurred if any part of the rider's body touches the ground or the rider benefits from any part of his body leaning on an obstacle (tree, wall, rock, etc.) without stopping the progress of the machine. Footing outside the section does not class as failure but is simply classed as footing.

The machine may also move back slightly as the rider regains momentum.

8 OBSERVED SECTIONS

The limits of an Observed Section or sub-section will be defined by artificial boundaries, i.e. markers or tapes, firmly placed and positioned to clearly define the limits of the section, if tapes are used they should be clear of the ground but not exceed a height of 500mm from the ground. The Start and Finish of each Observed Section will be identified by Section Begins and Section Ends signs. Sections will be numbered in sequence unless otherwise stated by the organisers.

9 NEUTRAL GROUND

At least three machine lengths must be allowed between sections or sub-sections except in the following instance: A maximum of three (3) sub-sections together may have one and a half machine lengths between them instead of three lengths.

10 DUAL SECTIONS

Clubs should include some easy sections to encourage beginner riders. Downhill drops with rocks or tight turns at the bottom are not ideal types of sections for beginners.

11 ALTERATIONS

No alteration of sections or boundaries thereof is allowed after the first rider has passed through, or in the case of a two lap course, until all riders have passed through on the first lap. A section may be cut out at the organiser's discretion, but no penalty marks deducted. In the event of the section deteriorating due to weather conditions the trial organiser/observer has the right to change the section accordingly, it is important that the section is only changed after all riders have completed the lap.

12 CLOSED CIRCUIT TRIALS (MULTILAPS)

Riders must complete each section once before attempting any section for 2nd time and so on for each lap. Sections may be altered after any particular lap so the above system must be followed. Any time limits must be displayed at the start. A verbal instruction is not sufficient. It is recommended that riders start in batches at different sections rather than all queue up at the 1st section.

EXAMPLE - Riders with No's 1, 11, 21, 31 start at No 1 section while riders with 10, 20, 30 start at No 10 section. Number of laps left to the discretion of the organising club. The method or system should be stated on the Entry Form.

13 RIDERS

- (a) Missing section(s) lose maximum marks possible on section(s). a rider who misses four sections must be declared as retired.
- (b) CARELESS OR DANGEROUS riding, if reported will entail exclusions. This includes riding around the start area before a trial.
- (c) Changing machines after starting - exclusion.
- (d) A rider is deemed to be in the section when the front wheel has passed the Begins Card.
- (e) The course is from the start and finish as stated either on the entry form or route card.

14 OBSERVERS

Observers are appointed by the organiser. Protests or appeals cannot be accepted against a judgment of performance made by the Observer, protests may be made to the organiser. Mistakes by observers may be corrected with the approval of the organiser.

15 RECOMMENDATION TO RIDERS

Please remember the observers are human and treat them with respect and don't take longer to complete sections than necessary, don't argue regarding marks etc. Remember, without observers it would be difficult to run trials.

16 BAULK

A baulk is deemed to occur when a rider, is prevented from making an attempt to ride a section due to outside obstruction. Should a rider claim a baulk, the Observer may, at their discretion, allow a re-run of the section.

17 NUMBERS

Riding numbers issued by the organiser, whether cards or bibs, must be displayed throughout the event.

18 RESULTS

Riders who enclose a self-addressed envelope with their entries should also be sent a copy of results within seven days of the event.

FINDING VENUES

Anyone looking for a venue should not, under any circumstances, contact a land owner or any person responsible for the letting of the circuit if the ground is being used by another Club, an AMCA Club or a Non AMCA Club. The Club using the circuit must be contacted first for permission to approach the owner.

Any Club found not complying with the arrangement will be liable to severe disciplinary action. If a circuit has been used within the last three years then the Club who have used the ground for any type of off road sport must be contacted and a written letter of authority obtained before any approach is made to any land owner or their agent.

CAR PARK LIABILITY

Members are reminded that they or their guests (or any other person) can incur a legal liability for death or injury to persons or damage to property arising from a motor vehicle notwithstanding that the area may be private property.

All persons must therefore have as minimum full Third Party motor cover and must take the same attitude to driving off road as they would if driving on the public highway.

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BMCA FIXTURES 2016 -2017

11th September 2016		
18th	Dave Jones / Mick Hemming	Ullenhall B94 5BA
25th	Dave Wood	Milwich ST18 0EG
2nd October	Dave Harrison	Tanworth in Arden B94 5JB
9th	Les Richardson. Mick Parkes	Howards Wood DY7 6RL
16th	Andy Lane	Marshbrook SY6 6PT
23rd	John Davies / Nigel Houlston	Wommerston SY6 6ND
30th	Joe Owen	Ombersely WR9 0EX
6th November	Ian Bullock	Hunnington B62 0JS
13th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
20th	All Ussher - Air Ambulance	Easthope Wood TF13 6DN
27th	Andy Pitt	Waterfall, Hereford HR6 0PL
4th December	Mark Lucas	TBA
11th	Mark Lucas	Shatterford DY12 1TR
18th	John Jackson	Knighton, Newport TF10 8AQ
27th	FRANK'S Charity Trial	Mucklestone TF9 4DN
1st January 2017		
8th	Steve Jones	Coney Green DY13 0TE
15th	Dave Wood	Milwich ST18 0EG
22nd	Mark Lucas	Bedlam SY8 3PW
29th	Nigel Houlston	Coppice Farm Wilderley SY58DF
5th February	Clive Parry	Buildwas TF6 5AZ
12th	Kevin Walker/Bob Davis	Mamble DY14 9JB
19th	TELFORD OFF ROAD SHOW	
26th	Steve Goode	Leighton, Welshpool SY21 8SS
5th March	Pete Reed	Pattingham WV6 7DY
12th	John Jackson	Knighton, Newport TF10 8AQ
19th	John Colclough	Bedlam SY8 3PW
26th	Dave Jones / Mick Hemming	Ullenhall B94 5BA
2nd April	Frank Bourne	Mucklestone TF9 4DN
9th		
16th Easter Sunday		
17th Easter Monday		
23rd	Andy Hunt/Bob Davis	Hunnington B62 0JS
30th	Mike Butler/Les Richardson	Howards Wood DY7 6RL