

TRIALS

All Championship events to be run under the ACU Trials Standing Regulations (TSR's), these Centre Championship Conditions and any Centre Trials Rules. The decision of ACU Eastern on all matters relating to Championship competitions shall be final.

'A' Class Experts, Experts B, Inters, Inters B, 6 Rounds - 5 to count

10 th March	Southend	Poles Wood
17 th March	Braintree	Purls Hill
21 st April	Castle	Alphamstone
15 th September	Wymondham	Middleton
20 th October	Ipswich	Badwell Ash
3 rd November	ESBMCC	Raydon

'B' Class Novice, Youth Expert, Intermediate and Novice, Twinshock 'A', 'B' and 'C' 6 Rounds - 5 to count

24 th March	Wymondham	Middleton
14 th April	Ipswich	Badwell Ash
28 th April	ESBMCC	Raydon
21 st July	Bury	Hawkendon
8 th September	ESBMCC	Tattingstone
13 th October	Castle	Thorrington

'C' Class Pre 70 'A', 'B' and 'C' 6 Rounds - 5 to count

29 th March	Woodbridge	Blaxhall
26 th May	EFA	Gt Bromley
27 th July	Diss	Wattisfield
27 th October	Woodbridge	Blaxhall
24 th November	EFA	Thorrington
29 th December	Woodbridge	Butley

'D' Class Sidecar's 4 Rounds - 3 to count

11 th February	Southend	Poles Wood
23 rd June	Southend	Poles Wood
15 th September	Southend	Poles Wood
8 th December	Southend	Poles Wood

Note for 2024 to test interest without any Championship Trophies

Youth Beginners class to run at some B Class rounds and other trials to be identified, on route below White route
Air Cooled Mono class to be incorporated in A Class round on Red/Blue and White route.

1. EVENTS

There shall provisionally be up to ten rounds for each class to be held in each calendar year, the minimum number of rounds to count as an ACU-Eastern championship is four, except for D class. Final championship positions for each class are based on best of total number of rounds organised minus one, unless in D Class there is only one round, then all results will count.

The provisional calendar is as above, the up-to-date calendar will be shown on the ACU-Eastern website.

All documentation should describe the event as the "ACU-EASTERN TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP **A, B, C, or D and Round No..**"

Regulations for each Championship Round to be published in the Eastern Centre Gazette and must show at least the individual championship classes.

All ACU-EC Championship Trials can accept entries via the ACU online entry system, or by paper. If used the on-line system to show at least the individual championship classes as options to enter, be used to issue Entry Acceptance e-mails which will form part of the event's final instructions, and to show accepted entries on the system at the latest when entries close.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Each trial shall be open to any driver who is a member of any Club affiliated to the ACU Eastern at least one month prior to the event. Such drivers shall be eligible to score points for their nominated club which shall be that declared on their first entry for the Championships. Once a driver has declared himself in this way to be a member of a particular club, he may not score points for any other club during any one Championship year unless his former club shall have ceased to exist in the course of that period.

Riders ACU-Eastern Centre Grading are shown on the ACU-Eastern website.

Riders who ride a championship trial as either an Expert A or Intermediate A, cannot then score points as the relevant Expert B (Experts riding down) or Intermediate B (Intermediates riding down). This rule does not apply to Twinshock and Pre 70 classes.

Pre 70 machines must be of a type built in Britain before 31/12/69, and be fitted with British manufactured hubs, engine, gearbox, carburettor, fork sliders and frame, replicas of these parts are allowed but must be the same as the original silhouette. Fork sliders must look like a British manufactured part used on a British bike at that time, internal modifications are allowed and the maximum allowed tube diameter is 35mm. Reed valves are not allowed. Amal Mk2 carburettors are not allowed. All Pre 70 machines must use tyres with tubes. The responsibility to prove that a machine complies with the rules rests with the competitor.

For 2024, in addition to the normal inspections during trials, before some C Class championship trials, riders will be asked if they believe their machine complies with the current ACU-EC Pre-70 machine eligibility rules

All Twin Shock Machines must be Air Cooled, no disc brakes, no hydraulic clutch, fork diameter 36mm maximum, (except SWM Jumbo) and originally built as twin-shock, i.e., no converted mono-shocks

At the lanyard check for youth riders, it should also be checked that parents or guardian of youth riders have written their mobile number on the youths riding numbers, to assist in informing them if there is a problem, they can opt out at signing on

If requested by an organising club, or if they consider it appropriate in the best interests of the sport, the Eastern Centre Competitions Committee may, at their discretion, declare any rider ineligible to compete in any Centre Championship event (of any discipline) where the rider has been the subject of a formal disciplinary enquiry by any part of the ACU and had their competition licence withdrawn for a period of at least six months and/or fined more than £500.

3. CLASSES

'A' class Championship rounds: 6 rounds – best 5 to count

<u>EXPERTS</u>	(Yellow route)
<u>EXPERTS B</u>	(50/50 Red/Blue and Yellow)
<u>INTERS, ACM</u>	(Red/Blue Route)
<u>INTERS B, ACM</u>	(White)

'B' class Championship rounds: 6 rounds – best 5 to count

<u>TWINSHOCK "A"</u> and Youth Expert	(Red/Blue Route)
<u>TWINSHOCK "B"</u> and Youth Intermediate	(50/50 Red/Blue and White)
<u>TWINSHOCK "C"</u> and Youth Novice	(White)
<u>NOVICE</u>	(White)
<u>Youth Beginner</u> not all rounds	(at club's discretion)

'C' class Championship rounds: 6 rounds – best 5 to count

<u>PRE 70 'A'</u>	At club's discretion
<u>PRE 70 'B'</u>	One route below Pre 70 A, could be 50/50
<u>PRE 70 'C'</u>	One route below Pre 70 B, could be 50/50

'D' class Championship rounds: 3 rounds – best 2 to count

<u>SIDECARS</u>	At club's discretion
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Class of competitors to determine correct severity and style of sections is to be as the underlined class on each route.

Different colours must be used for additional Routes and indicated in the event regulations

All Trials championships except pre-70 and sidecars to run TSR22A, 'stop allowed'.

Pre-70 and sidecar championship rounds to run TSR22B, 'no stop'.

For non-championship trials clubs should include in the permit application if "No-Stop" or "Stop Allowed" rules will apply.

In B Class Championship rounds all youth riders can decide to compete on Red/Blue route as Youth-Expert, on 50/50 route as a Youth Intermediate or on White Route as Youth-Novice.

For 2024 to identify demand, for no annual trophies, championship points to be calculated for any riders of ACM in A Class rounds riding red/blue and white routes, if appropriate riders will also score championship points as Intermediate A or Intermediate B.

4. ENTRIES

If entries are limited, priority must be given to ACU-Eastern championship classes and to qualify as an ACU-Eastern Championship round all championship class entries correctly received before the closing date must be accepted.

All competitors, who have entries accepted, will qualify to score championship points in the appropriate class, assuming for Pre-70 that championship machine eligibility requirements are met on the day.

All championship trials, except Class D, must have a closing date which is recommended should be at least 2 days prior to the event, and no entries on the day.

For the trial to qualify as a Championship event there is no minimum number of entries per class.

The ACU-Eastern appointed steward for an event can complete the course in a non-championship class but his score must not be published.

5. STARTING POSITIONS

All laps for all ACU-EC championship classes will count towards the final result. There must be planned for a minimum of 30 sections to count.

All riders in each class will start at the same section. (All Experts at No 1/all Inters at No 6 for instance.)

All sections must be done in numerical order from the starting section specified for that class.

For all ACU-EC championship trials all sections have observers and be observed on all laps.

A Time Limit, of up to 5 hours, can be imposed by the Club running the event,

6. TIES

Ties will be resolved by ACU TSR's.

7. POINTS

Individual Championship points will be awarded in each class as follows: -

1st 20 points, 2nd - 17 points, 3rd - 15 points 4th - 13 points, 5th - 11 points, and then reducing by 1 point per position until 15th 1 point.

The Club Championship points to be awarded to the Clubs best Expert, Intermediate and Novice who scores Individual Championship points in each, round. The scale of points to be the same as the Individual points. Championship, i.e. 1st - 20 points, down to 15th - 1 point.

Expert B riders will score club championship points if their club has not scored in the Expert A results and only if there are less than 15 Expert A riders in that round.

8. RESULTS

At the end of the year the counting scores of each rider in each category shall be totalled. For each class, the maximum number of counting rounds will be one less than the number of championship trials organised for that class. The highest scoring rider in each category shall be declared Centre (Class) Champion and the highest scoring club shall be declared Centre (Solo/Sidecar) Champion Club.

Should a tie occur in the Individual Championships, the better placing shall be for that rider who has the most 1st places, the most 2nd places and so on. If a tie still exists then the rider's best result in the most recent round to decide.

Should a tie occur in the Club Championships, the score from the final round shall be taken into account. Should a tie not be resolved by these means then the clubs best result in the next most recent round to count.

The Pre70 A champion will be the overall winner. Class awards e.g. two-stroke, four-stroke, Unit, etc. shall be given to the highest placed rider from that class in the overall Pre-70 A result.

The results for all ACU-Eastern Championship events must be published on the ACU-Eastern website within one week of the event and show the ACU- Eastern club of which each rider is a member.

9. AWARDS

The Centre Annual Trophies as detailed below will be awarded, and to be held for one year. They may not be won outright. Replicas will also be awarded.

Should any Champion not be resident within the Centre boundaries, the best Centre resident in that class shall be awarded the 'named' trophy and an additional trophy shall be awarded to any non-resident Champion.

Solo Expert Champion	Halstead Challenge Trophy
Solo Intermediate Champion	Chris Edwards Trophy
Solo Novice Champion	Roy Bannister Trophy
Solo Expert B Champion	Paul Thomas Trophy
Solo Intermediate B Champion	Bostock Trophy
Sidecar Champion	J A Hazlewood Trophy Trophy
Solo Club Champion	Ipswich Motor Challenge Shield
Solo Pre 70 Overall Champion	Palmer-Woodmason Plate
Solo Pre 70 2 Stroke Champion	Ken Davis Trophy
Solo Pre 70 Pre Unit Champion	Triangle (Ipswich) MCC Trophy
Solo Pre 70 Unit Champion	Southend MCC Trophy
Solo Pre 70 B	The 2K Trials Award
Solo Twinshock 'A' Champion	Kathy Horrex Trophy
Solo Twinshock 'B' Champion	Jewhurst Cup
Solo Youth Expert	Dave Cordle Trophy
Solo Youth Intermediate	Ken Davis Youth Intermediate Trophy
Solo Youth Novice	Butcher Trophy
Observer (decided at annual forum)	Jack Shephard/Stephen Douglas Trophy

ACU EASTERN CENTRE TRIALS REGULATIONS (CTRs)

These Regulations apply to **all events** above Closed to Club and used in conjunction with ACU Standing Trials Regulations & Eastern Centre Championship Competition Conditions (if applicable).

1. RECORDING OF RESULTS

Within 14 days of the event the Eastern Centre website MUST receive a copy of the Results Sheet.

The Centre Treasurer must also receive a copy together with the ACU-Eastern Centre Support Statement and cheque or transfer to Eastern Centre ACU.

ACU-HQ must also receive a copy together with the Event Insurance Statement and cheque or transfer to ACU Ltd.

ACU Levies & Insurance premiums (Cheques made payable to ACU Eastern)

The protest period of 5 days will be assumed to start when the results are published on the ACU Eastern website.

2. Non Starters

Non-starters have until the start of the trial to inform the secretary that they were a non-starter, after which if not informed the secretary has the right to cash the entry fee cheque or refuse to refund the entry fee.

3. PROGRAMME/RIDING LIST & RESULTS SHEETS

ALL Programmes or Riding Lists & Results Sheets should be arranged as follows:

NUMBER NAME GRADE cc MACHINE CLUB

4. GRADING

There shall be THREE Grades for Solo Competitors:

EXPERT, INTERMEDIATE & NOVICE,

Expert and Intermediate competitors, as shown on the ACU-EC website, can decide to enter as Expert B or Intermediate B, as appropriate and then ride the route identified by the club for that class, if a separate B level class and route is identified by the club.

- For each year the Intermediate A champion is promoted to Expert starting in the following year.
- For each year the Novice champion is promoted to Intermediate starting in the following year, also any Novice who wins three or more Best Novice awards in a year in trials above closed to club with 5 or more novice riders will also be promoted to Intermediate for the next year.
- Any rider can inform the trials committee they want to self-promote to the next grade, this can be done at any time by informing the Trials Committee, any rider who persists as riding at a higher grade will be promoted automatically.

- d) Any Expert rider can request to be demoted to Intermediate by asking the Trials Committee, this can happen on an annual basis, any applications for the next year to be made to the Trials Committee before July 1st of the current year.
- e) Any Expert who is demoted cannot score Intermediate ACU-EC championship points, club championship points or win Intermediate awards for the first two years after demotion.

Out of Centre riders to adopt the same grade as in their home Centre.

There is no grading for Sidecar, Pre 70, and Twin-Shock classes.

There is a clubman class for any rider competing purely for fun on a route lower than the lowest correct route for the rider's class within the centre.

There will be no awards or championship points etc. There will not be a specific Clubman route.

The organising club to issue each entrant with one number for the front of the machine and one to be fitted to the rear of the rider's helmet. Note riders are responsible for the method of attaching the rear number and ensuring it did not affect the function of their helmet.