

Notes from ACU Eastern Trials Committee Call August 3rd 2021

On August 3rd the Eastern Centre Trials Sub-Committee had its second call of the year. This note does not cover all the discussions, the other subjects will be in the complete call minutes issued in the normal way.

1. Competitors are reminded to check the ACUE website for calendar updates, individual event regulations will explain entry arrangements. As agreed in 2020 ACUE Championship Trials can only be entered via the ACU online entry system, some championship rounds cancelled earlier in the year are trying to be rearranged.
2. EFA have rearranged the cancelled C Class championship round from March at Great Bromley to be run on October 3rd.
3. There are now two latest Trials Risk Assessments, the general version dated 20/5/20 and the Covid version dated 31/7/21. After discussion it was agreed to use the general version dated 20/5/20, with additional comments noted with regard to Covid requirements from ACU release dated 9th July.
4. The Trials rider grading information on the ACUE website has been updated, specifically to list the following riders as Intermediates, Arden F, Bailey J, Donnelly S, Lilley M, Lilley T, Smith G, Snowden R, Studd J, Styles T, Thompson D, Thompson J, Thompson P, Wakeling P, Youngman L.
5. Recently ACU HQ reported they had been contacted by an ACUE Pre 70 rider requesting clarification on ACUE Pre 70 machine eligibility rules. The subject was referred back to ACUE and therefore for clarity, any proposed changes to the current ACUE Pre 70 rules should be addressed to the Trials Committee via the secretary or at the Trials forum.
6. After discussion it was agreed to update the ACUE Stewards report form so that it can be used to confirm an ACUE championship round was run to the correct championship rules.
7. The normal annual ACUE Trials Forum was not possible at the end of 2020. Recently the ACUE MX committee have announced the MX Forum will be via Zoom. The ACUE Trials Committee asks for any feedback on whether the 2021 Trials Forum should be via Zoom or there in person, if this is possible at the time, feedback to any committee member see list below or to secretary (dopson_boar@msn.com).
8. Recent experience of using the ACU Online entry system, especially for ACUE Championship trials, is that the maximum entry should be specified for the event, not per class, and that if the maximum entry is likely to be exceeded, if any entries are accepted before the closing date, the accepted entries should be championship classes only.
9. Riders are reminded that for ACUE Championship Trials the ACU online entry system must be used and please understand it is not the organiser's fault if you are from a non-championship class and your entry cannot be accepted due to limited entries being available.
10. Clubs are again encouraged to include classes for Youth riders with appropriate routes as some Youth riders within ACUE are struggling to understand which events they can enter and will have suitable severity of sections.

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