

## Notes from ACU Eastern Trials Committee Call March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Eastern Centre Trials Sub-Committee had its first 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.
2. Reminder from 2021 Trials Forum, there appears to be very few Expert A riders competing in championship trials, the average over the four 2021 rounds was less than 3 riders per event. It was agreed that unless Expert A entries in A Class championship rounds increase in 2022, for 2023 it is proposed that only one Expert class will be included in A class championship rounds, the section severity to be between the current yellow and red/blue routes. Clerks of courses are reminded that a yellow route is not required on all sections if the number of entries and/or the available land does not justify it. Decision for 2023 to be made at 2022 Trials Forum, Expert riders are encouraged to attend, date to be decided.
3. Reminder from 2021 Trials Forum, for many years the centre has attempted to run a Youth A championship and a Youth B championship, but due to a lack of youth riders and inconsistency in the routes ridden by the age groups it has not always been possible to present the trophies. After discussion it was agreed for 2022 the championships would change to be known as Youth-Expert and Youth-Novice. Both are to be incorporated in ACU-EC A Class trials with Youth-Experts riding the red/blue route and Youth-Novices riding the white route. Both classes will be open to all Youth riders, but results should show the youth age group of each rider, e.g., YA, YB etc
4. To assist with determining the Centre Championship winning club it is critical that riders, via their online entry or via other means make it clear to A and B class championship trial organisers for which ACU-EC club they are riding.
5. ACU-HQ has now issued details of the Trials Clerk of Course and Steward Online Licence process, it was agreed that ACU-EC would recommend face to face licence seminars for new applicants and anybody who may not have acted for a long time, also if any officials requested support for an event a more experienced official would be supplied. There had been issues contacting some of the licence applicants so after discussion it was decided that for future licence seminars each club would name a point of contact to coordinate applicants from that club. Licence holders are reminded to keep their e-mail address up to date on the ACU system.
6. Clubs are reminded that ACU-EC Trials Championship rules require results for all ACU-EC championship trials to be posted on the ACU-EC website, clubs should be encouraged to post results of all trials within ACU-EC on the website.
7. There was a reminder of the recent centre board meeting where there was a request for any reports of trials for the gazette and/or the website, all contributions will be appreciated, especially those with photographs.

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