

SCOTTISH AUTOCYCLE UNION
HARE AND HOUNDS
STANDING REGULATIONS
2025



SACU STANDING REGULATIONS FOR HARE AND HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS 2024

CLASSES. The entry for the competition will be divided into classes, details of which will be shown in the Supplementary Regulations.

The 2025 SACU Hare and Hound Championship will be run from 1st January to 31st October. In exceptional circumstances Championship rounds may take place later. . National events may take place in November and December.

1 All riders must have read the ACU and SACU Standing Regulations and National Sporting Code.

2 **ELIGIBILITY** All the riders and passengers must hold a current ACU, SACU licence. and **normally** be a minimum age of 16 years. Any rider or passenger from another FMN **MUST** produce a licence issued by their FMN together with start permission and proof of personal accident Insurance.

Riders from the age of 14 may enter an adult class on a 125cc machine

Riders from the age of 15 can enter an adult class on a 250 four stroke machine.

Machines with smaller wheels than 21 inch front and 18 inch rear are not permitted.

The COC and SACXU Steward together have the authority to refuse entry or exclude any rider at any time if they are judged to be riding in an inappropriate manner or are not showing enough ability or stamina to complete the course safely.

Once having entered an adult class a rider cannot revert back to Youth status.

2 **CONTROL OF EXHAUST NOISE.** The sound level of a machine must be controlled according to procedures and limits described in the Standing Regulations of the ACU handbook for MX machines. Machines failing the initial test may be re-presented. Failure of the second test will prohibit the machine from entering the event.

3 **TYRES.** Any restrictions on the types of tyres to be used will be detailed in the Supplementary Regulations. Inner tubes may be changed anywhere on the course except the Parc Ferme. Wheels may not be changed.

4 **MUDGUARDS.** Mudguards must comply with current dimensions described in the Standing Regulations of the ACU handbook.

5 **PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.** Machines and clothing **may** be examined before the start to ensure compliance with the Standing Regulations and ACU Technical specifications and organisers may mark or seal certain parts of the machine. Details to be given in the Supplementary Regulations. Drivers may not change any marked or sealed part. Helmets bearing the appropriate ACU, Gold or Silver stamp must be worn throughout the event. Any protest against the Machine Examiners decision must be made immediately through the Clerk of the Course. A further examination **may** be carried out at the end of the event or ensure any marked or sealed parts are intact. **Any bike deemed unsafe will be removed from the event i.e. no ball ends on levers or inoperative kill switches**

At Designated Service Areas specified by the Clerk of the Course, support Crews may work on the riders' machines. A tyre change must be carried out solely by the rider once a wheel is removed on all other parts of the course riders only may work on the machines with spares and tools as carried on the machine.

Riders may not change the frame during an event. Other parts may be marked at machine examination and may not be changed during the event.

Motorcycle helmets bearing a valid ACU gold or silver stamp and correctly fitted, must be worn by all competitors, and must be presented at signing on. Unless the helmet is manufactured with the camera as an intrinsic part, helmet cameras (including the helmet camera brackets) and cameras

attached to the body are prohibited. Cameras attached to the machine are permitted.

6 **NUMBER PLATES.** . It is essential that all rider nos are clearly legible. Three plates must be fixed to or painted on the machine, one on the front and one on each side. They must be 280mm wide and 230mm high. Expert Class riders must have a green front plate (or may use a red plate with white digits if they compete in the BEC Championship class) with white digits, all Clubman classes a yellow front plate with black digits and Sportsman a black front plate with white numbers. Side plates must the same colour as front plates — digit size 140mm high x 25mm width of 'brush stroke'. Over 40 and Over 50 riders blue plates with white numbers. Ladies class can carry a mauve plate and side panels competing in any class.

RIDER RESERVED NUMBERS. Riders may reserve a number for use during the season. These numbers are assigned from 1st December each year for existing number holders. After 1st January any rider may request a reserve number.

A rider may request a lower number during the season if their performance merits it. Contact the Enduro Chairman for a review.

Riders numbers will be assigned by the organisers to ensure that rider numbers are unique.

7 **START.** Riders will start in groups according to class – Expert, Clubman etc. No more than 40 riders may start at one time. If there are more than 40 riders in a class then the field will be split – first row to be decided on first come basis.

Riders must present their machine at the start line a minimum of 15 minutes before the event start. A recommended guided sighting lap may be included at the organiser's discretion. The start interval between groups must be no less than 30 seconds – and will be decided by the organiser.

8 **START PROCEDURE.** Dead engine start, or Le Mans style start – at organiser's discretion.

9 **LAP.** Scottish Championship Adult events should be of 2.5 or 3 hours duration - but may be shortened at the organisers discretion - for example due to dynamic risk assessment for adverse weather

10 **COURSE.** The course must be clearly marked by direction arrows and other tapes/signs. The course will consist mainly of rough tracks and cross-country sections.

Marshals or First Aid officers should only travel in the same direction as competitors or use alternative routes, unless under the most severe circumstances, while carrying out their duties. Travelling Marshalls should wear a Hi Vis vest and have M plates on their bikes.

At certain points of the course, for example in the pits or approaching timing equipment walking pace must be observed by all riders, these areas will be marked by blue tape. Failure to observe this will lead to a time penalty or exclusion.

11 **LAP SCORING AREA.** All riders must pass through lap scoring gates at the end of each lap. If a rider fails to go through the timing gate their lap will not be recorded. It is the riders' responsibility to ensure they use the correct class gate. This will be a "Blue Tape" area – walking pace and marked as such. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their number is clean at the gate.

12 **FINISH.** The finish flag will be put out at the end of the event. Normally not less than 2 hours. All riders crossing the line after this will be credited with a finish. The riders finish time will be noted. Riders who do not cross the finish line after the chequered flag will be classified as DNF.

The winner in each class will be the rider who completes the most no of laps and crosses the finish line after the flag has been shown. Where riders have the same no of laps the winner will be the rider who completed them in the shortest time.

13 **REFUELLING.** Refuelling points shall be set up by the organisers and drivers may replenish their machines only at one of these refuelling depots. No other refuelling facilities may be used and drivers may not carry fuel other than that carried in the fuel tank. Riders may only enter the refuelling

area by the designated route.

14 ENVIRONMENTAL MATS Where any refuelling or servicing of a motorcycle is being undertaken, riders must provide and use an environmental mat to protect the ground. These mats are to be removed by the competitors after use. The minimum dimensions of the mat will be at least equal to the length of the motorcycle and the width of the handlebars. An Environmental Mat should also be used for storage of Fuels, oils and Generators if placed on the ground. Penalty for non-use of Environmental Mat is Disqualification of the rider whose machine is offending

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16 PRACTISING. Practicing on any part of the course is prohibited. No competitor may ride the full course one week or less before the event.

17 AWARDS. To qualify as a finisher and be eligible for an award, a driver's machine must have travelled the whole distance under its own power or the exertion of its driver and/or passenger, unless the organiser has organised other assistance or deviation. The driver must: -

- a) Comply with these Regulations, the Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions issued, and
- b) Be recorded as having passed through every check, control, test or other observation point as detailed except as provided for in these or any Supplementary Regulations or Final instructions.
- c) If a rider or their machine leaves the track or pits area they will be deemed to have retired. Exemption will be at the discretion of the race officials.
- d) Riders who do not cross the finish line after the chequered flag will be classified as DNF.

16 LEGAL ACTION. A driver who is convicted of an offence committed by him while taking part in the meeting may be liable to exclusion.

17 WARNING TO THE PUBLIC. The organiser must display warning notices at the start of the event and at any other point on the course where the public is likely to congregate.
MEDICAL SERVICES. A suitably identified vehicle, which must be able to carry a stretcher, must be available, with the attendance of first aid personnel. One vehicle must always be available at the event - for this reason a backup vehicle to meet an ambulance at the main road should be allocated/identified to the event staff. Paramedics are recommended. For National or International events a Medical Officer or paramedic must be in attendance.

18 CONCUSSION

If a competitor is involved in an incident which results in him being diagnosed by the Medical Officer/Paramedic as suffering from concussion, the rider is not permitted to participate any further in that Event. The rider must then obtain a letter from their doctor stating they are fit to resume competitive riding.

19 The use of POWERWASHERS is prohibited except where an environmentally approved area is provided.

20 The use of goggle tear offs is prohibited. Roll offs may be used – but the rider must not leave the roll off if it is damaged.

21 Spectator Safety

It is the duty of the Clerk of Course (or Chief Marshall where one exists) to ensure all travelling marshals, observers and other officials are briefed before the event on spectator safety, including

- the need to speak to any spectator standing in a potentially dangerous area and insist that they move.

- the need to report any spectator refusing to move to the Clerk of Course so that the Clerk can assess whether to stop the event.

HARE AND HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

ELIGIBILITY Championship points can be awarded to SACU, ACU, and MCUI Off-road Competitors.

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The Championship will be organised and stewarded by the Enduro Committee.

CLASSES Nine classes, will operate viz. Expert, Expert B, Clubman, Over 40s, Clubman 'B', Over 50's, Sportsman, Sportsman Vets and Sportsman over 60. Each class will be awarded points down to 15th place.

A rider who has not ridden in a Championship round prior to the last round (regardless of days) cannot score Championship points. They may however be included in the results.

The Over 40s Championship will only be for those who are 40 and over before the start of the first Championship Event. The over 40 schedule will be run on the same timing as Clubman, however no points shall be awarded towards both Championships.

The Over 50s Championship will only be for those who are 50 and over before the start of the first Championship Event. The over 50 schedule will be run on the same timing as Clubman "B", however no points shall be awarded towards both Championships.

The Sportsman Vets class will only be for those who are 50 and over before the start of the first Championship Event. This class will run to the same schedule as the Sportsman Class.

In addition to the list of experts any rider may choose to ride in the Expert Class, but once having done so he may not thereafter claim Clubman points, unless accepted again as Clubman by the SACU Enduro Committee as per clause in Grading. Any Expert rider who has not ridden competitively for 3 years can enter the Clubman class and receive Championship points.

PLEASE NOTE In order to evaluate the possibility of a Lady's Championship, Clubs may record the positions of the Competitors and a trophy may be awarded to the highest placed finisher.

Organisers may in addition to the above add other non-Championship classes to their event eg: "Trail bike" but it must be made clear that only those classes mentioned above will attract Championship points.

For 2024 clubs may add a VINDURO class to their event. This will not attract Championship points – but there will be an award for the highest placed finisher. The regs for the VINDURO class will be published prior to the start of the season.

POINTS In each class at each Championship round, the first 15 finishers shall be awarded points at the rate of 20, 17, 15, 13, 11 and 10 down to 1. Gold standard awarded to all riders within 15 % of winner, Silver to riders within 65% of winner and Bronze to all other finishers.

In the case of ties in the results of each day the riders concerned will each receive the points for this position. i.e. Rider A (1st) 20 points. Rider B (1st) 20 points. Rider C (3rd) 15 points.

SERIES The Championship must be a minimum of 3 rounds. For all classes the total completed rounds (in excess of 3) minus one round to count. Riders will drop a round if they scored points in all rounds, the lowest points score to be dropped. In the event of a tie at the end of the season the winner will be decided by the most class wins, followed by most seconds etc. Dropped rounds will not be used in the count back of class wins, seconds etc. If after the count back a tie still exists, then the best overall performance on the latest day of competition that both riders finished shall be the tie decider. In the event that a rider needs to drop a round and has 2 lowest days points the same, the earliest event points will be dropped. If an organizer who normally competes in the Championship at other Clubs events has to forgo competing in ONE event due to organization duties, that rider will be awarded the average number of points he has scored in that years series at the conclusion of the series.

GRADING At 1st November.

Downgrading from Expert Class will be considered by the Enduro Committee on written application to the SACU Office. At any time, however an Expert may choose to downgrade himself but thereafter, until formally accepted as a Clubman by the Enduro Committee, will not receive any Championship points or class awards, nor can he set the standard for medals.

The top two riders in the Expert B class will be upgraded to the Expert Class. If a rider does not wish to be upgraded they may continue to ride in the Expert B class but will not receive points or set standards for medals for the following three seasons.

The top 3 finishers in the Clubman Class will be upgraded to Expert Class for the following year. If a rider does not wish to be upgraded they may continue to ride in Clubman class but will not receive points or set standards for medals for the following three seasons.

The top 3 finishers in the Clubman B Class will be upgraded to Clubman Class for the following year. If a rider does not wish to be upgraded they may continue to ride in Clubman 'B' class but will not receive points or set standards for medals for the following three seasons.

In the Sportsman class the top three riders will be upgraded to Clubman or Clubman 'B' Class. If a rider does not wish to be upgraded they may continue to ride in Sportsman class but will not receive points or set standards for medals for the following three seasons.

Youth Hare and Hounds

1 ELIGIBILITY All the riders and passengers must hold a current ACU or SACU Youth MX licence. Any rider or passenger from another FMN MUST produce a licence issued by their FMN together with start permission and proof of personal accident Insurance.

2 Youth Hare and Hound (non Championship for 2025)

Designated travelling marshals must be on the track at all times.

Junior support and youth classes must be run as a separate session from any Adult classes at the same event and must not be combined with any Adult classes at the same event.

Youth capacity/Age/ability classes may be allowed but must be stated in the Supplementary regulations.

The recommended duration for a youth event is 60 to 90 minutes (autos/65/sw85) & 90 minutes(BW85/youth open) minutes but the organisers may change this at their own discretion, for example to suit environmental conditions or race schedules.

PHYSICAL ELIGIBILITY/PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

All riders should be able to sit astride their machines and with one foot firmly on the ground must be able to control the gear lever or the foot brake with the other foot. They should also be able to lift the bike up from a horizontal position on the ground to an upright position.

Champions for 2024 in Hare and Hounds

Expert Class

1st Andrew Bisset 2nd Kevin Murray 3rd Cai Hewitt

Expert Class B

1st Ryan Paxton 1st David McGillvary

Over 40 Class

1st Alex Pringle 2nd Mitchell Brown 3rd James Harvey

Clubman Class

1st James Lindsay 2nd Alaster Barr 3rd Jake Reid

Clubman B Class

1st Billy Campbell 2nd Kyle Currie 3rd Andrew Sneddon

Over 50 Class

1st Neil Dawson 2nd Gary Reid 3rd Ian Bissett

Sportsman Class

1st Jim Lorimer 2nd Angus Hamilton 3rd Arran Park

Sportsman Vets Class

1st Alan Strachan 2nd Steven Clark 3rd Jonathon Dennison

Appendix 1 - Youth Application to enter adult class.

Parent or Guardian Name/ Relationship /Position

Rider Name / DOB / Age / Height / Machine

Current riding level or class , experience and results

Preferred class

Reason for request -