

**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR THE 'SPHINX' TRIAL**

**A Round of the ACU Trail Bike Championship 2017**

<b>Organizing Club</b>	Cheltenham Home Guard Motorcycle Club
<b>Event Name</b>	The 24 <sup>th</sup> running of the 'Sphinx' Long Distance Trial
<b>Date and start time</b>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2017. First rider starts at 09:01
<b>Permit</b>	ACU National Permit No: ACU 51123 <span style="float:right">MSA Permit: <b>27843SE24</b></span>
<b>Description</b>	<p>A national long distance trial for solo motorcycles held under the National Sporting Codes of the ACU, the standing regulations for trials, the standing regulations for the ACU Trail Bike Championship and the following regulations.</p> <p>The route will consist of a single lap of around 55 miles with around 30 observed sections. Petrol available on the route. Sections will be marked under the 'no stop rules' as specified in TSR22B. The route will include a hill climb and a timed special test. Route marking will be included for off-road sections only. Route instructions will be issued prior to the trial. It is recommended that riders use a map-book holder or roller for this.</p>
<b>Start location</b>	Lower Farm, Hazleton Glos GL54 4EA. The start will be sign posted from the A40 approx 8 miles east of Cheltenham. (Not the village hall this year!)
<b>Eligibility</b>	Riders must hold a current ACU trial registration card or SACU license. Riders from other countries must produce a license and permission confirming insurance from their national federation. It is the responsibility of the riders to ensure that their bikes are road legal, taxed and insured.
<b>Entries</b>	To be made on the attached entry form or on-line through the ACU website along with the entry fee of £28 for CHG club members or £30 for non-members. <b>The entry fee includes a drink and a snack at the beginning and at the end of the trial.</b> Entries are limited to the first 100 received. The entry list closes on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2017. Please include a legible email address or a self-addressed envelope to receive program and route instructions. Results will be on website <a href="http://www.acuwesterncentre.org.uk">www.acuwesterncentre.org.uk</a> or include 2 <sup>nd</sup> SAE.
<b>Observers</b>	Breaches of rules NSC 11.01.2 (attempt to influence an observer) and 11.01.7 (violent / abusive behaviour towards an observer) will result in exclusion and naming and shaming in the results.
<b>Starting times</b>	Riders will be grouped in order of receipt and will start 2 per minute from 09:01. A rider will be penalized 1 mark for each minute they are late for their start time and will be considered a non-starter if more than 20 minutes late. Riders will be given 6 hours and 30 minutes to complete the trial. Last section closes at 16:30.
<b>Section marking</b>	All sections can be walked by the riders before riding. Red and blue markers will be used for all standard route sections. 8 sections will include harder variations for the championship class only which will be indicated with white markers.
<b>Classes and Awards</b>	<p>Class A – Trail bikes on championship route.</p> <p>Class B – Other bikes on championship route (not eligible for championship)</p> <p>Class C – Trail bikes on standard route</p> <p>Class D – Enduro bikes on standard route</p> <p>Class E – Twinshock trials bikes on standard route</p> <p>Class F - P65 bikes on standard route</p> <p>Class G – Monoshock trials bikes on standard route (no awards)</p> <p>Awards to the winner and runner up for each class A to G (subject to 5 entries min in class), best lady rider on each route, best performance on a bike over 350cc on each route, best over 60 rider on each route and best team of 3 riders (any classes A to G). The Geoff Gibbons trophy is awarded to the best class A rider resident in the Western Centre. The Mark Kirby award goes to the best performance by a club member. To enter the championship class the bike must have been sold as a trail bike by the manufacturer and must comply with the following conditions – 1. Min. wheelbase 1350mm, 2. Min. fuel capacity 5 litres, 3. Dual seat min. 350 mm in length.</p>
<b>Numbers &amp; Tyres</b>	Numbers will be issued to all competitors and should be fitted to the front of the machine and the back of helmets. All bikes must be fitted with trials tyres front and rear as per TSR 8.
<b>Insurance</b>	RTA insurance cover for the road sections of the trial is included in the entry provided that your bike is taxed and you meet certain eligibility conditions - see ACU website.
<b>Officials</b>	Clerk of Course: Roy Savery licence no: 85826 <span style="float:right">Club Steward: Steve Hancox</span>
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