

THE STAR GROUP
of
S.E Centre A.C.U Clubs

The Star Group is an association of Clubs who organise and promote sporting trials within the South Eastern Centre of the Auto Cycle Union. The following Clubs are the constituent members of the Star Group.

Croydon MCC, Haslemere MCC, Horsham & DMCC, Kingston & DMCC, Reigate Redhill & North Downs MCC, Southern Sporting MCC, Sunbeam MCC, TALMAG MCC, Thames MCC and Tongham Tigers Sports MCC.

Rules

1. Constitution & Objectives

- a) The Group shall be known as ‘ The Star Group ’
- b) The main objective is the promotion of sporting trials for the enjoyment and benefit of all the members of the constituent Clubs.
- c) Close co-operation between members of the Group in the promotion of the sport of motorcycling, particularly in the organisation of trials, in accordance with the General Competition Rules of the Auto Cycle Union (as defined in the Handbook) the National Sporting Code of the ACU and the South Eastern Centre Handbook.

2. Membership & Subscriptions

- a) Membership of the Group is open to approved Clubs affiliated to the Auto Cycle Union through the South Eastern Centre.
- b) Applications for membership should be addressed to the Secretary and entitle a delegate, from a Club, to attend the next meeting of the Group. At the meeting the application, which must be supported by a proposer and seconder from a member Club, will be submitted for approval by the delegates.
- c) Clubs belonging to the Group undertake to subscribe £10.00 per year towards the expenses of the Group. (subject to amendment at an Annual General Meeting). Subscriptions are due on the first of January and must be paid by the time of the AGM. Clubs failing to comply with this rule may be excluded.
- d) Clubs may only remain a member of the Group if they undertake to organise or assist in the organisation of at least one Group event each year.

e) Each organising Club is required to circulate copies of regulations to member Clubs, at least a month before an event, or to publish the regulations in The Sporting Motorcyclist a month prior to the event.

f) In the event of the Group being dissolved, any liabilities or assets shall be distributed, in equal shares, to member Clubs, unless the Group decide otherwise.

3. Officers & Committee

These must all be members of a constituent Club of the Group.

a) A President will be elected annually. A retiring President is not normally eligible for re-election for two years.

b) A Chairman, Press Officer, Recorder, Hon.Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually. The duties of any two of the foregoing may be combined.

c) A committee meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) unless otherwise amended by the Committee at a previous meeting.

d) The President and Officers named above shall constitute an emergency committee with power to deal with any matters arising.

e) A General Committee will conduct the ordinary business of the Group and consist of the President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, Press Officer and Recorder with two delegates from each Club (no more than two may vote on behalf of a Club).

4. Meetings & Representation

a) All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and in accordance with the ACU Handbook, the National Sporting Code of the ACU and the South Eastern Centre Handbook, subject to any amendments that are appropriate.

b) The **Annual General Meeting** will be held in **March**. Members from constituent Clubs that have paid their subscriptions are entitled to attend. At all meetings a simple majority of votes decides. The Chairman has a casting vote in the case of a tie. *A quorum shall comprise six member Clubs.*

c) The General Committee of the Group have full powers to act in all matters affecting the Group.

d) In the event of a duly nominated delegate being unable to attend a meeting, a deputy may attend in his/her place, with full powers.

5. Interpretation of the Rules

- a) Members agree to hold themselves in honour bound to abide by the rules of the Group as existing or as amended from time to time and in any case of dispute as to the interpretation of the rules to accept the decision of the General Committee as final and binding.
- b).A rule may only be altered or amended by a majority vote taken at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary Meeting, which may only be held after one month's notice.

6. Organisation of Events

All Group events must be organised and run in accordance with (a) The GCRs of the ACU as defined in the Handbook, (b) The National Sporting Code of the ACU and (c) The South Eastern Centre Handbook.

- a) All Group events must cater for the following classes:- Solo Expert, Intermediate & Novice, Pre 1967 British Bikes A & B, Twinshocks, Over 40's, Over 50's, Sportsman and Motorcycles with Sidecars. (unless prior exemption is obtained from the General Committee.)
Classes for Youths A, B & C may be included at the discretion of the organising Club. These classes are to be called Youth Expert, Youth Intermediate, Youth Novice and Youth Sportsman.

b) Eligibility

The Pre 67 class shall comprise machines as follows:-

Section A - Pre unit construction machines, single or twin cylinder, over 340cc. and Unit construction Triumphs. Modifications to major components i.e. engine, gearbox, forks and frame must comprise contemporary parts.

Section B - Any Pre 67 British unit construction machine including two-strokes, with no capacity restrictions.

Over 40's Class - Open to any rider over 40 years of age on any type of machine.

Over 50's Class - Open to any rider over 50 years of age on any type of machine.

Twinshocks - Open to any rider on any machine with twin rear suspension units.

Sportsman – Open to any rider on any machine. *This class is intended to cater for beginners and riders requiring less challenging Sections.*

Youth Expert, Youth Intermediate, Youth Novice and Youth Sportsman – Open to ACU Registered Youth A, B & C riders. Riders may enter the Youth class that best suits their ability irrespective of their age related licence group.

c).Sections:-

Sections shall be marked with gates using pairs of white, blue, red or yellow markers

White gates for Adult and Youth Experts

Blue gates for Adult and Youth Intermediates and Over 40's.

Red gates for Adult and Youth Novices, Twinshocks, Over 50's, Pre 67 BB A & B and Sidecars.

Yellow gates for Pre 67 Sidecars, Sportsmen and Youth Sportsmen.

(Sportsmen and Pre 67 Sidecars may ride the Red route if no Yellow route is available).

d).Awards at Group events:-

Best in each class, 10% First Class awards, 10% Second Class awards, subject to a minimum of six starters in each class. Youths will compete for separate awards to be specified by the organising Club. *No awards will be given for riders in the Sportsman class.*

e).Appointment of a Group Steward.

Each member Club will nominate a Steward once a year to officiate at a trial(organised by another Club in the Group). The Group Steward will report back to the next meeting on the running of the trial, using the approved form.

In the event of the appointed Group Steward not being in attendance 15 minutes before the Start a Steward may be appointed from another Club.

f).Constituent Clubs may only organise Sporting Trials on their allocated Group date.

g).If a Group Club wishes to combine with a TVTC Club to promote an event, assent will be automatic. If TVTC Sidecar entries are under subscribed they may be passed to the Star Group, providing a competitor is in agreement.

h).A time limit can be imposed at a Group event, at the discretion of the organising Club,in accordance with the TSR's of the ACU.

i).Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising Club but they will not qualify for points or awards.

j).Entries may open on the 1st day of the month preceding the event and should remain open for a period of 14 days. Where the number of entries are limited they will be accepted in date of receipt order.

k).Entries received before the opening date may be returned.

l).Group trials should consist of a minimum of two laps of 15 sections or three laps of 10 sections to ensure a minimum of 30 sections are tackled.

m).It is recommended that toilets be provided at all Group Trials.

n).Additional Recommendations.

i) A first aid kit should be available.

ii) A mobile phone should be available to call the emergency services.

iii) A fire extinguisher should be available at the start.

7. Group Championships

a). There is an Inter Club Championship and separate Individual Class championships for all Classes.

b). Points are awarded as follows:-

The best in each class gets 25 points, the runner up gets 22, third gets 20. The remainder in each class get 19 for 4th, 18 for 5th, 17 for 6th etc.

c) All class championships are based on the total number of points scored. The maximum number of events to count will be N-2 (Where N is the total number of events held in the year).

d) Competitors riding in events organised by their own club will not be eligible for points.

e). Up grading and Down grading.

Any Novice who wins two Best Novice awards during a year, *where there were 10 or more starters in the class*, will be eligible to upgrade to Intermediate. Subject to the discretion of the Committee

Any Intermediate who wins two Best Intermediate awards during a year, *where there were 10 or more starters in the class*, shall be upgraded to Expert.

Note : Novice and Intermediate riders who are eligible for upgrading need not move up a class until the start of the following year.

When a Novice is promoted during the year he/she is still eligible for the Best Novice award from points scored whilst riding in that class. Similarly any Intermediate promoted during the year is still eligible for Best Intermediate award based on points scored before promotion.

Experts and Intermediates may apply to the Group Recorder to be down graded if they have not won an award for two years.

f) The Inter Club Championship is based on the average number of points scored per event, by each Club. (Subject to only the best 10 scores per club, per event, to count).

Points scored by Sidecar Passengers do not count towards the Club totals.